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FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

On behalf of ASPE, we would like to extend our appreciation to Mr. Perry Martin, AEMA Deputy Director, for his presentation at the September meeting. EMA has taken several steps to prepare for Hurricane season including pre-positioning water, bedding materials, and meals ready to eat in shelters. Also, 31 junior colleges throughout the state have been approved as shelters. EMA personnel have gone through extensive training and mock disasters to assist with preparation. On May 25, more than 100 emergency manager coordinators participated in a full scale exercise addressing real life scenarios that occurred during the 2005 hurricane season. Perry also provided preparedness tips for individual homeowners.

Also, Ms. Robin Fenton briefly shared with us the Jubilee BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology) competition which is scheduled for November 11, 2006 this year. Ms. Fenton will return this spring to share with us additional details about the program and ways to volunteer for next year.

The October meeting will feature Ms. Leah Rawls Atkins an accomplished writer, professor of history for 27 years, and the founding director of the Auburn University Center for the Arts and Humanities. She will speak on her recent publication “Developed for the Service of Alabama: The Centennial History of the Alabama Power Company.”

Just a reminder that the Ethics Seminar is Friday, October 6, 2006 at the West Regional Library located at 5555 Grelot Road from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm. During the afternoon hours many school age children use the library facilities, **please carpool to the seminar**. Also, if you have not already pre-registered, please contact Melinda Immel at 342-1070 Ext 168 or mimmel@volkert.com to verify that space is available.

Melinda Immel, P.E., President

Note: Parking at West Regional Library is extremely limited during afternoon hours! Carpooling is recommended and encouraged.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

- When:** Wednesday October 4, 2006
- Where:** Hank Aaron Stadium
- Time:** 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Speaker:** Ms. Leah Rawls Atkins
- Topic:** History of the Alabama Power Company
- Cost:** \$10 per person (includes meal)
- RSVP:** Please e-mail an “RSVP” to crawfordj@cityofmobile.org by October 2nd.

Jubilee BEST Robotics, Inc.

During our September meeting, Robin Fenton, a local school teacher, presented a short program on Jubilee BEST Robotics, Inc., a robotics competition for middle and high school students held locally in late October. The program is designed to generate student interest in engineering and science. Robin is looking for corporate sponsors, mentors to students, and judges for the competition.

More information may be found on the following websites: www.southsbest.org and www.bestinc.org

MATHCOUNTS

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.

Do you know?

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

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 John Crawford at 208-7627 or crawfordj@cityofmobile.org

CONTINUING EDUCATION

PDH CREDITS

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

Chris Nobles	Kim Sanderson
Wes Chiniche	Steve Stewart
John Crawford	Rodney Summerford
J. R. Ehlenberg	John Sumrall
Sharon Kimbrough	David Webber
Melinda Immel	Gary Carnley
Skeeter McClure	David Fuqua
Richard Macon	Ken Miles

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 6th and November 3rd.

The cost of continuing education class will be:
\$10 per person (ASPE members)
\$40 per person (non-members)

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



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