
September 1998 Meeting Notice

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**Social with Clemson University ASME
Student Chapter -- Softball & Fun**

Date: Thursday, September 24, 1998

Time: 6:30 PM ~ 8:00 PM

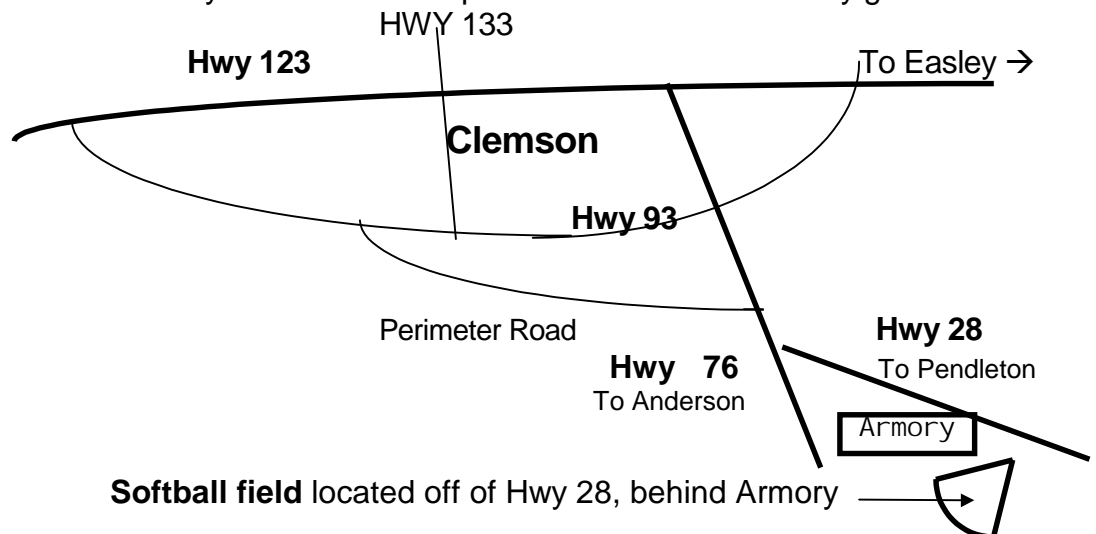
Place: Softball Field behind the National Guard Armory
Hwy 76 / 28 toward Anderson, just outside of Clemson

Cost: Free

A light dinner (i.e., pizza or sub sandwiches) will be provided.

Reservations: Not required, but would helpful to have a headcount.
Contact Jim Batton (864 855-1864 -home or work
phone # at left) or call Section VoiceMail 370-5119

This is an informal event and a great opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with the Clemson University mechanical engineering students. It is helpful to the students to talk to mechanical engineers in various industries and various job functions. Likewise, It is helpful and fun for the section members to learn what the students are doing in the college engineering curriculum today and what their expectations are for when they graduate.



Softball field located off of Hwy 28, behind Armory

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Last month's meeting was a tour of the BMW Manufacturing Facility in Greer, SC. The response from the membership was tremendous. Unfortunately, we were limited to 2 groups of 20 each, and the spaces filled quickly. We apologize to the many members that wished to attend the tour, but didn't make the cut-off. We have already requested to be on the waiting list at BMW for another tour, possibly in the spring of next year.

Below is the schedule of ASME section events for the next several months. As always, please let any on the executive committee know if you have suggestions on monthly programs or activities/events with which the section should become involved.

Jim Batton

Upcoming Events

Oct. 15	Tour of Fuji Plant in Greenwood
Nov. 10	Perpetual Motion presentation, plus 25 yr. & 50 yr. membership awards
Nov. 15-20	International Mechanical Engineering Congress & Expo Anaheim, California
Dec. 8	Mechanical Engineering in Toy Making
Jan. 19	TBA
Feb. 24	National Engineers Week joint meeting
March 11	Old Guard Competition
March 26-28	ASME Regional Admin. Conf.
April 20	TBA
May 18	TBA

Interest in Technical Activities

by **Georges Fadel**, Technical Activities Chair

Fellow mechanical engineers, you all know that in today's competitive environment, life long

learning is a must to keep up with the latest technologies and to be aware of novel methods and techniques that can help us remain competitive on world markets. To this end, your ASME section would like to organize technical activities that are of interest to you. We are looking into professional development courses, and will be notifying you of the ones we will bring to our region, but we also need to know what are specific technical topics that you may be interested in. We would like for you to send us an e-mail or a note to one of the officers listed on the newsletter and prioritizing topics such as:

- Computation fluid dynamics
- Controls
- Creativity
- Design methods
- Design optimization
- Finite elements
- Gas turbines
- Vehicle dynamics
- Virtual manufacturing, etc.

Once we get your feedback, we will try to organize either a workshop or at least a presentation on the most requested topic(s). To this effect, we need your input by **October 15, 1998.**

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