

SHUG (SNS HFIR User Group), <http://neutrons.ornl.gov/users/shug/>

SHUG executive committee minutes.

Teleconference held August 2, 2011.

Attendees:

Executive Committee: Cora Lind, , Peter Khalifah, Malcolm Guthrie, Matthew Stone, and Mike Crawford, Eugenia, Antonella

Guests: Al Ekkebus, Thomas Proffen, Mark Hagen, Martha Justice and Buford (James) Clendenen

Minutes submitted for review August 5, 2011 by M. B. Stone.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Everyone – Please start submitting suggestions for individuals for the next SHUG executive committee elections. Please send these to Cora.
- Please pass along to Al any suggestions you may have for outreach suggestions in the next fiscal year.

ATTACHMENTS and WEBSITES of interest from the teleconference:

Website of the ORNL guesthouse: for reservations use reservations@ornlguesthouse.com. External website is not yet available.

Beam production schedule for the SNS FY2012 - attached

Beam production schedule for HFIR FY2012 - attached

1. Guest house update (Martha and Buford)

The ORNL guest house will open August 15th. There are three floors with approximately 47 rooms. The facility is non-smoking, and no alcoholic beverages are allowed. There will be a small onsite store, Wi-Fi and internet access, free laundry facilities, and vending machines. An ATM machine is available at the SNS on the ground floor. There is a fitness room and a meeting room available in the guesthouse. Families are not allowed to stay at the guest house.

Arrangements will be made to allow access to the guest house from the ORNL Access Portal after hours if one arrives very early or very late. Check-out and check-in times are flexible with advance notice to the operator. There is a luggage room available if one needs to check out of the room and leave one's luggage at the guest house while working at the Laboratory.

Reservations are currently manually done through email. There will be online reservations available soon.

The hotel operator will set up a time period for take-out meals from Oak Rridge (i.e. long-distance room service) for evening meals. Coffee will always be available. Breakfast and lunch

service on week days is available at the SNS cafeteria, and breakfast will be offered at the hotel during weekends.

2. Update for HFIR and SNS (Thomas and Mark)

During the summer shutdown HYSPEC has been passing through its instrument readiness reviews. There will be a fault study at HYSPEC when the SNS cycle starts.

VISION is nearing completion of its construction phase. VISION is the first instrument in the SING II project that will be completed. The other instruments in this project are MANDI, CORRELLI, and USANS. The end of the SING II project is scheduled for 2014.

The extended commission plan is wrapping up for POWGEN, NOMAD, VULCAN, and EQSANS also.

The agreed upon SNS and HFIR run cycles have been developed and are available. (see attachments). The current plan for SNS is to run in the range of 800 kW between August and December 2011 and in the vicinity of 1MW from February to June

A Sparkle day was held last week. All staff were encouraged to clean their offices, work areas and laboratories.

Family day was held last Saturday at the SNS with excellent attendance of over 700 visitors.

3) Follow up on SNS article by Charles Day at Physics Today (Cora)

The head of AIP has also made comments on this blog regarding the usefulness of SNS. Please see (<http://blogs.physicstoday.org/thedayside/2011/07/whats-wrong-with-the-spallation-neutron-source.html>) for details. There have been a number of supportive comments posted to this blog. The support of users and the SHUG was very welcome by management.

4) User week and workshop updates (Al)

POWGEN, EQSANS, NOMAD, and TOPAZ all have instrument specific workshops occurring in the next month or two. All have ~30 people registered with 10-20% of these being local attendees.

Neutron Scattering User Week is also being developed. Mike Simonson will be scheduling a session with group leaders and thrust leaders to develop the program further for user week

SNAP will be having an external workshop at user week

There will be an inelastic neutron scattering workshop also being held during user week.

There will be a soft-matter workshop prior to user week co-hosted with the Jülich Center for Neutron Scattering.

Please pass along to Al any suggestions you may have for outreach suggestions in the next fiscal year.

Thomas Proffen will be at the IUCR meeting in Spain hosting the outreach booth at the meeting.

It may be more favorable for the SHUG to suggest and make initial efforts to organize neutron scattering sessions at professional society meetings; after there is agreement and a session identified, then the people from the facilities can help further organize the event. The conference organizers may look more favorably upon this, rather than the facilities requesting sessions. Co-hosting with LANL is also very favorably looked upon by conference organizers.

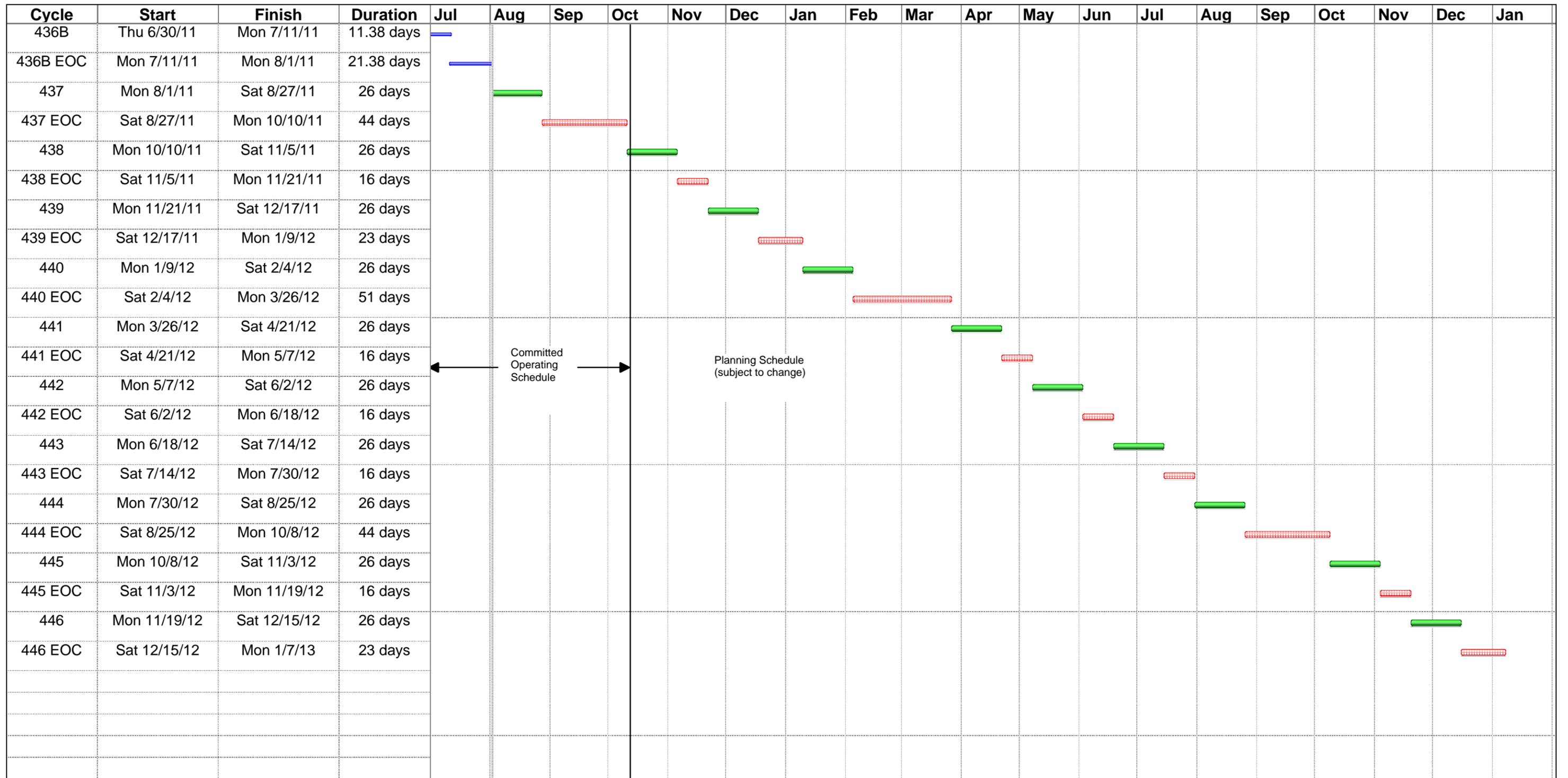
5) Other business? No other business was discussed.

* Next telecon date

Tuesday September 6, 2011, at 1 PM

Run Schedule for FY 2012

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Committed Operating Schedule

Planning Schedule (subject to change)

Operation █ Outage █ Complete █ Milestone ◆



HFIR Operating Forecast & Planning Schedule