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President's Message

By Ron Mattox



Something we as engineers do not do enough of is singing our own praises. We tend to be a quite bunch that is more likely to let our deeds speak for us. Often we are most satisfied when our work goes unnoticed. For example: that intersection with 5 times the state average of accidents, after reconstruction the accident rate drops, the public feels safer but there is little thought as to how it was changed and who fixed it (except by ASHE members). How often do travelers take for granted all those bridges they drive across daily until one is closed. We as a profession need to let everyone know what we do and how important it is to everyday living.

With that said I want to take this opportunity to speak up and let you know what the Central Ohio Section of ASHE has been doing. I think most members have an idea about who we are and what we do but I have found that since coming on the board several years ago my understanding and appreciation have grown. First it needs to be said that this is a volunteer organization. Each of the Board Officers, the Directors and all the others you see making things happen are all giving their time to support ASHE. Annually we organize and run four luncheons. These luncheons serve dual purpose by providing professional information and opportunity for interaction with other professionals. Some of these luncheons provide Professional Development Hours or information important for our business such as Capital Improvement Projects of local agencies. At our October meeting during OTEC we provide an opportunity to meet ASHE's National President and hear what is happening at the national level. We are more than 6,000 strong and growing. There are plans in the works to develop new sections in multiple states. In the spring we put on a technical seminar with several qualified and experienced presenters. Also in the spring we are involved in State Science Day, helping with judging student projects. Speaking of judging, each year we receive submittals from our member companies for the Project of the Year. This gives us the opportunity to showcase some of the best projects in our area. This is an example of singing our praises as mentioned above, we just need to spread the word outside our profession.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2013

New Year Happy Hour
Location TBD

January 22, 2013

January Luncheon
Speaker: Bill Lozier - Licking
County Engineer
Villa Milano
Columbus, OH

February 21, 2013

E-Week Luncheon
Columbus, OH

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ASSISTANCE CONTACT PROGRAM

President's Message Cont.

Throughout the year we have also been involved in several social activities including but of course not limited to; Curling , Blue Jackets games, Clippers games, corn hole tournaments, happy hour at OTEC, Engineers Week Luncheon with other Professional Organizations and of course our popular golf outing. The list is getting longer as our Directors and members come up with new ideas and suggestions. New for this year we have added Adopt-A-Highway which has been a combination social and community support event. Also new this year we have worked with The Ohio State University to develop a scholarship program to support a deserving transportation student. Our first scholarship of \$2,500 was given to Sean Oatman, a senior at OSU.

All of this is being accomplished with a group of dedicated volunteers. Typically volunteer groups struggle to keep things running, especially from year to year with volunteers moving in and out. The Central Ohio Section of ASHE has been an exception. Maybe it's because we are engineers or maybe it is because we believe in the organization, either way we are accomplishing great things. We also recognize that there is more to do including reaching out to all people and groups in transportation, becoming an advocacy group for transportation improvements and funding, and in general meeting the needs of our members. Part of our effort to meet your needs included the online survey we recently sent out.

As ASHE members you understand what we are about. I encourage you to participate in all of our activities and I further encourage you to become more involved with ASHE as a volunteer. You can help with any one event or task, or join us on the Board. If you are like me; you will find it rewarding and will probably have fun at the same time.

ASHE Websites:

Local: www.centralohioashe.org

National: www.highwayengineers.org

You can find information about the Central Ohio Chapter, view upcoming events and even register for ASHE events.

MISSION STATEMENT

Provide a forum for members and partners of the highway industry to promote a safe, efficient and sustainable highway system through education, innovation and fellowship.

OTEC Luncheon

We had a great turnout for the ASHE OTEC luncheon this year with nearly 60 in attendance. Frank O'Hare, our national president, spoke about the direction ASHE national is heading this year. He explained that his mission as president is to work with ambassadors to start new ASHE sections in parts of the county where there currently are none. We look forward to seeing the progress ASHE makes in the new year. The Great Lakes region also announced the Regional project of the year award winners at the luncheon. The Alkire Road Widening project, our central Ohio Project of the Year Award winner, won the large project category. Congratulations TranSystems Corporation, Franklin County, and Shelly and Sands!



ASHE 2012 Scholarship Award

ASHE Central Ohio presented its 2012 scholarship award winner with a \$2,500 scholarship at the OTEC luncheon on October, 30th. The first ever recipient was Sean Oatman, a senior at Ohio State University. Sean is studying Civil Engineering and he hopes to start his career working in the transportation industry in central Ohio. He has a 3.77 grade point average, is a member of Tau Beta Pi, and has interned with the Butler County Engineers Office and MS Consultants. Congratulations Sean on this outstanding achievement!



Pictured above (from left to right): Ron Mattox, Sean Oatman, Dr. Carolyn Merry, and Patrick Herl

ASHE Central Ohio Adopt-A-Highway

Saturday, November 10th was our last cleanup of the Grandview/I-670 interchange for the year, but don't worry we will continue next year. At this last cleanup we had a dozen volunteers scouring the interchange for all manner of things. This time Clark Rausch won the gift certificate for most unique item found with a stuffed mouse and bunny rabbit. Rich Weigand won the prize for most trash collected by working an embankment covered with beer bottles. We had a nice Sunny day especially for November, and enjoyed a nice lunch together after.



Thank You to all of the following that have volunteered their time this year to participate in our Adopt-A-Highway program.

Patrick Herl	Joe Bolzenius	Stacy Bolzenius	Dave Jones
Jennifer Cross*	Ted Beidler*	Clark Rausch	John Xu
Scott Seaman	Bill Waller	Joe Sommer	Angela Fedak
Joe Mussleman	Shannon Weigand	Rich Weigand	Jason Lutz
Samantha Moffett	Aaron Call	Robert Ballard	Scott Roe

* Participated in all three cleanups this year

ASHE Cornhole Event

ASHE hosted the second annual Cornhole event on October 11th at Brewsky's Sports Bar in Upper Arlington. The event was held to raise money for the organization's scholarship fund for students studying civil engineering at The Ohio State University. Over 20 people participated in the event in which teams were randomly selected and paired in a single elimination tournament. The tournament was a successful networking event for younger members and non-members within the Central Ohio Section. Prizes were awarded to the top three placing teams. The section hopes that this event will continue to grow in future years and will be a staple among the younger members.





New Membership

To receive ASHE updates via email, or inquire about new membership please contact Scott Seaman:

Secretary@CentralOhioASHE.org

Email addresses will not be released.

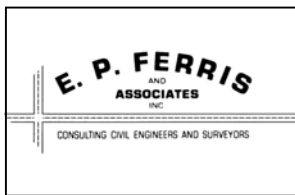


Change of address?

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The Central Ohio Section of ASHE

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