



# BMETS Newsletter

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## *President's Thoughts*

Hello Fellow BMETS. Happy Holidays and Seasons greetings. I want to tell those who were not at the November meeting. You missed out. What a great meeting. Hat's off to OEM, Ted Honeywell, and his employees for putting on a fantastic meeting. I didn't hear anything negative from anyone, great job Ted, well done. THANKS!!!! The meeting was what I've always wanted our meetings to be, educational, informative and inquisitive. I believe our members went away from the meeting with knowledge gained from OEM on scope maintenance, part identification, troubleshooting techniques, and some nice handouts. Once again thanks to OEM and their employees for an educational meeting.

It's that Holiday time of the year, my personal favorite time of the year. And not because we take a two months break from our meetings, but because I Love seeing Family and Friends who I may have missed or not had much contact with over the past year. I hope you take the opportunity to reconnect with those people as I do.

As we all know, this time of year driving becomes an issue out there on the roads. Please be careful out there.

Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza, and Happy Chanukah. May the New Year bring blessings to all!

Thanks,  
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## *The Secretary's Pen*

Well winter is here and harsh conditions are near. I hope all biomedes are safe throughout this season. Biomedes are often called upon to solve many problems for our friends and neighbors as well as our professional responsibilities. Two years ago I volunteered for a local hospital when I heard the call for help getting nurses to work. The great snow stopped many medical practices in our area and many nurses were stuck at work. *It was the most fun I have ever had in the snow with a truck.* Some snow was plowed high on top of unplowed street ends. These areas had the most trapped nurses and were the last cleared. They proved exciting to burst through and gave me a real sense of accomplishment. Initially, there were few volunteer drivers but toward the end there were plenty. Nice to see so many offered to help when it was so challenging outside.

Throughout the winter our medical facilities may be challenged to their limits. I have received an invitation to join the Prince George Amateur Radio Emergency Service. This is my local chapter of the national ARES and RACES network, emergency communication services. I know it sounds hard to believe, but some enjoy nothing better than sitting inside in the winter and talking around the world on their amateur radios. These radio operators are called Hams. Long gone is the requirement for Morse code. Amateur Radio is a dynamic technical hobby that covers nearly every aspect of electronic communication. Helping local hospitals during a crisis is another area where biomedes work to help their neighbors and friends. Have fun and enjoy the season!

Frank

### ***BMETS Web Site Statistics***

*December 2011 = 9845 total hits ( to date )*

*November 2011 = 13359 total hits*

*October 2011 = 17512 total hits*

*September 2011 = 15753 total hits*

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## *The Vice President's Corner*

**W**hat a great start to BMETS!!! I'm extremely excited about how the year has started. Our kickoff meeting was a huge success with last year's vendors, Covidian and OEM Medical Solutions. Their presentations were very educational, and the rest of the season's vendors are already lined up. Our 1st annual ski trip is scheduled for Saturday 1/28/2012, plan to ski, snowboard, or just hang out. All are welcome!!!

I would also like to announce that Atlantic Biomedical has been selected as the new Fluke Biomedical representative for Maryland and Washington, DC.

### SKI TRIP

To kick off 2012 we are planning a ski trip to Liberty Mountain for Saturday 1/28. The group rate is found at the following site and we would have to have a minimum of 15 to have a group.

<http://www.libertymountainresort.com/mountain/winter-groups/winter-groups-at-liberty.aspx> .

Depending on the interest we plan to offer the following:

- bus transportation round trip from Atlantic Biomedical's office (plenty of free parking)
- room rental for Friday night, Saturday night or BOTH

Or just meet us there on the 28<sup>th</sup>. An email will be sent with more details.

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Press Release-

Strickler Medical, Inc. strives to improve medical equipment accuracy and compliance testing for hospitals in Maryland and Washington, DC.

December 1, 2011

Strickler Medical, Inc. of Richmond, VA announced it has partnered with Atlantic Biomedical of Baltimore, MD to represent Fluke Biomedical test equipment in the Washington, DC and Maryland marketplace. Fluke Biomedical is the leader in testing and calibration devices for Clinical Engineers in hospitals and surgery outpatient clinics.

Al Strickler, president of Strickler Medical, Inc. commented, "Atlantic Biomedical is an excellent strategic partner for us in the Maryland and DC area with their focus of service in the biomedical arena. Hospital and surgery center clients will benefit from having the opportunity to purchase Fluke test equipment to ensure accurate test results for doctors and patients."

Chris Endres, Vice President of Atlantic Biomedical stated, "We are excited to add Fluke Biomedical to our portfolio of services for Clinical Engineers and Biomedical Technicians. We are already promoting repair assistance to these professionals and now we can offer Fluke, the market leader in test equipment tools, to these individuals as well."

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BMETS Review of Recalls on the FDA Safety Recalls Medical Devices <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm258049.htm>

## Recent Medical Device Recalls (January 2011 - Present)

Listed by date posted on FDA website.

Draeger Medical Inc., Infinity Acute Care System Monitoring Solution (M540)3	12/06/11
King International LLC., ShoulderFlex Deep-kneading Shiatsu Massager4	11/16/11
Mizuho OSI Modular Table Systems5	11/09/11
CareFusion EnVe Ventilators6	11/04/11
Medtronic Model 8637 SynchroMed II Implantable Infusion Pump9	09/12/11
GE Healthcare Vital Signs Hygrosopic Condenser Humidifier Passive Humidification Device (HCH) for Vital Signs Anesthesia Breathing Circuits10	08/03/11
GEM Premier 4000 PAK Cartridges for Use on the GEM Premier 4000 System12	08/01/11
Global Focus Marketing & Distribution, Ltd., Silencer® S2200 Centrifuge13	07/27/11
Roche Diagnostics Operations, ACCU-CHEK Performa Strip14	06/20/11
Maquet Datascope Corp. Intra-Aortic Balloon Pumps17	06/14/11
Oridion Medical and Philips Healthcare Microstream CO2 Filterline (FilterLine H Set Infant/Neonate, VitaLine H Set Infant/Neonate)20	06/06/11
Beckman Coulter, Inc., Synchron LX Clinical Systems Ion Selective Electrolyte (ISE) Flow Cell21	05/23/11
Defibtech LLC, Lifeline and ReviveR AEDs: Software Defect May Cancel Shock22	05/10/11
Penumbra Inc., Penumbra Coil 40024	04/13/11
iCAD (formerly Xoft Inc.), Axxent® FlexiShield Mini, Model F530025	04/13/11
Roche Insulin Delivery Systems, ACCU-CHEK FlexLink Plus Infusion Sets28	03/29/11
Medtronic SynchroMed II and SynchroMed EL Implantable Infusion Pump and Refill Kits32	02/16/11
Abbott Glucose Test Strips33	02/15/11
B. Braun, Outlook 400ES Safety Infusion System, Model Number 621-400ES37	01/31/11

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**This page is to write down ideas!**

**BMETS is interested in any developments, ideas, goals or hobbies of our local BMETS members.**

**Please consider submitting, we need your input!**

**To get the discussion started we'd like to ask a question of the month**

**What is the single most important thing you would like nurses to know about biomed?**

**please reply to the BMETS email with answer or**

**Type, print, phone, fax, Vmail, US Mail or voice your ideas today!**

