

To the Family of Michael Bell,

I (and the whole PhysicsForums community) would like to express our condolences for the passing of Michael.

We had the pleasure of getting to know Michael as the PF user "negitron" (a play on the word "electron"). His avatar picture showed his playful nature -- a kitten in a comforter:



He was especially active in posting in the Electrical Engineering forum (where I'm a Moderator and Mentor), and in the General Discussion forum. He and I are both HAM radio operators, so that was one reason that negitron and I spoke often via the forum mail system.

We will miss his intelligence, humor, and positive attitude very much. Whenever I saw that he had posted an answer to a question in the forum, I knew that the answer would be of great quality, and that he was really helping the person who was asking the question. He sure knows his stuff!

We have a thread in the General Discussion forum about Michael (a.k.a. negitron). I think you would feel good seeing how much Michael meant to us, and how many people he touched through the PF website. You can get to the thread by going to www.PhysicsForums.com, clicking on the Search link at the top of the page, and typing in negitron. The thread is titled "Very sad news", which is definitely what it was when learned of his passing. You can also get to the thread directly by typing this address into your web browser:

<http://www.physicsforums.com/showthread.php?t=345983>

If you do that search on Michael's user name "negitron", you will get a list of threads that he has posted in. It's quite a few -- 837! When you see a post by him in a thread, you can click on the underlined negitron name, and that will let you select to view his profile, or view his other posts. I think you will feel good seeing how much he shared his knowledge with others here at the PF. You will also see that he had earned the "Science Advisor" medal, which signifies the high quality of the level of the help that he provided others here at the PF.

We certainly will miss him. Condolences and best wishes to his family.

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