



MVTHS Teacher of the Week

Bob Tomlin

Subject Taught: Physics, analog electronics, digital electronics

Years as a Teacher: 26

Reason for Becoming a Teacher: Influenced and encouraged by a professor at Southern Illinois University.

Greatest Moment as a Teacher: "When a former student returned for a visit and told of her success in the engineering field and how the hands-on electronics at MVTHS helped her.

Most Embarrassing Moment as a Teacher: "In a physics demonstration I hoisted myself up to the ceiling using a pulley system, let go of the wrong rope, flipped upside down and fell to the floor."

Favorite Aspect of Being a Teacher: "Seeing a student 'get it.' I love the sound of 'ah ha' in the lab.

Favorite Movie: "Three come to mind that I can't separate: Wargames, The Day the Earth Stood Still and Little Big Man — not in that order."

Last Book You Read: "Linux Multimedia Hacks. I read mostly technical material and lots of it."

Hobbies: "Electronics, programming, Bonsai, guitar, cooking, jewelry making, metal working and hanging out with my wife."

Family: "Wife of 28 years, Sue, teaches at Rend Lake College; two cats, T.J. and Maggie that spread terror throughout the house and yard; and maybe a ghost in the house, we're not sure — but a lot of things seem to get lost and then reappear!"

If You Were Not a Teacher, What Would You Be?:

A mad scientist (kidding). I probably would have been involved with computer automation, sensing and controls, or with a company generating computer controlled fireworks displays.

Person(s) You Most Admire: "Ben Franklin: Activist, inventor, statesman, social animal, all around nice guy and early retiree!"

