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Schmartie Award Winners

SchmartBoard — the developer of a new technology that has significantly simplified the creation of electronic circuits for hobbyists, education, and industry — has announced the winners of its second annual Schmartie Awards.

Schmartie Award participants, as a part of the SchmartDeveloper program, posted electronic circuit designs with a bill of materials that included the correct SchmartBoards (prototype boards) to the company's "SchmartDeveloper" website. The grand prize winner receives a \$1,000 cash prize, and SchmartBoard will

manufacture and market a Schmart Module product with their name on it.

Circuits and information about the winners and other applicants can be found at www.schmartdeveloper.org. Winners are:

- <u>Grand Prize</u> Giannis Kedros of Thessaloniki, Greece — for his Serial to USB Module.
- <u>2nd Prize</u> Charles Wenzel of Austin, TX — for his Low Jitter Quadrature Clock.
- <u>3rd Prize</u> John Day of Toronto, ON Canada — for his USB-to-Serial and I²C Module.
- <u>Honorable Mention</u> Daniel F. Ramirez of Amherst, NH — for his Schmart DC Motor Controller.

 <u>Honorable Mention</u> — Russell Pead of Littleton, MA — for his TTL Test Board.

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 <u>Honorable Mention</u> — Robert Gatt of Port Fairy VIC, Australia — for his IR Proximity Detector.

The criteria used to choose the winners were originality, how well Schmart Board technology was used in the design, how useful the design is in the real world, and marketability of the design.

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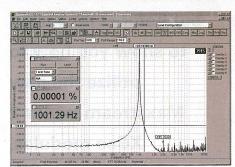
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