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A Newsletter for Members of the
Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Engineering
Society



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UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 20 th , 2026	MATHCOUNTS°
February 22 nd to 28 th , 2026	E-Week
February 26 th , 2026	E-Week Banquet Dinner
April 11 th , 2026	Pickleball Tournament

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Good morning, afternoon, or evening to all the members and friends of the Treasure Coast Florida Engineering Society. I hope you all are trying to keep warm in this unseasonal winter chill, and that all your goals and intentions work out this season and year. I spent a morning in Tallahassee in January for the current legislative session. Our current focus is on appropriations bills, where billions of dollars are being allocated for both state and local funding. I'm hoping that a sizeable portion will go to schools, utilities, and roads. There's even talk of ending the property tax and having the state be funded solely via a sales tax. Whatever your thoughts are on these please do make them heard. I have added the urls below to find your individual representative and senator for the state.

<https://www.flhouse.gov/FindYourRepresentative>

<https://www.flsenate.gov/senators>

Please remain cordial and polite even if you completely disagree with them; remember you are not simply an adult, but also a "Professional". How you interact with others sheds a light on all of us, but do **not** let that stop from letting your true thoughts be known.

Mathcounts (Feb 20) is coming soon, followed by Engineers Week (E-week) the week after. If you have time please register to volunteer. I am aware the background checks are not popular and frankly I don't care for it. In truth I loathe the additional intrusion upon those who are willing to give up their time and energy. I have gone through it, but I do not care for it. I'm immensely grateful for everyone who has volunteered and for those who have volunteered in years past.

I have been with FES for almost five (5) years now, and I have met numerous engineers both in the beginning, middle, and their long awaited retirement. There are also so many I have yet to meet. I want to reach out to all of you to email the board @board@tcfes.org with the names of Engineers who you believe to be named as Engineer of the year and if they are under thirty-five Young Engineer of the year. Please provide their names and your reasons for nominating them. The board will make our decision on who it will be based on these statements.

I hope you all stay safe this season; next season, we will have our first attempt at a pickleball tournament. I will leave you with that and one last request that each and everyone of you place service before profit, the honor and standing of the profession before personal advantage, and the public welfare above all other considerations. Good bye, good luck, and I will see you all soon.

Edgar A Coapman





CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

MATHCOUNTS®

Spend a day with the engineers of tomorrow

On Feb 20, 2026, middle school students from across the Treasure Coast will be competing for a chance to represent the Chapter at the State Competition in March at Embry-Riddle University!

We need sponsors and volunteers to help make this a successful event!

Date: Friday, 2/20/2026

Location: IRSC Main Campus

https://info.fleng.org/events/event_list.asp

Contact Us:

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FES 39th Annual Golf Tournament

A great time was had this past September for the 39th Annual Florida Engineering Society Treasure Coast Chapter Golf Scramble.

Below are the winners of the tournament, but the real winner are the individuals and students associated with MATHCOUNTS, in which proceeds went to benefit MATHCOUNTS and Engineering Scholarships

Banyan Creek was accommodating and provided great food and service!



1st Place: Kimley-Horn



2nd Place: Holtz Consulting Engineer



3rd Place: Terracon



Having a Great Time on the Course!



Let's celebrate Engineering Week, highlighting the achievements of Engineers! Let's inspire our youth, celebrate our contributions, celebrate diversity, and raise awareness within our communities to promote the next generations of Engineers. The week will culminate at a banquet dinner on February 26th at a location to be determined where we will enjoy a night out with our colleagues, recognize the Engineer and Young Engineer of the Year as well as have a Keynote speaker

Proclamation

Engineers Week

February 22 – 28, 2026

- Whereas,** engineering is a dynamic and vital profession that enhances the quality of life, drives innovation, and contributes to the health, safety, and welfare of the public through infrastructure, technology, environmental systems, and countless engineered solutions; and
- Whereas,** National Engineers Week, observed February 22–28, 2026, recognizes and celebrates the contributions of engineers in shaping our modern world, inspires future generations to pursue engineering and STEM careers, and raises awareness of the need for a diverse and well-educated engineering workforce; and
- Whereas,** events and activities during Engineers Week provide opportunities for engineers, educators, parents, and community leaders to engage students in engineering design, innovation, and problem-solving, emphasizing the importance of math, science, technology, and creative thinking in everyday life; and
- Whereas,** the Florida Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Engineering Society plays a vital role in advancing the engineering profession locally by supporting professional engineers, promoting ethical standards, and engaging in community outreach and educational initiatives that inspire students throughout the Treasure Coast to pursue careers in engineering and related STEM fields.

**LET'S GET READY TO HAVE SOME FUN AT THE 0TH TCFES PICKLEBALL
TOURNAMENT!**



DATE: APRIL 11TH, 2026
**LOCATION: THE OFFICES OF
CULPEPPER AND
TERPENING IN FORT
PIERCE**
RULES: THERE WILL BE (2)
**MAIN TOURNAMENTS: ONE
FOR SINGLES AND ONE FOR
DOUBLES. SINGLE
ELIMINATION.**
ENTRY FEE: \$20/PERSON
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

NSPE Code of Ethics

Engineering is an important and learned profession. As members of this profession, engineers are expected to exhibit the highest standards of honesty and integrity. Engineering has a direct and vital impact on the quality of life for all people. Accordingly, the services provided by engineers require honesty, impartiality, fairness, and equity, and must be dedicated to the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare. Engineers must perform under a standard of professional behavior that requires adherence to the highest principles of ethical conduct.

Fundamental Canons

Engineers, in the fulfillment of their professional duties, shall:

- Hold paramount the safety, health, and welfare of the public.
- Perform services only in areas of their competence.
- Issue public statements only in an objective and truthful manner.
- Act for each employer or client as faithful agents or trustees.
- Avoid deceptive acts.
- Conduct themselves honorably, responsibly, ethically, and lawfully so as to enhance the honor, reputation, and usefulness of the profession.

The FES Mission Statement

The mission of the Florida Engineering Society is to support engineering education, advocate licensure, promote the ethical and competent practice of engineering and enhance the image and well-being of all engineers in the state of Florida; and furthers the public's knowledge and understanding of the importance of the profession.



Please visit our website!

<http://www.tcfes.org>



Send your comments and suggestions about our website or Facebook page to treasurer@tcfes.org

Questions or Comments?

If you have any questions/comments, or if you would like something included in the monthly publication, please contact Christopher Smyth at (772)298-9144 or treasurer@tcfes.org

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