



This very condensed description of the Winter 2015 Meeting of the AAPT is a very personal report from Alex Burr, who from New Mexico to the meeting in San Diego. The trip was



made by car, passing some wind turbines fields and approaching San Diego, which was under a light cloud of smog.

The conventions hotel was right on the harbor edge with its own docking area and near the USS Midway, now a floating museum. Other nearby



points of interest, such as the Cabrillo National Monument with its statue of the explorer

Jose Cabrillo, were but a short drive away.



The convention could be divided into several sections

- Equipment displays
- Poster papers
- Workshops
- Interesting papers
- Committee meetings.

Equipment Displays

One of the best parts of the meeting is the equipment display. One could spend all of one's time browsing books. But then you would not have time to play with the equipment shown. One also can get much information about related programs. Often refreshments are available and it is a good place to meet friends.



Poster papers

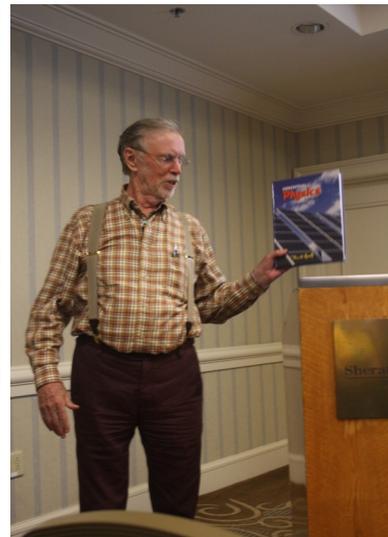
Most of the papers are given in sessions organized by topics. Strict time limits for presentation and questions are enforced, thus discussion with authors is limited. This difficulty is not present with poster papers sessions. There authors are allowed about 20 square feet of “wall” space to



put up posters featuring words, pictures, and graphics. Some put up large professionally made posters. Others, who may not have access to a graphics department, put up multiple 8 ½ by 11 sheets. In either case, attendees can read what they want and, during stated periods when the authors are asked to be present, discuss on a personal basis those parts of the paper on most inters.

Workshops

A wide variety of workshops were available. You could learn (mostly hands on) about such things as laboratories, course construction, and on-line tools. Shown here are some attendees working on inexpensive laboratory exercises. Some workshops were commercial in nature. Shown here is Paul Hewitt, very well know author, describing his latest projects.



Sessions

Speaker sessions were divided into small contributed papers on almost any physics teaching topic and large plenary sessions given by well known presenters ranging from AAPT officers to authors, researchers, and award winning teachers.