

WORDPASSER

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October 2009

Upcoming Events

- Oct 17th – Bingo at VA Hospital
- Oct 21st – General Membership Meeting at the Corps
- Nov 7th – SAME volunteer day at Houston Food Bank
- Dec 7th – 3rd Annual Kenneth J. Haveman Scholarship Golf Tournament
- Mar 11-13 – Science Engineering Fair of Houston

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: LEADERSHIP

What is leadership? I like the definition by Dwight D. Eisenhower: "Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it."

I want to share with you a couple of examples of on-going leadership within the Post. First our Young Members, and second our Board and Past Presidents and Fellows Council.

LEADERSHIP – YOUNG MEMBERS

Our Young Members presented an excellent program at our September General Membership meeting held at the University of Houston. The Young Members planned, executed and led every facet of the meeting with great success. Special thanks to Franco Puentes, Erin Going and Kristin White for their efforts. The panel of public and private leaders in our engineering community provided sage advice and shared their experiences with the young men and women gathered at the Cullen College of Engineering. Col. Reid Mrsny (Ret.) moderated the panel discussion comprised of Col. David Weston, Col. Len Waterworth (Ret.), and Mike Talbott.

LEADERSHIP – BOARD AND PP&FC

In September, through Board action, the Post sent two of our members to Washington DC to participate in the National Post Leaders Workshop. Kristin White, our Post Secretary, and Doug Coenen, our Post Assistant Treasurer, represented us well. Some of the leadership initiatives discussed at the workshop included leadership development, mentoring, membership retention, training, and recognition. These initiatives will serve us well as we continue to focus on our two primary goals of growth and performance. The Board is to be commended for its long range, multi-year commitment to invest in the leadership development of Post members.

At our quarterly Past Presidents and Fellows Council and monthly Board meetings in September, we responded to an invitation by National for consideration to host the 2015 Joint Engineering and Training Conference (JETC). Many of you recall that we hosted the National Conference in 1999 which set the standard at that time for SAME conference facilities (George R. Brown and downtown Hyatt).



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

Hosting the JETC in 2015 will be a great opportunity to galvanize the leadership and membership of the Post, show off our new and revitalized downtown venues, and lead the way as the Top Post in the nation. We'll keep you informed as to whether or not we are selected.

CLOSING

It has been said that everything rises and falls on leadership. We are blessed within our Post to have numerous leaders, but we always need more. If you want to get active in a leadership position within the Post, get started today. Find a committee and create opportunities to get involved. I look forward to seeing you in October.

Lee C. Lennard, PE
President
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**THE SAME HOUSTON/GALVESTON POST
OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

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MEETING**

**"Current and Future Contracting
Opportunities"**

USACE Galveston

**Wed., October 21st, 2009 at
USACE Galveston District**

More details to come. . .



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2009 GENERAL MEETING CALENDAR

October 21 US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – Galveston District Meeting

November 18 Joint Societies Meeting

December 16 Holiday Meeting

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PUBLIC AGENCY/ INFRASTRUCTURE / READINESS JOINT MEETINGS 2009



The Infrastructure, Public Agency and Readiness Committees held a Joint Committee lunch on September 22 at HESS. Our speaker was Gerald Roberts, the County Engineer for Brazoria County.

We had a well attended meeting despite the heavy rains and Gerald rewarded those that braved the elements with a update of the Mobility Program in Brazoria County and a look at what they will be focused on in the coming years.

Gerald has held his post for approximately 8 years and is also a past councilman and Mayor of Angleton.

Prior to coming to our meeting the Brazoria Commissioner's Court voted to move forward with the Grand Parkway (GP) through Brazoria County. They were the last county in the loop to accept the States offer and beat the deadline by a couple of days. This means that the counties will move forward to complete the GP loop. Gerald warned that they have two years to get everything figured out, so don't expect construction anytime soon.

The Mobility Program was caught like everyone else in the TxDOT funding crunch and to actually get some concrete on the ground, they were shifting gears and moving forward with the more practical projects. Although they may have some projects on the Transportation Commissions Pass Through Funding list, they won't know until it is release.

The 288 corridor is feasible for toll roads and they have been in discussions with HCTRA to follow a Ft. Bend type model with HCTRA operating the system. For Brazoria to maintain the equity and tolls, they will need to fund the work, which will require a successful bond election. Although it could come sooner, he expects the election will be in 2011.



Zachry had been working on a plan to upgrade Hwy 36 but it also seems to have been killed by the TxDOT funding crunch. Hopefully this idea will be revived later because the improvements are needed.

They are working with the Port of Freeport on an overpass study to include the preliminary design and NEPA work. The Port hopes to build this overpass to allow for the adjustment of their rail lines to allow them to participate in the forecasted Panama Canal boom on local container shipping. The Port is also building a \$37M container terminal in anticipation of this boom.

Local drainage issues were discussed and he pointed out that Jefferson County has received over \$40M FEMA related drainage grants, which shows the value of applying for these types of grants. Due to Brazoria County's location, drainage is always an issue and his office is exploring the grant avenue as well.

Finally, he mentioned that development had slowed in Brazoria County, but was not dead. They still have work going on, but not at the pace of the past few years.

Next month will be our last Joint Committee Meeting of 2009. We will meet at HESS on the 4th Tuesday, which is October 27, 2009 and our speaker will be John Tyler from HCTRA. An RSVP will be sent out about a month before the meeting.

November 24th TBD (Infrastructure)

December 16th No Meeting (Holiday Party)

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Date	Program/Speaker	Priority (1,2,3....) for Underwriter	Priority (1,2,3...) for Website Sponsor
09-16-09	Young Members Meeting		
10-21-09	Joint Society Dinner Meeting		
11-18-09	Galveston District Issues		
12-16-09	Holiday Meeting		
1-20-10	Annual Public Agency Dinner		

TRANSMITTAL AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

E-mail your completed form to Erin Going at erin.going@hcfcd.org

Please contact Erin regarding payment of the underwriting fee by emailing her at the above address or by calling her at (713) 684-4224.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

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READINESS & HOMELAND SECURITY

READINESS / HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE

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FAST START PLAN:

<p>Society of SAME American Military Engineers</p>	SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS	TEXAS REGIONAL RESPONSE NETWORK (TRRN)
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<p>TEXAS REGIONAL RESPONSE NETWORK (TRRN)</p>		SAME READINESS & HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS
	<p>SAME is the premier professional engineering association in the United States for connecting architects, engineers and builders in the public sector and private industry, uniting them to improve individual and collective capabilities for national security. Our goal is to unite A/E/C entities and individuals in the public and private sector so that we can prepare for – and overcome – natural and manmade disasters, acts of terrorism and improve security at home and abroad. (http://www.same.org)</p>	<p>Houston Post Mr. Darrin Willer HNTB Corporation Direct 281-931-2737 Cell 713-306-3501 dwiller@hntb.com</p> <p>San Antonio Post Mr. Franz Schmidt Earth Tech, Inc. Direct 210-253-7514 Cell 210-859-1693 franz.schmidt@earthtech.com</p> <p>Fort Worth Post Mr. Paul D. Krebs Fort Worth District Corps of Engineers Direct 817-886-1445 Cell 817-919-5406 Paul.D.Krebs@usace.army.mil</p>
	<p>Sustaining member firms from SAME's Houston, Fort Worth, and San Antonio Posts have all entered their capabilities into the TRRN database. These resources range from engineering services in support of Public Works requirements to equipment and other resources.</p>	



OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION

(COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, WORDPASSER, PUBLICITY, WEBMASTER, WEBSITE OVERSIGHT)

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Chair: PAUL MARSHALL - Phone: (713) 664-7890 - E-mail: pmarshall@comcast.net

October 16th – Bingo night at the VA Hospital.

Mark your calendars, Saturday November 7th, SAME will be having a group volunteer at the Houston Food Bank. More details to follow as we get closer.

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(EDUCATION/ECH, K-12, MENTOR/SCHOLARSHIP/TAMU, GOLF (SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER), ENGINEER'S WEEK, SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE)

EDUCATION / ECH COMMITTEE

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The August general meeting speaker for the Ethics Luncheon was the Executive Director Dale Beebe – Farrow, P.E. of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers (TBPE). If you missed the, the annual mandatory ethic's instruction continuing education requirements may be accomplished by one of three ways as described in the TBPE web Site.

1. Listen to the one hour presentation on line.
2. Read the Texas Engineering Practices Act and Rules Concerning the Practice of Engineering and Professional Engineering Licensure effective September 30, 2009.
3. Reviewing materials at one of several engineering ethic's case studies web sites.

The Houston-Galveston SAME Post is a participating member of the Engineering, Science and Technology Council of Houston – ECH. The ECH in conjunction with the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Greater Houston Partnership and University of Houston Downtown conducts the annual Science Engineering Fair of Houston (SEFH). The post along with numerous other technical societies and companies provide judges and financial support. The 2010 SEFH will be March 11 – 13th at the George R. Brown convention Center, Hall E. Mark your calendar.

K-12 COMMITTEE

CHAIR: TERRY ROWE - Phone: (281) 528-9945 - Email: rowet@sbcglobal.net

MENTOR AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: BUDDY BARNES, P.E. - Phone: (281) 775-4650 - E-Mail: bbarnes@gmont.com

We have only two months till the 3rd Annual Ken Haveman Scholarship Golf Tournament. Please consider a Sponsorship and get your forms in to Tom Martens trmartens@terracon.com as soon as you can; your payments can follow.

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 2008, have no fear; we are back in 2009 Contact Edward Hohlt with your donations. Thus far our raffle items have been few and far between; please help us raise money for our students.** 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.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR EDUCATION & MENTORING FUND RAISERS. The 3rd Annual Ken Haveman Scholarship Golf Tournament will be at Timber Creek Golf Club, December 7, 2009; please consider sponsoring for this event. Just think, if just 36 of our 74 Sustaining Members could sponsor a team and the rest of our non-Public Agency Sustaining Members could choose another sponsorship; we could double our Mentoring and Scholarship commitment to our youth.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR 2009 RAFFLES- Contact Edward Hohlt 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 call **Edward Hohlt, Post Assistant Secretary at (713) 821-0434** if you would like to donate a raffle prize.



TAMU CHAPTER

President: LOGAN ROTH - E-Mail: newt_89@hotmail.com

Howdy,

The 2009/2010 officers are:

President: Logan Roth

Vice President: Kirra Brooks

Secretary: Matt Whitaker

Treasurer: Brian Anderson

TAMU Student Chapter is ready for another great year. Our 2009/2010 year started September 22, 2009 when we met at the Corps of Cadets Center and started at 7:30pm; and yes had pizza and drinks. We continue to have about twenty students attend our meetings and we hope to continue growing next year. At our first meeting we had Buddy Barnes give an overview of SAME, the Houston/Galveston Post, scholarships, conferences and benefits of being a member in SAME.

Our October meeting will be on October 13, 2009 at the Corps of Cadets Center and will start at 7:30pm with pizza and drinks to follow. With so many fish taking the first round of test last month, we decided to provide an overview of SAME benefits again and discuss the 2009-2010 programs.

If any Houston/Galveston Post members have a design or construction project at TAMU or in College Station/Bryan and wish to present a project to our student chapter we would really like to have you do it, please let Buddy Barnes know and he will schedule the presentation. Our meetings have usually been the third Tuesday of the month, but avoid test schedules and increase the opportunity to attend we will occasionally have the meetings on other Tuesdays – like October.

See you in October

As always we invite the Houston/Galveston Post members to attend and meet members of the student chapter.



GOLF (SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER) COMMITTEE

Chair: TOM MARTENS, P.E. - Phone: (713) 939-6403 - Email: tmartens@terracon.com

The 3rd Annual Ken Haveman Scholarship Golf Tournament will be at Timber Creek Golf Club, **December 7, 2009**. Make plans to attend this singular scholarship fundraising event for the Post.

ENGINEER'S WEEK COMMITTEE

Chair: KATHERINE MEARS - Phone: (281) 589-7257 - E-mail: katherine.mears@klotz.com.

The 2010 Engineers Week Committee met for the first time on September 10th. We are actively planning the events for E-Week which will be held February 14 – 20, 2010 and include the Young Engineer of the Year Banquet, the Student Awards Luncheon, the Auxiliary Brunch, Future Cities Competition, MATHCOUNTS, and the Engineer of the Year Dinner.

Nancy Blackwell, P.E. is the President of the E Week Committee this year. If you would like to get involved, we still need volunteers! Please contact Nancy at nblackwell@aeiengr.com or Katherine Mears, P.E. at katherine.mears@klotz.com for more information, or you can attend the next meeting on October 8th at 5:30 p.m. at LAN on the 3rd floor.

PAST PRESIDENTS AND FELLOWS COUNCIL

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Harris County Public Infrastructure Department	Texas Engineering Experiment Station/Texas A & M
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