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# NEWSLETTER

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## Central Ohio ASHE Member Spotlight

David Jones, Pennoni



1. What is your current job?

I am the Ohio Office Director for Pennoni.

2. How long have you been a member of ASHE? What's your best experience thus far?

I became an ASHE Member in August 1984. The best experience has been being the Central Ohio President in 1994-95. As President, you have the support of the entire group. That spring, we put together the first ASHE seminar. It featured pavement design. Although formats have changed throughout the years, it is good to see the seminars continue to provide good value to the members. Being president also helped in me overcoming the fear of public speaking.

3. Tell us about your morning ritual.

I am a morning person. So I will get up around 4am, make coffee and read for an hour. After that, I will answer or send emails before eating breakfast.

4. What was your childhood dream job?

As odd as it sounds, I always wanted to be an engineer or architect. When I was about 10, the Montgomery County Engineers Office replaced the Main Street Bridge over Wolf Creek in Trotwood. I would go down and watch the construction every day. I would report back to my dad, who was an architect and discuss the construction. While the project destroyed the best fishing hole near town, I found construction very fascinating.

5. What's your favorite moment of your career so far?

It is hard to say because I have enjoyed a few. In general, seeing your projects get built and solve problems. No matter what size of project, it is always gratifying.

6. What was your first real job?

Besides mowing lawns and delivering newspapers at 12, my first job was working for an office furniture store assembling and helping to deliver furniture to businesses.

7. Guilty pleasure: What can you not live without?

I enjoy wearing Brooks Brother shirts.

8. If Hollywood made a movie of your life; who would you like to see play the lead role as you?

Tom Hanks because he can make anybody look and sound exciting.

9. If you could provide one piece of professional advice, what would it be?

Take the time to be creative. Innovation depends on creativity. We are in a creative business but many people just don't take the time.

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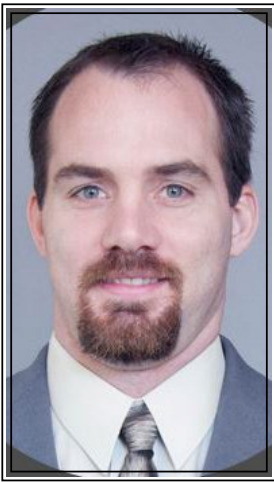
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## Mission Statement

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.



# ASHE Membership Drive Paid Dividends

ASHE held a membership drive this spring to encourage the lurkers to make the plunge into ASHE Central Ohio. New members whom applied before the March deadline were eligible for one of two \$50 gift cards that were being given away. For a \$35 membership, that's certainly a steal! The 2016-2017 Central Ohio President, Josh Epperson, drew names at random and we posted the video of the drawing on the ASHE Central Ohio LinkedIn page. The lucky winners were Mariel Colman of OHM Advisors and Tony Lenhart of American Structurepoint. Even if you've missed the membership drive, becoming an ASHE member has tons of benefits and is among the cheapest dues of any of the local engineering organizations. Come out and join us at a future event and visit [centraloh.ashe.pro](http://centraloh.ashe.pro) for the links to become a member. For those of you that are already members, please encourage your friends and co-workers to join us for all of the great opportunities that ASHE provides to the local engineering community.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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To receive ASHE updates via email, or inquire about new membership please go to our website, [www.CentralOH.ASHE.pro](http://www.CentralOH.ASHE.pro), or contact Mike Taricska:

[Mike.Taricska@burgessniple.com](mailto:Mike.Taricska@burgessniple.com)

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

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# ASHE PROJECT OF THE YEAR WINNERS

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## Under \$5 million & Peer's Choice: U.S. 23/Pennsylvania Avenue Improvement Project

Owner: City of Delaware

Consultant: ms consultants

Contractor: Trucco Construction

Construction Cost: \$2.2 million

The U.S. 23/Pennsylvania Avenue Improvement Project (DEL-23-13.17) was a cost-effective, low-impact solution to provide safer, more direct, access from and to U.S. 23 for north Delaware. More traditional alternatives of constructing a full interchange would have impacted the adjacent Historic Northwest District and the Olentangy River floodplain, and would have cost \$8 million more to build than this \$2.5 million project. By designing and building this less costly, innovative solution, the City was able to take advantage of available funding and accelerate the implementation of a safer, more efficient access to the north side of Delaware without precluding the construction of a full movement interchange if needed in the future.





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# ASHE PROJECT OF THE YEAR WINNERS

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## Over \$5 million: Sawmill Parkway Extension

Owner: Delaware County

Consultant: Burgess & Niple

Contractor: Trucco Construction

Construction Cost: \$30.4 million

Delaware County – the fastest growing county in Ohio – now has a new direct connection to the Columbus metro area, thanks to the completion of the Sawmill Parkway Extension Project. Completed in November 2016, the new road reduces commute times for travelers and opens up 1,600 acres of land for development. With a portion of the project located within City limits, the City of Delaware calls the 4.5-mile roadway extension, “The City of Delaware’s most significant transportation project for the last 30 years.”

The four-lane divided roadway includes five roundabouts and a bike path along the entire length. Burgess & Niple (B&N) provided planning, design, preliminary engineering, and environmental services along with public involvement assistance. The total design cost was \$4 million. The total project construction cost was \$30.4 million, more than \$3 million under the budgeted amount of \$33.5 million.



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## 2017 ASHE Golf Outing

### *10th Annual Ronald L. Zook Memorial Golf Outing*

We had a good turnout for this year's golf outing, which was held at Blackhawk Golf Club in Galena, Ohio. A total of 53 players participated on 14 different teams. The format was a 4 person scramble.

Two teams finished with a 13 under par score of 58. We had to go to the handicaps on the scorecards to determine the winner. The winning team members were Angela Fedak, Darrell Miller, Troy Euton, and Justin Meranda. Taking second place was the team of David Rourke, Elne Banard, Steve Luebee, and Neil Swartz. Congratulations to both teams.

Unfortunately, no one managed to get a hole in one on Hole #4, which would have padded their wallet with \$10,000. Better luck next year.

In addition to door prizes, and team skins, skill prizes were awarded on eight holes for longest drive, longest putt, and closest to the hole.

Dinner was catered by Son of Thurman. A great spread of pulled pork, brisket, au gratin potatoes, among other things. No "Thurmanators" this year, but Chris with SOT hinted of big burgers on the buffet line in the future.

Thanks to all the staff at Blackhawk. A special thanks to the volunteers from ASHE who helped make this event possible.





# ASHE National Conference

The ASHE National Conference was held in NYC in June of 2017. Central Ohio members in attendance were Dave Jones, Frank O'Hare and Emily Steva. Tours were offered of the new construction at the LaGuardia Airport, the 911 Memorial, and the NY Transit Museum. 13 Technical sessions were offered with presenters from the MTA, NY Thruway Authority, NJ Transit Authority, NYSDOT, NJDOT, USDOT, along with numerous consultants. Topics included the Goethals Bridge P3 Replacement, the New NY Bridge, East Side Coastal Resiliency, Connected Vehicles, Asset Management & Capital Planning, and Business Development for Technical Professionals, and much more. Other National Conference events included a golf outing and the Annual ASHE Banquet and Gala.



# Columbus Crew Event

In this intra-organizational event, Central Ohio ASHE members linked up with ASCE and Engineer's Club members for a night on the pitch at MAPFRE Stadium on Saturday August 12th. Colleagues and friends enjoyed a pre-game tailgate and then cheered the Crew onto a 3-1 Victory vs. the Chicago Fire. The night was officially dubbed as "Engineering Night" at MAPFRE Stadium due to ticket sales from local engineering organizations. ASHE takes pride in our relationships with fellow engineering organizations and enjoys providing our members with opportunities to network with professionals of all types of engineering backgrounds.

**COLUMBUS CREW SC**

## ENGINEERING NIGHT

AT MAPFRE STADIUM



**SATURDAY // AUGUST 12**  
7:30PM KICKOFF // @ MAPFRE STADIUM

**\$18**  
**Upper Sideline**  
(\$30 Value)

Join local Engineers for a night out with Crew SC as they host Bastian Schweinsteiger and the Chicago Fire at MAPFRE Stadium

**BUY TICKETS**  
Use Promo Code: **ENGINEERS**

**Deadline To Order: AUGUST 10TH at 5PM**

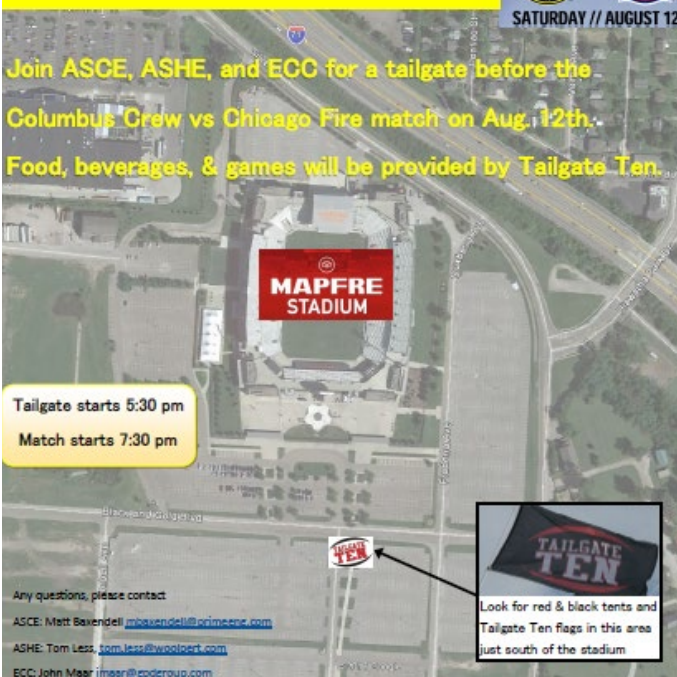
For questions, hospitality space, or groups of 10+, contact Lara Ceaser at:  
LCEASER@COLUMBUSCREWSC.COM or 614.447.4232

Tickets are limited, subject to availability and price change. Offer not valid on the day of match.

**ASCE, ASHE, and ECC Crew Tailgate**

**SATURDAY // AUGUST 12**

Join ASCE, ASHE, and ECC for a tailgate before the Columbus Crew vs Chicago Fire match on Aug. 12th. Food, beverages, & games will be provided by Tailgate Ten.



**MAPFRE STADIUM**

Tailgate starts 5:30 pm  
Match starts 7:30 pm

Any questions, please contact:  
ASCE: Matt Bavendell [mavendell@primeeng.com](mailto:mavendell@primeeng.com)  
ASHE: Tom Less [tom.less@wpiport.com](mailto:tom.less@wpiport.com)  
ECC: John Maer [jmaer@ecdgroupp.com](mailto:jmaer@ecdgroupp.com)

Look for red & black tents and Tailgate Ten flags in this area just south of the stadium

Discounted tickets for the match must be purchased online, here by August 10th at 5pm: \$18/ea (\$30 value) Match tickets not required to join the tailgate





# INTERCHANGE CLEAN UP

## ASHE Central Ohio Adopt-A-Highway

On Saturday, September 2nd, ASHE members met at 10:00am at Woodlands Backyard to get ready to clean up the I-670/Grandview Ave Interchange. The ASHE members pictured below showed up in the cool, rainy conditions to get the job done! Afterwards, we enjoyed lunch at Hofbrauhaus to celebrate a job well done! Prost!

Thanks again to all of the volunteers who came out to clean up our interchange:

Aaron Call

Jennifer Cross

Joe Bolzenius

Stacy Bolzenius

Josh Epperson

Beth Thornton

Jonathan Hartzell

Cornell Robertson

Ted Beidler

Ryan Spak





# Upcoming Events & Announcements

## **ASHE HAPPY HOUR**

- Seventh Son Brewing, 1101 N 4th St, Columbus, OH 43201
- Wednesday, September 20th, 5:00-7:30pm

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## **OTEC LUNCHEON**

- Tuesday October 10th
- 12:00 Registration, Crowne Plaza Columbus Downtown
- Speaker: ASHE National President
- The Great Lakes Regional Project of the Year and ASHE OSU Scholarship Recipient will be awarded at the luncheon
- Eventbrite Registration
- Questions, Contact Justin Soltesz, 614-901-2235

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## **OTEC HAPPY HOUR**

- Tuesday October 10th
- 5:30-8:00pm at Brothers Bar & Grill
- Complimentary appetizers and drink tickets will be provided
- Formal flyer coming soon

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## **OTEC BOOTH**

- Come visit us at the Booth #811

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## **ASHE MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL**

- Renewal dues are by the end of September! Please renew your dues online here:

[ASHE RENEWAL DUES 2017-2018](#)

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## **2ND ANNUAL ASHE SCHOLARSHIP DINNER**

- More details coming soon!



# **ASHE**

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HIGHWAY ENGINEERS**  
**CENTRAL OHIO SECTION**

ASHE Central Ohio Section Invites you to join us for a

## **2017-2018 Membership Drive Happy Hour**

**Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**From 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm**



1101 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street (4<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)  
Columbus, OH 43201

And don't forget to renew your membership, Deadline is September 30th!

**[ASHE RENEWAL DUES 2017-2018](#)**




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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 10, 2017**

Registration: 12:00 pm  
 Lunch: 12:20 pm  
 Program: 12:30 pm

**CROWNE PLAZA COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN - Fusion Room**

33 East Nationwide Blvd  
 Columbus, OH 43215

*Follow the ASHE signs from the Convention Hall*

### JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL OTEC LUNCHEON

Our luncheon at OTEC will feature an update from the ASHE National President, Greg Dutton. In addition, the Great Lakes Region Project of the Year winners will be announced and this year's ASHE Central Ohio scholarship winners will be recognized.



#### GREG DUTTON, PE – ASHE National President

Mr. Dutton joined the Northeast Florida Section of ASHE in 2003 as a government employee at the encouragement of a manager who was very involved and who promoted DOT Engineers to participate. In 2007 while working as a Senior Engineer/Construction Project Manager for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), he was asked by the ASHE Northeast Florida Section to serve as their Regional Director. Service on the Section Board involved acting as a liaison between the Region and Section, planning activities with the officers and committee chairs to foster more involvement by members and students, increasing awareness of ASHE's purpose and vision, raising funds for scholarships, providing industry information to customers, and reaching out to the community. Serving was no chore because the Section's leadership had so much fun along the way.

Mr. Dutton graduated from the University of Florida (UF) in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. He joined the Florida Department of Transportation as a Project Engineer, managing road and bridge construction projects. In 2007, after taking on the role of ASHE Regional Director, Greg joined the private industry and opened an office in Jacksonville for a transportation consulting firm performing Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI). In 2013, Greg was elected as an ASHE National Director representing the SE Region and served on the scanner, Public Relations, National Conference, and Regional Oversight committees. After working for a couple of years in SW Florida managing I-75 widening projects, he now works for Volkert, Inc. out of Orlando on the I4 Ultimate project and with their Florida CEI operations. He stays active attending ASHE Section events in Florida and occasionally attending ASHE Section events in other areas of the country. As the ASHE National 1st Vice President this past year, Mr. Dutton has served on the Executive Committee, Budget/Audit, scanner, and Strategic Plan committees.

### MENU

Deli sandwich and soup buffet, dessert  
*Special dietary needs can be accommodated by request*

### TICKETS

Students Free – Government Employees \$10 – ASHE Members \$35 – All Other Guests \$40  
**Prepayment is required** online via [Eventbrite](#)

**Eventbrite**

Or by mailed check to:

Central Ohio ASHE  
 c/o American Structurepoint  
 2550 Corporate Exchange Drive Suite 300  
 Columbus, OH 43231

### RSVP

By **Thursday, October 5 at 4pm** at [ASHE OTEC Luncheon on Eventbrite](#)  
 or contact Justin Soltesz at 614.901.2235 or [jsoltesz@structurepoint.com](mailto:jsoltesz@structurepoint.com)

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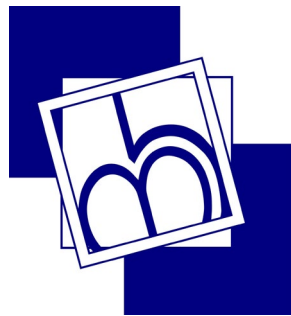
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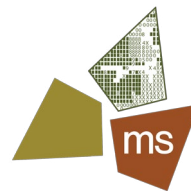
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