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August 29th Meeting - Please Post on Bulletin Boards



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FAMILY NIGHT BASEBALL OUTING
Battle Creek Yankees VS Fort Wayne Wizards

With 20 games to go in the Midwest League season, the Battle Creek Yankees and the West Michigan Whitecaps are locked in a dogfight for the second-half wild-card playoff spot in the Eastern Division. By August 29th the Yanks could be on their way to the playoffs. Bring the whole family and guests and join your ASME colleagues to enjoy the competition as the Battle Creek Yankees play the Fort Wayne Wizards, affiliates of the San Diego Padres. The Central Michigan section has negotiated for a "private party picnic" before the game and reserved box seats along the first base line to view the game.



All-You-Can-Eat Picnic:

Picnic Location and Time.

Picnics are held down the right field line, and begin when the gates open and last for an hour. Take pleasure in this total picnic package. This feast includes hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst, chips, potato salad, and soda. Each person also receives a souvenir Battle Creek Yankees baseball cap and a **BOX SEAT** along the first base line. There's more! The first one thousand people through the gate get a souvenir bobble head doll!

Social Period - all evening

Picnic – 6:00 PM

Game – 7:00 PM

Picnic:

This feast includes hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst, chips, potato salad, and soda.

Price: \$16.00 per person - reservations requested.



The Section will pay for your entry in advance. Game tickets and wristbands will be at the box office "will call" window in your name. Bobble head dolls will be given to the first one thousand people through the gate. Once inside the stadium, a sign will welcome ASME members to the picnic area. You may pay for your reservation at the picnic, or checks can be sent to the section treasurer, Peter Ried, 6381 Village Green Circle, Apt. 10, Portage, MI 49024

C.O. Brown Stadium is located on the north edge of Battle Creek on M66. If you are on I-94, take Exit 98B to downtown Battle Creek. That road, known as the Penetrator in local circles and I-194 to the mapmakers, ends and becomes Capital Avenue. Stay on that road as it winds through town. The stadium address is 1392 Capital Avenue NE. For an interactive map, [click here](#).

For reservations and information on car-pooling, Call or Email by August 25th to:

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RAMBLINGS FROM THE CHAIR

This year the Central Michigan Section would like to begin the upcoming events season by inviting our members and their families to attend a baseball outing. We generally don't have many opportunities to take our families to ASME meetings and this outing will be a great chance to spend a summer evening together with families and with our ASME colleagues in a casual and fun setting.

The Section's Executive Committee is currently planning activities for the 2003/2004 year and would like to offer other such opportunities throughout the year to bring our families to meetings. Stay tuned for more details on planned activities in upcoming newsletters.

Meanwhile, I encourage our section members to contact any committee members to discuss thoughts on future activities or to answer any questions.

I hope to see you soon at one of our meetings.

João Lobo
ASME Central MI Section Chair

In Memoriam

Anita Aggarwal passed away after a long battle with cancer.

Anita Aggarwal, the wife of Dr. Mahesh Aggarwal, our Region Vice President, succumbed to Cancer after a long & difficult period of illness. The Executive Committee voted at the July Executive Committee meeting to send a \$75 gift to the memorial account created in her memory at the Regional Cancer Center Foundation of Erie (PA). Section Members who wish to make an individual contribution are encouraged to make out a check for an amount selected by the member to the Regional Cancer Center Foundation of Erie. Anita Aggarwal should be shown in the memo line on the check. Please send the check to our treasurer, Peter Ried, 6381 Village Green Cir., #10, Portage, MI 49024 and he will forward all checks received by August 31 to the Foundation.



Photograph by [Joel Dinda](#), June 27, 2003.

Source of Name: *The stadium memorializes Cooper Othniel Brown, a baseball entrepreneur who helped make Battle Creek a hub for amateur tournament baseball in the 1930s.*

BIG MONTH FOR THE MINOR LEAGUES

More than 9.4-million fans went through the turnstiles at minor-league baseball games during July, the largest total for the month in more than a half-century. That pushed the booming fan support for the season to 29,519,459 for the 176 teams in 15 leagues.

In raw numbers, that is an increase of just under a half-million fans from the total at this point in the 2002 season, an increase of 1.6 percent. What is even more impressive is that it was achieved in 108 fewer playing dates because of the soggy conditions in many parts of the country. The average crowd this season for a minor-league game, counting classifications from triple-A down through the rookie leagues, is 3,756, an increase of 3 percent over last year.

The all-time record was set in 1949 when 448 teams attracted 39,782,717. The next two best totals were achieved in the last two seasons with just 176 teams — 38,808,339 in 2001 and 38,639,142 in 2002.

For the latest news in the Midwest League, check out this very well done website.

<http://www.mwlguide.com>



MEMBER INITIATIVE SYSTEM ON THE WEB

The Member Initiative System permits any member or operating unit of ASME to propose improvements to Society policy or procedure or to make any suggestions related to the operation or activities of the Society. It's easier than ever to propose improvements and to view proposals submitted by your peers. Initiatives may be submitted at any time, and are reviewed and forwarded to the appropriate ASME unit for consideration. The current status of all initiatives is listed on the web for your convenience. To submit a proposal, or to view the current and archived proposals, visit the Member Initiative System web page at

<http://www.asme.org/leadershiptoolbox/track/ezine/spring2003/mis.html>

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.

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- **The Benefits:**

- An email address that you can keep for a lifetime
- No hassle notifying friends, colleagues, etc. whenever your primary email address changes
- No missed email as long as you remember to update your forwarding email address when there is a change. You can turn forwarding on or off as you desire.

- **SPAM Filter**

- The ASME mail server has a spam filter that intercepts most of the junk email. Having an ASME email address will not increase your exposure to unwanted messages.



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