

Student Leadership Training Seminars

To all ASME Student Leaders: You are invited to attend the Student Leadership Training Seminar (SLTS) in Dallas. The SLTS is designed to develop student section leaders and provide guidance on the fundamentals of healthy student section operations. As an outcome, you will be equipped with the skills, tools and resources necessary to run a successful student section.

The Friday evening session will include dinner and will be followed by an unusual design problem.

The leadership-training seminar officials will provide training in the skills you will need to operate a successful student section during the coming year and provide you with current info on the changes taking place within ASME. All sessions should end by approximately 4:00 pm.

This is a full agenda aimed at providing an opportunity to learn more about ASME, acquire skills and training to run your sections and to network with other student leaders and other ASME leaders. The goal is to make this event both a rewarding and fun experience.

For more information visit www.asme.org/governance/knowledgecommunity/student_leadership_training.cfm.

“Getting To Know You” - Stanley Wells



Stan Wells is a new member of the Executive Committee for the Central Oklahoma Section, but has been a member of ASME since 1987. He was a member of the Palm Beach, Florida section and served as the treasurer for a number of years. He was a member of the Hartford, Connecticut section from 2000 to 2003, and became a member of the Oklahoma section in late 2003. One of his favorite projects in the Palm Beach Section was the Student Design Contest that got High School students involved in engineering projects and fostered an interest in engineering. There were usually 200 to

300 students in the contest each year. He served on the Student Design Committee each year in various roles including Committee Chairman.

Stan has been employed by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft since 1969 and has worked as a Test Engineer, Project Engineer, and Validation Engineering Manager. His current assignment at Tinker AFB is working with the United States Air Force F100 Systems Engineering Wing, as part of the F100 Engine Life Management Team, to keep the F100 engines flying well beyond their original design life. Stan has worked on F-15 flight test at Edwards Air Force Base, spent 3 years in Israel working with the Israeli Air Force, and traveled to Japan, Korea, and Europe on various F100 engine projects. Stan was born and raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He graduated from Purdue University (Go Big Ten) and immediately moved to Florida to start his career with Pratt & Whitney. Interestingly, both sons, Jeff and Tim, attended Pur-

due and graduated with engineering degrees. Jeff graduated with a Mechanical Engineering degree and Tim with a Civil Engineering degree.

Stan will be celebrating 41 years of marriage to his wife Diane in November of this year. Diane is a licensed Social Worker and works for a local Hospice. Both sons are married and live in Indiana and Ohio, Tim and Courtenay have a 2-year-old daughter, Vivian; and Jeff and Mikyong are expecting early next year. Stan has been researching his family Genealogical history for many years and currently has a database with 2500 family members. This Wells family came to the United States in 1776 from Wales, Stan's 4th great grandfather Samuel Silas Wells and his wife Martha started in Maryland, but eventually moved to Ohio (just north of the current location of Dayton). Stan also enjoys traveling, backpacking, reading, and wants to spend more time with the family (Grandchildren) after he retires next year.

Membership Renewal Notice

The membership year runs from October 1 to the following September 30. If dues have not been received by December 31, members become inactive and service will cease till dues are received. Inactive membership records are saved for five years before they are deleted. At any time during these five years if a member wishes to reactivate their membership they need only pay the current membership years' dues. After five years a new membership application will need to be completed.

A notice to our ASME mem-

bers to be aware of discounted membership dues rates that are available for different categories of ASME membership:

New Member Dues Discount Rates:

0-1 Yr After Graduation: \$47.00/Yr.
1-2 Yrs After Graduation: \$64.00/Yr.
2-3 Yrs After Graduation: \$82.00/Yr.
3-4 Yrs After Graduation: \$100.00/Yr.

Retired Member Dues Discount Rate:

A member who has paid dues for twenty-five years and is not gainfully

employed because of retirement or disability. Discounted Dues-\$59.00/Yr.

Life Membership (Dues Exempt):

A member who has paid dues for thirty-five years and has reached age 65 and/or retired from regular work.

This ASME membership information is available on the ASME website at

<http://www.asme.org/member/info.html>

Chair's Corner

Dear ASME-Central Oklahoma Section Members:

Who hasn't heard it said that the only constant in life is change? It's an often-overused cliché, but it's true of many things in life whether on a personal level, in the context of the way companies are run, how technological advances affect the way we live, or how large sectors of society are affected by shifts in industry or governmental policy. ASME is not immune in this respect. We have taken its organizational consistency for granted over the last few decades. So much so, that the change in its structure (occurring just after its 125th Anniversary) were like being splashed with cold water after a nice doze.

As much as we may dislike it or feel anxious about this change, we must wake up and grapple with it. The recent transformations within ASME are

not simply the renaming of Regions to Districts, nor their consolidation into larger segments. Among the many changes will be the way sections are financially supported by the national organization. This year our allotment from ASME will be reduced by 25%, and will be eliminated entirely next year. For large sections concentrated in small geographic or urban areas, the impact will be minimal. For those spread out like ours, it will be significant. Since we do not produce revenue from conferences, professional development programs, or seminars, we have been heavily dependant on this allotment to fund a large portion of our programs. These include our monthly meetings, Student Awards, newsletter reproduction and delivery.

In order to survive, the Central Oklahoma Section must change the way it operates. In other words, we must become a self-sufficient entity.

How we do this will depend in large part on the participation of all its members, as well as on the ability of our Executive Committee to come up with viable solutions. Considering the rough changes many are now experiencing in the Gulf Coast, our organizational transformation is but a bump in the road. We can look at this as not merely a reaction to bad news, but as an opportunity to transform our Section into a more useful tool for the professional advancement of its members. **Doug Brown, ASME Vice President of Global Communities**, will be giving a presentation on the changes within ASME and how they affect our section. It will be an opportunity for all of us to ask questions and perhaps rough out some ideas on how the Central Oklahoma Section can continue as a viable entity in the future. I urge you all to come and participate in our organizational town meeting.

Frank Parker -- Chair

August's Corken, Inc Plant Tour Highlights

Our August 25th tour at Corken, Inc was a terrific opener for our 2005-2006 season. **Mr. Kelly White**, Corken's Vice President of Engineering and Quality Assurance gave the dinner-time presentation. This interesting briefing not only informed us of the different products manufactured at the plant, but how each is employed in moving petrochemicals and ammonia in various states. It was particularly interesting to find out why and how certain products were more efficiently transported between storage and transport vessels by pushing them via compressors, rather than by pump suction. This presentation was rounded off by an equally (if not more eye-opening) tour of the plant's manufacturing facility by both Mr. White and **Nick Kennedy**, an ASME member who has a long history at Corken.

Our meeting prior to the tour included the handing out of PDH certificates by **Ed Reynolds**, and a delicious Pizza, Salad, and Desert spread organized and brought in by **Jamal Siddiqui**. All told, there were 25 Senior Members, Students and guests who attended.

We certainly appreciate Corken, Inc's generosity in opening

their doors to our Section for this most enjoyable event. We would especially like to thank both **Kelly White** and **Nick Kennedy** for extending their long workday into the evening for us.



Of course, our photo documentary would not be complete without a shot (above) of the pizza buffet.



Although we were unable to take photos on the plant floor, we did manage to take a few snapshots of attendees enjoying the social before the meal. We were glad to see Prof Rick Beier bring several OSU-MET students (above) to the tour. We also had students from the OSU-MAE and OU AME departments. Mr. Kelly White, shown in the background (below) leaning on the counter, conversing with one of our attendees.



Future ASME-Central Oklahoma Section and Other Events

DATE	LOCATION	PROGRAM TOPIC AND SPEAKER
September 22	Oklahoma Engineering Center	"ASME Changes and the Impact on Our Section" by Doug Brown, ASME Vice President of Global Communities
September 30 - October 1	Holiday Inn Select Dallas Love Field Dallas, TX	Student Leadership Training Seminars
October 27	TBD (Either Oklahoma Engineering Center or an OU Campus Venue)	Distinguished Lecturer Program, "The OU Lunar Schooner" by David P. Miller, PhD

FOR UPDATES ON THESE AND OTHER EVENTS, VISIT OUR SECTION WEB SITE AT

<http://sections.asme.org/CentralOK>

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