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## February Meeting: Golden Corral, Lorna Rd, Hoover

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2, 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 February Meeting

Our speaker for this month's meeting will be Alain Gallet of Gallet and Associates. The presentation will cover the upcoming merger of Engineering Council Of Birmingham (ECOB) and Joint Engineering Council of Alabama (JECA).

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 Jonathan Byrd.

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## ASCE Alabama Section 2006 Winter Meeting.

The winter meeting will be held by the Tuscaloosa Branch at Bryant Denny stadium on Thursday march 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a great time to network with friends and colleagues. The early registration fee is \$85 and \$105 for late registration. For more information please call Jamey Clements at 205-752-3702.

## 2006 Engineers Day In The Capital City

The engineering community of the Montgomery River Region invites you for a day on the state capital on Wednesday, February 15, 2006. This is a wonderful occasion to meet state legislator in a relax setting. The registration deadline is February 10, 2005. For more information and to register please call 334-264-1500.

## Call for Management Awards Nominations

ASCE is seeking nominations for awards that will recognize distinguished ASCE members. The awards will be presented at the 2006 Annual Conference in Chicago, IL. Nominations are due by March 1, 2006. For further information please visit the Honor and Awards section of the ASCE website. For Questions please contact Melissa Prelewicz at (703)295-6341 or [mprelewicz@asce.org](mailto:mprelewicz@asce.org).

## Birmingham Branch Scholarship

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The scholarship committee is now accepting applications for the branch Civil Engineering scholarship. Applications are due on April 1, 2006 and forms are available on the Birmingham Branch website at <http://branches.asce.org/birmingham/scholarship.htm> or contact Susan Goertz. Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited Alabama University, majoring in Civil Engineering, in the fall of 2006.

## 2006 Electrical Transmission Conference

Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) is hosting a conference October 15-19, 2006 in Birmingham, AL. This conference will address electrical transmission line and substation structures with a focus on structural reliability in a changing world. For more information please call 703-295-6095 or visit: [www.seinstitute.org](http://www.seinstitute.org).

## ASCE National and State News

The latest ASCE National News can be viewed at [www.asce.org](http://www.asce.org).

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

## Branch Dues Update

THANK YOU to the 28 members who have paid their dues. However, this is far short of our goal of 75 due paying members. Your Branch dues are still only \$10! Remember that Branch dues are not included in your National or Section dues. Our Branch budget is supported by branch dues with a small allotment from the Alabama Section so please support your Branch by paying your dues at the meeting or by mailing them to the Branch post office address listed in the newsletter.

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