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Science Café at Cal Poly to Launch Jan. 28 with "Improbable Vehicles"

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Robert E. Kennedy Library will launch the Central Coast's first Science Café with a celebration of "Improbable Vehicles," from 4:30-6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28 in the library's second floor Learning Commons. The event is free and open to the public.

Science cafés are live events that involve a face-to-face conversation with a scientist about current science topics. Cal Poly's Science Café is the first of its kind on the Central Coast, according to the U.S.-based *sciencecafes.org*.

The café will promote campus and community engagement by bringing together perspectives on science as a human, intellectual, technological, and social activity in an informal venue that fosters conversations and exploration.

"Improbable Vehicles" will feature work done at and around Cal Poly on unusual vehicles. Moderated by John Dunning, Cal Poly research scholar in residence and an expert on electric vehicles, the program will feature four ten-minute talks by faculty, staff, and students, alternating with audience conversation and questions.

Speakers will include Professor Art MacCarley, chair of Cal Poly's Electrical Engineering Department ("My Methanol Motorcycle: my alternative fuel daily driver"); Jesse Adamson, Cal Poly electrical engineering undergraduate and vice president of Cal Poly's Electric Vehicle Engineering Club ("RX7 Race Car Speeds Forward"); Cal Poly Rose Float Technician Josh D'Acquisto ("Seaside Amusement"); and Robert Ehrmann, Cal Poly aerospace undergraduate on HPVs - human powered vehicles ("Athena Pedals to First Place").

For more information, visit the science café blog on the web at *http://sciencecafe-calpoly.blogspot.com/*, or contact Anna Gold, associate dean for Library Public Services, at *agold01@calpoly.edu* or 805-756-2345.

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