

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Autonomous Vehicle Senior Project**  
(Meeting Minutes: October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008)  
(3:30 pm in AR 159)

In attendance: Dr. Hernandez, Rick Moser, Graham Apgar

**Points of Interest**

*Gantt Chart and Improvement Plan*

- The Gantt chart and improvement plan were discussed.  
Before asking for a new laptop, test current programs with another laptop to verify the problem stems from the PC and not another piece of hardware. So far the problems are the USB ports are broken and the comm ports aren't always reliable. Figure out what chip is in the serial/usb adapter, Prolific most reliable, FTDI second in reliability.
- The Gantt chart will be used as a rubric. Rick and Graham should be adhering to the plan, to ensure a successful semester.

*Quadrature Encoder*

- The encoder was discussed. Dr. Hernandez proposed some questions regarding the encoder. What is its purpose? Is it necessary? For turning, for speed, or for backing up? Rick is responsible having the answers for next meeting, the 20<sup>th</sup> of October.

*Update Display Board & Fund raising Strategy*

- These two things are to be done by the next meeting, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October.

Meeting adjourned 3:45 pm