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## The President's Message



This past May I was honored by being sworn in as the President of the Central Ohio section of ASHE, in its 30th year. I have served on the board for 4 years now and this is an exciting step for me to lead the section this year. I have been blessed to watch several past presidents before me advance the section and it is my mission to continue that trend and ensure that ASHE continues to provide valuable

benefits to its membership.

I've lived in central Ohio for almost 15 years now. I received my bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and have worked for engineering firms here in Central Ohio including Burgess and Niple and now OHM Advisors. Over the years I have met many colleagues and friends in the transportation industry and have really enjoyed learning from them and socializing with them. I joined ASHE over 5 years ago with the goal of meeting more great people in the industry and my expectations have certainly been met.

As president I hope to broaden the opportunities for our members to both network with their colleagues and to educate themselves on the latest trends in our industry. I would also like to grow the number of active participants in our organization. The total number of members doesn't mean nearly as much to me as the number of those who are actively involved. Whether it be volunteering for our service projects like the highway cleanup or attending our luncheons and social events.

Another goal of mine is to strengthen ASHE's relationship with one of the largest civil engineering departments in the county that happens to be in our own backyard, The Ohio State University. A scholarship fund was started a few years ago and that is a great initial step, but I would like to further engage the students and faculty by making a true connection between the University and our industry. This partnership would benefit both the students and ASHE by identifying students with an interest in the transportation industry and providing them growth and mentorship opportunities. Look for events this year that target networking opportunities between ASHE and the students and faculty at OSU.

I am extremely excited for this year and the direction ASHE is heading. I hope to see you all at events and look forward to hearing any input you may have about what you would like to see ASHE achieve this year. Thank you for affording me the opportunity to lead this organization, I will do my best to serve our section and further advance our industry.

Sincerely,

Aaron H. Call, PE

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## 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.

# Spring Technical Seminar

This past spring, ASHE Central Ohio held another successful technical seminar, providing PDF credits and a great lineup of speakers for the attendees. The event took place on April 8th at the Crown Plaza in Columbus and there were 45 professionals in attendance. "Progress Through Innovation: Delivering Projects in Today's Economy" was the topic and ASHE was able to secure a very engaging list of presentations. Some great projects in Ohio were discussed including the Portsmouth Bypass, the Nelsonville Bypass, Lincoln Pike Bridge in Galia County, and a discussion on funding projects through a Transportation Improvement District (TID). Speakers ranged from district deputy directors and county engineers to project managers for the agencies. ASHE provided a large continental breakfast spread with plenty of refreshments to fuel the attendees for the day. With the success of last year's half-day seminar format, the event was again kicked off by 8am and everyone was wrapped up by lunchtime to have everyone on their way with their PDH credits. The Central Ohio ASHE Spring Seminar provided a good source for education, networking, and growth in Ohio's engineering community. Look for announcements for the next ASHE technical seminar in the coming months.



## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

To receive ASHE updates via email, or inquire about new membership please go to our website, [www.centralohio.org/renew.html](http://www.centralohio.org/renew.html), or contact Scott Seaman, [Sseaman@GPDGroup.com](mailto:Sseaman@GPDGroup.com)

\* Email addresses will not be released but are available to members.

# INTERCHANGE CLEAN UP

## ASHE Central Ohio Adopt-A-Highway

Saturday, August 23rd was our most recent cleanup of the Grandview/I-670 interchange. At this last cleanup we had eight volunteers who braved the high temperatures and even higher humidity to do our part to keep central Ohio highways clean. This time, Ted Beidler won the gift card for the most unique item found when he saw a can of WD-40 which came in handy on some repairs to a few of the trash grabbers. We started to work and finished quickly due to the heat and humidity and then enjoyed a nice lunch together at the refreshingly cool Woodland's Backyard restaurant. Thank you to all of the volunteers for the Adopt-A-Highway event:

Joe Bolzenius

Jennifer Cross

Ted Beidler

Rich Weigand

Ron Mattox

David Rourke

David Lenzer

Mike Raubenolt





1st Place Team - David Rourke, Shane Kalinoski, Neil Schwartz, Steve Luebbe



Great volunteer help at the Hole in One Challenge...Thanks Chrissy and Libby!



Team McCormick Taylor

## RONALD L. ZOOK MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

### ASHE Golf, Leave Your Mulligans at Home...

The 7th Annual Ronald L. Zook Memorial Golf Outing took place on Friday July 18th at Fox Fire Golf Club. We had a great turnout and everyone was ready for an exciting day of golf, far more exciting than being in the office on Friday! No mulligans were sold this year, so all competitors were challenged to step up their game for a low score, rather than purchasing a low score through mulligans. Despite some clouds and a few light sprinkles, the rain held off until all of our golfers wrapped up all 18 holes. We had several competitions for the participants and a slew of prizes, provided by ASHE and contributions from some of the local firms. The Hole-in-One Challenge was back on the Par 3 seventeenth hole. While a few participants had some hope while their balls were in the air, no one managed to win the \$10,000 prize. The game did raise valuable money for the ASHE Scholarship Fund and a

consolation prize was given for landing on the green, closest to the hole. Though Rory McIlroy wasn't spotted on the course that day, we did have a low score team of Shane Kalinoski, Neil Schwartz, David Rourke, and Steve Luebbe. The second place team was made up of Mike Ciotola, Chris Shea, Dave Becker, and Tiffany Elchert. These teams won some of the nice prize packages that were given away during the post play dinner at the Fox Fire Clubhouse. Several other prizes were given away for various competitions, including Mark Pardi walking away with the 50/50 pot. It turned out to be a great day of golf, socializing, a bit of competition amongst friends, and a lot of laughs throughout the day. Thanks to all who participated in making this year's outing another success for ASHE Central Ohio.



2nd Place Team - Mike Ciotola, Tiffany Elchert, Chris Shea, Dave Becker



Chip shot on 17



Former ASHE Scholarship recipient Sean Oatman lines up as his team looks on



Not their first round of Golf



Start your engines...Participants preparing to hit the tees



FoxFire Flag

## ASHE & ASCE COLUMBUS CREW GAME EVENT



As some of our members have noticed, we have held quite a few joint events with other professional organizations and the Columbus Crew vs LA Galaxy game on August 16th was another such event. ASHE and ASCE had a great turnout for a big showdown between the Columbus Crew and the highly talented LA Galaxy club. We sold out of all 50 tickets that were reserved for the event. Our members were able to kick off the event with a tailgate hosted by the guys at Tailgate Ten. Hamburgers and hotdogs were served, giant Jenga and cornhole games kept everyone occupied while socializing with new and familiar faces alike. The tailgate took us right up to game time. The yellow and gold honored the all time goal leader for the US National team and Galaxy legend, Landon Donovan, with a presentation and plaque before the match. With Donovan's retirement coming later this season, it was to be the last time "LD" played in the Crew Stadium. Columbus welcomed Donovan and gave a great ovation of respect for what the star has done for MLS and the United States team. Once the match started, Columbus was on fire. The Crew put up a 4-1 victory and the crowd was very energetic the whole game. The night was capped off with fireworks in the stadium. This was the first Crew tailgate for ASHE, but look for ASHE Central Ohio to host many similar events for our membership.

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

### **OTEC LUNCHEON**

- 11:30 Registration, Crowne Plaza Downtown
  - Speaker: ASHE National President, Samir Mody
  - All-Ohio ASHE Luncheon At OTEC - Eventbrite Registration
  - Questions, Contact David Lenzer at 614.459-2050 / David.Lenzer@BurgessNiple.com
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### **OTEC HAPPY HOUR**

- Joint event with ASCE, WTS, Engineers Club of Columbus, OSPE, & Engineers Without Borders
  - Brothers Bar & Grill, 477 Park St, Across from the Convention Center
  - Tuesday October 28th, 6-8pm
  - Drink tickets provided at the event
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### **COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS GAME**

- November 4th 2014 vs Carolina Hurricanes @ 7pm
  - See Flyer in newsletter for all the details
  - <http://www.centralohioasce.com/hockey-2014>
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### **ASHE CENTRAL OHIO 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

ASHE Central Ohio is throwing a PARTY! We will be hosting a dinner to celebrate our 30th year as a chapter in Central Ohio. Look for details to come soon

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### **ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY EVENT**

Central Ohio ASHE will again be cleaning up the I-670/Grandview interchange on the morning of Saturday, November 22. We'd love to have as many participants as possible. Look for emails coming to membership soon or contact Mike Raubenolt ([mraubenolt@structurepoint.com](mailto:mraubenolt@structurepoint.com)) for more details.

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### **ASHE CENTRAL OHIO GOLF OUTING CHAIR POSITION**

Our board of directors is looking for someone who loves golf and is interested in event planning to head up our annual golf outing. We would like to create a new position as chair of this event. You'll have plenty of guidance and help from the current board members and hopefully it'll be a fun task. If you have interest in participation in ASHE, please contact Josh Epperson ([josh.epperson@parsons.com](mailto:josh.epperson@parsons.com)) for more information.



*The Ohio Section Chapters of the American Society of Highway Engineers are pleased to announce an All-Ohio ASHE Luncheon at OTEC:*

## **National Update: A Message from the ASHE National President**

**Tuesday, October 28, 2014 (during the OTEC lunch hour)**

- Registration: 11:30 am
- Lunch: 12:00 pm
- Program: 12:15 pm

### **Crowne Plaza Columbus Downtown**

33 East Nationwide Boulevard  
Columbus, OH 43215

*(Follow the ASHE signs from the Convention Hall)*



Samir Mody  
ASHE National President

Sam has over 30 years of experience in the administration, management, design and construction of civil/transportation projects in the Northeast region. His experience includes planning, design and construction of bridges, highways, and commuter rail/transit infrastructure with an aggregate value of \$1.5B during his career, while serving both the public and private industries. Sam holds a Bachelors and Masters of Science Degree from Drexel University and is a Professional Engineer in NJ, PA and DE.

He has been associated with the American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE) for the past 27 years where he has served in a leadership capacity at the section, regional and national levels. Sam is a charter member of the Southern New Jersey (1986) and New York Metro (2004) Sections, recipient of the 2010 National Member of the Year Award, assisted in the raising/distribution of \$125k in scholarship monies to local civil engineering students and spearheaded the expansion of ASHE beyond their current borders. He was re-appointed to ASHE National Board of Directors in 2012 and installed as the 56th National President in June, 2014. This organization has provided Sam with many valuable networking opportunities and led to career advancement and long-lasting relationships/friendships within the engineering profession.



**Menu:** Deli sandwiches, soup, and dessert.  
Special dietary needs can be accommodated.

**Cost:** Students Free, Government Rate \$10, Luncheon Guests \$35  
Prepayment is required online via [Eventbrite](#) or by mailed check to:

**Eventbrite**

Central Ohio ASHE  
c/o Burgess & Niple  
5085 Reed Road  
Columbus, OH 43220

**Reservations:** RSVP by Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
at: [ASHE October Luncheon](#)  
or contact David Lenzer at 614-459-2050  
or [David.Lenzer@burgessniple.com](mailto:David.Lenzer@burgessniple.com).

*ASHE Central Ohio Section invites you to...*

## **OTEC Happy Hour**

**Joint Organization Happy hour with ASCE, OSPE, EWB, ASHE, Engineers Club of Columbus, and WTS**

Join us on Tuesday October 28th,  
**2014 6:00-8:00pm**

### **Brothers Bar & Grill**

477 Park St

Columbus, Oh 43215

(Right across from the Convention Center / behind North Market)

- ♦ Drink Tickets will be provided
- ♦ With 6 Central Ohio Societies participating this year, it's sure to be a big turnout

Walk across the street to Brothers Bar & Grill, have a drink and chat with your peers and colleagues after the first day of the 2014 OTEC Conference

Any questions, contact David Rourke 614-205-4083

or [drourke.rasinc@gmail.com](mailto:drourke.rasinc@gmail.com)

RSVP is not required, but highly appreciated!



Join us for....

An ASHE, ASCE & ECC joint event

## Columbus Blue Jackets vs Carolina Hurricanes Hockey Game

Tuesday, November 4th, 2014

Game Starts 7pm @ Nationwide Arena

**Come join us and cheer on the Blue Jackets  
during this exciting season!**

- ♦ ASCE, ASHE & ECC are subsidizing ticket prices to give members and non-members ***GREAT*** discounted rates.
- ♦ Tickets can be picked up from Matt Baxendell at Brother's Bar & Grill before the game. (Please pickup by 6:30pm or arrange to pickup from prior to the day of the event)

***Space is limited so sign up today!***

***ASHE /ASCE members and non-members welcome!***



**\$10 for ASHE/ASCE/ECC  
members  
\$15 for non-members**

**Event registration & pay-  
ment via PayPal by visiting  
the ASCE page at**

<http://www.centralohioasce.com/hockey-2014>



Any questions, contact David Rourke  
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