

President's Pen

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Happy Spring Midlands Branch Members.

Spring sees the Branch winding down for the year. Branch Elections will occur this month. Ballots will be emailed to the membership.

We have two meetings left before our summer break. Our speaker this month is Jack Moore of Contech. He will be presenting on underground options for stormwater detention and treatment. I'm sure it will prove to be a very interesting presentation.

We are already starting to plan for next fall. Inside you'll see a calendar with dates for the next year's meetings. Because the lunch meetings have been so successful, we'll continue to hold our meetings during the lunch hour at the Vista Room in the Suggs & Kelly Law Center.

We are also planning an ASCE Family Picnic and Baseball Outing for June 17, 2008 at Capital City Stadium. Further details are inside. We hope to see you there.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL, 2008

BRANCH MEETING

JACK MOORE – CONTECH
UNDERGROUND OPTIONS FOR STORMWATER DETENTION & TREATMENT
VISTA ROOM, SUGGS AND KELLY BUILDING
CORNER OF HUGER AND TAYLOR STREETS, COLUMBIA, SC
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008 FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:15 PM

MAY, 2008

BRANCH MEETING

SPEAKER - TBA
VISTA ROOM, SUGGS AND KELLY BUILDING
CORNER OF HUGER AND TAYLOR STREETS, COLUMBIA, SC
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008 FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:15 PM

JUNE, 2008

ASCE FAMILY NIGHT

A NIGHT WITH THE BLOW FISH
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008, STARTING AT 6:00PM

SEPTEMBER, 2008

SC / NC ANNUAL MEETING AND SEMINAR

MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE PARK, CHARLOTTE, NC
SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2008

Special Events

**SFPE Carolina's Chapter Presents:
Structural Fire Protection Seminar**
April 24-25, 2008 – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Duke Energy's O.J. Miller Auditorium
526 South Church Street
Charlotte, NC 28202
For more info, visit: www.spfe.org

**Steel Piering Seminar,
Sponsored by Mount Valley Foundation
Services**
May 6-9, 2008
For more info and registration, visit:
www.driveritepiers.com

ASCE Midlands Branch Meeting Summary - March 3, 2008 - ASCE/SCSPE Joint Meeting The Palmetto Club

The speaker, Dr. Michael Amiridis, Professor and Dean at USC, College of Engineering and Computing, gave an insightful discussion about “*Engineering Education Today; The Challenges and Opportunities.*” The demographics, interests and education of today’s engineering students and their motives for entering the engineering profession differ from those 10, 20, and 50 years ago. He noted that students are very interested in using their knowledge and skills to change or better the communities around them through the use of scientific knowledge and engineering applications. Thanks to all those who attended.



A Night with the Blowfish

Please join the Midlands Branch for a **PICNIC** and **BASEBALL GAME**. This is an excellent opportunity to spend time with friends and family and enjoy the Great American pastime! All the picnic fixin’s and soft drinks will be provided.

Where: Capital City Stadium

When: June 17, 2008 – 6 PM
“College Corner” Pavilion

Cost: ASCE Members and family members
\$10 each
Non-ASCE members and family
members \$15 each

The cost includes the picnic and ticket to the game. Game starts at 7:05 PM.

Please RSVP to Charlene Cassidy
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attending by **June 9, 2008**.

Future Midlands Branch Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, October 22, 2008
Wednesday, November 19, 2008
Wednesday, December 17, 2008
Wednesday, January 21, 2009
Wednesday, February 18, 2009
Wednesday, March 18, 2009
Wednesday, April 15, 2009
Wednesday, May 20, 2009