



PIEDMONT-CAROLINA SECTION

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You are Invited. Summer Opportunity to Partner with two Neighboring ASME Societies!

Although our ASME Section has no Events scheduled until September 2013 You may want to take advantage of this during the Summer month of June and perhaps make it a family outing on a Saturday

Coastal Carolina Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers

Joint ASME Section USS NC Battleship Tour



Details

Moored in quiet dignity and majesty the Battleship NORTH CAROLINA, across the river from downtown Wilmington, beckons visitors to walk her decks. Envision the daily life and fierce combat her crew faced in the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

Volunteers stationed throughout the ship engage visitors in specific subjects and areas including: gunnery, radar, sick bay, galley, engineering, and daily shipboard life.

This event is being organized by the Coastal Carolina Section (CCS) of ASME in Wilmington, NC. We hope members from the Eastern NC and Piedmont-Carolina Sections will join us as well!

The event will start at 1:00 PM on June 8. For those coming from out of town, please leave early and enjoy lunch in Wilmington before you arrive. We will begin with a brief introduction and mingling of our sections in the pavilion in the field southeast of the Battleship. A few items of business will be discussed first. Then we will proceed with the tour, which will be self-guided (ask the volunteers as many questions as you like!) A certificate for Professional Development Hours will be sent to attendees who request it.

The WWI exhibit will be available until about 4PM. The volunteers stationed around the ship will be available until about 3PM.

<http://www.battleshipnc.com/>
http://sections.asme.org/coastal_carolina/
<https://sites.google.com/site/asmeeasternncsection/>
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Date & Time and Location

When
Saturday, 08 Jun 2013 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM - (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Where
USS NC Battleship, Wilmington, NC
#1 Battleship Road
Wilmington, NC
28401

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Registration Option(s)

<input type="radio"/> General Admission Ticket More Info	Enter Quantity
Price: \$18.00	<input type="text"/>
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Max Participants: 1	

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Message from the Chairperson

May I take this opportunity to thank those who have preceded me in this position. Down through the history of this Senior Section many people have served as the Section Chair and performed excellently in that particular era. Special thanks to the most recent “Diehards” who refused to let the Section become inactive; Son Nguyen, Charles Favor, Lee Davis, David Ethington.

Having served at the request of our former Chair on the Focus Committee, I gained insight to the challenges of this Section and other Engineering societies in Mecklenburg and surrounding counties. The challenges are many however not insurmountable. Some facts: There are approximately 26 Engineering Societies in the Charlotte area. Memberships range from a low of 50 to a high of 900+. Our Section covers 18 counties, with a membership of approximately 850, one of the largest. Mecklenburg County and surrounding counties have many corporations, industries where the Engineering profession (all disciplines) is practiced. There are Engineers employed in those same industries who are not members of any Engineering Section ASME or otherwise. If a structure, highway, park is designed, a widget designed and manufactured there is an Engineer involved in the process.

Mechanical Engineering is represented in everything regardless. If it moves, it's Mechanical. Our bodies, our homes, our workplace, how we get from one to the other is Mechanical. A plant which produces plastic parts, chemicals, electronic components has Mechanical moving machines under the roof somewhere, Mechanical. When one of my body parts wears out and has to be replaced (been there, done that) it's Mechanical.

Engineering is a Profession just as a Professional in the Medical, Accounting, Legal, Education, Government, Information Technology worlds are Professionals. Many of those are working for a corporation, organization, etc. just as many of you are. Many are in business for themselves just as many of you who are members of ASME. The Profession is where I plan on being involved with my time spent serving as your Section Chair in ASME. An Engineer in the Mecklenburg County area needs to be elevated to the same level as some of the other Professionals. Being a native Charlottean my history with the area at one time knew Charlotte to be the “Transportation Hub”, then the “Sales and Marketing Hub” now the “Banking Hub”. Time for Engineers to make their presence known and take their place at the table.

In the 1990's I served as the Section Chairperson of the Eastern Carolina Section based out of Raleigh, N.C. Today I sit in on conference calls with the District Leaders and Section Leadership of various Sections in our District. One thing is very apparent. A successful Engineering Society cannot function the same today as they did 10-20 years ago. The membership has changed just as the work place, technology has changed. We must adapt or be left behind, not meet the needs of our members. As I begin this journey, I welcome your thoughts, comments, suggestions, even push back.

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All of the above Committees need members to work with the Chair(s). Are you interested in a specific area? Do you have an interest that is not addressed in the above? Let us know, we are always open for volunteers, suggestions.