

**sdmay18-17: MicroCart (Microprocessor Controlled Aerial Robotics Team)**

Week 1 Report

August 28 - September 11

**Team Members**Blake Pries — *Communications Lead*Dane Larson — *Ground Station Lead*Matthew Kelly — *Documentation Lead and Webmaster*Tyler Imboden — *Quad Software Lead*Jakub Hladik — *Test Lead*Kyle Trost — *Team Lead*Peter Thedens — *Repository Lead*Austin Rohlfing — *Controls Lead*

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**Summary of Progress this Report**

- Learned how to run autonomous quad demo.
  - Learned how to use current Matlab tools to analyze flight data.
  - Prepared for lightning pitches that will be giving in class 9/12/17.
  - Demoed last year's platform for the Scholars' Fair on 9/7/17.
  - Worked with previous Microcart members to get knowledge of progress made over the past year.
  - Started analyzing focus areas of code including quad software, controls, continuous integration and ground station.
  - Created teams to analyze focus areas in depth, findings will be presented to larger group.
  - Discussed and documented recent issues that occurred during the many test flights.
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**Pending Issues**

- Overall lack of understanding underlying code that runs the quad in the VRPN (IR camera tracking system) and while using Optical Flow.
  - Lack of knowledge for running the Optical Flow demo.
  - Lack of controls knowledge required for more advanced autonomous maneuvers (such as flips).
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**Plans for Upcoming Reporting Period**

- Become familiar with assigned focus areas.
  - Look over Gitlab issues from previous team.
  - Start experimenting with Optical Flow demo.
  - Look into streaming flight data to ground station during flight.
  - Identify areas of needed improvement for the ground station GUI.
  - Improve documentation of both code and system.
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**Individual Contributions**

<b>Team Member</b>	<b>Contribution</b>	<b>Weekly Hours</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>
Blake Pries	Setup team slack, attended team meetings, started to review code from the previous team	3	3
Dane Larson	Learned how to run. Helped at scholars fair. Met with past members.	6	6
Matthew Kelly	Learned general system characteristics and prepared for Scholars' Fair.	7	7
Tyler Imboden	Worked with current and past team to learn and demo at Scholars' fair	7	7
Jakub Hladik	Learned how to run. Helped at scholars fair. Met with past members.	6	6
Kyle Trost	-Looked at previous code to get simple understanding. -Organized meeting times with Dr. Jones.	6	6
Peter Thedens	Worked on pitch; learned how to demo system; reviewed past team's documents	5	5
Austin Rohlfing	Learned system basics; worked on pitch	3	3