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NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK @ THE MIT MUSEUM

See [schedule](#) (pdf) for times and speakers.

Robots: Past, Present and Future
February 21 - 24, 2006
Programs and Interactive Events

In Celebration of National Engineers Week, the MIT Museum in conjunction with the MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (MIT-CSAIL,) present: **Robots: Past, Present and Future**. Join professors and MIT graduate and undergraduate students as they show off some of their latest work, and answer questions about the field of robotics.

Four days of lectures, videos, and demonstrations aimed toward middle and high school students —

How did robots come about?

How do you build a robot?

What problems are still to be solved?

Researchers, scientists and inventors at MIT have long been involved with robotics; especially well known is the work of the CSAIL department that is actively engaged in presenting the programs and events during National Engineers Week.

Jon Markowitz Bijur who heads up the education department at the MIT Museum is especially pleased with the way the program is being developed. "Getting researchers out of the lab and talking to the public brings the exhibits at the MIT Museum to life. During National Engineering Week, experts on robot vision, motion, and theory will do more than just talk about their research - they will make robotics and engineering accessible and appealing and lets visitors see the world from an engineer's perspective. Talking with

our diverse scientists and engineers helps kids identify with a career in science or engineering."

All programs and events are free with admission to the museum and take place from 1:00 - 5:00 PM.

National Engineers Week coincides with school vacation week for many New England schools.

Other Events of Interest during National Engineer's Week

SOAP BOX: Debating Cutting Edge Issues with World-Class Scientists and Engineers

Professor Donald Sadoway
February 21, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Robotics Gallery
Free Admission/Refreshments served.

The MIT Museum has launched a popular series of salon-style, early-evening conversations with scientists and engineers who are making the news that really matters.

Professor Donald Sadoway, John F. Elliott Professor of Materials Chemistry in the MIT Department of Materials, Science & Engineering, will talk about fuel cells, batteries, and why hydrogen is not the solution to our need for portable power, will host Soap Box during National Engineers Week.

Family Adventures in Science and Technology (F.A.S.T)

Off the Drawing Board, Out on the Road

February 26, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

The MIT Motorsports group will bring a Formula SAE car to the Museum to discuss and demonstrate practical application of mechanical engineering principles. The group will also discuss how the realities of the road require changes to theoretical designs.