Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2013

Speaker: Chris Jelenewicz
Organization: SFPE
Topic: BIM in FPE

Location: The Flight Deck Restaurant
109-A Old Chapin Road
Lexington, South Carolina
Phone: 803-957-5990

Times: 5:30 PM-Social Time
6:00 PM-Dinner
6:30 PM-Business Meeting
7:00 PM-Technical Presentation
8:30 PM-Adjournment

Meal Cost: Order from Menu
Member Pays for Meal

Directions to The Flight Deck Restaurant
From Aiken / Augusta take I-20 East toward Columbia. Take EXIT 55, SC-6 West. Turn left onto SC-6. McDonald’s is on the corner. Turn left onto East Main St/US-1. At intersection with Hwy 378 stay straight onto Old Chapin Road. The Flight Deck Restaurant (109-A Old Chapin Road) is on the left in a strip mall near Rite Aid Pharmacy. Rush’s Hamburgers is across the street. From Columbia take I-20 West. Take Exit 6, Hwy 378, toward Lexington. In Lexington turn right on Old Chapin Rd. Restaurant is on left.

RSVP
Mark LeGrand
By 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14
803-502-0657 or mark@legrandengineering.com

When emailing or phoning your RSVP, please verify confirmation via email reply.
**Meeting Location:** Houndslake Country Club, Aiken, SC at 5:00 PM.

- **Members and Visitors Present:** Tom Allison, Paul Anslow, Denny Bennett, Brian Boucher, Will Cossey, Jonathan Epter, Ralph Foster, Kent Gilbreath, Eric Johnson, Mark LeGrand, Stan Maciaszek, Jim Maddy, Alan Porter, Ray Ramundo, Gene Row, Don Shelley, Bernie Till, Don Turno, Sandy Twilley, Robert Whitmore, and speaker Dennis Phillips from Tyco.

- The meeting was called to order by President Stan Maciaszek. Stan introduced our new guests, including Sandra Twilley, Robert Whitmore and Will Cossey. Sandra and Robert became new members of the chapter. Will is a member of SFPE International.

- The January 15, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as published in the February newsletter.

- The Treasurer’s report was approved as listed in the newsletter. Tom Allison reported that there was income of $493.00 and expenses of $428.88, leaving a balance of $4604.44. Denny Bennett won $10 in the 50/50 split and donated it back to the chapter.

- During the day on March 19, Chris Jelenewicz, from SFPE International, will be with us to conduct a PE Question Writing Session. The session will be hosted at the Simplex Grinnell office in West Columbia, SC. Chris will be the speaker at the meeting that evening at The Flight Deck Restaurant.

- Kent Gilbreath reported that the Silver Bluff Fire Department Chief thought he had the plans to give him so we could design the sprinkler system for his fire house, but he had just cleaned his truck out the weekend before.

- Stan reported from Steve Jenkins that the chapter website looks nice. Since the last meeting, the Chapter had one membership renewal and two new members join this month. Let’s welcome Sandy Twilley and Robert Whitmore to the organization. Denny Bennett was the lucky winner of the 50/50 and donated the money back to the chapter. Thank you Denny! This past month we had income of $493.00 (Dinner $423, 50/50 $20, and memberships $50) and expenses of $428.88 (Houndslake meal $402.13, room $26.75), for a net increase of $64.12. This leaves the Chapter with $4604.44 in the bank.

- The business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Mark LeGrand

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**Mark Your Calendar!**

Plan to attend one of our monthly meetings.

- **March 19 - The Flight Deck - Lexington**
- **April 16 - Houndslake Country Club**
- **May 21 - Houndslake Country Club**

**Fire Protection PE Exam Question Writing**

The chapter will hold a PE Exam question writing session Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at the Simplex-Grinnell offices at 3243 Sunset Boulevard in West Columbia, SC. These question writing sessions are extremely important for the Fire Protection PE exam. As NCEES transitions from the current exam format held once or twice a year to computer based exams available at any time in a local testing center, these question writing sessions become more and more important. While online exams are probably 8-10 years in the future the need to build a question databank is here now. Since its inception the CSRA chapter has been one of the largest contributors to the exam bank. Please consider taking the time to support the exam. The only requirement, other than your time, is that you must be a registered professional engineer with an active license in any state / territory.
With the February meeting behind us, March brings more of the opportunities for this year. Things continue to look up for the chapter in spite of all that is going on at the site and in the economy.

- The new chapter website continues to be developed by Steve Jenkins. Please take time to look at it and offer suggestions. The website address is www.csra-sfpe.org.
- The chapter PE exam question writing session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19 at the Simplex Grinnell office on Sunset Boulevard in West Columbia, South Carolina. Simplex-Grinnell will supply lunch for those participating. Chris Jelenewicz from the SFPE staff will be with us for the question writing session and for the meeting that night. You must be a registered Professional Engineer to participate.
- Please note that we are trying a new locations for the March meeting. We will be meeting at the Flight Deck in Lexington, SC. If you have any other ideas for meeting locations please let any member of the Executive Committee know.
- National Engineer’s Week was February 17 – 23. Members of the chapter participated in engineering teach-ins at local middle schools. I taught three classes at LBC Middle School. I was impressed with the interest and participation of many of the students in the classes.
- The chapter continues to work with the Silver Bluff Fire Department toward installing a sprinkler system in the fire station. Things are coming together ever so slowly.
- Finally Bernie Till has agreed to serve as the nominating committee for the election of officers for the next year. Nominating committee recommendations will be presented at the April meeting and the election will be during the May meeting.
- Thank you for participating in the chapter and encourage your co-workers to do the same.

The chapter continues to be very active. Please encourage your colleagues to join us for the March meeting.

Stan Maciaszek

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SRS Sponsored Engineers Teach-Ins

In support of National Engineers Week, Feb. 19-Mar. 1, SRNS Education Outreach Programs sponsored the SRS Engineers Teach-Ins. Our chapter president, Stan, Maciaszek, participated at LBC Middle School in Warrenton, SC.

Our new website is a work in progress. Please visit the site (SFPE-CSRA.org) to see how it is coming along. Please let us know what you think and where additions and improvements can be made. The hope is that this website will become a tool to keep our membership and the community informed of what the CSRA Chapter of SFPE does.

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2012-2013 Membership Invoice

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1. Are you a member of the International SFPE? (Please select one): **

☐ Yes, my current grade is: ☐ Member ☐ Associate ☐ Other Member No.: ______________

☐ No, please e-mail me membership information. ☐ No, not currently interested.

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