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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

To all of our Central Ohio Section Members,

Welcome back from Summer!

I have the pleasure of being the incoming section chair this year, and we have a great year planned. The theme of all of our activities this year will be inclusion of student and new ASME members. I plan to work closely with our student executive committee member, Pete Lauffenberger and with Anup Singh who joins the executive committee again, to develop exciting programs this year.

As a cadet at my alma mater, SUNY Maritime College at Fort Schuyler, we were strongly encouraged to participate in professional societies as students and as young professionals. The marine oriented societies were quick to welcome us. As a graduating engineer, it was easy to transition into the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, for example. But I remember ASME as being difficult to assimilate with. Unfortunately, this is still the case, and it is a perception that we in our section want to work hard to correct.

When I moved from the New York City area to Columbus last October, I was greeted by the executive committee with welcome arms. This frankly renewed my enthusiasm for ASME. But I also recognize that my predecessors, including especially last year's chair, Kyle Koestner, as well as Michiel Brongers, Rob Honaker, Carl Jaske, Daniel Soenjoto, Nu Ghadiali and Henry Dammeyer are an exceptional group. They are progressive, open-minded and well organized and those of us in the Central Ohio section owe them our thanks for years of a job well done.

I anticipate keeping up this momentum, and look forward to your participation to assure another successful and rewarding year.

Best regards,
Bart Eckhardt
Chair, ASME Central Ohio Section

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program on Page 2!**

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Annual Steak Fry & Presentation

Once again, the ASME Central Ohio Section is pleased to hold this traditional social event at the Rustic Knolls Campground near the village of Bangs, Ohio. Join us for a Steak Fry and an interesting presentation titled "*Oil Depletion in the United States and the World*", presented by Seppo A. Korpela.

Oil Depletion is a serious issue and not generally understood by the public. The world events make it important that such information is well grounded in reality. Prof. Korpela has been teaching Mechanical Engineering at Ohio State for the last 30 years and believes he can give a comprehensive picture on this issue to the local members.

WHO: ASME members, family, and guests.

WHEN: **Thursday, September 19, 2002**

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Social Gathering

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Presentation.

WHERE: Rustic Knolls Campground near Mt. Vernon. Take Route 3/36 to the village of Bangs. Turn Northwest on Township Road 363, which is adjacent to the Beula Methodist Church in Bangs. (See map on page 3).

MENU: The Alcove Restaurant will cater dinner. It includes grilled 10-oz. New York strip steak, baked potato, tossed garden salad, roll with butter, Texas sheet cake, hummingbird cake, and coffee. ASME will provide soft drinks.

COST: Only \$15 for each member and guest and \$7.50 for students.

RESERVATIONS: To register now, use the on-line form on www.centralohioasme.org, or RSVP to Michiel Brongers by Tuesday September 17, 2002; Tel/Fax: (614) 761-1214, email: mbrongers@cctlabs.com

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TRIVIA: What does the name "WD-40" Stand for?

WD-40 literally stands for Water Displacement, 40th attempt. That's the name straight out of the lab book used by the chemist who developed WD-40 back in 1953. The chemist, Norm Larsen, was attempting to concoct a formula to prevent corrosion -- a task which is done by displacing water. Norm's persistence paid off when he perfected the formula on his 40th try.



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