

The adventures of

FLIP

The FLL[®] Robot

The Queue



FLIP
VOLUNTEERS AT A
CHAMPIONSHIP
TOURNAMENT!

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What's a Queuer do?
To find out, Flip volunteered to help
Queue at the NorCal Capital District
Championship...

A Robot Game Queuer
Manages team traffic to and
from the playing field.
Queuers play a critical role in
ensuring smooth flow of
traffic and maintenance of
overall event pace.



LOOKS LIKE
THIS IS THE
PLACE!

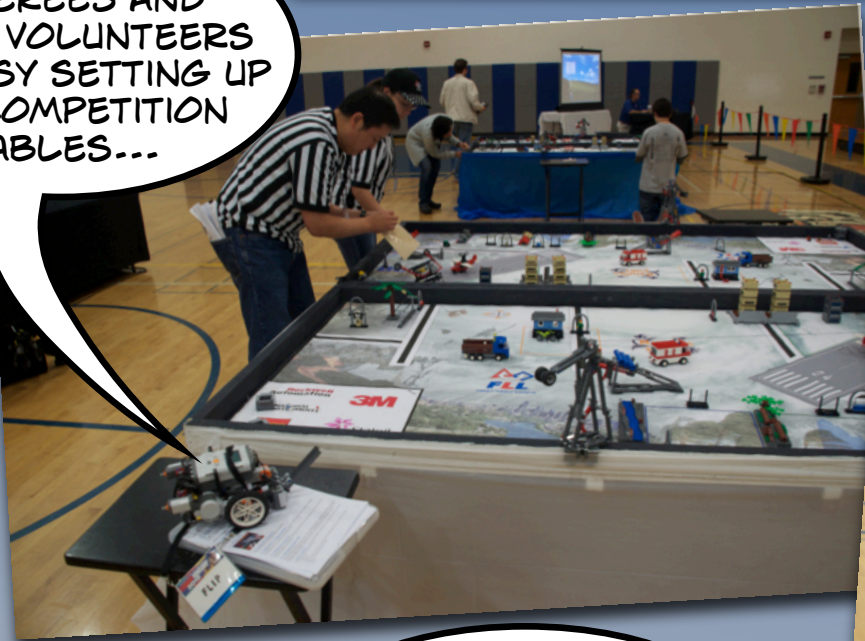
NO LAST
NAME, JUST
FLIP!



WOW- THERE ARE
A LOT OF TEAMS HERE
- IT'S GOING TO BE AN
EXCITING DAY!

Flip motored over to the gym where the robot competition area was being set up.

THE REFEREES AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS ARE BUSY SETTING UP THE COMPETITION TABLES...



COOL - THERE ARE MOVEABLE CAMERAS FOR 'PLAY BY PLAY' ACTION!



THE TROPHIES ARE ALL ON DISPLAY!

The Head Queuer explained to Flip about the day's schedule and procedures.

WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT TEAMS ARE IN THE QUEUEING AREA AND READY TO COMPETE ON TIME SO THAT EVERYONE CAN STAY ON SCHEDULE!

The Queuer has to be very aware of the schedule, and needs to be able to keep track of more than one thing at a time.



WE HAVE 3 QUEUEING ROWS SET UP SINCE THERE ARE 3 COMPETITION AREAS...

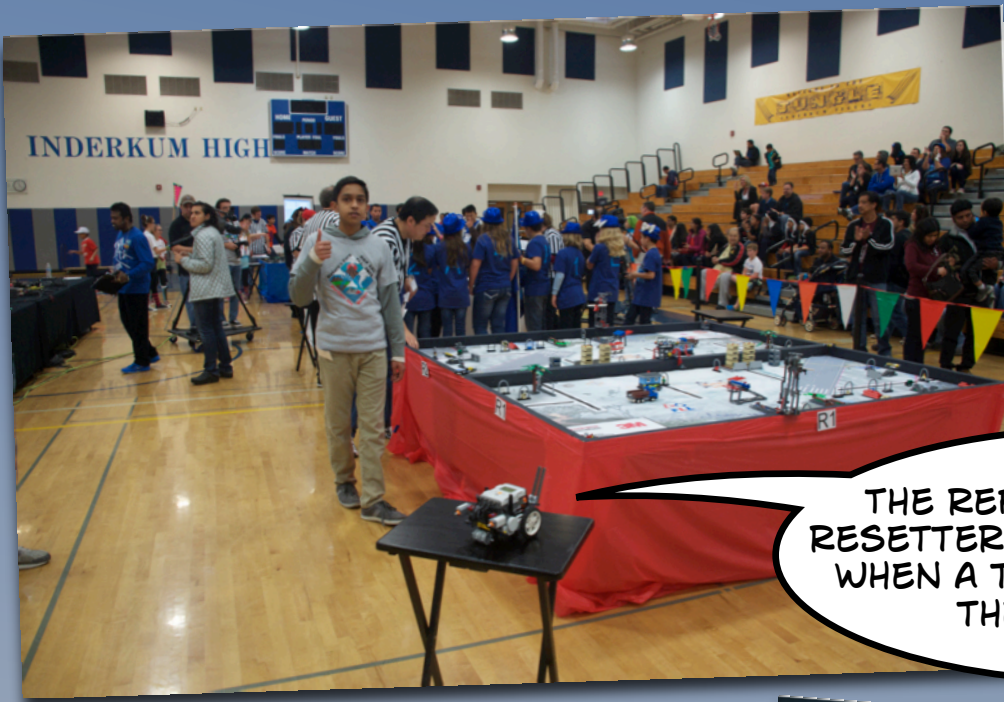
--- OK TEAMS, WE CAN DO THIS!



ROUND 1 IS UNDER WAY, LET ME RECHECK MY SCHEDULE---



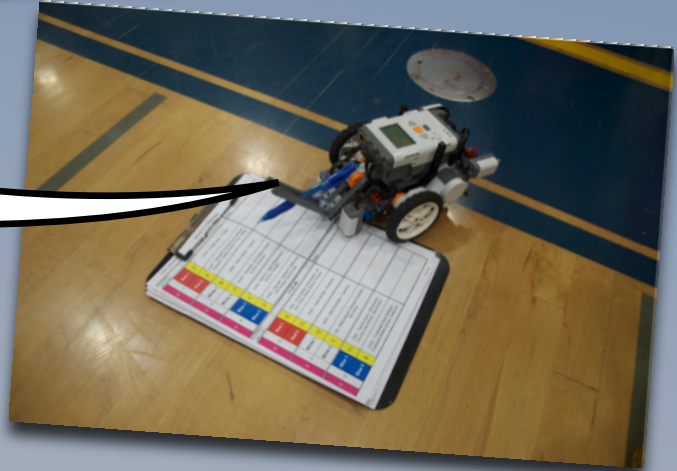
OK - THE NEXT TEAMS FOR RED 1 AND 2, WHITE 1 AND 2 AND BLUE 1 AND 2 - QUEUED AND READY!



THE REFEREES AND FIELD RESETTERS GIVE A 'THUMBS UP' WHEN A TABLE IS READY FOR THE NEXT TEAM.

TIME TO RECHECK MY SCHEDULE TO SEE WHO TO QUEUE NEXT!

The Queuer communicates with Pit Runners and makes sure that the runners in the Pit are rounding up teams that are not in the queue.



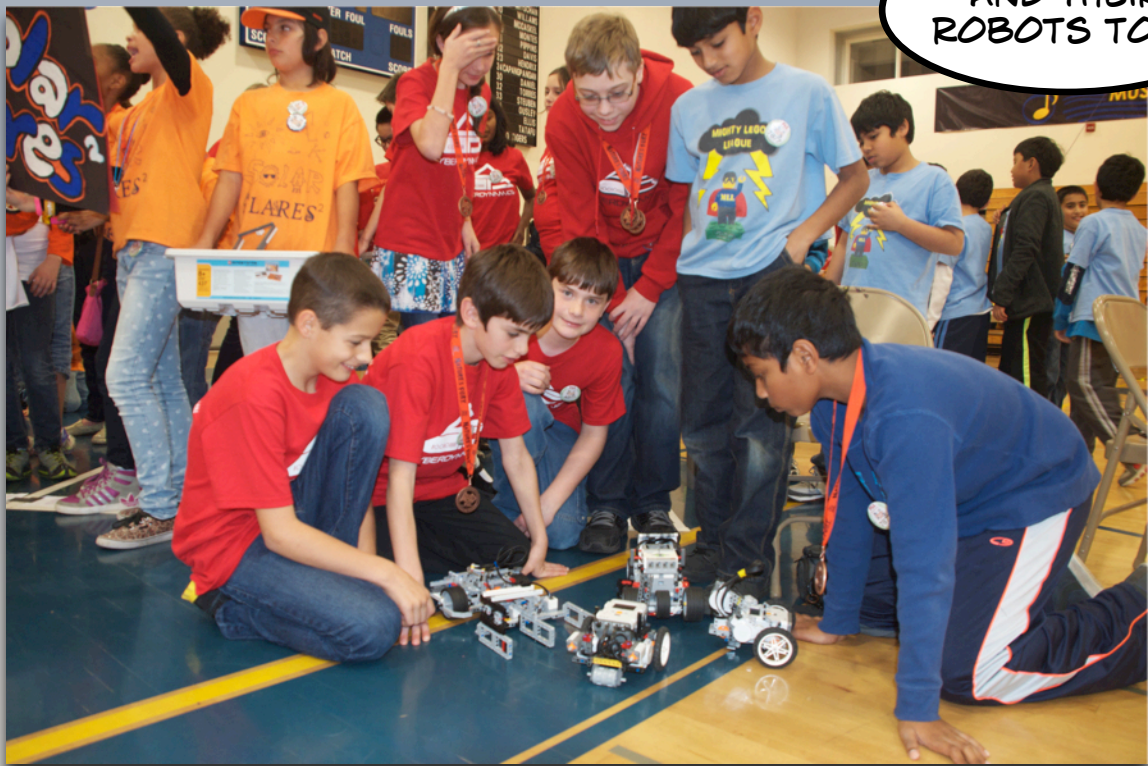
THE GAME ANNOUNCER AND TIMEKEEPER KEEP THINGS FLOWING AND FUN!





ONE OF THE BEST THINGS ABOUT VOLUNTEERING OUT ON THE FLOOR IS THAT YOU GET TO MEET ALL THE TEAMS...

AND THEIR ROBOTS TOO!





The action on the competition floor keeps moving all day!



THE VOLUNTEERS DO DIFFERENT JOBS BUT ALL WORK TOGETHER- JUST LIKE A TEAM!



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VOLUNTEERING CAN
BE HARD WORK - BUT IT
IS DEFINITELY
REWARDING!



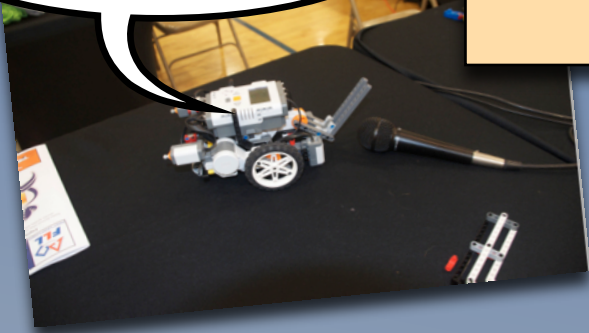
ESPECIALLY
WHEN YOU GET TO BE
AROUND SMILES LIKE
THESE...



...OR MEET A TEDDY
BEAR!

ATTENTION
EVERYONE - WE HAVE A
SPECIAL GUEST!

California Congresswoman Doris Matsui
stopped by to congratulate all the
participants on their hard work and
achievements!

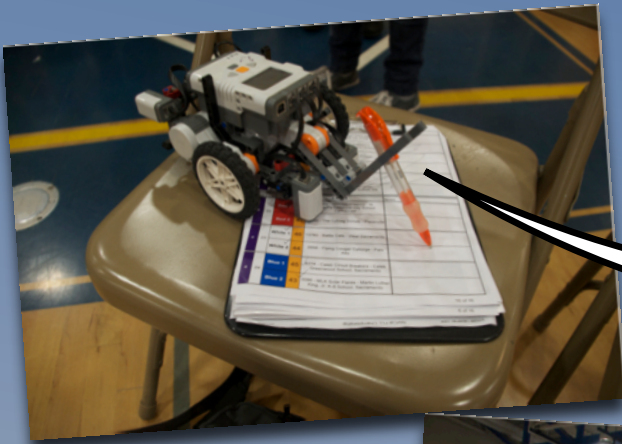


She also took time to
say 'hi' to Flip!

LEGO'S SURE HAVE
CHANGED QUITE A BIT SINCE I
BOUGHT THEM FOR MY SON!



IT'S AMAZING TO
SEE WHAT THESE BRIGHT
YOUNG THINKERS CAN
CREATE USING TODAY'S
TECHNOLOGY.



WHEW! THE LAST ROBOT ROUNDS ARE FINISHED... WHAT A DAY!



THE COMPETITION AREA HAS BEEN CLEARED, NOW IT'S TIME FOR THE CLOSING CEREMONY!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE TEAMS!

TIME TO PUT ALL THE COMPETITION MODELS BACK INTO THEIR BOXES AND GET THEM READY TO LOAD UP IN THE TRAILER.

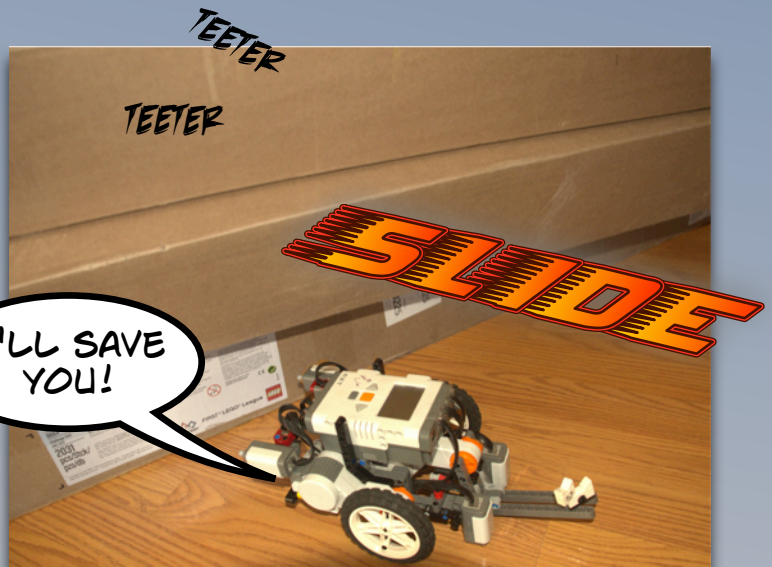
HEY!!! THOSE BOXES LOOK LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO FALL ON THE CAT!



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I'LL SAVE YOU!



WHUMPF!

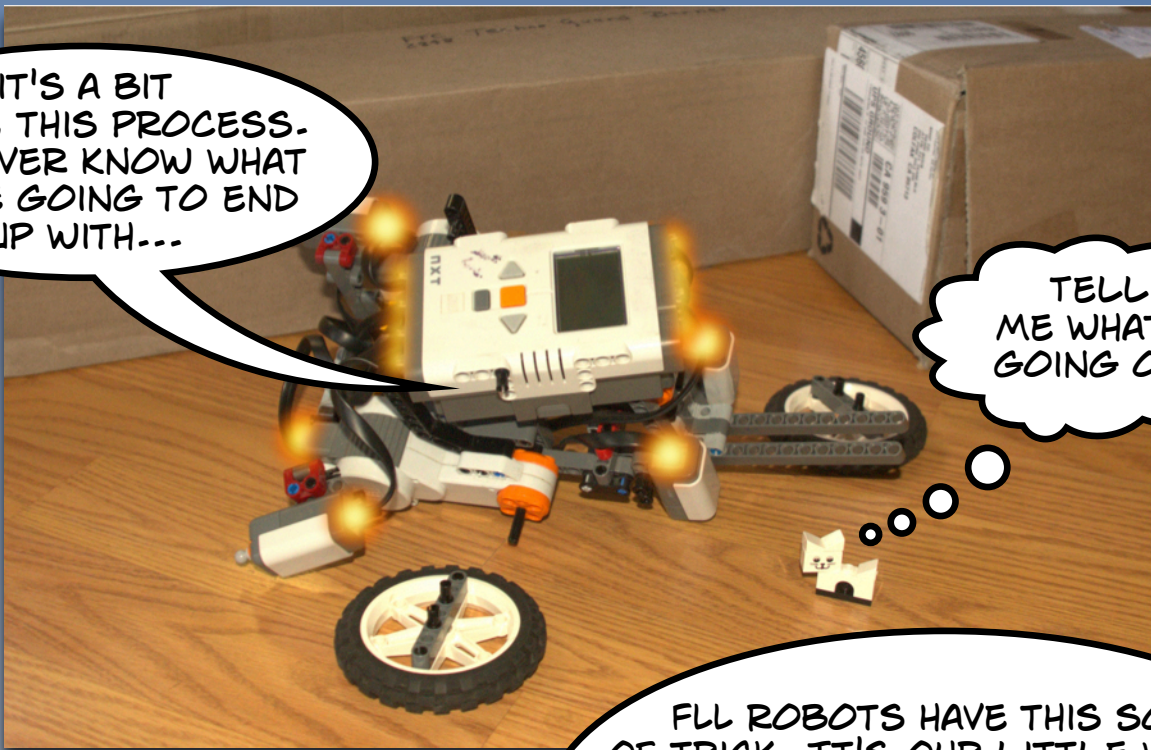
OH NO!



FLIP? ARE YOU OK? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

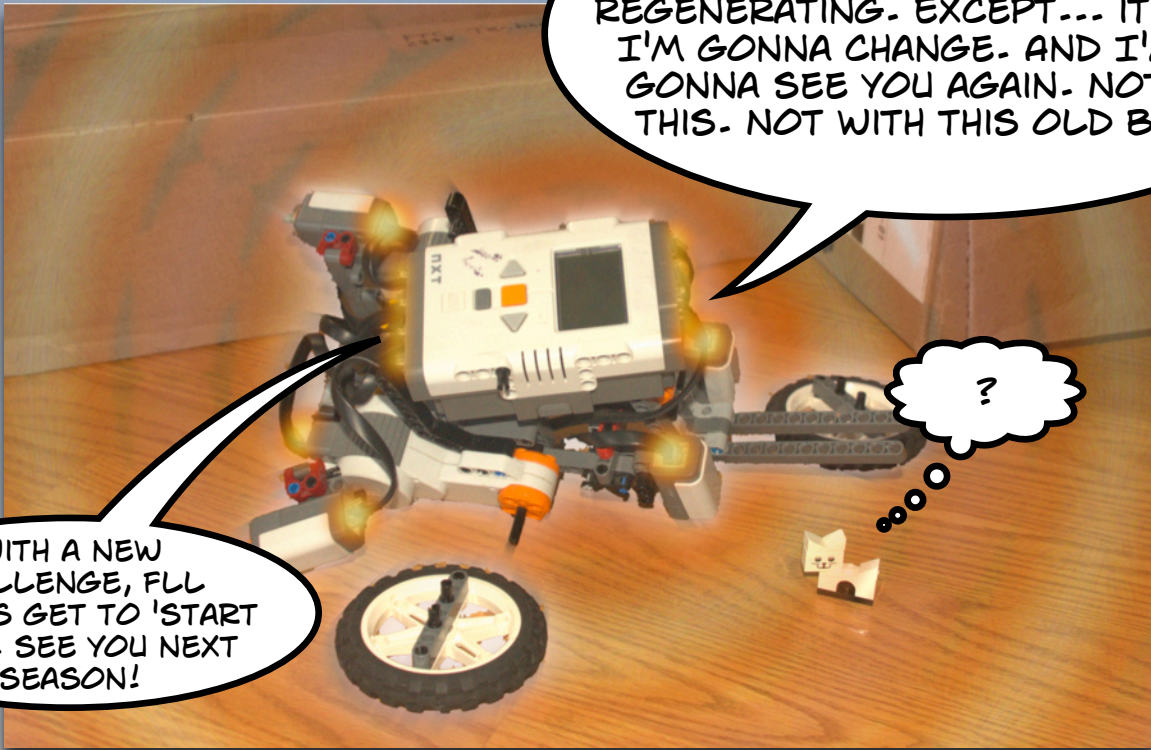


IT'S A BIT DODGY, THIS PROCESS. YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO END UP WITH---



TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON.

FLL ROBOTS HAVE THIS SORT OF TRICK. IT'S OUR LITTLE WAY OF REGENERATING. EXCEPT... IT MEANS I'M GONNA CHANGE. AND I'M NOT GONNA SEE YOU AGAIN. NOT LIKE THIS. NOT WITH THIS OLD BRAIN.



WITH A NEW CHALLENGE, FLL ROBOTS GET TO 'START OVER'! SEE YOU NEXT SEASON!

Will Flip return with a 'new' look? Stay tuned for more exciting adventures of...

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