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April 17th Meeting - Post on Bulletin Boards

Newsletter



Have you ever wanted to be a REAL engineer? You know one that operates a train locomotive? The West Michigan Section of ASME has invited us to join with them in a family night activity.

All aboard! All aboard!



Were excited about this our April event, open to **all ASME members and their families.**

So come one, come all and join us on the Coopersville / Marne Railway! We have reserved a car for Thursday, April 17th at 6:00 p.m. (with the event ending at 7:30 p.m.). A light dinner is included with the event, and the first thirty ASME members who register for the event will receive a 50% discount!

In addition to the 1-¼ hour ride, the trip will include a brief discussion about the technical aspects of the train, stories about the local lore and history, some humor, and probably a beautiful sunset too!

Be sure to sign up before Wednesday April 15th, as we are expecting a full house for this trip that is sure to be both informational, and a great time!

Let's Hit the Rails!

Date: Thursday April 17th, 2003

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$9.50 for first 30 ASME members, \$18.50 for all others

Dinner: Roast Beef or Turkey Sandwich, Chips, Cookie, and Pop

For reservations and information on car-pooling, Call or Email by April 15th to:

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For More Information: Contact Brad at the Coopersville/Marne Railway, at 616-997-7000 or Visit their website. Link: <http://www.railroadmichigan.com/coop.html>



Come ride the Coopersville/Marne Train with the WM ASME Section.



Message from the Chair.

Make the most of Your Working Life...

ASME has launched a new **Career Member Service**.... ASME JobCoach - an online career coaching resource! The new service provides access to hundreds of career-related *tips* and *articles* to help make the most of your career. You can tap into JobCoach's national network of certified career coaches for one-on-one guidance with a job search, interviews, performance review prep and more. Visit ASME JobCoach now to create your profile and take a [10-minute Behavioral Style assessment](#), which provides a summary of your behavioral profile at no charge.

e-Newsletters Are Here!

To hold down costs and improve delivery of our newsletter, the executive committee is planning to send the newsletter to members by e-mail whenever possible. The current newsletter along with past newsletters will be available for viewing at this link <http://www.asme.org/sections/cmich/> to the section web page. Many of you have been receiving both e-mailed newsletters and printed newsletters via USPS delivery. The duplicate newsletters cost the section money that we would like to allocate for enhanced membership programs.

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Public Meeting of Note:

I also urge you expand your horizons and plan to attend the Sierra Club's presentation of Congressman Verne Ehler's talk, "If Energy were Purple". This is a free program with refreshments to be provided on Saturday, April 12th at the Grand Rapids Township Hall



The West Michigan Group Sierra Club is proud to present

U.S. Congressman Vern Ehlers... "If Energy Were Purple"



**Saturday, April 12, 2003
2:00 p.m.**

**Grand Rapids Township Hall
1836 EAST BELTLINE**

*Why do people buy SUVs when we are so dependent on foreign oil?
Why do people willingly live in energy-inefficient homes?
Because people can't see energy!
But what if energy were purple? Let's find out!*

**This is a FREE program!
Refreshments will be served.**

Please call Syed Naqvi at 363-2169 or Craig Ressler at 891-9055 for more information.