

Southeastern Michigan Section



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Section Newsletter, Spring 2005



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Volunteer for ASME SEMS!

The Southeastern Michigan Section Officer Team is actively searching for Section members to volunteer with the many exciting events planned for the upcoming year. We need your help to plan, organize, and promote these events and make them all a success. Contact any of the officers for more details.

Section Awards Dinner

Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2005
Time: 6:30pm reception, 7:00pm dinner
Venue: Ritz-Carlton hotel, Dearborn, Michigan

Join other members of our local section for an evening of recognition, food and socializing. Comedian Mark Holden will be "lightly roasting" the folks receiving awards.

Seating is limited. Place your reservation today.

Biography of Mark C. Holden

Mark is a full-time entertainer. Recently Mark has hosted the talent showcase at the Michigan Association of Fairs & Exhibitions convention in Grand Rapids, has helped "roast" the mayor of Royal Oak, and was the opening speaker at the Crystal Rose Ball charity event benefiting the Hospice of Michigan. Mark is married to a librarian, has two ferrets, and would like to thank A&W Root beer for keeping his career "a float."

Artistic Director of Brainstormers! -- Educational assembly group that travels throughout the Midwest using improvisation to get elementary school kids excited about creative writing.

Actor – Murder/Mystery Players at Andiamo's; Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Theatre; Death Row Players; Loose Change LLC

Dancer – Piston's All-Male Dance Troupe: Spare Tires

Actor/Writer – Portuguese Rodeo Clown Co., the first improvisation group to be formed out of the training center of Second City Detroit.

RSVP: Tom Libertiny (libertinyt@asme.org, 248-877-2535)

Cost: \$50 for ASME members & their guests
 \$25 for ASME student members & their guests
 \$75 for non-members

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HONORS ASME ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution congratulating ASME on its 125th anniversary. The resolution, Senate Concurrent Resolution 13 (S.Con.Res.13), which was also passed by the U.S. Senate, recognizes and celebrates the achievements of ASME and its members.

“ASME is proud to be at the forefront of engineering and scientific innovation. We're honored by the congressional recognition given to ASME for 125 years of setting the standard in engineering achievement,” said ASME President Harry Armen. The resolution commends ASME for its “key role in protecting the welfare and safety of the public through the development and promulgation of over 600 codes and standards... routinely used by industry and people in the United States and around the world.” It also notes ASME's role in ensuring “the provision of quality science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education for young people as a way to foster and encourage the advancement of technology.” Introduced by Sen. John Sununu (R-NH), a mechanical engineer, S.Con.Res.13 describes ASME as “one of the premier professional organizations focused on technical, educational and research issues of the engineering community.”

e-Newsletter

Still receiving a hardcopy of the ASME SEMS newsletter in the mail? Go to the SEMS website <http://sems.asme.org> to read the current newsletter electronically! You can also check out past newsletters and learn more about the month's events!

e-Mentoring for Early Career Professionals

It's convenient and a great way to set the stage for a fulfilling professional career. Sign up for one of our MENTORS - a network of practicing engineers that can offer you advice, direction and provide you with resources that you can use to manage your career. Participation will give you the opportunity to expand your knowledge base, increase your communication and leadership skills and much more. <http://www.careerlifeguide.asme.org/recentgrad/ementoring.html>

ASME Model-T Historical Landmark Designation Ceremony

Date: Friday, May 20th

Time: 11 AM (unconfirmed)

Location: Greenfield Village, Dearborn

Join Edsel Ford, other distinguished guests and fellow ASME members for this ceremony to recognize the 15,000,000th Model T place in history.

Entrance to the event is FREE to all ASME members on the advance list. You will have access to the post-ceremony reception and VIP parking as well as full access to the museum and village after the event.

We are looking for organizers to assist with PR and marketing and for greeters at the ceremony.

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Engineering Day At Anderson Middle School

Date: Friday, May 13th

Time: 8:00-3:00 PM (1 hour minimum commitment)

Location: near 12 Mile and Coolidge in Berkley

Join other enthusiastic engineers from the section in promoting the field of engineering to area students. We are planning interactive sessions to present to classrooms of 8th grade students. This will involve speaking briefly on your background as an engineer, conducting a demonstration and/or leading a group activity. Help us to inspire kids to consider a career in engineering!

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ASME Offers Communities of Practice

Want to talk to your peers about technical matters, career and personal interests? Want to do that without going to a meeting or even leaving your desk?

ASME offers you a new tool to communicate, get the information you need and meet others with similar interests and concerns at the new ASME Communities of Practice site.

On the CoP site, you can join a community, suggest a new community, participate in discussions and polls, and post your own message or request to be notified when messages are posted on the community. Its your choice what communities you participate in, and how you choose to participate.

You will need to register the first time that you use the page, and set your preferences for your home page. It only takes a few moments – then you are ready to participate, or just observe the discussions. To date, there are already 143 communities and approximately 2,200 users. To visit the site, and test the features, go to www.cop.asme.org

Mentors needed for Engineers without Borders

Do you want to share your experience with engineers who are entering the workforce? There are other ways that you can get involved with student engineers, either through a hands-on project or via email through our partnership with Engineers Without Borders—USA (EWB-USA).

As a professional member of EWB-USA, you have the opportunity to mentor student projects in your area and across the country. The project mentor oversees all technical aspects of the project and is responsible for the selection of technology, engineering design, prototype testing and field implementation. EWB seeks engineers with an interest and expertise in water resources, renewable energies, structural design, and cultural knowledge.

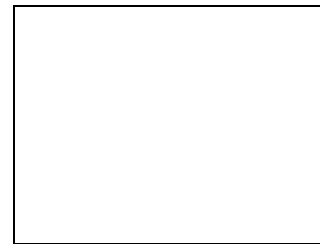
For complete information on mentoring and to volunteer, visit the EWB-USA website at www.ewb-usa.org/get_involved_professional_mentor.html

For specific information on EWB's long-term tsunami rebuilding efforts, visit EWB's main page at www.ewb-usa.org

Proposed Section Name Change

When speaking with members outside of our local area, the name Southeastern Michigan Section often elicits blank stares from the geographically challenged. Therefore, an idea to change the section name to include Detroit in the title has been proposed. The following have been suggested and we need your opinion on the topic so we may move forward for the 2005-6 year. Please email Kent at kwa@comcast.net with your thoughts.

- 1) **SEMS (Leave unchanged)**
- 2) **Detroit Section**
- 3) **Detroit Area Section**
- 4) **Greater Detroit Section**



Celebrating 125 Years of ASME

ASME Anniversary comic's next episode:
Check out the next installment of "Heroes of Engineering," a comic series featuring the lives and innovation of great engineers, scientists and inventors who have change our world for the better. The series is a must-see for comic book lovers of all ages. Learn and explore the exciting world of engineering in living comic-color.

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<http://anniversary.asme.org/comicbook.shtml>

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“Stump the Engineer” - Monthly Trivia Question

In an effort to encourage members to visit the website and read the newsletters, a monthly Engineering Trivia Contest has been established. Each month a question will appear in the newsletter. Participants must go to the website and log-in their answer, along with their e-mail address. A winner will be chosen each month and receive a free ASME polo shirt.

Spring Trivia Question

Name ASME's 5 Anniversary Landmarks that will be designated this year...

To answer this question and enter the prize drawing, go to <http://sems.asme.org/>

Click on **“Stump the Engineer” – Monthly Trivia Question**

Upcoming Events

April 27:	Section Awards Dinner (Ritz-Carleton, Dearborn)
May 13:	Engineering Day (Anderson Middle School, Berkley)
May 20:	Model T Landmark Recognition (Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn)
June 12:	ASME Summer Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA)