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Picnic, Tour of Ludwig Mill, and Canal Boat Ride!

Date: June 10, 2000

Time: Picnic 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Ludwig Mill Tour: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Canal Boat Ride: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Place: Providence Metropark, US Route 24 (AW Trail) at SR 578, Grand Rapids, OH

Menu: ASME will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and soda. Each family should bring a salad or side dish to pass.

Cost: \$12 for adults, \$10 for children (under 12)

Reservations: Call Bill Rugh at (419) 247-8690 -- or e-mail at william.rugh@owens-ill.com (also let us know of any dietary restrictions).

The mill was built in 1846, and is the only remaining working mill of the hundreds that once operated along Ohio's canals. Saw milling and stone grain milling are demonstrated, along with blacksmithing, coopering, and tin smithing. The 60-foot canal boat replica speeds along at 4 MPH!

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Message from the Chairman

An interested candidate has taken already one of the open spots on the executive board. That leaves one position open for anyone who wishes to participate more.

The program year is coming to a close. Our planning meeting will be June 15 at the Linck Inn in Maumee. We'll figure out what the schedule will be for the next program year, including tours, dinner programs, and continuing education events as well as executive board meetings. If you are interested please let me know. We appreciate any contribution you could give to make our program year better.

Yours Truly,
Glenn Siddens

Later in June

Our annual planning meeting for the next program year will take place at the Linck Inn (301 River Rd.) in Maumee on Thursday, June 15 at 5:30 p.m. We'll discuss how the previous program year went and make plans for the next program year.

You are all welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have an idea for a plant or facility tour, a dinner program, or continuing education course, please join us for a good dinner and help us with your idea. For more info or to make a reservation for this event, please call Glenn Siddens at (419) 478-7151.

Next Year's Officers

As you well know, three new executive board members were recently elected, and now positions have been assigned for the next program year. They are: Chair, Newsletter Editor - Glenn Siddens; Vice Chair, Programs - Tom Names; Treasurer - Ron Fasca; Secretary - Craig Knowle; College Relations - Dan Croasmun; Employment Assistance - Chad Felgner; Government Relations, Honors & Awards - Bob Schmall; Professional Development, Scholarship Chair - Dan Robins; Public Information, Webmaster - Len Anderson; Satellite Programs - Bill Rugh.

Congratulations to all our new (and old) officers. If you are interested in serving on the Northwest Ohio Executive Board, positions are still open. Please call Glenn Siddens at (419) 478-7151.

Mark Your Calendars...

...and join us for these upcoming events.

All are welcome to participate in Executive Board Meetings. They start at approximately 5:30 p.m. at: SFT, Inc., 6629 W. Central Ave., Toledo, OH 43617

Saturday, June 10 Picnic at Ludwig Mill
Tuesday, June 15 Executive Board Meeting
& Planning Meeting @ the Linck Inn

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From the May Program

The MIME senior design projects presentations took place on May 18 at the University of Toledo. After a delicious Mexican buffet dinner, three teams of students competed for cash prizes based on design work and presentation of their senior design projects.

Third place and a \$75 cash prize went to a team that worked on the development of a transfer and stamping line using OBI presses for Shiloh Industries. Second place and a \$100 cash prize went to a team that designed a device to test the fatigue life of high performance clutch springs for Eaton Corporation. First place and a \$200 cash prize went to a team that designed and fabricated a racing wheelchair for the Toledo Raptors racing team.

Next year we hope to expand the event to bring in competition from students of Ohio Northern University to compete against University of Toledo projects.

And the Winner is...

April 20 was our annual awards dinner and guest speaker night and Kaufman's Restaurant in Bowling Green, OH. Over 25 people attended, including members of the University of Toledo Student Section, the Ohio Northern Student Section, the Northwest Ohio Section (obviously), and also Paul Plotkowski, ASME Region V Vice President.

After Kaufman's delicious broasted family style chicken Dinner (believe me, it was delicious), awards were presented to local students and long time ASME members.

From the University of Toledo, two awards were given for the Outstanding Mechanical Engineering Student to Ryan Mahn and Christopher Oudeman. The Outstanding ASME Student, an award presented for service to the ASME Student Section at the University of Toledo, went to Gustavo "Gus" Simiao.

Also from the University of Toledo were the Rubin H. Kramer and Sastri-Deshpande Awards, presented in memory for outstanding leadership and scholarship. The Rubin H. Kramer Award went to Susanne Bellante and Daniel Witham, and the Sastri-Deshpande Award went to Amy Shrader and F. Patrick Mallon.

ASME Service Awards presented by Paul Plotkowski, for 25 years of service, went to Gene Arnold, Phillip Fruth, Ray Gall, Samuel Greene, William Knapp, and Robert Mack. ASME Life Members were also recognized: Duen Ren Jeng and Riad Yammine.

Finally, the Ernest W. Weaver, Sr. & Anne S. Weaver Memorial Scholarship was presented to Susanne Bellante. Much to his surprise, the Northwest Ohio Section Chairman presented this award.

After the distribution of awards, Steve Pollick, the Outdoors Editor for the Toledo Blade, gave a fascinating slide presentation on his recent experience at the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race 2000 in Alaska.

All enjoyed the evening, and we look forward to another next year.

News from the U.T. Student Section

The school year is ending and the University of Toledo ASME Student Section is flying high. Our section placed 2nd in Region V in the Ingersoll-Rand contest, an annual contest that judges how active a student section is in several areas, including meetings, tours, community service, and recreational activities. We scored 906 out of 1000 possible points. This was the highest score ever achieved at UT.

At the Region V Student Conference, we triumphed again, winning the hotly contested Impromptu Design Contest. This year's project was to build a bridge that would hold the most weight out of straws, paper clips, toothpicks, and other office supplies. After much controversy, UT Team-A held the most weight, even beating a team made up of Senior Section members. Also at the conference, UT student Craig Warner competed in the Old Guard poster presentation contest with his project on "Improving Company Productivity".

During Engineer's Week the University of Toledo's ASME Rube Goldberg team defeated Theta Tau's entry and qualified to compete in the national competition at Purdue University on April 8th. This year's task was to fill and seal a time capsule with significant achievements of the 20th century. Our ASME entry, "Touring America", dumped 8 items into the time capsule. Along the way to a national second place finish our device completed 43 action transfers ranging from roller coasters in Walt Disney World, Florida, to a shoot-out in the Old West, to Sled Dogs in Alaska. In addition to the second place finish the team captured the attention of most of the audience and won the People's Choice Award!

Although the mandatory Co-Op program is fully established at the University of Toledo, our ASME student section will continue to host speakers, take tours, and organize activities during the summer semester. Officers from the Fall Semester of '99 will resume their positions over the summer and allow our Section to function year round for the first time! We anticipate great success with our summer program!

The UT Student Section of ASME would like to thank all the members of the Northwest Ohio Section of ASME for their continued support during the year. We couldn't have accomplished any of this without you. We look forward to working with you more next year on other exciting events.

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