



Special Events for May

ASME Golf Tournament

The ASME Arkansas Section is planning a golf tournament for May 17th at the Gala Creek Golf Course in Pottsville, AR, located mid-way between Ft. Smith and Little Rock off Interstate 40. This will be our first such event and may become an annual event if enough interest is shown in such activities. Hurry and register as the deadline is fast approaching on May 14th. See the details on page 2 of this newsletter along with the registration information.

Joint IEEE/ASME Dinner Meeting and Special Guest

A joint dinner meeting with the River Valley Section of the IEEE and Arkansas Section of the ASME will be held on May 30th. This special event will include a guest speaker, Mr. Burton Dicht, Director of the ASME Southern Regional Office. See the article about his talk, "From Goddard to Apollo" on page 4 of this newsletter. The meeting will be held in the East Dining Hall of Chambers Cafeteria at Arkansas Tech University.

The cost of the meal will be \$15.00 for ASME/IEEE members and guests and \$5.00 for student members. The meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 PM. Contact by Thursday, May 23rd, Stanton C. Apple at (479) 968-0629 or by e-mail at stanton.apple@mail.atu.edu for reservations.

Vice-Chairman's Corner

Hello! My name is Mark Treat, and I was the ASME Arkansas Section delegate to the ASME Region X Regional Administrative Conference (RAC) at Kingsville in April. As always, the RAC contained a great deal of training and administrative business. I'd like to mention some of the items that I felt were most interesting.

The Arkansas (AR) Section placed sixth in the Thompson Traveling Trophy (TTT) contest. The TTT contest ranks sections activities throughout the year on a points system. We are very pleased to place sixth and will continue to use the TTT form to gauge our section's development.

Concerning membership numbers, ASME International is holding steady. Compared to professional organizations as a whole this is good since most are in decline. Unfortunately, ASME shows a negative trend over the last few years in that a greater percentage of its members are over 40. This reflects that we have not done an effective job of attracting and retaining new young members. The AR section follows the same trend holding steady at a little over 400 members.

It was highly suggested that sections work hard to have more involvement with the student sections. This is an area in which the AR section has shown steady improvement the last few years. In Arkansas, this offers the added advantage of helping reach members who are farther away from the geographical base of active members, and will continue to be an area of focus.

It was discussed that ASME has approximately 2% of members holding the honor of Fellow, and it would be nice if more deserving people were nominated for this honor. The Arkansas section is lagging behind with only 1% of members holding Fellow grade membership. If you know someone whom you would like to see nominated, please contact any of the section officers.

Since you've taken the time to read this, you probably have some thoughts on how we can improve. The section officers welcome your input and invite you to become more active in the Arkansas Section of ASME. I look forward to hearing from you.

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2002 ASME Golf Tournament

The Arkansas Section of ASME is having a golf outing on May 17, 2002 starting first thing that morning at Galla Creek Golf course in Pottsville, AR. We are having this tournament to raise money for student scholarships and are open to any company sponsorship of holes or contest. Come out and get to know fellow ASME members while having some fun playing golf. **This tournament is limited to ASME members and one family member for each ASME member if they desire to register a guest (family members will be limited to a parent, spouse or child).** Prizes will awarded for first, second and third place. We will also have some door prizes to give away to everyone.

Entry fee is \$40 per registered golfer and will include green fees, carts (one per two golfers) and a lunch after the tournament. Deadline for registration is **May 14, 2002**. We are having this tournament for fun and will determine the format when registrations are received. We plan to have a four-person scramble and will do this if we have more than 12 golfers registered. If less than 12 register, we will play heads up with a modified handicap determined from your score that day.

For those of you who don't want to golf, you should plan to attend, help with refreshments and eat lunch with us, just let Gerald Loftis or Jeff Bowman know you are coming.

Please send your money and registration (below) to **Gerald Loftis**, Treasurer, 479-858-4310, or if you have questions, you can contact Jeff Bowman by email at Jeff.A.Bowman@alltel.com or by phone at (501) 905-5171.

Golf Registration information (complete one for each golfer):

Name: _____.

ASME Member # or Member you are golfing with: _____.

Average 18 Hole Score (for grouping in scramble): _____.

Arkansas Section ASME Officers Meeting

A meeting has been scheduled in the Pendergraft Library at Arkansas Tech University for May 31st from 10:00-1:00 with the ASME Southern Regional Office Director, Mr. Burton Dicht. Information will be provided to officers and committee chairmen on current events from the region. If you are an officer or committee chairman please make your plans to attend this important informational transfer event.

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From Goddard to Apollo

By Burton Dicht

It has been more than thirty years since Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed their Lunar Module "Eagle" on the lunar surface culminating one of the greatest explorations in human history. Project Apollo was the largest peacetime engineering project ever undertaken by the United States. At its peak it involved more than 20,000 companies and 400,000 people.

It was a remarkable technological achievement that was born out of the Cold War. Mr. Dicht's presentation will trace the history of America's race to the moon, from its simple origins of a 15- minute sub-orbital flight to the triumph of six successful moon landings.

Starting with Goddard and his early experiments with rocketry, thru War World II, and finally to Sputnik and Project Mercury, Mr. Dicht will discuss how America harnessed it's technological resources to meet President Kennedy's challenge. Currently, Mr. Dicht is the Director of the ASME Southern Regional Office in Dallas and is responsible for serving the volunteer leadership in Regions X and XI.

His engineering experience is in the aerospace area, having served as a lead engineer for Northrop Grumman and Rockwell Space transportation Systems Division. He has worked on such projects as the F- Space 5E Tiger II, the F20A Tigershark, the F-18E/F Super Hornet, the YF-23A Advanced Tactical Fighter and the Shuttle.

Mr. Dicht has had a lifelong interest in the space program and has a Master's Degree in history where he specialized in presidential history, including Kennedy's decision to go to the moon.

Professional Development News

by Gerald Loftis, P/D Committee Chair

Good news for those who will need professional development hours this year! The Arkansas Section plans to host 2 courses this fall on Saturday, November 16th at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville. The course topics are **Computer-aided design and Analysis** (using Algor) and **Overview of Process Plant Piping System Design**. A preview of the available courses is on the ASME web page <http://www.asme.org/education/prodev/careerseries.htm>. Seating is limited, so get your name on the roll now. The cost of each course will be \$50 and each will provide 4 PDHs. Please contact Gerald Loftis at 479-858-4310 or by e-mail to gloftis@entergy.com to register. Registration forms will also be available soon on the Arkansas Section web page.

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