

# WORDPASSER

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May 2008

## Upcoming Events

- May 10<sup>th</sup> Young Members - Art Car Parade
- May 19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> SAME 2008 National Conference – Minneapolis, MN
- May 20 – 22 Texas Hurricane Conference Galveston, Texas
- TBD – Habitat for Humanity Build
- May 28<sup>th</sup> Post Monthly Meeting – HESS Transportation Issues
- June 11<sup>th</sup> – Post Monthly Meeting at HESS – Alternative Delivery Systems

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The seasons are changing. It doesn't seem like it but they are. This is the season of preparedness. May is the month in which we, in the Gulf Coast area, prepare ourselves for "Hurricane Season". May 20 – 22 is the Texas Hurricane Conference in Galveston. The Houston / Galveston Post will be participating in this conference in lieu of having our own Readiness Seminar on the same subject. The Readiness Committee will be presenting our On-Line Fast Start plan. Everyone's participation and assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Last month the post put on a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) seminar. This was the first seminar of this kind the post has held. The seminar was well attended. This type of design is the wave of the future (and the present, as far as the City of Houston is concerned). I really appreciate the hard work Greg Wine and Kristin White put into the seminar. Future seminars will build upon the success of this one.

The ROTC programs had their award ceremonies this past month. I want to thank the members of the post that made the various presentations. Mr. Buddy Barnes made presentations to Cadet John E. Castro, Luke A. Netardus, Cadet Derek T. Moser and Dustin R. Baker of Texas A&M University. Mr. Darrin Willer made a presentation to Cadet Alexander Oshobu of the University of Houston. Mr. JR Reddish made presentations to Midshipman 1/C Mathew Dunn of Rice University and to Cadet C/MAJ Jarvus Cox and Midshipman 1/C Ural Thompson of Prairie View A&M University. Being an ex-navy man he was curious as to what he may have looked like at that age. It was a long time ago and much has changed I am sure. The Post presented them each with a plaque, a small token of appreciation and a one year membership to the society. Maybe they will remember us later in their careers.

The topic for the next general meeting is transportation. Mr. Ned Holmes will be our featured speaker on May 28, 2008 at HESS. Mr. Holmes requires no introduction and everyone knows that Ned is at the forefront of the transportation issues in our region and throughout the state. I look forward to seeing everyone at the May meeting.

Thank You.

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**THE SAME HOUSTON/GALVESTON POST  
MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**This month's topic is:**

**TRANSPORTATION ISSUES**

**Guest Speaker:**

**MR. NED S. HOLMES, COMMISSIONER OF THE TEXAS  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**Wed. May 28<sup>th</sup> at H.E.S.S.  
5430 Westheimer**

**Social at 11:00 am ; Lunch at 11:30 am**

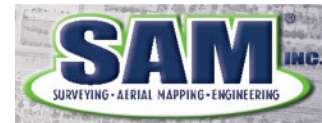
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The "Greener Pastures in Engineering and Architecture: A Seminar on Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)" was held April 16th with an attendance of 75 attendees! The speakers included Greg Wine with Huitt-Zollars, who gave an overview of LEED and LEED AP accreditation; Steve Stelzer with the City of Houston who gave an overview of Green initiatives happening within Houston; and wrapped up with Wendy Heger also with the City of Houston who presented the green design options being used within the City's green library retrofit program. Our sponsors proudly discussed some past and potential green projects at their display booths before and after the seminar. A big thanks to our sponsors (Huitt-Zollars, Fugro, TCB|AECOM and Weston Solutions) and all of those who attended for making the first annual SAME/APWA LEED seminar a success!

The topic for May is Transportation Issues, and our guest speaker will be Mr. Ned S. Holmes, commissioner of the Texas Transportation Commission (oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department of Transportation). The presentation will focus on the need for increased mobility and the challenge of funding increased maintenance and construction costs. Mr. Holmes is chairman and CEO of Ned S. Holmes Investments, Inc. a company that develops and manages real estate nationwide. Mr. Holmes has previously served on the City of Houston planning commission, Port of Houston Authority, Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission and the Greater Houston Partnership in various capacities.

Keep your calendars up to date and take note of the upcoming meetings, topics and speakers for the next few months. As always, RSVP e-mails will be sent out to register for these meetings.

### **Houston/Galveston Post Upcoming 2008 Programs**

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <i>May 28<sup>th</sup></i>       | <i>Transportation Issues – Commissioner Ned Holmes (HESS) - Lunch</i>  |
| <i>June 11<sup>th</sup></i>      | <i>Alternative Delivery Systems joint meeting with Construction Management Association of America, Speaker – Chuck Thomson/CMAA Fellow, AIA Fellow – Lunch</i> |
| <i>July 16<sup>th</sup></i>      | <i>Joint Scholarship Meeting with APWA – HESS - Lunch</i>  |
| <i>August 27<sup>th</sup></i>    | <i>Ethics Meeting w/Texas Board of Professional Engineers – Executive Director Dale Beebe-Farrow, P.E. (hosted by Young Members)</i>                           |
| <i>September 17<sup>th</sup></i> | <i>Career Fair at U of H - Lunch</i>   |
| <i>October 15<sup>th</sup></i>   | <i>Joint Society Dinner Meeting w/ ASCE, TSPE &amp; APWA</i>   |
| <i>November 19<sup>th</sup></i>  | <i>Galveston District Issues</i>   |
| <i>December 17<sup>th</sup></i>  | <i>Holiday Luncheon Meeting</i>  |
| <i>January 21, 2008</i>          | <i>Public Agency Dinner</i>  |

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

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The SAME Environmental Committee participated in the LEED Conference co-sponsored by SAME on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at the Marriott Westchase in lieu of the monthly meeting. The seminar was well received.



### **PUBLIC AGENCY MEMBER COMMITTEE**

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The Public Agency Committee had a Business Meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Committee finalized the meetings and speakers for the remainder of the year and began discussion on the nominations for Public Agency of the Year.

The next meeting will be an Infrastructure/Readiness/Public Agency joint meeting at Hess Club in May. Date and Speaker to be announced.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

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The Infrastructure Committee met at HESS on April 22, 2008 to hear our annual update on Bayport from our own Mark Vincent, PE with the PHA.

To sum up and paraphrase Mark's update, Bayport has been a huge success and container volume is ahead of schedule. They continue to plan to spend \$150M per year on new construction as they expand the facility over the next 10 years. However, they have noticed sharp construction price increases, especially related to steel and concrete.

The PHA is also very proud of the noise abatement measures they have taken for Bayport, all the way down to electric dredges. They have more work to do, but are working with the local stakeholders to be great neighbors.





### **K-12 COMMITTEE**

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K-12 Committee is gaining momentum and is getting prepared to for summer. The students may be out of school, but there are several opportunities still available to talk to students in summer programs and in different venues.

There still is a need for some persons to get involved. These are some of the programs we want to be associated with.

Please call me if you have an interest in helping out with one of these or if you know other programs that we can work with.

#### 1. National Programs/Committees:

- MathCounts <http://www.mathcounts.org/>
- Learning for Life <http://www.learning-for-life.org/exploring/engineering/index.html>
- West Point Bridge Design Contest <http://bridgecontest.usma.edu/>
- Future City Competition <http://www.futurecity.org/>

#### 2. Committed Local Programs

- Math Counts
- Future City Competition
- Judges for HUNSTEM Competition
- USACE Viva Technology with Rice School <http://www.henaac.org/vivatechnology/>

#### 3. Other programs that deserve our interest.

- Education for Tomorrow Alliance <http://www.efta-us.org/>
- Scout Fair
- Fort Bend ISD
- Boy Scouts Engineering Merit Badge
- Girl Scouts
- Youth development Center <http://www.ydc.org/index.html>
- Skills for Living (United Way) <http://www.skills4living.org/>
- Texas Project Lead The Way – East End Chamber of Commerce
- Exhibit with the City of Houston on Water Festival in May
- Sponsor an exhibit in the new Waterworks Museum.



## YOUNG MEMBERS & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEES

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### APRIL RECAP

April was a busy month for our young member and community programs groups. **We had a joint society Billiards Social/Tournament and handed out trophies to the winners.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

The Community Programs group will be volunteering at **Habitat for Humanity**. Last year was a great success. Please come out and join us! Actual date to be determined. Watch your email for more details!

In May we will start the month with **happy hour**.

Where: Sherlock's Baker Street Pub on West Gray

When: May 8th at 5:30 PM

We also plan to attend the **Art Car Parade** on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

In June we will have a joint society scholarship poker tournament and possibly take a tour of the St. Arnold's Brewery. Dates to be determined.

### TAMU CHAPTER

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Howdy,

In April we held our annual elections, here are your new officers:

The 2008/2009 officers are:

*President: Chris Jordan*

*Vice President: Wes Fite*

*Secretary: Matt Whitaker*

*Treasurer: Leif Lugosch*

Congratulations to each of you! With new officers now starting to take over, there are a lot of exciting new things they will be working on for next year; such as new speakers and field trips. There is also going to be a new position called the Events Coordinator in which Chris Jordan will discuss more about at the orientation meeting to start off the 08/09 school year.

Remember to apply for scholarships. The deadline for the Houston Scholarship is June 3, 2008 and don't forget to check on the San Antonio, Fort Worth and Dallas scholarships at each post web on [www.same.org](http://www.same.org).

Just a reminder that SAME National Convention is coming, this is a sponsored trip, don't miss the chance to meet all those exhibitors. Remember to take your uniform and resumes. More information can be found at [www.same.org](http://www.same.org) by clicking on events and scrolling down to the SAME Joint Engineering Training Conference.

With my graduation I will be leaving the chapter, I wish all of you good luck on finals and have a fun and safe summer!!

Thanks and Gig EM,

Leslie Jones

Secretary

Texas A&M Student Chapter



## **AWARDS COMMITTEE**

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Congratulations are in order for recipients of the “**Outstanding R.O.T.C. Engineering Graduate Award**”, presented by the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) – Houston/Galveston Post.

This year’s outstanding ROTC graduates included a wide range of engineering disciplines with eight nominations from the ROTC programs of Texas A&M University, Rice University, the University of Houston and Prairie View A & M University. A special thanks also goes out to the SAME members who travelled to each of the colleges to present the awards, including **Mr. Wendell L. “Buddy” Barnes, PE** of Jacobs Carter Burgess, Inc., **Mr. Darrin J. Willer, PE** of the HNTB Corporation, and **Mr. Harold “JR” Reddish, PE** of S&B Infrastructure, Ltd.

The engineering curriculums represented in this year’s award program included candidates from the Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Chemical and Nuclear Engineering programs, and one from the College of Education & Human Development, with a total of eight students receiving awards this year.

The SAME Houston/Galveston Post provides each of the ROTC graduates with an engraved SAME plaque, a certificate signed by the Post President with a complimentary one-year annual membership, and \$50.00 check, as illustrated below:



On behalf of the SAME Houston/Galveston Post, it is a pleasure to present the recipients of this year’s “Outstanding R.O.T.C. Engineering Graduate Award” and to wish them success in each of their chosen careers. This year’s outstanding ROTC graduates include the following:

### ***Rice University – US Navy ROTC***

Capt. Schouten submitted Midshipman **Mathew Dunn**, who is described as having superior leadership skills as the MIDN Company Commander and has excelled in his academics which enabled him to be selected for the Navy Nuclear Program. Mr. J.R. Reddish of the SAME Houston/Galveston Post will be providing the award at the annual “Presidential Review and Awards Ceremony” on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 10:00 AM.

### ***Prairie View A&M University – US Army ROTC***

Major Timothy Campbell submitted **Cadet Jarvus Cox** for the Texas A&M University AROTC nominee. Cadet Cox was the Cadet Battalion Commander for the Fall Semester of 2007, is a member of the National Society for Black Engineers, the NAACP, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and has proven to be a solid leader. J.R. Reddish will be providing the SAME award at the annual “Presidential Review and Awards Ceremony” to be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 9:00 AM. This is the first of two awards to be presented at this ceremony.



***Prairie View A&M University – US Navy ROTC***

Recently submitted by Capt. Schouten with nominee: **Ural Thompson**, who is described as having achieved the responsibility of Company Commander for the Fall 2007 Semester and has maintained a 3.03 GPA in Electrical Engineering at Prairie View A&M University. The Prairie View A&M NROTC is preparing for their annual Presidential Review and Awards Ceremony for April 23, 2008 at 9:00 AM.

***Texas A&M University – US Army ROTC***

Major Eric Posern submitted **Cadet John E. Castro** for the Texas A&M University Army ROTC nominee. Castro is attending the Civil Engineering program at TAMU, is a member of American Society of Civil Engineers and participated with the Veterans Association. Buddy Barnes presented Cadet Castro the SAME award during the “Parents Day Awards Ceremony” Sunday, April 13th, 2008. This was the first of four awards presented at this ceremony.

***Texas A&M University – US Navy ROTC***

Major Chris Emmerson submitted **Midshipman Luke A. Netardus** for the Texas A&M University Navy ROTC nominee. Netardus is attending the Nuclear Engineering curriculum at Texas A&M and was the Company Commander of the A-Battery for the TAMU Corps of Cadets during the Fall and Spring Semester of 2007-2008. He is also a member of the Society of American Engineers.

***Texas A&M University – US Marines ROTC***

Major Chris Emmerson submitted **Midshipman Dustin R. Baker** for the Texas A&M University Marines ROTC nominee. Baker is a member of the TAMU Corps of Cadets and the Fighting Texas Aggie Band. He is studying in the Interdisciplinary Studies within the College of Education and Human Development at Texas A&M, and has had numerous leadership positions during his time in the program, including squad leader during his sophomore year, platoon sergeant his junior year, and platoon commander during his senior year.

***Texas A&M University – US Air Force ROTC***

Major Chris Emmerson submitted **Cadet Derek T. Moser** for the Texas A&M University Air Force ROTC who has maintained a 3.515 GPA in the Chemical Engineering Program. Moser has accrued several distinctive awards what at the AFROTC including the General R.O. Simpson Honor Society and the Sons of the American Revolution Award. Moser is currently a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

***University of Houston – US Army ROTC***

Major Tracy Hankins submitted **Cadet Alexander Oshobu** for the University of Houston AROTC nominee. Oshobu is studying in the Computer Engineering curriculum at the University of Houston and achieved the responsibility of being the Supply Officer for the University of Houston ROTC Program. Darrin J. Willer will be providing the SAME award at the annual awards ceremony planned for Wednesday, April 16th from 3:00 to 5:00PM in the UH Alumni Center.



### **MENTOR AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

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The Houston/Galveston Post Education & Mentoring Fund Raffle, previously the Scholarship Raffle, began at the February meeting. **If you missed a chance to participate in 2007, have no fear; we are back in 2008 Contact Francisco Puentes with your donations.** Donations by Members and Sustaining Members are welcomed, desired and appreciated. This money helps subsidize the annual Post Scholarship awards to high school and college students, sending Texas A&M Chapter students to National and Regional meetings, sending future leaders to National leadership training events and sending students and mentors to SAME summer construction camps.

We will be selecting students to attend the National Conference in Minneapolis, MN; May 20-23 and will continue our programs for our members, both young, seasoned and students. We have two high school students registered to attend the Air Force Academy Construction Camp and one high school student registering for the Sea Bee Construction Camp, your donations help us support these students. Our programs will be targeted towards meeting the growth and training needs of our future and current leaders.

**Remember, Scholarship Applications are due June 3, 2008 --- Don't miss the chance to get a High School Senior scholarship or College scholarship.**

Quarterly I schedule a senior society Fellow to be on the National Young Member Teleconference. If you are a young member and not getting notice, please contact the SAME Young Member committee and get involved. Our next Young Member call will be June 25, 2008 @ 11:00am with this call featuring our most recent Fellows Mentoring Award winner, Dick Kochanek, San Antonio Post.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR 2008 RAFFLES- Contact Francisco Puentes with your donations.** Raffle prize donations are always appreciated. As a thank you for the donation, Sustaining Member firms will be offered time to give a brief, two minute speech about their firm before the drawing. Individual Members are welcome to donate prizes and will be recognized individually for their contribution. Please email Francisco Puentes, Post Secretary at [frpuentes@terracon.com](mailto:frpuentes@terracon.com) or call (832) 309-0932 if you would like to donate a raffle prize.

### **UNDERWRITING AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

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| May 21 <sup>st</sup>  | Transportation Issues                             | FULL  | FULL   |
| June 18 <sup>th</sup> | Alternative Delivery Systems                      | FULL  | FULL   |
| July 16 <sup>th</sup> | Scholarship Mtg with APWA                         |   | FULL   |
| Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>  | TBPE – Dale Beebe-Farrow, PE                      |   | FULL   |
| Sept 17 <sup>th</sup> | Young Members – Career Fair at U of H             |   |  |
| Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>  | Joint Society Dinner Meeting w/ ASCE, TSPE & APWA |   | FULL   |
| Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Galveston USACE District Issues                   |   | FULL   |
| Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Holiday Luncheon Meeting                          |   | FULL   |

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**READINESS / HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE**

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**LAST MEETING:** The Readiness/Homeland Security Committee met on Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Darrin Willer announced that Heather Standley and David Terry will be taking over chair of the committee. The transition will take place in mid-2008 (May-June).

Discussions centered on available committee positions, the upcoming hurricane conference in Galveston, the Fast-Start Plan update, Streamer criteria, upcoming meetings.

**NEXT MEETING:** The Readiness Committee will participate in the Texas Hurricane Conference on May 20-22, 2008 at the Galveston Island Conference Center. Focus will be on the Fast-Start program. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on May 26 at HGAC. Alan Clarke, HGAC, will be the host speaker.

Lunch will be provided with an RSVP. Please access the RSVP system at the following link:

<http://www.houstonsame.org/houston/register/index.php>

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** Please note that all future meetings other than those marked as “Business Meeting” will be joint meetings with the Infrastructure and Public Agency Committees.

| Date  | Meeting/Location  | Time            | Speaker  |
|---|---|-----------------|--|
| January 22                                    | Quality Management*   | 11:30AM-1:00PM  | Leroy McCown   |
| February 26                                   | North Fort Bend Water Authority*                              | 11:30AM-1:00PM  | David Scholler, Brown & Gay Engineers                            |
| March 13<br><b>BUSINESS MEETING</b>           | Houston TranStar  | 11:30AM-1:00PM  | NONE   |
| April 28<br><b>BUSINESS MEETING</b>           | Houston TranStar  | 11:30 AM-1:00PM | NONE   |
| May 20-22<br><b>ANNUAL WORKSHOP/ TRAINING</b> | Texas Hurricane Conference Galveston Island Conference Center | TBD             | None. Committee presenting On-line Fast Start Plan at Conference |
| May 26  | HGAC*   | 11:30AM-1:00PM  | Alan Clarke  |
| June 23                                       | United States Coast Guard*                                    | 11:30AM-1:00PM  | TBD  |
| July 28                                       | Gulf Coast Freight* Rail District                             | 11:30AM-1:00PM  | TBD  |
| August  | No Meeting  | *****           | *****  |
| September                                     | TxDOT*  | 11:30AM-1:00PM  | TBD  |
| October                                       | Pearland/Galveston*   | 11:30AM-1:00PM  | TBD  |
| November<br><b>BUSINESS MEETING</b>           | Houston TranStar  | 11:30AM-1:00PM  | NONE   |
| December                                      | <b>NONE</b>   | 11:30AM-1:00PM  | NONE   |
| January                                       | No Meeting Public Agency of the Year                          | *****           | *****  |

**FAST START PLAN UPDATE:**

Efforts are ongoing to regionalize the Fast Start Plan. The San Antonio and Fort Worth Posts are now entering their respective firms into the Houston Post database so that we have one quarterly upload to the Texas Regional Response Network (TRRN).

If you have not received your username and passwords to enter your firm’s response capabilities into the Post database, please contact Darrin Willer, P.E. at [dwiller@hntb.com](mailto:dwiller@hntb.com).

Please log on to the Fast Start Plan webpage for more details <http://www.houstonsame.org/NewFiles/faststart.html> or the Fast Start login page at [www.houstonsame.org/houston/faststart/](http://www.houstonsame.org/houston/faststart/).