
October 5th Meeting Topic: "The Clarkson Covered Bridge"



The speaker for the October meeting is Mr. Mike Hillman, P.E., L.S. Mike has run his own engineering firm since 1992 offering environmental consulting to Alabama industry and the general public. His 35 years of experience in the design of complex roadways, bridges, and highways includes over 100 roadway and bridge projects. He was with Jefferson County Public Works Department for 16 years where he served as County Design Engineer. He also served 14 years as Project Manager and part owner for a private consulting firm managing large civil and bridge projects.

Cost of the luncheon will vary. We expect a great interest in this topic, please email in your reservation to Gary Gleason at gary.gleason@amec.com or call 716-0083 by noon, Friday, October 1, 2004.

In Memory of William Earl Bowers September 18, 1957 - September 10, 2004



The Huntsville engineering community learned on Friday, September 10, 2004 that one of its own had been killed in Baghdad, Iraq. Bill Bowers was hit by small arms gunfire after he departed Camp Falcon. Retired LTC William Bowers began his civilian service on April 23, 1999 in Huntsville, Alabama working as a Project Manager and Civil

Engineer. Mr. Bowers' first assignments as a civilian were to manage several government contract projects to include a Refugee Camp Construction in Albania for 40,000 Kosovo displaced civilians during combat operations in Yugoslavia, airfield pavement and lighting modifications in Ecuador, and office facility designs in Curacao, Aruba, and Puerto Rico. Bill has been with SEI Group, Inc., since May 2001. He worked in Huntsville and most countries in the Middle East, such as, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Afghanistan and Iraq as a program manager and facilities engineer. Our prayers and thoughts go out to his family. We shall all miss him.

Huntsville Branch and UAH CEE Sponsor Civil Engineering Challenge!

The Huntsville Branch of ASCE is sponsoring a Popsicle stick bridge and Solar Car Challenge for high school students to be held at UAH on October 22. This is the inaugural year of the competition with over 200 students registered. The challenge is funded through a national ASCE SPAG grant. In addition to the learning experience of this event, the winning classes will be awarded a class pizza party and other prizes. This event is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about civil engineering through an active, fun experience. We encourage all interested branch members to participate in this event as judges. The event will be held at the UAH University Center Room 127 on Friday October 22 from noon until 2:30 pm. Additional information is available on the web at: <http://coeweb.eb.uah.edu/cee/Reu/HSCEC.htm>. Contact Kate Leonard at leonard@cee.uah.edu to volunteer to help.

William Earl Bowers Scholarship Fund

There is a William Bowers memorial scholarship fund at UAH. Contributions may be sent to Shelbie King Hall at UAH in his name, for a mechanical engineering scholarship.

FY 2005 Branch Dues are Due

Now is the time to pay your branch dues. The amount is \$10 and can be paid by cash or check to Gary Gleason at the ASCE meeting. In the coming newsletter we will outline what the money will be used for and hopefully generate some excitement about the coming year.

Women Engineers Take Note

The North Alabama section of the Society of Women Engineers invites the public to hear Linda Spalla discuss *Leading Ladies: 30 Tips for Dynamic Female Leaders*, on October 6 at 11:30 at Biztech (Huntsville's business incubator), 515 Sparkman Drive. Ms. Spalla, former president and general manager of WHNT-TV, the CBS affiliate station in Huntsville, Alabama, shares her unique perspective on being all the woman you can be while making it in a TV-man's world. Don't forget to bring your lunch!

Upcoming Huntsville Branch Meetings

2004: October 5, November 2, & December 2.

Location: Green Hills Grill, University Drive.

The December 2nd meeting will be the Joint Societies Meeting and will be held at the Huntsville Country Club.

Newsletter Items of Interest

Please provide items of interest or announcements for the next newsletter by Friday, October 22, 2004. If you have any announcements or suggestions or are not receiving the newsletter, please e-mail David Reaves at the following address: david.reaves@tetrattech.com.

Meeting Reservations, Student Attendance, & Meal Payment

At last month's meeting, beyond the officers, only five reservations were made and we ended up with twenty-five attendees. We want as many folks as possible to come, but it is helpful to Green Hills Grill if we can give them as accurate a headcount as possible so they can staff, arrange the room, and stock appropriately. At the October meeting, Dr. Kate Leonard plans to bring approximately twenty students from her UAH CE 101 class, which increases the importance of reservations as it may be a tight-squeeze to accommodate everyone. On that note, please be sure and bring business cards and be prepared to talk to these future engineers. Reservations need to be made by noon on the Fridays before the meetings (Gary Gleason gary.gleason@amec.com O 716-0083).

At the conclusion of our last meeting, we discussed with Cassie (our usual server) some ways that we might help the meeting/meal run smoother. Of course, cash is the quickest form of payment, but many of us need/prefer to pay with a credit card. Unfortunately, she can only process credit cards as fast as the machine allows, so at subsequent meetings she plans to be prepared to take payment (all meals on our menu are \$13 including tax and tip) upon ordering if you prefer. This will speed up the entire process and help reduce the, all be it necessary, disturbance of the payment process during guest speakers' presentations.

Additionally, we have requested that they place pitchers of ice-tea and water on the tables to better accommodate our needs and provide more time for her to attend to food, payment, and other issues. Similarly, she suggested trying to put additional breadbaskets out. If you have any additional suggestions/comments regarding the meal/meeting process, please let us know (Gary Gleason gary.gleason@amec.com O 716-0083).

NEXT MEETING: October 5th

@ 11:30 A.M.

Green Hills Grill

RESERVATIONS: Gary Gleason by Noon, Friday 10/1

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