## THE ODOMETER

## Week 6: Finishing Strong

Team Driven is in the final week of the build season and team members are putting on the finishing touches on all aspects of the robot. The build team has made many advances this week including the completion of the elevator which is operating perfectly. They have also finished drive train version 1 and version 2, which will provide the robot with more torque. The turret is complete too and can now rotate a full 270°. Through the advances made this week the robot is on track for its shipment date on Tuesday.

The robot is not the only product whose deadline is approaching. The website and animation teams both submitted their work on Thursday. You can look at the finished animation and the hard work of the Web Team by visiting the Team Driven website at www.teamdriven.us.

This week also marks the decision of where the Chairman's Team will present. The Chairman's Award is the most prestigious award in the FIRST community. It recognizes a team which exemplifies the spirit of FIRST. They have decided to present at the Palmetto regional and are finished with the essay that is one of the requirements necessary to win the award. They have worked hard to reach this point and have done a great job organizing events that will allow Team Driven to win this impressive award.

## **Upcoming Events**

~ Summit Robotics will be hosting a fundraising banquet and silent auction on March 7, 2009. Your invitation will be arriving in the mail soon.

~ On February 17th at 6:30 Team Driven will be hosting a potluck dinner to celebrate the shipping of the robot. All parents are encouraged to the build site come and bring a dinner or dessert. All drinks and dinnerware will be provided by Team Driven. Please email Ciara Coleman if you can attend and what dish you will be bringing at ciarac@kc.rr.com. Thanks for your participation!

## Countdowns

Days until the Robot is shipped: 5

Days until the Kansas City

Regional: 12

Days until the Palmetto

Regional: 40

