

DETROIT POST S.A.M.E. NEWSLETTER
JULY 2006

MESSAGE FROM THE POST PRESIDENT:

Detroit Post Members:

Welcome to a new year. I am honored to serve as your President for the Detroit SAME Post and look forward to working with all our dedicated members. Having been with the Post for 10 years I have had a great opportunity to see us grow and improve. One of our key growth areas has been our scholarship program which has doubled from \$3000 to \$6000 per year. In addition, we are now sponsoring a student to attend summer camp at USAFA. This growth in our scholarship program is a result of the hard work of many individuals and the strong support of our membership. In the last several years, our primary fund raising event has been the Small Business Workshop which we co-sponsor with the USACE and SBA. This event alone has increased our scholarship fund by \$25K. The stable source of our fundraising continues to be our Golf Outing which is hosted by our young members. I look forward to seeing everyone on July 18 at Selfridge Air National Guard Base golf course.

This year I want to focus on increasing our membership, in particular young members and public sector memberships. The statistics report that each year the average age of our membership goes up by 9 years and that only 24 percent of our members are public sector employees. In order to reverse this trend we must provide value and we must communicate that value to others. I value SAME for two primary reasons: First, the exposure to the military engineer, whether that be a consultant, USACE member or Army Officer. Secondly, for the opportunity to learn about cutting edge engineering solutions and projects that directly impact our ability to accomplish the mission. Looking back over the past several years we have been privileged to hear directly from very exciting speakers and topics such as: our USACE Detroit members who were on the first teams in the World Trade Center immediately after 911, DTE's operations to restore power after the blackout of 2004, the Assistant Secretary of Civil Work on the Great Lakes Legacy Act, the rebuilding of Iraqi infrastructure from our Deputy Commander-the million dollar man, the details of security for the 2006 Super Bowl, and much more. These are but a few examples of the exceptional value our programs have provided to the Detroit SAME post members. To start off this year with a commitment to provide membership value, we are inviting our sustaining members to a Change of Command Lunch Reception with the new Commander LTC Leady, July 24 at Detroit Athletic Club. This will be an opportunity to say goodbye to LTC Lauzon and welcome LTC Leady. We are inviting all sustaining members only to this event as a member perk and to promote more dialogue between the District and the sustaining members. The details are included in the Sustaining Members portion of the newsletter.

I am truly excited about this year and look forward to working with the SAME Detroit Board of Directors, National Headquarters and you to accomplish the SAME mission. Thanks you for all you do to support our Nation.

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DETROIT POST WEB SITE: Information about the Detroit Post S.A.M.E., including monthly newsletters, is available on our web site: <http://posts.same.org/detroit>. Please pass this newsletter on to your fellow members, potential members, and interested visitors.

GOLF OUTING: The Young Member Committee wants to remind the members about the Fundraiser Golf Outing on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at the Selfridge Air National Guard Base Golf Course. Hole sponsorships are still available for **\$250.00**. All contributing firms will be formally recognized as hole sponsors, with a sign bearing the name of their firm displayed at the tees. As in the past, we are soliciting prizes from the Sustaining Members to be

used for door prizes. These prizes can be items such as golf balls, golf equipment, or other gifts to act as door prizes. We encourage you to supply items with your company logo on them, as this makes for excellent advertising.

In addition, the goal is to have each Sustaining Member provide one team for the golf outing and have as many Post members participate in the outing as possible. The purpose of the fundraiser is to support the annual scholarships (which total \$7,500). All money collected in excess of the golf outing charges will be put towards the scholarships. We are requesting participation from every individual member and member firms for your support in this exciting event. Please help support the Detroit Post Scholarship Fund with your attendance and sponsorship. Individuals who would like to assist with the planning and execution of the event are also needed.

The golf flyer and registration form is provided on our web site at <http://posts.same.org/detroit>. Questions? Please contact Dianne Peck or Patti Novak at (313) 875-4115.

MEMBERSHIP: It is very important that you keep your membership contact information current. Without current contact information for our members, the Detroit Post and SAME HQ are unable to send out important membership information such as membership cards, certificates, magazines and invoices. Additionally, if SAME HQ does not have current information on members, the membership Post Roster reports will reflect outdated information and result in members not being contacted with important information. Currently, SAME HQ receives quite a bit of return mail and e-mail each month for incorrect addresses and/or no forwarding address. The U.S. Post Office charges a fee for returned mail and SAME HQ would prefer to put this money to better use.

You can update your contact information by using the change of address card found in every issue of *The Military Engineer* magazine, by mailing, faxing or e-mailing their change of address information to SAME HQ, or by going online to www.same.org/memberupdate. Keeping your contact information current benefits you and the entire Society.

Please be advised that presently the SAME Web site requires two different logins depending on the Web activity. For all members who wish to view "Member's Only" areas such as Society, Regional and Post Operations, and Member Benefits must use their last name and six-digit numeric member ID. Individual members, who wish to update their contact information, must use the e-mail address we currently have on file for them and a unique password. If they do not know their password or have forgotten it, they can e-mail the membership department at member@same.org. Sustaining Members must use their last name, member ID and e-mail address in order to update their contact information using the web. If there is no e-mail on file in your membership records, you need to call SAME HQ membership department and have then input your e-mail.

Much effort is required to address undeliverable mail and we greatly appreciate your assistance in updating your contact information to make this job easier.

COMMITTEES: Cathy Misko, chairperson of the Readiness Committee is looking for volunteer committee members. If you have an interested in Readiness and Homeland Security, please volunteer for this committee. There are new requirements from National for this committee and it will require active participation throughout the year. If interested in learning more about this position, or volunteering, please contact Pam Horner, Post Secretary at 313-226-6748.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: The Detroit Post offers Professional Development Hour (PDH) credits for attendance at designated SAME events. The Professional Development Committee will maintain records and track PDH credits earned by attendees at Post events. At the end of the program year, credits will be documented. If you need a copy of your credits, please contact the chairperson, Mr. Scott Bell. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Bell at (734) 332-1200 or by e-mail at sbell@limno.com.

AFFILIATE SOCIETY: See the following announcement sponsored by the Engineering Society of Detroit:

An Inside Look: Gold Cup Hydroplane Racing ▲

7:30–9:30 a.m. · Friday, July 14, 2006

The Roostertail, 100 Marquette Drive, Detroit, MI

Join us for breakfast and hear the inside story of the aerodynamics and hydrodynamics of unlimited hydroplanes. Then take a tour of the pit area as boats prepare to qualify for the **2006 Gold Cup Race on the Detroit River**.

Hear Doug Ford, a nationally known aeronautical engineer with more than 35 years of experience, talk about the engineering and design techniques that allow 30 foot boats to travel across the chop of the Detroit River at almost 200 mph. The past director of safety, technology and competition for the Unlimited Racing Commission, Ford was instrumental in the development of design specifications for the structural enclosed cockpits used in unlimited hydroplanes today. The Seattle native has been involved in the sport of unlimited hydroplanes since the 1950s and will share his insight on the Gold Cup—the oldest motor sport trophy in America—first awarded in 1904!

Then take a short walk from the Roostertail down to the pit area and hear and see this year's array of boats prepare to take laps on the river to qualify for the two day race—considered the biggest and most prestigious of the Gold Cup circuit. Thanks to the Detroit River Regatta Association you will get a first hand peak as the crews prepare their boats to run the same waters where Gar Wood and Guy Lombardo won so many trophies.

To register, visit http://ww2.esd.org/EVENTS/2006-07-14_Hydroplane.htm or contact Tim Walker at 248.353.0735 ext. 4115, or twalker@esd.org.

A Night at the Ballpark: Detroit vs. Kansas City ▲

July 14, 2006

Comerica Park

Sponsored by the ESD Young Engineers Council

ESD is sponsoring a night at Comerica Park, the first pitch will be thrown out at 7:05 p.m. Join fellow ESD members for a night at the "ol' ballgame." The Detroit Tigers will be taking on the Kansas City Royals. Don't miss out on this opportunity to enjoy the scenes of a beautiful ballpark in the company of young engineers, experienced engineers and company executives. Seating is limited so do not wait to buy your tickets. Tickets can be purchased through ESD for a cost of \$13 per ticket. ESD members and nonmembers are encouraged to attend!

To register, visit http://ww2.esd.org/EVENTS/2006-07_Tigers.htm or contact Ramona Spencer at 248-353-0735, ext. 4114 or rspencer@esd.org.

Fall 2006 FE/PE Review Courses ▲

Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Part I

Dates: August 15 – October 19, 2006

Times: 6 – 9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays

Location: TBA

State Exam Date: October 28, 2006

Principles & Practice of Engineering (PE) Part II

Disciplines: Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Environmental, Mechanical

Dates: August 26 – October 14, 2006 (no class September 2nd.)

Times—Electrical & Civil: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Saturdays

Times—Mechanical & Environmental: 1 – 5 p.m., Saturdays

Location: Southfield, Michigan

State Exam Date: October 27, 2006

For more information and to register for the FE course:

<http://ww2.esd.org/EDUCATION/FE.htm>

For more information and to register for the PE course:

<http://ww2.esd.org/EDUCATION/PE.htm>

If you register by July 15, 2006 you receive a \$25.00 discount off the courses.

For questions or if you can hold a free information session on earning a PE at your workplace, please contact: Fran Mahoney at 248-353-0735, ext. 4116, or fmahoney@esd.org.

2007 Economic Forecast for Design and Construction Conference ▲

Wednesday, October 25, 2006

7 am to 12 pm

Laurel Manor, Livonia

Don't gamble on the future of your company. Before preparing your strategic and marketing plans, attend ESD's Economic Forecast Conference to learn what to expect next year in the Midwest design and construction arena. Speakers will include experts from healthcare; automotive; higher education; commercial, industrial and retail; and the City of Detroit, who will enlighten you on expected opportunities in their market segment during the coming year.

The Annual Design & Construction Industry Summit Award will be presented to Matt Cullen, General Manager of the Economic Development and Enterprise Services Group for General Motors Corporation, for his exemplary efforts in the development of our region. Mr. Cullen has been instrumental in downtown Detroit development projects such as the GM Renaissance Center and the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy.

The Economic Keynote speaker is Ori L. Dudley Jr., Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of the Northern Trust Corporation. He is responsible for setting investment policy and overseeing Northern's portfolio management activities.

Our outstanding presenters include:

Higher Education: **Michael A. Boulus**, Executive Director, **Presidents Council of the State Universities of Michigan**

Automotive: **Bernard F. Swiecki**, Automotive Industry Analyst, the Center for Automotive Research (CAR)

Developer: **Paul J. Beitz**, Senior Vice President, Trammell Crow Company

Healthcare: **Elliot Joseph, President & CEO, St. John Health System**

City of Detroit: **Dave Blaszkiewicz**, President, Detroit Investment Fund

Take the guesswork out of preparing your 2007 strategic and marketing plan - register now for the 2007 Economic Forecast for Design and Construction.

Sponsorships are available.

For more information contact Nancy Strodl at 248-353-0735 x4152 or nstrodl@esd.org.

Regional Development Conference ▲

Thursday, December 7, 2006

See what the future holds. The Engineering Society of Detroit has established a Regional Development Committee to encourage growth in Detroit and Southeastern Michigan. Our kick-off will be a tone-setting Regional Development Conference on the morning of December 7, 2006, defining issues from the viewpoint of some of the region's major stakeholders. It will map the present situation and identify impediments to development and opportunities for growth. The audience will leave with strategies and tactics for progress. Later events will include quarterly breakfast meetings addressing specific issues.

Stay posted for more information or contact Nancy Strodl at 248-353-0735, ext. 4152 or nstrodl@esd.org

SUSTAINING MEMBER NEWS

CHANGE OF COMMAND RECEPTION: The Detroit Post S.A.M.E. will host a reception for the outgoing Detroit District Commander LTC Donald Lauzon and welcome the incoming Commander William J. Leady (see bio attached to this message). This reception will be held at the **Detroit Athletic Club**, 241 Madison Ave, Detroit, MI (see map below). We are inviting all sustaining members only to this event as a member perk and to promote more dialogue between the District and the sustaining members. Mark your calendars. Please RSVP Pam Horner by July 19th at Pam.Horner@usace.army.mil if you wish to attend. Please pay at the event – checks can be made out to Detroit Post S.A.M.E.

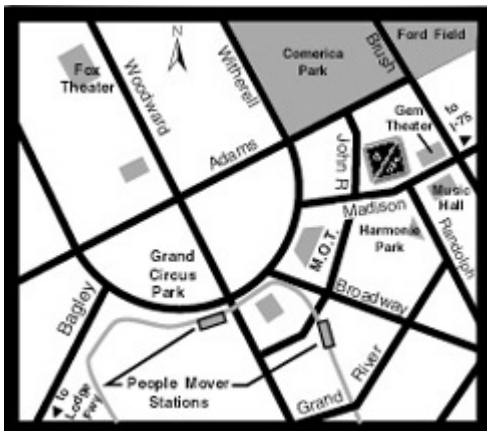
Date: July 24
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location: **Detroit Athletic Club**, 241 Madison Ave., Detroit, MI (Room: Stadium West)
Cost: \$20.00 Deli Luncheon Buffet – includes soup tureen, tossed Ceasar Salad, variety of lunchmeats and Cheese, tuna salad, chef's choice of pasta or potato salad or cole slaw, fresh fruit Medley, toppings, house-made bread, assortment of cookies and brownies, coffee/tea.

Any questions, please call me at 313-226-6748. Thanks Pam Horner

P.S. Please note the location of the meeting: The Detroit Club (our usual meeting location) is closed during the month of July, so the July 24th meeting is being held at the **Detroit Athletic Club**, which is located on Madison Ave, near Ford Field.

Note: The Dress Code Policy for the Detroit Athletic Club is Professional Business Attire (i.e., business suits). No demin of any style or color is allowed at any time.

Map – the **Detroit Athletic Club** is located on Madison Ave adjacent to the GEM Theater. If taking the people mover, exit at the Grand River Station and walk down John R to Madison Ave. There is valet parking (\$8) and self parking (\$6) available at the **Detroit Athletic Club** if you are driving.



LUNCHEON SPONSORS: The Detroit Post is requesting Sustaining Member firms volunteer to sponsor our monthly luncheons to cover costs for room/equipment charges at our meeting facilities. These room charges are \$200

and are not covered by the meal prices at the luncheons. Any firm interested in the opportunity to sponsor our monthly luncheons, please contact Anne Parker at (419) 944-4591 or by e-mail at anne@paconsultinginc.com. The sponsoring firm is allowed a 5 minutes presentation on their firm's capability at the luncheon.