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SAVE THE DATES

- ✓ October 25, 2016 ~ 2016 4-Day Structural Engineering Boot Camp
- ✓ October 26, 2016 ~ Salt Creek chapter meeting and dinner at Bohemian Crystal Restaurant

SALT CREEK CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Location: Bohemian Crystal
639 Blackhawk Drive
Westmont, IL 60559
(630) 789-1981

Social: 6:00 PM
Dinner: 6:45 PM
Program: 8:00 PM
Cost: \$30 (includes dinner & PDH)

Note: Alcoholic beverages are not included. There will be a cash bar.

Speaker: Eric Kara of Kara Company in Countryside, Illinois

Latest Advances in Laser Measuring Tools

RSVP: DGreccoD@aim.com

Or call 630.745.0524

MEETING PLACE SURVEY

Since popular meeting place Bohemian Garden in Downers Grove closed, we are looking for meeting place ideas.

Let Dan Grecco know what your fave meeting place was in recent years...

BOHEMIAN CRYSTAL (Westmont)

WINCHESTER (Willow Springs)

BONNIE'S (Willow Springs)

JAMESON (Woodridge)

WHITE FENCE FARM (Romeoville)

PUBLIC LANDING (Lockport)

SALERNO'S (Hodgkins)

Or, suggest a new venue! It does not really need to be a restaurant; we can procure catering to feed the hungry.

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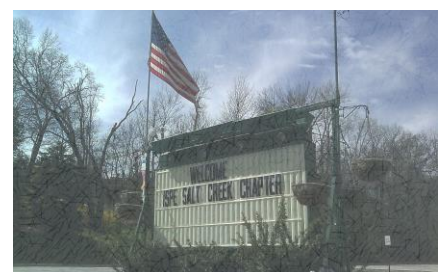
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PRESIDENT'S MEMO

I set a goal in the last newsletter to attract new members and to encourage existing members who have not been active recently to get active again. We need to self-promote the Chapter to our business contacts and other engineers that we work with. As Bud Hurley mentioned at the last Chapter meeting, a committee is being formed at the State level to provide suggestions to attract new members. We shouldn't have to wait for the State to complete their recommendations. If you have any suggestions, please contact any member on the Executive Committee. A suggestion could relate to the locations where we have the Chapter meetings or the topics for discussion. I know that some engineers have a difficult time completing the PDH requirement. Maybe we could attract new members with that as an enticement. Please keep thinking of suggestions. We need your help.

Thanks,

John Eisele

MEETING MINUTES

(ISPE Meeting 9/28/16)

13 members attended in addition to our speaker Steven Schultz, Ph.D. and 1 guest

Announcements were made regarding the new membership goals for the year, review of the By-laws, award nominations and ideas for meeting locations.

A show of hands indicated that 5 members would attend a mini-golf outing as a fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund.

MATHCOUNTS is scheduled for February 11, 2017 at the BP facility in Naperville (same location as last year)

Engineering Expo will be held at IIT on Saturday February 25, 2017

Bud Hurley reported that emphasis is being placed on attracting new members with a committee at the state level. At the October 15th Directors meeting, the investments of the Foundation will be explained in detail.

Steven Schultz presented a program for simplifying communications by email.

The main points were:

1. We waste a lot of time by not prioritizing our replies to emails.
2. The subject line should provide sufficient information for the reader to determine if a reply is needed.
3. Any reply or email should enhance client relations.
4. Tone in writing can be tricky. Don't give detail if is not needed.
5. Any writing is intended to get things done. Don't send the FYI because it doesn't provide any information to the reader.
6. Always think about what is it that I want to tell the other person when writing anything.
7. Don't overuse email.
8. Don't try to be funny.
9. Don't use email for any conflict resolution. Have a meeting instead.
10. Don't use adjective or adverbs that confuse the reader.

Steven also provided two checklists to help in reviewing our writing.



1967: It all started with one German immigrant's desire to help another.

Bernie Karacsonyi begins working at K&E as a service department manager.



1974: Bernie takes the knowledge that he gained at K&E, and starts Kara Co. in the basement of our family home in Chicago.

He begins selling, renting and repairing surveying and optical tooling equipment with his partner, Chet Kurke.

1978: If for no other reason, one should have kids so they can work for the family business.

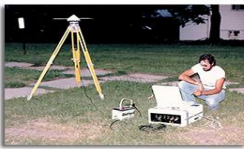
Ray Kara begins working for the company full time.



1979: Bernie and Chet move out of the basement, and into a building in Lyons, Illinois.

1983: Sadly, Kara loses Chet Kurke to illness.

Chet was a great guy, and was instrumental to the creation and success of Kara Company.



1986: Here's a customer testing one of the first Trimble GPS systems.

...Is that a laptop?

1990: Kara Company moves to our current location in Countryside, Illinois. For our 25th anniversary, we all endured the freezing Chicago winter to take this group photo.



1991: Going along with the principle of having kids so they can eventually run things, Christine starts working at the family business.

That's third generation Eric on her lap, long before his days as a Kara employee.

1992: Kara Company throws it's first Oktoberfest...

Nothing says "Fun!" like Polka!



2005: Kara begins to develop a CORS RTK network in Illinois.

Today, we have over 50 reference stations across the Chicagoland and Illinois region.

2016: Today; and with luck, tomorrow.



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ENGINEERS CREED

As a Professional Engineer, I dedicate my professional knowledge and skill to the advancement and betterment of human welfare.

I pledge to:

Give the utmost of performance.

Participate in none but honest enterprise.

Live and work according to the laws of man and the highest standards of professional conduct.

Place service before profit, the honor and standing of the profession before personal advantage and the public welfare above all other considerations.

In humility and with need of Divine Guidance, I make this pledge.

MAY 2016 CHAPTER MEETING AT JAMESON'S CHARHOUSE



SALT CREEK CHAPTER PAST PRESIDENTS

1959-60	Dale V. Hammond	1960-61	Wayne M. Reed	1961-62	Clifford Kreelman
1962-63	Merl Mouser	1963-64	Richard V. Doherty	1964-65	Fred H. Sanneman
1965-66	Paul E. Flood	1966-67	Howard M. Rayner	1967-68	Richard O. Mitter
1968-69	John D. Eyestone	1969-70	Orville L. Meyer	1970-71	William Lazzari
1971-72	William Macarus	1972-73	William Cumming	1973-74	Alden T. Wulff
1974-75	Roy W. Morling	1975-76	Edward Stec	1976-77	David A. Dunn
1977-78	Larry VandeWalle	1978-79	James Valancius	1979-80	Edward Slindee
1980-81	Jack Stansbeary	1981-82	Thomas R. Kaar	1982-83	Dan Nelson
1983-84	Robert W. Cutter	1984-85	Randall W. Bus	1985-86	Joseph H. Rush
1986-87	Claude H. Hurley	1987-88	Carl F. Roth	1988-89	Gilbert Goodman
1989-90	Linda Huff	1990-91	Thomas Palansky	1991-93	Thomas Miller
1993-94	Arthur K. Banks II	1994-95	Richard Kipp	1995-97	William Lindley
1997-98	Craig Knoche	1998-00	Ronald Kuhlmann	2000-01	Douglas Criner
2001-02	Phillip Wolf	2002-03	Richard Pocius	2003-04	Anthony Banasiak
2004-05	Norman Gutauckas	2005-06	Claude H. Hurley	2006-07	Dale Durfey, Jr.
2007-08	Glenn Clayton	2008-10	Dan Grecco	2010-11	Gary Emore
2011-12	Frank Lech	2012-13	Richard Symns	2013-14	Leo Moritz
2014-15	Brandon Gorte	2015-16	Dawn Brook		