

Memorandum

To: R.M. Schafer
From: Smart Windows
Date: February 18, 2010
Subject: Meeting Five Agenda

1.) Status Updates

- a. Light Sensors: Kelley
 - i. No update, Kelley not present
 - ii. Need the A/D converter working ASAP
 - iii. We eventually want to mount this on a little PC board
- b. Wireless and Microcontrollers: David
 - i. Serial EEPROM: Drop onto the board design
 1. For CYA reasons, we should have one in our design
 - ii. Need to make real time clock work
 - iii. Switch microcontroller down to 4620
 1. Less pins, easier to solder
 2. But only one SPI, USART
- c. Remote Controls: David
 - i. New Haven makes SPI LCD screens
 1. These have better dimensions for our remote
 2. Power, ground, and 2 data pins
 3. It is a write-only device
- d. Motors: Tommy
 - i. We will put this in the "valence" above the window
 - ii. Motor is now working
 - iii. Maybe want to use the current sense pin to look for motor stall
 - iv. Tommy added a wire connection to determine when it closes.
 1. He is created his own switch
 2. Maybe using the current sense is a better solution
 - v. Why do we have such a big h-bridge loss
 1. Should be $2 \cdot R_{ds}$, but it seems more
 2. Maybe check the voltage at input with motor connected
 3. Send part number the Dr. Schafer
- e. PC software: Andy
 - i. Demo looks great
- f. Batteries: Tommy
 - i. Motor runs from 4.2 to 6V
 1. Want to use 4 batteries if possible
 - ii. Need to demo this operation
 - iii. Can we run this voltage into the A/D converter
 1. Unity gain buffer amp (maybe)
 2. High resistance voltage divider

2.) Devices to order

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- a. SPI LCD
 - b. Serial EEPROM (Schafer will have one)
 - c. Possibly another microcontroller
- 3.) Demo
- a. Anything that affects board design
 - b. Software we can change later
- 4.) Ribbon Cable
- a. Clamp onto it with a vice
 - b. Get ribbon cable from Clint
 - c. 14-pin
- 5.) Low Level Design
- a. Due Thursday
 - b. Template is online