The 39th Annual Engineers Week Dinner

“The Funny Side of Engineering”

by Don McMillan

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Don McMillan graduated from Stanford University with a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering. He then went to work at AT&T Bell Labs where he was part of the team that designed the world’s first 32-bit microprocessor. He then moved to Silicon Valley where he designed more than 20 integrated circuit chips at VLSI Technology.

But after winning $100,000 as the Stand-up Comedy Grand Champion on “Star Search”, Don turned in his chips for a microphone. He’s had numerous television appearances including “The Tonight Show”, HBO, and Comedy Central. Don has also appeared in many movies, television programs, and commercials. You most likely have seen Don as the star of fifteen national commercials for Budweiser Beer including 5 Super Bowl ads.

These days, Don spends most of his time writing and performing customized comedy shows for companies like Google, Microsoft, Apple, Ford, MetLife, Genentech, and Exxon-Mobil. He has performed more than 700 corporate comedy shows over the last 20 years. He was named the #1 Corporate Comedian by the CBS Business Network. Don’s show includes a lighthearted look at the engineering world, technology, and life in the Information Age. He was the first stand-up comedian to use PowerPoint in his one-of-a-kind, multi-media show.