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President's Message

By Patrick Herl

As spring begins, my term as President will end later this month. Time flies when you are having fun! It has been a gratifying experience to be part of this tremendous group of professionals dedicated to the enhancement of the transportation industry. It has been my pleasure to serve on the board of Central Ohio ASHE for the last 5 years and I look forward to one more year as Past President.



Over the past year, I am proud to say the board has accomplished many things. The first of many accomplishments include being a member of ODOT's "Adopt-a-Highway" program. If you haven't heard, our location is the intersection of I-670 and Grandview Ave. It is only fitting that a group such as ASHE volunteer to help maintain and beautify a stretch of Highway. Look for our sign the next time you travel through this area and stay tuned for upcoming clean-up events as we are committed to four per year. Another accomplishment was forming a scholarship committee and making a commitment for an annual contribution to the college of engineering at The Ohio State University. We will be awarding our first scholarship to a praiseworthy student later this year. In addition, we held a membership drive that was a great success. Many of you participated in our contest and with your efforts we added nine new members. Finally, our public relations director Aaron Call did a great job planning several events that were ASHE firsts. These include a cornhole tournament, holiday happy hour, learn to curl and beer tasting. Our events provide a great forum for socializing and building relationships with colleagues and peers.

Our annual May luncheon is scheduled for May 22nd. The winners of our project of the year award will be announced and we will be introducing four new board members for next year. I want to thank Dave Fishel (Strand Associates), Joe Rikk (Gannett Fleming), Angela Fedak (PB) and Josh Epperson (HNTB) for becoming part of the team. For anyone else wanting to become more active with our organization, please contact one of us. There are many opportunities for you to help.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 22, 2012

Annual Luncheon
Crown Plaza Columbus North

June 7-12, 2012

National Conference
Seven Springs, PA

June 24, 2012

Clippers Game with APWA

July 20, 2012

Golf Outing
Foxfire Golf Club

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President's Message Cont.

Clear your calendars for two of our popular summertime events. The annual Ron Zook Memorial golf outing is scheduled for Friday, July 20th at the popular Player's Club course at Foxfire. Also, we have planned an evening at the ballpark for a Clipper's game. This event is being co-sponsored by APWA and is scheduled for Sunday, June 24th.

Finally, as I move into the position of Past President I want to welcome Ron Mattox (Jobs Henderson) as President for next year. Ron brings vast experience and leadership to the position and will do a great job. I also ask that everyone cheer for him as he continues to train for Pelotonia in August, which raises money for cancer research at the Ohio State James Cancer hospital. Good Luck Ron!

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.



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.



ASHE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Seven Springs Mountain Resort, PA June 7-12, 2012

For more information, go to www.highwayengineers.org

Thank You!

The work of ASHE would not go on without the hard work of many volunteers. We would like to thank outgoing board members and directors Rich Weigand, Scott Roe, Jen Alford, and Carlos Escalante for all of their hard work and years of service.

ASHE Central Ohio Project of the Year

Applications have been received for Project of the Year, and the judges are in the process of making a selection. Award announcement will be at the May 22nd luncheon.

Change of address?

If you have recently changed employers, moved, or otherwise have changes to your contact information, please update your information on the ASHE national website at <http://www.highwayengineers.org/membership.html>. Updated information entered here will automatically be sent to Scott Seaman, the Central Ohio Section Secretary. Just choose the Great Lakes Region | Central Ohio Section from the scroll tab.



Membership Drive Winners!

We are happy to announce the ASHE Membership Drive winning new members Laura Bright (EMH&T), Joy Lanham (Burgess & Niple) and Tom Evans (CAD Concepts) and their sponsoring members Robert Hoops (EMH&T), Aaron Call (B&N) and Frank O'Hare (CT Consultants)/Dave Jones (Jones Stuckey), respectively. Both the new members and the sponsoring member will receive a \$50 gift card. (*Frank O'Hare and Dave Jones will be splitting the \$50 gift card.*) We also welcome the other new members listed below and thank all the sponsoring members for their efforts of extending the benefits of our organization to others.

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John Patton—ms consultants

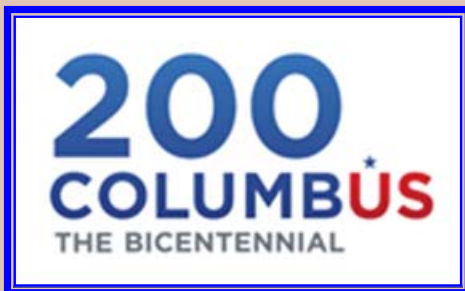
Nikki Tvaroch—CTL Engineering

Doug Bender—Woolpert

Scott Wilson—CTL Engineering

John Stains—ODOT

May Luncheon



May 22

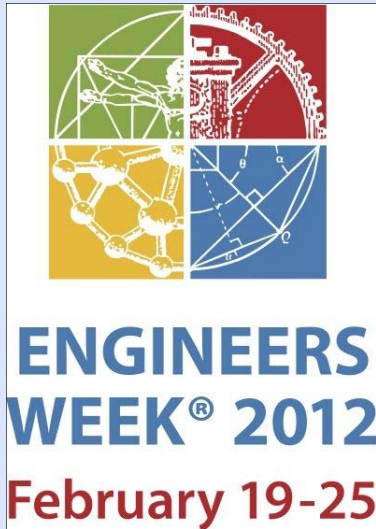
Crown Plaza North Columbus

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Ellen Sylvia will talk about 200Columbus, an organization dedicated to developing a robust and transformative commemoration of the city's Bicentennial in 2012 that is a catalyst for greater economic prosperity.

The 2011 - 2012 Project of the Year Award winner will be announced and presented with their award.

The 2012-2013 ASHE Board of Directors & Officers will also be sworn in for their upcoming year of service.



ENGINEERS WEEK LUNCHEON

Another successful Engineers Week luncheon was held at the Bridgewater Conference Center on February 23rd. The keynote speaker was Bryan Palaszewski of NASA's John H. Glenn Research Center. John spoke about impacts NASA has made on the average American life. Bryan has worked at the NASA Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field since 1989 and is currently directing research on high performance propellants and atmospheric entry. He currently leads work related to human Mars entry, descent, and landing (EDL) where rocket deceleration is planned for the final descent to the planet's surface. The Engineers Week luncheon is sponsored and jointly organized by 9 local engineering organizations including APWA, SME, OSPE, ECC, ASCE, WTS, IEEE, ITE, and ASHE.



World of Beer

About 25 ASHE members enjoyed socializing and trying flights of beer at the World of Beer in Columbus' Brewery District after work on Friday May 4.

March Luncheon

The March luncheon was held on March 27 at the Fawcett Center. Jim Pajk of Franklin County and Rick Engel of E.L. Robinson made a presentation describing the design and construction of the Dodridge Street Bridge, located just north of the Fawcett Center. The Dodridge Street bridge is a unique three span bridge comprised of precast prestressed and post-tensioned tub girders. The short end spans serve to anchor the middle span via the use of vertical rock anchors. When finally completed, the bridge will have the appearance of a single span bridge. After the presentation, attendees enjoyed a tour of the bridge, currently under construction.



Adopt-a-Highway



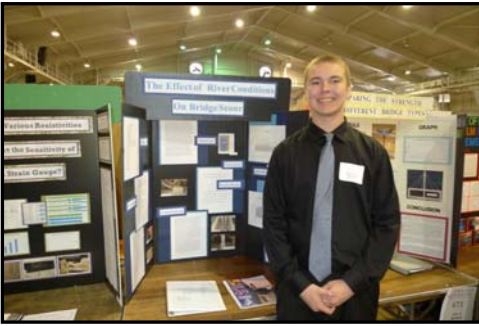
On Saturday, May 12th ASHE Central Ohio held the first of many clean up events along I-670 and Grandview Avenue. As part of ODOT's Adopt-a-Highway initiative, our section has made the commitment to keeping this intersection tidy and clean. A group of 15 individuals met first at the Franklin County Engineer's office for an early morning breakfast and for a safety briefing. After carpooling to the site, groups were formed and the fun began. Fashioning bright yellow safety vests, work gloves and pickers the group collected litter and trash from along 670 and the entrance and exit ramps. To keep

spirits high, there was a contest with prizes for the most bags filled and for the most unusual item found. The winners were Rich Weigand for collecting the most bags with a total of 5 and Aaron Call for discovering a full arm cast. Ouch! In summary, the group had a great time and the first event was a success. Stay tuned for future clean up dates.



STATE SCIENCE DAY

The ASHE Central Ohio Section once again had the pleasure of participating in State Science Day. This year's judging resulted in two awardees out of the hundreds of excellent projects presented by a variety of young men and women from schools all across Ohio.



Zachary Schaub, an 11th grader from Carroll High School in Dayton was the recipient of the section's \$300 award. Zachary's project studied the effect of river conditions on bridge scour.

A second \$200 award was presented to Derek Demel, a 7th grader from Athens Middle School in Athens. Derek's project experimented with multiple truss types to better understand the relationship between the geometry of a bridge and its efficiency.



Zachary and Derek, as well as all of the participants in this year's Science Day, were bright, personable individuals that, should they choose an engineering career, will carry on our profession in a more than capable fashion.

ASHE members that volunteered their Saturday morning to assist with the judging were Rich Weigand with S&ME, Ted Beidler with the Franklin County Engineer, Kevin White with E.L. Robinson and Charlie Wagner with CW Design Group.

\$\$\$\$ Money Matters \$\$\$\$

Annual Dues Invoice

You should have received your annual dues invoice via e-mail on May 7. Payment is due by June 4. **Pay your dues by Monday, May 21, and you will be entered in a raffle for a \$50 gift card!** See your e-mail or the ASHE website [ASHE 2012-2013 Dues Renewal Online Payments](#) for more information or contact Secretary@CentralOhioASHE.org.

Highway Club

ASHE is currently soliciting renewals for the ASHE Highway Club. For \$250 the Highway Club offers a package of ASHE corporate sponsorships that is a savings of \$150 over the individual sponsorships. If you think your company is interested, please contact Scott Seaman at Secretary@CentralOhioASHE.org

The Central Ohio Section of ASHE

Wishes to thank our sponsors for their generous support.



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