

process. As we have shown, there are ways to improve a technician's probability of passing the examination. The examination is not a trivial exercise, but the more a person knows about the structure and philosophy of the examination, the better his or her chances of passing will be. In the end, it is not a matter of breaks. A technician will make his or her own breaks.

1. These experiences came from an interview by me of a practicing EMC technician. I wanted to list him as a co-author but his management did not want him or the company listed as contributors. Some companies are just that way. I, as an author, must honor their wishes. However, I freely admit that this article would not have happened without the technician's help for which I am ever grateful.

New NARTE News Editor

Tom Chesworth, PhD, PE, NCE has agreed to assume responsibility as technical editor of *NARTE News*. Dr. Chesworth, W3IA, is president of Seven Mountains Scientific Inc. in Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, publisher of *Electromagnetic News Report*, *Advanced Fuel Cell Technology*, and *Advanced Battery Technology*.



Tom Chesworth

He succeeds Kent Mills who had been editor of the News since 1988. Kent was instrumental in reformatting the news and enhancing the overall quality as well as digging out technical articles of general interest. While he refers to the News as a "labor of love," he is no longer able to continue in that capacity. Kent retired (for the second time) last year and really wants to spend time with his family. He set a high standard of excellence with his dogged devotion to quality and broad technical interests.

Dr. Chesworth has been a NARTE-certified EMC engineer since 1989. He has been a board member and is an active member of the IEEE EMC Society. He taught physics and worked at the Ionosphere Research Laboratory and the Radio Astronomy Laboratory at The Pennsylvania State University. He

also worked in EMC and ECM at HRB-Singer and Locus Inc. in State College, Pennsylvania. He is a strong supporter of NARTE certification.

The trade journals, which he now publishes, are targeted to a variety of narrow technical fields. They are very similar in structure to the *NARTE News*, all of which makes him an excellent person to assume editorial responsibility.

Welcome aboard, Tom.

Recognizing Excellence

NARTE "Heptode" Awards

The NARTE "Heptode Award" is granted by NARTE headquarters staff to properly recognize those who lighten their burden or who otherwise represent NARTE in an outstanding manner. Congratu-



Heptode awards went to AARL's Maria Summa, David Sumner, and Bob Inderbitzen (right) from NARTE's Terri Marinucci.

lations to the following summer 2005 Heptode recipients, Bob Inderbitzen and the American Radio Relay League (ARRL).

On June 21, Terri and Melissa visited ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut, to present a Heptode Award to Bob Inderbitzen and ARRL for their help in making NARTE's attendance at the Dayton Hamvention a success. NARTE conducted FCC examinations at the Hamvention. This was a first-time event for NARTE although the Hamvention has been going on for more than 20 years.