

St. Louis Section News

January 2007

STL January 2007 Event

**Wednesday, January 10th, 2007:
Arch Tour:**

ST. LOUIS GATEWAY ARCH

Come get a behind the scenes look at the most famous Saint Louis National Monument, the Arch. Built in 1965, this engineering masterpiece was created to commemorate the westward expansion of the United States. The tour will be given by one of the original builders of the Arch. Don't miss this exciting chance to meet him and ask any questions that you might have.



Designed by Eero Saarinen, this structure is a great example of innovation and cooperation between engineering disciplines. Learn about the unique tram design, which combined technology for elevators and Ferris wheels to provide the transportation solution for the Arch. Discover the creeper cranes and creeper derricks, which climbed up the arch legs to position the pieces in place.

Date: Wednesday afternoon, January 10, 2007.

Time: 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. registration meet by the north entrance:
4:30 to 6:00 p.m. tour

Cost: FREE.



Location:

Downtown
St. Louis,
MO at the
riverfront.

Directions:

See map on
last page.

From Illinois traveling west on I-64, I-55/70 cross the Poplar Street Bridge. Take the Memorial Drive Exit (right lane). Garage parking and the riverfront are accessible by traveling north past the Arch (right lane) and taking the first Right on Washington Avenue eastward.

From Lambert International Airport (North) traveling east on I-70, take the Memorial Drive-Downtown Exit (250B). Travel through one stoplight (Pine St.), then turn left on Chestnut. Cross over the highway then turn left on Memorial Drive. Stay in the right lane and turn right on Washington Avenue.

From west traveling east on I-64/US-40 take the Broadway Exit (last Missouri exit). Turn right at the bottom of the exit ramp. Turn right on to 8th Street and proceed around Busch Stadium. Turn right on Walnut and travel east until you reach Memorial Drive. Turn left on Memorial Drive. The Arch garage is past the Arch (traveling north). Turn right on Washington Ave.

Parking: Parking is available in the Arch Parking Garage on the south side of Washington Avenue. Parking fee is \$6.

Reservation: Please make your reservation by January 8 by calling the event captain: Mary Hammond at 314-335-6944 or send reservation by email to mary.hammond@edm-inc.com.



Message from the Chair



Dear Members:

It is my pleasure to write again to all of you about the progress that we are making at ASME. During the holidays, the executive board members had an opportunity to meet Mr. Don Frikken, a Saint Louis section member, who has been elected as a member of the ASME Board of Governors. He attended the last meeting and discussed for an hour issues relating to the performance of ASME. I would like to thank Mr. Frikken for taking time out of his busy schedule to talk to us about these important section related issues. I take this opportunity to welcome any suggestions from the members. We would compile the suggestions and forward them to Mr. Frikken. Please send suggestions either through email or snail-mail.

I would like to thank all the members who made December social a great success. Unfortunately, I could not attend. But I heard good word from many. While some of us are on vacation in the warmer weather, Ms. Hammond has been hard at work arranging the Arch tour. I hope you can take time to attend the arch tour which will be given by the people who actually built the Arch.

Our next Operating Board meeting will be held on January 9, 2007 at 6:00 pm. The planning for the section programs, student section visits and important decisions take place at these meetings. All ASME members are welcome. Please feel free to email me if you are interested.

Thanks for the active participation. We welcome your suggestions, comments, and ideas to make the section better.
Sincerely

Dr. Sridhar Condoor
St. Louis Section Chair

ASME-STL Section Programs for the year 2006-2007,

Angela Berring – Vice Chair

February event: Tuesday February 20, 2007.

Topic: Patents and trademarks and the patenting process.

Speaker: David Crawford.

Location: TBD.

Event captain: Tom Mull, Thomas Mull & Assoc. 636-938-6173.

Please join us at the next

ASME-STL Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 9th

at Laclede Street Bar and Grille

3818 Laclede Avenue

near Saint Louis University Campus

BALLOT FOR 2007/2008

Nominating Committee Election

ALL ASME ST. LOUIS SECTION MEMBERS

A slate of nominations for the Nominating Committee is listed below as voiced at our December 2006 holiday event program. We will be electing nominees to serve on the nominating Committee. The Committee will be formed to submit nominations for next years officers. As per the by-laws of the section, two members from last year's nominating committee and three new members are to be elected to this year's nominating committee.

Choose TWO of following members of Nominating Committee from previous year. Mark the box next to the candidate's name:

- Angela Berring.
- Betty Bowersox.
- Dave Henkelmann.
- Swami Karunamoorthy.
- Tom Mull.

Choose THREE of new candidates for Nominating Committee for next year. Mark the box next to the candidate's name:

- Tom Bever.
- Jim Campbell.
- Sridhar Condoor.
- James LaBlance.
- Duane Meyer.

Voting Member Name: _____

Signature: _____

ASME Member Number: _____

Ballots may be dropped off at our January event. Or send in your hardcopy ballot before Monday February 5, 2007. Send to the secretary of ASME STL section:

Mary Hammond
c/o EDM Incorporated.

220 Mansion House Center.

St. Louis, MO 63102.

phone 314-335-6944

or vote online at our new website

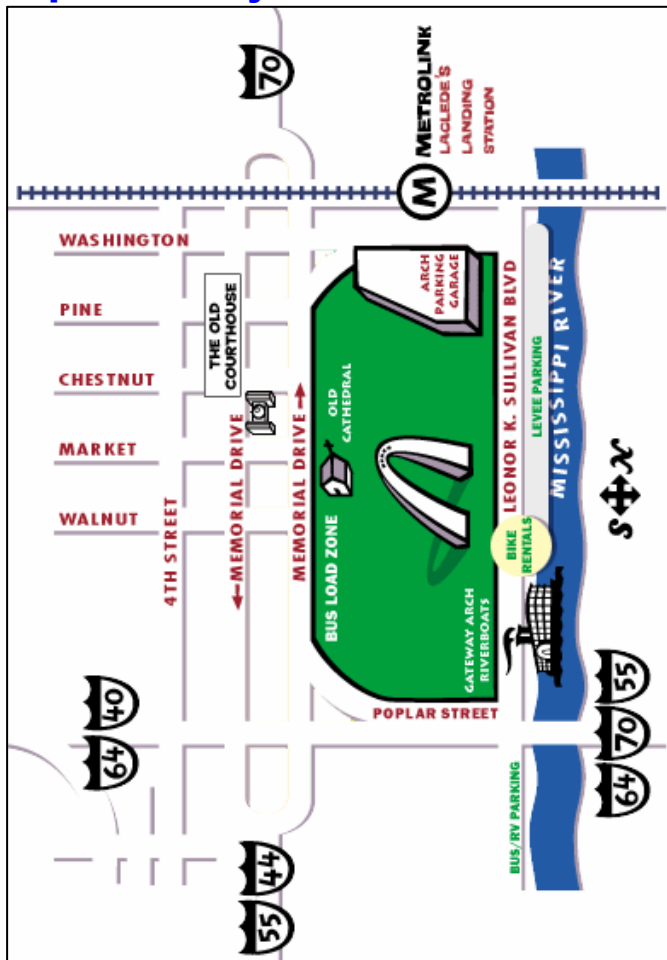
<http://sections.asme.org/stlouis/index.nom1.shtml>

Professional / Student Conversations

A group of ASME St. Louis Section professionals will be visiting the mechanical engineering students at SLU on Wednesday January 24th at 7:00 pm. We will be having pizza and informal group discussion to give the students more information on what to expect after graduation.

We will also be setting up visits between senior members and student sections at WashU, SIUE, and SIUC. If you would like to help and be one of the senior section members to make one or more of the visits, please let me know and I will forward directions. **Dr. Sridhar Condoor.**

Map to January Tour at Arch:



D. Frikken Notes From St Louis Section ASME Executive Board Meeting December 6, 2006.

These notes are from a discussion regarding how ASME could improve what it does.

Question 1: What should ASME keep doing? (What are we doing well?)

- Merit funding.
- Email distribution system for members.
- Headquarters responding to requests is much improved, not as good as with the regional office, but at least they are now getting acknowledgement of requests.
- K&C Newsletter.
- Training materials available on the website.
- Not interfering or becoming too controlling of Section activities, staying out of Section business.

Question 2: What should ASME stop doing? (What are we doing that is of no help to you?)

- Stop ME magazine...those who spoke see absolutely no value in continuing publication of the magazine with its current content.

Question 3: What should ASME start doing? (What can we do that we are not doing now that will help you?) (What should we do better than we are doing now?)

- Have Society leaders and staff visit, say at a Section meeting, occasionally.
- Improve the website. It is very difficult to find things on the site. Google does a much better job finding things on the site than the internal search function. Example: Internal search for "st louis section" doesn't find the Section's page in the first 40 finds. An entire web search of "st louis section asme" using Google gets to the Section's home page as the first find.
- Inform the Section about any conferences being held in the St Louis area.
- Inform the Section about any "ASME Solutions" activities in the St Louis area [corporate package deals].
- Start a "Distinguished Lecturer Program" that includes lecturers from nearby each of the sections. The lecturers would be volunteers, and the necessary travel expenses, usually just mileage reimbursement in the US, would be provided by the Sections.
- Provide more guidance on what sections should be (could be) doing.
- The amount of merit funding to be provided should be known to the Section by the 1st of August of the year it will be received so that the Section can plan accordingly.
- Provide membership lists that classify members by job function, industry, technical interests, early career, etc.
- Facilitate gatherings where Sections can share ideas as they could at the RAC's.
- Inform members about the progress being made with self forming communities.

Thanks!

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