

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting****Topic: Amendment 1 of the November 7, 2000 General Election Ballot**

David J. Pope, P.E., RLS will speak at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on Amendment 1 of the November 7th, 2000, General Election Ballot. This amendment would allow the use of oil lease revenue that the State of Alabama receives to be used as matching funds for Federal Highway dollars to provide for the repair of bridges for each County in Alabama. The Madison County Commission could receive as much as \$10,000,000 dollars if the amendment is approved. David has been the Madison County Engineer for over 20 years. He received his Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering from Auburn University.

*Cost of the luncheon is \$10.00 (\$5.00 for students). If you do not hear from the telephone committee by noon on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, please call in your reservation to Art Hargrove at 544-7964 or email him at [arthur.hargrove@msfc.nasa.gov](mailto:arthur.hargrove@msfc.nasa.gov).*

**Building Big Program to Air on APT in October**

Building Big is a five-part series exploring the challenges of five structures integral to modern life scheduled for Tuesday evenings in October. Huntsville branch plans to use a national public television event that is co-sponsored by ASCE to kick off our 150th anniversary activities. There will be national press releases for Building Big, so Huntsville branch has the opportunity to get mentioned for special events (school visits, etc.). APT will arrange for a live internet chat room for kids to chat with engineers. It would be something like 10 am to noon on the day after each program. Alabama section of ASCE needs engineers to volunteer to log on and chat during that time. If you can commit 1/2 hour please contact Robert Thompson, Alabama Section Building Big Coordinator, at: (334) 244-0766.

Alabama Department of Education (ADE) is very excited about ASCE's help since October is already "Spotlight on Science Month" for Alabama. Building Big works in great with the ADE theme. I would propose that we start with school visits and bring tapes of the programs. We could explain how bridges are designed and give each class a kit. Knex bridge kits are available for our branch to purchase at [www.knexeducation.com/bridges.html](http://www.knexeducation.com/bridges.html) for \$2.30 each. Also "Activity Guides for Teachers" are available from WGBH in Boston with hands-on activities. Contact Emily Ehrenfeld at 617-300-3954 or [Emily\\_Ehrenfeld@wgbh.org](mailto:Emily_Ehrenfeld@wgbh.org). Please volunteer to help out with this project -- if everyone can give 1 hour, we can make this a great beginning to our

150th celebration!!

**Huntsville Branch 2001 Dues**

The Huntsville Branch Dues for 2001 are due. So please bring your \$10 dues to the next meeting and provide or update your personal information (name, address, phone number, email address). Bob White will be collecting them.

*Note: Personal information provided with the dues is used for distributing the newsletter, so please check the mailing list to make sure your information is correct.*

The deadline for dues is January 2001. Those who have not paid their dues to Bob will not receive the newsletter during FY2001. Life members will receive their newsletter at no cost; however, please respond so that the records can be updated.

**New Residential Steel Framing Publication**

The *Low-Rise Residential Construction Details*, a new publication recently introduced by the North American Steel Framing Alliance (NASFA) and the Light Gauge Steel Engineers Association (LGSEA) provides construction information for residential steel framing based upon best practices over the last 10 years. For more information or to order the publication contact NASFA at (800) 79STEEL or visit [www.SteelFramingAlliance.com](http://www.SteelFramingAlliance.com).

*Source: William A. Stanley, The Military Engineer, Sept.-Oct. 2000*



## Upcoming Huntsville Branch Meeting Dates

2000: November 7, December 5

2001: January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3,  
May 1, June 5, July 3, August – Alabama State  
Sectional Meeting, September 4.

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## Newsletter Items of Interest

Please provide items of interest or announcements for the next newsletter two weeks before the next meeting date (i.e. October 24<sup>th</sup>). Please e-mail any announcements or suggestions to me at the following address:

[mfunderburg@fwenc.com](mailto:mfunderburg@fwenc.com)

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## **NEXT MEETING: October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**@ 11:30 A.M.**

**Holiday Inn - Research Park**

**5903 University Drive (Our Usual Location)**

**RESERVATIONS: Art Hargrove 544-7964**

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