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FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

Well, it has been one crazy summer with four tropical systems in the gulf in July (and one very close call) followed by some 100 plus heat index days. Even through all of this your executive committee has been meeting to plan the upcoming year. There has been one change in the officers for the new year as John Sumrall has asked to be excused as vice president to allow more traveling time. John has served us as treasurer for several years and deserves our deepest gratitude for keeping the beans counted as well as giving some good advice. Melinda Immel has agreed to serve as vice president for the coming year. Melinda’s bio is listed below.

We will be changing our meeting location this year. Our new location will be Hank Aaron Stadium in the Stadium Club. The executive committee has decided to have the chapter absorb part of the cost for meals, so that lunch with all the trimmings will cost just \$10. You won’t find a better meal for this price, and with one PDH to boot. I think the committee also has lined up an interesting list of speakers for the year. Some are still tentative, so if you have something else you would like to see, please let us know.

The speaker for our first meeting will be Bruce Baughman. Bruce is the director of the Alabama Emergency Management Association. Prior to becoming director at AEMA, Bruce worked with FEMA. He was involved in emergency management during the Oklahoma City bombing

and the September 11th terrorist attacks. I am looking forward to a very informative meeting.

Also, you should have received in the mail earlier this month a note discussing upcoming fall seminars. Outlined were benefits of belonging to ASPE. If you haven’t already, please take a look at this, and let us know what you think. The executive committee would like your input on how to make your membership and meetings more worthwhile.

Wes Chiniche, P.E., President

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

When: Wednesday, September 7, 2005

Where: Hank Aaron Stadium

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Speaker: Bruce Baughman
AEMA - Director

Topic: "Responding to Emergencies"*

Cost: \$10.00 per person (includes meal)

RSVP: Please email an “RSVP” to sdstewart@mactec.com by September 2.

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MATH COUNTS

MATHCOUNTS is a national math enrichment, coaching and competition program open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. MATHCOUNTS brings together educators, youth, industry sponsors and volunteers. More than 17,000 volunteers from the business and education communities annually organize and conduct the program in communities nationwide. Local and state competitions are coordinated through the leadership of state and local chapters of NSPE. Without volunteers from the local chapters, this competition would not be possible. Therefore, we will need many of you to volunteer. Please contact Sharon Kimbrough at 342-1070 if you would like to volunteer.

For additional information on MATHCOUNTS, please visit www.mathcounts.org.

In an effort to reduce postage costs, we are sending this newsletter by email to all email addresses available from NSPE and from my recent personal contact with members. If you would like to receive this newsletter in hard copy by the U.S.P.S. or are not receiving it by email and would like to, please contact Steve Stewart at 433-0880 or sdstewart@mactec.com.

Did you know that....

The first Ferris Wheel was created by Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania engineer, George W. Ferris, in 1893. The wheel was supported by two 140-foot steel towers and connected by a 45-foot axle -- the largest single piece of forged steel ever made at that time.



2005 – 2006 Officers (Mobile Chapter)

President-Wes Chiniche, P.E.

Wes graduated from Mississippi State University with a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1972. Since that time he has been employed by Alabama Power Company in various positions in the Mobile area. He is presently serving as Operations Manager for the Business Processes department. Wes is married and has three children.

Vice President- Melinda Immel, P.E.

Melinda is a 1995 graduate of the University of Alabama with a degree in Civil Engineering. She is employed by Volkert and Associates, Inc. Melinda is active at Spanish Fort Methodist Church. She is also a member of ASCE. Melinda has also served as chairman for MATHCOUNTS. Melinda is married and presently has no children.

Treasurer-Kim Sanderson, P.E.

Kim was raised in Baldwin County and graduated from Baldwin County High School. She attended the University of South Alabama and graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. Since then, Kim has worked in both the private and public sectors and is currently employed with the Mobile County Engineering Department. Kim is married and has two children.

Secretary-Steve Stewart, P.E.

Steve graduated from the University of South Alabama in 1999 with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. He is employed by MACTEC as a senior project engineer and is the manager of MACTEC's Mobile operations. Steve is also active in MACE and SAME. Steve and his wife Angela have three daughters.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

PDH CREDITS

The attendance for the **May** meeting was 16. The following attendees were present at the meeting and can receive credit for 1 PDH:

Dan Darbe	John Sumrall
Karen Smith	Keith Jones
Jody Poirier	Keith Welch
N. D. "Skeeter" McClure	Dave Butts
Jack Ehlenberg	Keith King
Charles Munden	Dr. Ed Lawrence
Drew Dyas	Kim Sanderson
Daphne Foster	Clark Womble

The state of Alabama currently requires that licensed Professional Engineers complete 15 Professional Development Hours (PDHs) each year prior to license renewal.

The Mobile Chapter will be sponsoring two opportunities for continuing education this fall. The seminars will be on the afternoons of October 21st and November 18th.

The cost of continuing education class will be:

\$10 per person (ASPE members)
\$40 per person (non-members)

More details will be coming.

If you would like to become an ASPE member, please logon to www.NSPE.org and "click on" membership.



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Again, please remember to RSVP for the September meeting by September 2. The Chapter is responsible for purchasing meals that are reserved.

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