

T-Shirt Bot

Over the summer of 2007, the T-Shirt Bot was built as an off-season challenge by team members in a mentor's garage. It was made with parts from the teams past robots and standard "kit of part" materials. One of the team members named the robot "Lieutenant Shiny Sides" because of the polished chassis. Initially made only for recreation, the T-Shirt Bot has become a staple for TALON's demonstrations in school and around the community. The T-Shirt Bot has been used at numerous pep rallies and football games, so that Godwin students could see first-hand the uses of engineering. The demonstrations have influenced students to become involved in the team, as well as the *FIRST* organization.

"When I saw the little t-shirt bot going around at the football game, my first reaction was 'WHOA! THAT'S SO COOL!'... I wanted to be a part of that. It's one thing to watch something happen, and it's something else to be part of [its] creation."

- Will B, class of 2008

Outside of the Godwin community, Shiny Sides has been used at Jake's Reindeer Race and the Big Brothers, Big Sisters Duck Race to demonstrate to children the benefits of *FIRST* and engineering, and that it can be fun as well as useful.

****Coming Soon:** Lieutenant Shiny Sides specs**