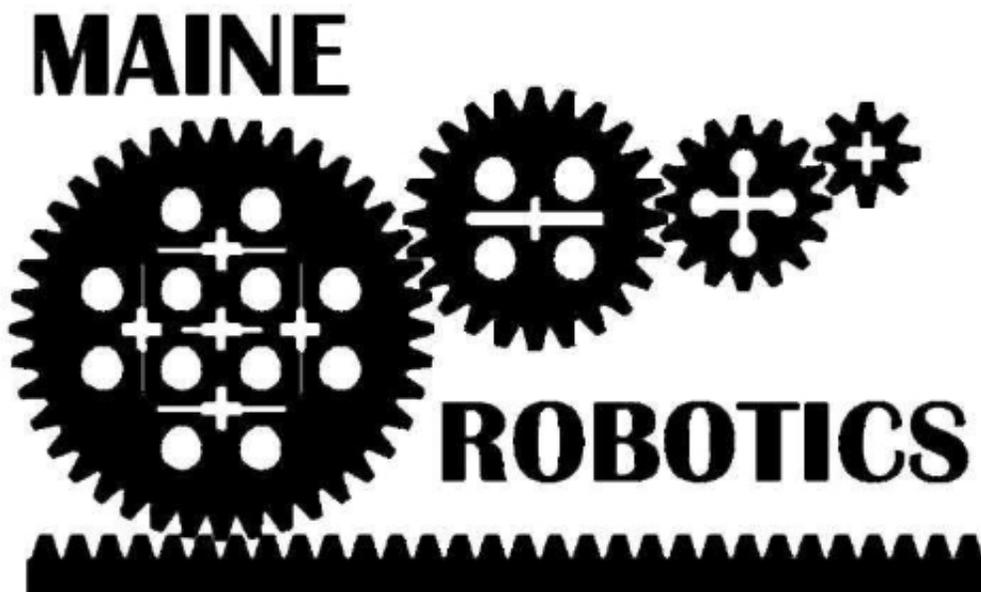


Track Meets, Camps, and 50 year Predictions!

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## January 16th, 2014 Maine Robotics eNewsletter

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**Maine Robotics Track Meet Season**  
is now OPEN!



**Summer Robotics Camp Season** is  
now open for registration!  
We are looking at 35 weeks of camp  
this summer in over 20 different  
locations around Maine! Don't miss out

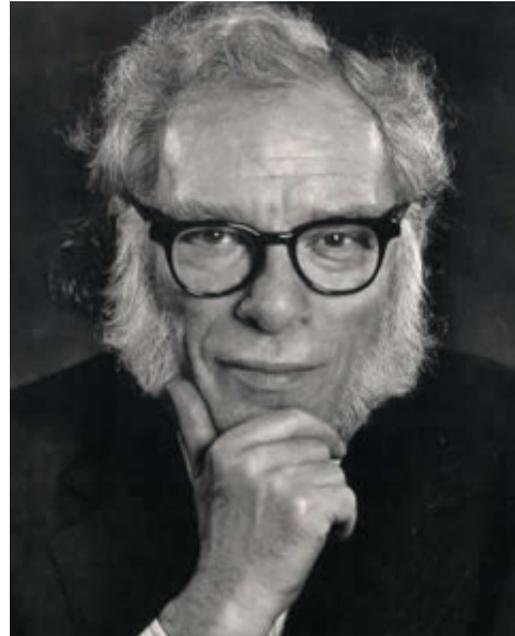
- May 3rd - Ellsworth Elementary/Middle School
- May 10th - Messalonskee Middle School in Oakland
- May 17th - Memorial Middle School in South Portland

Build your robots and bring them to the meets to see how you do against teams from all over Maine. Ten different events to try for! Visit the Track Meet website at <http://trackmeets.mainerobotics.org> for more information and to register.



The 14th Annual **Maine FIRST LEGO League Championship** and the **Central Maine VEX Competition** were both held, successfully, at the Augusta Civic Center on December 14th! We had over 65 teams of elementary and middle school students competing and the VEX tournament had 30 teams from various high schools around the state! This was Maine's biggest STEM event ever held!!! (yes three exclamation points). There were also a number of the big FRC robots on display, as well as a computer lab setup for doing an Hour of Code. The "Oh Boy...These Pickles are

as we celebrate our 10th year running this great summer program. We have beginner, mixed and advanced camps. Check out <http://camps.mainerobotics.org> for more information and to register.

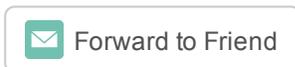


**Can you imagine what 2064 will look like?** Well Isaac Asimov, a famed science fiction author who wrote over 500 books during his life, wrote an article for the New York Times in 1964, entitled "[Visit to the World's Fair of 2014](#)". Asimov posed a number of likely outcomes as our world progresses, many of which hit the mark head on, others not so much. He predicted 3-D televisions; miniaturized computers; appliances with no electric cords; audio and video communications and phones; phones that could also be used to study documents and read from books; that laser beams led through plastic pipes could provide communication links; that we would have travelled, unmanned, to

Natural Disasters" team from the Connors Emerson school in Bar Harbor won the day and are heading to the World Festival in St. Louis in April!

Good luck Pickles!

The "Bridgineers" from Farmington came in second! and the "Just Keep Swimming" team from the Spruce Mountain Middle School in Jay came in third and will be going to the FIRST LEGO League US Open Competition in San Diego in May! For all the results, just click [<here>](#)



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Mars and that a manned trip was planned; wall screen televisions would have replaced the older tubed ones; that the world's population would have reached 6.5 billion (oops we've passed that); that self-driving cars would exist to take us around (go Google!); that mechanical devices to replace failing hearts and kidneys would exist; and that all high school students would be taught the fundamentals of computer technology.

He did miss out on those flying cars and the colonization of the continental shelf. But read the six page article and enjoy the thoughts of one of the greatest Sci-Fi writers ever. And then work on your list for 2064!