

Life Members Visit the COOL Room

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On April 30th, a group of the Philadelphia Section's Life Members Group visited the Coastal Ocean Observation Laboratory (aka the "COOL Room") on the Rutgers, New Brunswick, NJ campus, for a tour of their undersea research facility and a demonstration/lecture on their RU 17 unmanned submarine, also known as the Scarlet Knight. This vessel was deployed from the coast of New Jersey on April 27, 2009 and recovered off the coast of Spain, after a 219 day, 2739 kilometer cruise. It carried sensors to measure the temperature, salinity and depth of the ocean. The Scarlet Knight is one of a number of undersea "Glider" missions that have been undertaken by Rutgers University. Further description of the program is provided on pages 40 through 45 of the March 2010 issue of IEEE SPECTRUM and in a detailed and colorful presentation at <http://spectrum.ieee.org/gliderslideshow>.



The Life Members surround the Scarlet Knight (RU17) in the COOL Room. It is going to the Smithsonian.



A Rutgers staffer with another glider and a mission payload cylinder. (We did not get his name). Photos by Kent Ringo.

Igor Heifitz of Rutgers took a lot of pictures. This is the link to access them: http://www.flickr.com/photos/rutgers_cool/sets/72157623840260227/

Silly Signs

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Sign in a Podiatrist's Office:

"Time wounds all heels"

On a Septic Tank Truck in Oregon

"Yesterday's Meals on Wheels"

On another Septic Tank Truck in Oregon

"We're #1 in the #2 Business"

On a plumbers truck

"We repair what your husband fixed"

On another plumbers truck

"Don't sleep with a drip. call your plumber"

On a Church Billboard:

"7 days without God makes one weak"

At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee;

"Invite us to your next blowout"

On an Electrician's Truck:

"Let us remove your shorts"

Chicago Radiator Shoe:

"Best place in town to take a leak"