



Colorado SolidWorks User Group

August 6, 2009 – meeting minutes

The purpose of this meeting was to take a tour of the company that hosted our meeting: SkyFuel, review the latest Design Challenge results, listen to a presentation from Gerald Davis, and network and socialize with fellow SolidWorks users.

46 people attended this meeting, and thank you to SkyFuel for hosting one of our largest meetings we have had in a while. We hope to have another meeting at SkyFuel and continue with questions regarding alternative energies and solar power models in SolidWorks.

The meeting started with an explanatory tour of SkyFuel's SkyTrough, hosted by the VP of Deployment, Adrian Farr. (www.skyfuel.com). This then led into a presentation from Shannon Thomson, Director of Engineering Services, on SkyFuel as a company, their products, and how they use SolidWorks. A long and informative Q&A session followed.

While presentations were getting adjusted and set-up, Kevin VanLiere discussed the latest Design Challenge results. There were six entries for the tread design on an imported tire model. The winner was Matt Gawlowski with his surface cuts on the tire model. Congratulations Matt!

Gerald Davis also gave a presentation at the meeting. He showed some models from the client he is currently assisting, WaterMill Express (www.watermillexpress.com/index.html). The presentation diverted many different directions and led to random conversations regarding SW sketches and features and techniques. The format was good and was encouraging for users to bring in their models to review and discuss.

Lots of announcements of upcoming events were presented:

Tuesday, September 15th – SWUGN Technical Summit in Denver
(www.swugn.org/pages/summit/SWUGN_Technical_Summit_Denver09.html)

Wednesday, September 16th – MCAD Open House and Product Showcase

January 31st – February 3rd – SolidWorks World 2010
(<http://www.solidworks.com/swworld/>)

Thank you to everyone who participated in the meeting. We think it was a great success and we plan on having more meetings like this in the future.

The next COSUG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8th.