1324 Albuquerque Section, **By Hy Tran**

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The Albuquerque section held its annual meeting on May 25, 2011. We chose the Albuquerque Cherry Hills Public Library as our meeting venue. The public libraries offer meeting space for non-profit groups, and Albuquerque public libraries also offer free wifi connections. The Albuquerque section had an increased attendance from the 2010 meeting (16 local attendees from five companies, compared to 11 attendees from three companies in 2010).

As a "first" we had the Denver section 1323, join us remotely, using "GoToMeeting" kindly hosted by the Denver section coordinator, Michael Schwartz. The laptop's built-in microphone had sufficient sensitivity for the Denver section to hear us using GoToMeeting's "Voice over IP."

We had two technical workshops: Bob Graham spoke about ensuring the quality of your measurement data. He emphasized the importance of communications with your customer. Don Lifke spoke about statistical process control and control charts. As an exercise, he broke the audience into four groups, who all measured marbles with un-calibrated digital calipers, and had the audience attempt to create a control chart. The diagram below shows the section coordinator's attempt to create a control chart based on data collected by the "blue marble" group.

Finally, Bob Sawyer, VP Central Division, joined us remotely via the web, and presented news from the NCSLI board of directors from the May 2011 board meeting. A door prize drawing was held at the end of the meeting, and the door prize winner was selected electronically by the MS-Excel random number generator.

The Albuquerque section intends to join the Denver section remotely when the Denver meeting has their next meeting, and intends to continue to offer remote attendance to Albuquerque section meetings when logistics permit.

The Albuquerque section coordinator sent an anonymous survey to attendees, to try to improve future section meetings. Survey questions addressed the length of the meeting, the value of the meeting to attendees and to their companies, the amount of interest in the speakers' topics, and possible future topics.

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