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ASSE wishes all members and friends a GOOD and prosperous New Year 2001 – GOD Fortsättning (Good Continuation). Let us all work together to make ASSE a more efficient and an important source of information for our members.

ASSE newsletter ideally should contain information based on member input and wishes. Your editor would appreciate more support from members. Presently the support is almost non-existent. It is in the interest of ASSE members to provide input individually or through networking. ASSE newsletter should also strive to be a bridge between Swedish and US technology, particularly regarding Information Technology, abbreviated as IT. Sweden is one of the leading IT countries. Many feel that we are reaching saturation in technical development, but your editor thinks that we have only started to scratch the surface. When you can sit inside a train or a bus or deep in an office building and get wireless communication between New York and Stockholm or Tokyo and Paris, then anything is possible. There is so much more to explore and understand. IT is the most important business in Sweden today. There are now many more wireless telephones per capita in Sweden than in the US and Canada. KTH (Royal Institute of Technology) expects to be the leading IT university in Europe in a few years. There are still ASSE members who do not use computers. We can improve communications if we all have access to WebTV or computers. ASSE is aware of that. Its website, www.asse-usa.org needs editing and revision, but it is an important means for contact and dissemination of information between members, potential members and non-members as well as organizations. It provides ASSE with a window to the entire world. The technology is changing rapidly. During the 1930s engineers knew how to design and use bearings, turbines and gears as well as guns and telephone switchboards. Engineers then had no difficulty in finding the on/off buttons. With IT things are more diffuse. To operate and to even find the on/off button is not equally easy. The engineers of the future must learn to think as a technical idiot. In the past the engineer was looked upon as a hero and was often used in fields other than engineering. Engineers are good in solving technical problems, but today engineers must learn also how other professions work. There is a tendency to overspecialization.

Source: KTH news - refer to: www.kth.se/kthnytt

Joint Meeting American Society of Swedish Engineers

and John Ericsson Society

ASSE and JES are planning a joint meeting with a lecture about the raising by the US Navy of the screw propeller from the sunken "Monitor" designed and built by the Swedish Inventor John Ericsson. The screw propeller which was invented by John Ericsson over 100 years ago is still the preferred mode of propulsion for ships. The meeting date is not yet decided. Please watch the ASSE website at www.asse-usa.org for information.

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Useful Pocket Book for IT

"The Rough Guide to the Internet" by Angus J. Kennedy, 2001 edition. For personal computers and Macs. Price in USA \$9.95. Three million copies have been sold. THE ROUGH GUIDE will make you an Internet guru in the shortest possible time. In plain English, with no hint of techie jargon, it explains how to:

Find anything, anywhere – the easy way

Send email messages across the world

Shop for the best Internet deals

Browse sports, news, finance, and travel info

Play free music samples from s 1000s of bands

Meet people with similar interests

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Create your own Web page

All this, plus an unbeatable directory of more than 2000 Web sites, a guide to Usenet discussion groups, a cyberspace glossary, and more!

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The American College for Advancement in Medicine

Advancements in medicine are rapid. After consultation with your primary physician, a second opinion from physicians belonging to the College for Advancement in Medicine could be valuable. This is particularly important when surgery is required. Write or e-mail for names of physicians in your area to ACAM, 23121 Verdugo Drive, Suite 204, Laguna Hills CA 92653 or email to: acam@acam.org

Get an Energy Boost Before Having Surgery Performed

It is well known that certain psychic healers can provide energy and healing remotely over long distances. ASSE gives no medical advice. We only inform you what is available. By all means visit www.billstratton911@aol.com for more of this important information.

Volunteers for ASSE

ASSE is seeking volunteers to serve on its Board of Directors and on our membership committee and also on our program committee. We also would like assistant editors to help the senior editor Gunnar Asker in the fields of electronic engineering as well as in matters of new energy sources.

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