

**NCTIA Engineering & Plant Committee**  
**January 13, 2005**  
**Meeting # 209**  
**Durham, N.C.**

209.1 MEETING:

- Chairman Danny Dennis brought the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone and introduced guest George McCarty and Mike Murphy of MaxCell.

209.2 PRESENTATION:

- Mike Murphy of Maxcell gave a presentation of his company's product, which is a textile, flexible innerduct. A video was shown which gave detailed installation practices and product information. A question and answer session followed the video. This was a very informative presentation about this product, which everyone seemed interested.

209.3 OLD BUSINESS:

- Minutes of the November 10, 2004 Meeting were read and approved. George Bloodworth made the motion to accept and Kenny Grotjan seconded the motion.
- Carole Woodward brought up the issue of considering moving the 2006 Expo in Concord to an area inside the Race Track. This had been discussed in an earlier meeting. John Carlisle agreed to visit the Racetrack and investigate.

209.4 NEW BUSINESS:

- Chairman Dennis read a letter from Ken Mooring to Carole announcing his retirement from Tri County Communications due to health reasons. Ken has been a very dedicated member to NCTIA serving on two committees. It was agreed to honor Ken for his loyal service at the next Engineering and Plant Meeting if he can possibly attend. The meeting is scheduled in March in New Bern, which is nearby Ken's home. The date of the meeting was originally scheduled Thursday, March 10. The group decided to change the meeting to Friday, March 11 to better accommodate some of the members.
- There was some concern of the poor attendance at this meeting. Several factors were discussed including the fact that several members had left the committee due to retirement and changing duties at their companies. George Bloodworth offered to call some of the new members and invite them to attend future meetings.
- Chairman Dennis announced that he had formed a subcommittee to study possible changes to "What's New What's it Do" scheduled November 2,3. The committee is composed of George Bloodworth, Steve Davis, Bob Perry and Michael Smith. The group plans to meet, address the issue and report to the Committee for review.
- The possibility of moving some of the dates of some of the remaining meetings for 2005 was discussed due to the fact that Chairman Dennis and Vice Chairman Smith have some conflicts. As previously noted the March Meeting has been moved. The issue will be addressed and everyone will be notified.
- Fiber Optic Construction was discussed. As everyone is aware, Fiber optic cable is in great demand as Fiber to the Home is a reality. Lead times on getting Fiber optic are being increased. The possibility of getting speakers for future meetings to enlighten the group on this subject was discussed. Eric Parsons of Corning was one of the speakers suggested.

209.5 NOTES:

- The next meeting will be held on March 11,2005 in New Bern and will be hosted by Sprint.

209.6 ADJOURNMENT

- With all business complete; the motion was made by George Bloodworth to adjourn the meeting. Kenny Grotjan seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Clark D. Honeycutt, Secretary