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December Meeting: Golden Corral, Lorna Rd, Hoover

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2006 at the Golden Corral, which is located at 3117 Lorna Road behind the Bill Byrd Kia Dealership and Burlington Coat Factory approximately 1.25 miles north of the Galleria. Lorna Road runs parallel to and behind Hwy. 31 until it intersects with Hwy. 31 at the I-65 Interchange. The phone number is 822-1314. Call the restaurant if you need directions or contact any Branch officer.

Meeting Agenda

Renew Acquaintances/Meal*	11:30 - 12:15
Business Meeting	12:15 - 12:45
Speaker	12:45 - 1:15

Please get your meal as soon as you arrive and proceed to the meeting room located at the rear restaurant.

*Attendees will be eligible for a drawing to receive a free meal at this month's meeting. The drawing will be held before the business meeting. Please sign the attendance register to enter the drawing.

Speaker for December Meeting

The speaker for the December meeting will be Dave Richardson with Contech. His presentation will be on Earth Stabilization Solutions.

Branch meetings are the first Thursday of each month, September through May. Each month's meeting includes a presentation by a guest speaker. If you have an idea for a speaker or topic, please contact Virgil Hooper.

Learning Opportunities Close to Home

The 2006 Deadline Approaches... Do you have your PDH's?

Don't forget, ASCE webinars are still available: <http://www.asce.org/conted/distancelearning/online/webseminars.cfm>.

NSPE also offers continuing education opportunities: <http://www.nspe.org/education/ed-home.asp>.

Other Fundraising Activities

The 2006 Scholarship Golf Tournament was a lot of fun and raised money for the scholarship fund, but it only comes once a year. If anyone has a suggestion for another activity to raise money and to facilitate comradery please let us know.

Branch Dues Update

THANK YOU to the 13 members who have paid their dues for 2007. Branch dues and a small allotment from the Alabama Section support our local operation. These funds are used to supplement our community base programs, so your support is greatly appreciated. We are starting a new year so please invite a co-work or colleague to come out to our meetings.

Please remember that your dues paid to Nationals do not cover your local chapter dues. Your local dues go to help support the coloring book competition and scholarship program, as well as many other activities.

Coloring Book Competition Update.

We sent invitation letters to 112 schools. We have received responses back from 21 schools. We are in the process of

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getting the school packets together and are still in need of a few volunteers to be ambassadors. If anyone would like to be an ambassador, please contact Kerry Henneberger at kerry.henneberger@dmjmharris.com or 970-1889. In order for the competition to be successful, we need to receive donations from the local engineering firms. If your firm would like to make a donation, please contact Kerry.

Alabama Section Meeting 2007

The Montgomery Branch will be hosting the 2007 Alabama Section Meeting on March 15, 2007 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Montgomery. We are looking for speakers to fill the morning program with a variety of topics suitable for PDH credits. The afternoon program will feature speakers and tours of projects in Downtown Montgomery. Perhaps you have had an interesting speaker at your branch that would be of interest to the entire Section. Anyone interested in speaking needs to contact Robert Thompson, P.E. (rthompson@danbrownandassociates.com or 334-850-2794) or Kidada Dixon, E.I. (dixonk@dot.state.al.us or 334-353-6940). A postcard will be mailed to the entire Section in December. Registration information will be mailed out in early February.

Upcoming Events & Activities

- The ECOB Banquet will be held February 22, 2007 at the McWane Center.
- The SWE Regional Conference will be in Tuscaloosa March 2 - 4, 2007.

ASCE National and Section News

The latest ASCE National News can be viewed at www.asce.org.

The Alabama Section web site can be found at <http://www.alabama-asce.org>

2007 Operating Budget

The proposed budget for the 2007 fiscal year will be available for review and approval at the December meeting.

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