

Visit to the Virginia Center for Wind Energy (VCWE)
& Tour of the Small Wind Training and Testing Facility (SWTTF)

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More info about the VCWE staff can be found here

<http://wind.jmu.edu/about.html>

Key takeaways

- Resources and tools to help individuals and organizations within the Commonwealth of Virginia who have an interest in wind power.
- VCWE wind power experts can give in-person or virtual presentations for events within the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- The SWTTF generates both wind and solar energy.
- Because the staff has expertise in offshore wind technology and installation types (e.g. floating turbine), upcoming efforts may include assisting Dominion Power with offshore wind studies and opinion polling.
- Met Roger Beale, a retired Systems Engineer who develops renewable energy systems and gives presentations at VCWE.
 - *His YouTube channel is "Roger's Home Constructed Wind Energy System" http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx9_Zo-j0jNhFoerwmXMhA*
 - *Roger Beale, Systems Engineer (retired)*
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Other VCWE Info (from their web site)

"I Want a Turbine"

- <http://wind.jmu.edu/wantaturbine.html>

VCWE Services

<http://wind.jmu.edu/vwec/services.html>

"Our goal is to educate and inform the community about wind energy in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Below is a list of services and amenities we offer here at the Virginia Wind Energy Collaborative.

- *Tours of the Small Wind Training and Testing Facility (SWTTF)*
- *Tours of the Virginia Center for Wind Energy lab space*
- *Classroom visits and tours of JMU's renewable energy projects*
- *Exhibits at festivals, conferences, and expos throughout the state*
- *Join our [mailing list](#) to receive our newsletter and important updates or opportunities!*
- *Become a volunteer SWOT Member and be a representative of the VCWE at outreach events in your area!*
- *Let us know about groups or communities near you that want to learn about wind energy!*
- *Come to our Biennial Statewide Wind Energy Symposium in 2014 ([check out past symposiums](#))*



- *Be sure to follow us on Twitter [@VCWE_at_JMU!](#)*



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