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**IEEE 802 LAN/MAN  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
Milestone Project**

Monday, Mar. 13, 2023  
Status Report

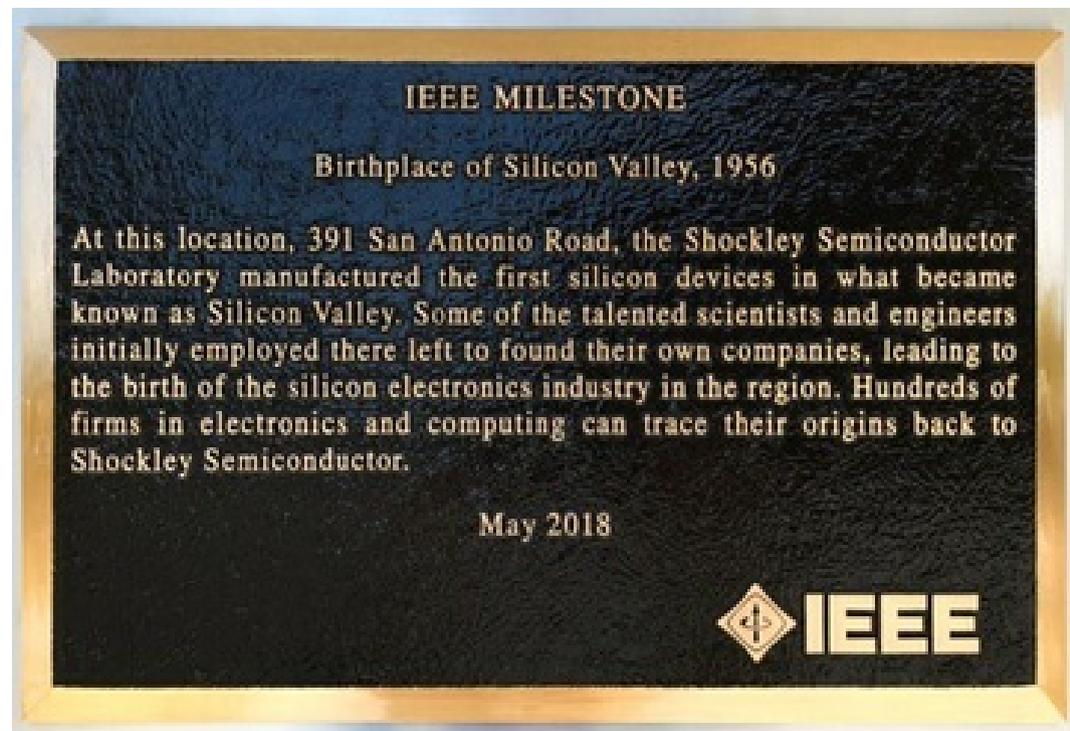
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# What is a MILESTONE?

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- Commemoration of a historic event in the history of engineering.
- A bronze plaque placed at the site of the event.
- Example:



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Proposed Plaque Text:

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# IEEE Milestone

IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee, 1980

In February 1980, industry representatives first met in San Francisco, California, to standardize Local Area Networks (LANs) for computers. This led to creation of the IEEE 802 LAN/MAN Standards Committee, and three of its Working Groups (WGs) were particularly important in transforming the nature of computing: 802.3 (Ethernet), 802.5 (Token Ring), and 802.11 (Wi-Fi). These WGs created standards which made wired and wireless communication between computing devices an essential functionality.

Date of Plaque

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# STATUS:

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- ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
  - Submission complete
  - Submission includes proposed text  
(See backup slide for rules)
  - Agreement from Proposed Site: CHM  
(per Marc Weber, Curatorial Dir., Internet History Pgm)
- Agreement from sponsoring local section:
  - Santa Clara Valley Section
  - Obtained support letter from Chair
- The rest is up to “the process”

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See the application for yourself:

[https://ieeemilestones.ethw.org/Milestones\\_Status\\_Report#Completion](https://ieeemilestones.ethw.org/Milestones_Status_Report#Completion)

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or directly at:

[https://ieeemilestones.ethw.org/Milestone-Proposal:IEEE\\_802](https://ieeemilestones.ethw.org/Milestone-Proposal:IEEE_802)

# Latest report from “Advocate”:

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I won't be able to work on this until April, but in time for what would likely be a late May/early June History Committee meeting. I will ensure that it has smooth sailing for that process. I would not expect that a dedication date could not occur until late this year or early 2024. The SCV Section can be relied upon for funding the plaque, which I will ensure is able to be mounted at the CHM. As you know, this is an unusual situation as we are putting this together assuming it can be mounted at the CHM, which is somewhat unorthodox. However, I know the ropes enough that I feel I can make this happen. The optimal dedication venue is the CHM itself, but renting Hahn Auditorium is somewhat costly - all told with an evening event and food and drink, that can cost in excess of \$10-12K. I do know how to publicize these things widely, and so we can join forces and get a good crowd to attend. Tom Coughlin will be IEEE President in 2024, and so we should ensure that the dedication fits with his busy schedule. I have worked with some party planners by way of the CHM, so that is one way to help put it all together, and they have a list of good food suppliers. Including alcohol of course makes it more expensive, and I am not sure how to price this all. The idea of t-shirts is up to you, but I don't think they get worn more than once anymore frankly. Let me know if you have other questions. It's great to work with you, and I feel we will have great success. BTW, see <https://www.price.utah.edu/ieee-milestone-events> for a big event I have been planning for late this month in Utah. As such, I have very extensive experience with planning these events, frankly more than probably anyone else in the world.

Cheers, Brian

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**THANK YOU !**

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# BACKUP SLIDES

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# PROPOSED SITE:

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The approved site for the Milestone Plaque  
is the entrance garden for  
The Computer History Museum  
1401 N Shoreline Blvd  
Mountain View, CA 94043

There is a wall of (currently) 10 Milestone plaques.  
Most of these are duplicates of ones at now obscure  
or hard to visit sites.

See a video of the wall at:

<https://tinyurl.com/ygsybzam>

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# SITE:

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This is the main entrance to the Museum.  
The plaques are on the other side of the wall to the right.



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# Plaque text rules:

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- The achievement must be more than 25 years old.
- It honors the achievement, rather than the person or place.  
(i.e. Names of persons is generally forbidden)
- The body text is limited to 70 words, 60 preferred.
- Everybody down the line tends to fiddle with the text

More complete rules and on-line "help" is at:

[ieemilestones.ethw.org/Milestone\\_Guidelines\\_and\\_How\\_to\\_Propose\\_a\\_Milestone](http://ieemilestones.ethw.org/Milestone_Guidelines_and_How_to_Propose_a_Milestone)