



ASCE wishes you a Happy New Year!

January 13th Meeting

Topic: "The Use of Drainage Systems including Underground Stormwater Drainage Detention Systems in Today's Civil Site Community"

The speaker for the January 13, 2004 Huntsville branch meeting will be Mr. Larry Tomkins. Mr. Tomkins is a Regional Engineer with Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. and is a registered professional engineer. His territory includes the states of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and part of Tennessee. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering in 1995 from Mississippi State University. Before coming to Advanced Drainage Systems, he worked with Eco-Systems, Inc., an environmental engineering firm, and with the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

Cost of the luncheon will vary, ordering directly from The Green Hills Grill's menu. Please email in your reservation to Gary Gleason at gary.gleason@amec.com or call 716-0083 by COB, Thursday, January 08, 2004.

Joint Societies Meeting a Success!

On December 2, 2003, the ASCE Huntsville Branch participated in a Joint Meeting with the Society of American Military Engineers and the Alabama Society of Professional Engineers. The meeting had over 60 attendees and featured an informative and interesting speech by Mr. McInnes the Director of the Alabama Department of Transportation. Mr. McInnes informed those attending the current role and capabilities of ALDOT as well as the future of ALDOT and the State of Alabama transportation system. Mr. McInnes also answered several questions from the attendees after his presentation. Thank you to those who participated in this informative event!



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Transportation Advocacy Week

The week of January 12 thru the 16, 2004 is Transportation Advocacy Week. Congress still hasn't passed a transportation advocacy bill and state transportation systems are delaying future projects due to the uncertainty of future funding. ASCE members should make sure that their elected Representatives and Senators got the message from the postcards by visiting their elected officials during National Transportation Advocacy Week. Sample letters requesting a meeting with your elected official are available on the ASCE web site.

Southeast ASCE Conferences and Seminars

Dates	Conference/Seminar	Location
Jan. 23-25	Leadership Development	New Orleans, LA
Jan. 28-31	International Drilled Foundation Support	Orlando, FL
Mar. 7-10	Earth and Space 2004	Houston, TX
May 22-26	Structures 2004	Nashville, TN

For more information on these and other ASCE seminars visit:

www.asce.org/conferences/

Upcoming Huntsville Branch Meetings

2004: January 13, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4

Location: The Green Hills Grill Restaurant, University Drive

Newsletter Items of Interest

Please provide items of interest or announcements for the next newsletter by Friday, January 23, 2004. Please e-mail any announcements or suggestions to William Kennard at the following address: wkennard@civsolutions.com

NEXT MEETING: January 13th

@ 11:30 A.M.

Green Hills Grill Restaurant

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