

# BLACKLINES

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## President's Message

Kelly Cranford, P.E.  
Treasure Coast Chapter President  
South Florida Water Management District

For those of you not familiar with the Florida Engineering Foundation (FEF), the Foundation was established in 1986 to encourage and assist students in pursuing engineering careers and to educate the public about engineering and is authorized to receive and administer funds for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.

Our Chapter has been asked to help raise funds for the FEF by providing items to be auction off during the annual silent auction at the Annual Summer Conference and Exposition. Possible donations might include a weekend at a local resort, tickets to sporting or cultural events, donation of your week at a time share or use of a vacation home; or guided fishing trips either off-shore or in-shore (possibly guided by an FES member). If you or your firm would like to donate items for the auction, please call Ory Dawes or John Hall at Ludovici and Orange (305-448-1600) or Shawn Stewart at FES (800-277-0086).

Another opportunities to support FEF include participating in the Annual Conference FEF Golf Tournament, which will be held at the Ft. Lauderdale Country Club at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, August 9. (Golf, cart and lunch are only \$100. A foursome is \$375 and a foursome including a hole sponsorship is only \$450.)

You can also support FEF by attending the Annual Conference Fun and Fellowship Topped With Bananas Gassett! Spend an informal evening at Bob Miller's office (Miller, Legg & Associates, Inc.) in Pembroke Pines to enjoy the Annual Conference Foundation dinner. Dinner and fun start at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6. All this for only a \$75 donation to the FEF.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHAPTER BOARD MEETING  
TAVERNS, STUART - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH, 2003  
6:15 PM

TREASURE COAST CHAPTER GOLF TOURNAMENT  
EAGLE MARSH- JUNE 28TH

NSPE NATIONAL CONVENTION  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS - JULY 10-12

TREASURE COAST CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING  
CLUB MED - JULY 17TH

FES ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE AND EXPO  
FT. LAUDERDALE - AUGUST 7 - 9

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For more information on the FEF Auction, Golf Tournament, or Dinner, please click on the link below.

<http://www.fleng.org/images/files/AMRegistrationWeb.pdf>  
f - <http://www.fleng.org/images/files/AMReg>

Of course, donations to FEF are always welcome. For more information of the Florida Engineering Foundation, please go to <http://fleng.org/foundation.htm> - <http://fleng.org/foundation.htm> ♦

# GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Treasure Coast Chapter Vice-President  
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The 2003 FES Golf Tournament has been set for June 28th at Eagle Marsh in Jensen Beach. Shotgun start is at 8 am. There will be continental breakfast and buffet lunch. This event is the primary fundraiser for all of the local FES

programs including MATHCOUNTS, Project Lead the Way and the Scholarship Fund, so your involvement would be greatly appreciated. If you have participated in previous tourneys, thank you, and we hope you will continue to stay involved and enjoy the event.

Registration will begin at 7 am and there will be a shotgun start at 8 am. Invitations have been mailed out. If you did not receive an invitation but would like to participate, please download the form from our website at <http://old.fleng.org/treasurecoast/FLYER.doc> or contact David Andre at (772) 878-0072 or e-mail at [DAndre@ardaman.com](mailto:DAndre@ardaman.com). Sponsorship forms are also available on our website. ♦

## July Chapter Meeting

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Our July meeting will be the Treasure Coast Chapter Annual Meeting. Shannon LaRocque will install our new officers on Thursday, July 17th at Club Med. The meeting will begin at 6:45 pm. ♦

## Summer Interns Available

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Several students from local high schools and colleges are looking for summer employment. If you would like to hire an intern for the summer, please contact Dave Andre at (772) 878-0072 or e-mail at [DAndre@ardaman.com](mailto:DAndre@ardaman.com). ♦

# New Officer Elections

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Ballots have been attached to this issue of the newsletter for our 2003-2004 officer elections. Completed ballots must be received by June 28<sup>th</sup>. They can be submitted by email to either [tcfes@yahoo.com](mailto:tcfes@yahoo.com) or to one of the current board members, to PO Box 8764 in Port St. Lucie 34985, or in person at the Golf Tournament on June 28th.

After much consideration, Rich Shoenborn has decided not to run for re-election to the Board after finding that his other commitments have taken up more time than he anticipated. Since our current configuration of the Treasure Coast Chapter Board requires a six year commitment from our board members, many of our members find that they cannot dedicate the required time to FES. This year, we are reducing that commitment to five years on a trial basis by leaving the President-Elect position vacant for a one-year trial period. Traditionally, the President-Elect has been responsible for planning our E-Week activities. This year, we will appoint a committee to plan E-Week. If the elimination of the President-Elect position and the creation of the E-Week committee seem to work for our chapter, we will revise our By-Laws and make the change permanent. ♦



## MATHCOUNTS Question

How do you compare to our mathletes (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders)? Try this sample Sprint Round Question from the MATHCOUNTS News. During the Sprint round of the competition, no calculators are allowed and you have 40 minutes to answer 30 questions.

*At 10:00 am, Boon Tee is the 225<sup>th</sup> person in line to ride the Rocker Roller Coaster. Each roller coaster train holds 36 people. A full train leaves every four minutes. If the first 36 people in line leave on the 10:01 train, what time will Boon Tee's train leave?*

The answer is on the last page of this newsletter. ♦

## ENGINEER'S WEEK PROJECT

Melissa Corbett, P.E.  
Treasure Coast Chapter President-Elect  
Water Resources

As reported in the Stuart News... this year's E-Week project (sediment trap ) has been constructed and is to be placed in the St. Lucie River. Many thanks to everyone who helped during the construction phase. Now on to the sampling phase.... If you have a boat and would like to help collect samples, please contact our E-Week Project Team Leaders: Marcos Montes De Oca (marcos-m@lbfh.com) or Chad Rucks (chad-r@lbfh.com) at (863) 763-8999. ♦

## New Member Sponsorship Incentives

Through July 31, 2003, members who sponsor one new member will receive one of several incentive prizes and For each new member you sponsor before July 31, 2003, your name will be entered to win a \$500 cash prize, so if you have a new employee, co-worker, friend, etc. talk to them about FES. They may just be our next new members. ♦

## CHAPTER WEB-SITE

Our new and improved web site is now up and running. It can be viewed at <http://old.fleng.org/treasurecoast/>.

**For Members Only** - If you would like a link to your company's web page added to our web site, please e-mail Teri Andre at [teri.andre@mscwinc.com](mailto:teri.andre@mscwinc.com) or call Marc Van Heden at (772)219-4003. <

## Answer to Sample MATHCOUNTS Problem

10:25 am For a more detailed explanation go to <http://www.mathcounts.org/Problems/problems.html> - <http://www.mathcounts.org/Problems/prob> This problem is #15 from the 2003 state competition Sprint Round. ♦

## SFWMD ERP Outreach Program

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Treasure Coast Chapter President  
South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is hosting a meeting to discuss regulatory issues in Martin and St. Lucie Counties between 9 am and noon on June 20<sup>th</sup> in the St. Lucie County commission chambers. The purpose of this meeting is to share information regarding the permit application review process as well as to address issues of the regulated public. More specifically, the participants will have an opportunity to provide input on questions, concerns, and proposed improvements to those parts of our regulatory process, which relate to environmental resource permitting. Representatives from SFWMD's Water Use Division and the Army Corps of Engineers will also be in attendance.

If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact Tabitha Martin at (561) 682-6963 or email her at [tmartin@sfwmd.gov](mailto:tmartin@sfwmd.gov). If you would like more specifics about the forum, please call Don Medellin (561-682-6340) or Hugo Carter (561-682-2710). ♦

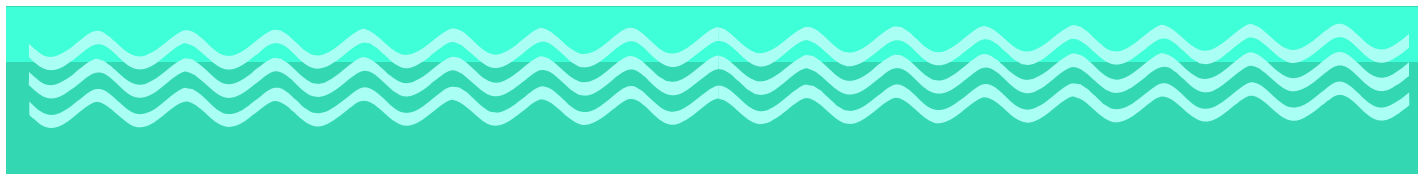
## Quotes of the Month

One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters. -- *English Proverb*

To be a successful father . . . there's one absolute rule: when you have a kid, don't look at it for the first two years. -- *Ernest Hemingway*

A man knows when he is growing old because he begins to look like his father. -- *Gabriel García Márquez*

If the new American father feels bewildered and even defeated, let him take comfort from the fact that whatever he does in any fathering situation has a fifty percent chance of being right. -- *Bill Cosby*



## Questions or Comments?

Board Meetings – All committee chairs are encouraged to attend. Members wishing to observe or participate are always welcome. If you have anything that you would like added to our agenda, please email me at [blue2990@earthlink.net](mailto:blue2990@earthlink.net) If you have any questions or comments regarding the content of the Newsletter - or if you would like something included in the monthly publication - please feel free to contact Kelly Cranford, P.E. at [blue2990@earthlink.net](mailto:blue2990@earthlink.net), or by telephone at (772)485-1334.



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