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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well just when it appeared that we were going to escape this hurricane season with minimal damage Hurricane Wilma came and surprised our area. I can't help to find it somewhat ironic that Wilma forced us to cancel our October Chapter Meeting, which was supposed to focus the effects from hurricane force winds and structural damage. I know many of us suffered damages to our homes and offices, and yet we are also asked to assist with cleanup and rebuilding efforts in our region. We are called upon as engineers to evaluate structural damage, rebuild damaged roadway, assist in drainage problems, and monitor debris disposal. This is a time that we are really being asked by the community for our assistance. This is a time to take pride in your work and how you can assist our neighbors.

In another partnership to help the recovery efforts for the victims of Hurricane Wilma, both FES and FICE have teamed up to create the Disaster Relief Fund. Members can make donations to the State FES Headquarters in Tallahassee, and funds will be distributed to those in the engineering community that are in need during this time. Contributions can be made by both individuals and companies.

If you would like to make a donation to the Disaster Relief Fund, please make checks payable to the FES/FICE Hurricane Wilma Relief Fund, PO Box 750, Tallahassee, FL 32302-0750.

Sincerely,

Chad O. Rucks, P.E.

| Calendar of Events for Upcoming Months | |
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| November 11 | Treasure Coast Chapter 5 th Annual Shrimp Boil |
| November 17-19 | 2006 FICE/FES Leadership Institute (Tampa) |
| December 13-14 | FICE/FDOT Storm Drain Design (Orlando) |
| December 15-16 | FICE/FDOT Pond Design Course (Orlando) |
| January 5-7 | FES/FICE Leadership Institute Session 2 |

November, 2005

Due to the upcoming holidays, the next chapter meeting will be in January. Information regarding this meeting will be sent out in next month's newsletter.

(Orlando)

November Meeting at a Glance...

What: 5th Annual Shrimp Boil

- Where: Indian Riverside Park 1701 NE Indian River Drive Jensen Beach
- *When*: Friday, November 11 5:00 pm
- *Cost:* \$25.00 for adults \$15.00 for children 12 and under



The 5th Annual FES Treasure Coast Shrimp Boil will be held on Friday, November 11th beginning at 5:00 pm, at the Indian Riverside Park in Jensen Beach. Join your fellow engineers (and their families) for some posthurricane socializing and good food. The cost will be \$25 per person (\$15 for children 12 and under). The cost includes peel-eatshrimp, corn on the cob, baked red potatoes and New England Seafood's famous smoked fish dip and crackers. Chicken fingers will also be available for the children. Sodas will be provided, with adult beverages available for a small donation.

Please RSVP to Chad Rucks, P.E. at <u>Chad-R@LBFH.com</u> or 863-763-8999 by Tuesday, November 8th

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TREASURE COAST CHAPTER COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

We still need volunteers for many State Committees. Below is a list of the committees that are available, For details on a specific committee and an explanation of responsibilities, please see the FES website (http://www.fleng.org/aboutfes.cfm). If you are interested in volunteering for any of these committees, please contact Chad Rucks at 863-763-8999 or Chad-R@LBFH.com.

Energy Committee

Study and make recommendations to the Commission on Legislative and Government Relations of the Florida Engineering Society with respect to energy matters affecting the public and the profession. Prepare studies and make recommendations to the Commission on energy policies or positions that would be appropriate for the Society to adopt and promote.

Communications Advisory Committee

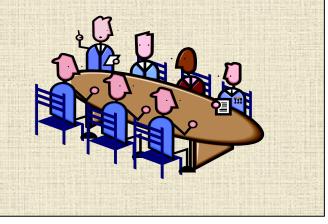
The objectives of this committee shall be to focus on opportunities for FES to improve its internal and external public relations efforts through effective use of communications.

Charter and Bylaws Committee

Maintain a continuing study of the Society's Charter and Bylaws and make recommendations to the Board for revisions. Review proposed amendments to the Charter and Bylaws and make recommendations to the Board on the manner in which they shall be incorporated in the wordage of the Charter and Bylaws.

Commission on Legislative & Government

The purpose of the commission is to provide the Florida Engineering Society with maximum participation in and proper coordination of its legislative and government relations program.



CONTINUING EDUCATION NEWS

FICE/FDOT Florida Bridge Scour Practices

November 8-9, 2005 - Tallahassee

There have been many new developments in bridge scour research since the last FDOT Bridge Scour Workshop. Numerous laboratory experiments have been conducted with bridge piers with complex geometry and significant advances have been made in the ability to predict design scour depths at these structures. The short course will cover all types of bridge scour, but will concentrate on the prediction of design scour depths at complex piers in cohesionless sediments. A brief overview of the methodology for predicting scour and erosion in cohesive sediments and erodible rock will also be presented as time permits. <u>All attendees are required to bring an IBM PC Notebook Computer.</u> Attendees will receive a free copy of a Microsoft EXCEL program to aid in computing equilibrium scour depths. This course should be of interest and benefit to both engineers new to this topic as well as those that have attended earlier FDOT Scour Workshops. Participants earn 15 PDHs towards Technical Engineering Credit valid for Florida P.E. license renewal.

Cost:

FES/FICE Members and FDOT Employees - \$575.00 Non-Members/non-FDOT Employees - \$675.00

FICE/FDOT Storm Drain Design Course December 13-14, 2005 – Orlando

This is a two-day course covering the rational method, inlet and pavement hydraulics, pipe hydraulics and system layout. Participants will design a system by hand, and complete the FDOT Storm Drain Tabulation Form using calculators, and the FDOT slide calculator (provided). A small-scale flume will be used to pavement flow and inlet hydraulics. Participants earn 15 PDHs towards Technical Engineering Credit valid for Florida P.E. license renewal.

Cost:

FES/FICE Members and FDOT Employees - \$525.00 Non-members/non-FDOT Employees - \$625.00

FICE/FDOT Pond Design Course

December 15-16, 2005 - Orlando

This is a two-day course where the participants will design a stormwater facility using basic spreadsheet routines. Course content will include an overview of regulatory requirements and a discussion of water quality methods with emphasis on wet detention. Rainfall, design storms, and the NRCS curve number runoff method will be discussed. The course also covers the storage indication method, which will be used for pond routing. FDOT staff from a nearby District will make one or more presentations about stormwater management facilities during the class. **Participants need to bring a laptop** that has Adobe Acrobat Reader and Excel software installed to participate fully in this course.

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Membership News

Are you getting back for giving back to FES?

This year reward yourself with FREE incentive prizes from FES. Each time you give back to FES through a new member sponsorship, you will receive a prize. Prizes vary from FES Bucks (to use like cash at FES events), to free membership dues at the state and national level, to a top prize of a two night stay at the Marco Island Marriott. A complete list of membership incentive prized is available at www.fleng.org along with the FES membership application. For additional information about sponsoring new members, contact Kate Robinson Ray, Director of Membership Recruitment at 850-224-7121 or KRay@fleng.org.



Quote of the Month

"Life is too short for stock"

- The Marcos



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Questions or Comments?

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