



## February 2000 Meeting Notice

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## ***Tour of BMW Manufacturing Corp.***

**Date:** Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2000

**Time:** 1:15 pm  
Arrival time: 1:15pm  
Presentation: 1:30pm  
Tours begin at: 2pm and 2:15pm

**Place:** BMW Manufacturing Corp.- Zentrum - Greer, SC  
Exit 60 Interstate I-85

**Note:** NO shorts or open-toed shoes allowed

**Cost:** General admission: \$5.00  
Students: \$3.50

**Reservations:** Absolutely **REQUIRED** No later than Thursday Feb 10th  
**Tour is limited to first 60 reservations**  
**ASME members only, please**

**Contact :** Contact Don Baldwin or Jim Batton (phone and e-mail  
address at left) or call Section VoiceMail (864) 370-5119

In 1992 BMW Manufacturing Corp. announced plans to build a manufacturing facility in the Upstate of South Carolina. Plant construction began in April 1993 and the first American-made BMW was shipped to a customer in March 1995, marking the fastest start-up in automobile manufacturing history. Unlike any other automobile factories, all of the manufacturing processes are under one roof, creating an open communications environment that enhances the focus on quality. At this time, the Z3 and M roadsters as well as coupes, and the X5 are built at the factory and exported throughout the world.

## Section News

### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2000! The new Century and Millenium gives us the opportunity to reflect on the engineer's contributions to mankind and to speculate on what's in our future. I was recently looking at a tape of ABC News Nightline's program called "the Deep Dive" about IDEO, a company recognized for its product design achievements. In it, the company owner states that practically everything we humans interact with is created by man. A scary but impressive thought!. He also shows how product design is evolving to better respond to the customer's wishes and demands. The company's radical approach to creativity and to creating a flexible work environment has resulted in hundreds of new products. As the computer becomes part of our lives, the world becomes much smaller. At Clemson University, for instance, we currently have a BMW sponsored collaborative design effort called "24 hrs around the world around the clock design" that involves three teams located in Germany and South Carolina. Students are learning to interact in new ways. Communications will revolutionize our future. Take advantage of the new tools, and figure out how to use them to your advantage. The PENC's meeting is an opportunity for you to see where the technology is taking us. I hope to see you there. If you have ideas for future meeting topics, please let us know. I wish you a Happy and successful new year.

Georges Fadel.

### ENGINEERS WEEK FEB 20-26

Next month we celebrate Engineer's Week. As part of the celebration, we are including in this newsletter information pertaining to meetings of interest to our members.

### PENC

ASME members are invited to attend the Engineers Week Joint Societies meeting in Asheville on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This meeting is sponsored by the Western North Carolina chapter of the Professional Engineers of North Carolina.

Information concerning the meeting and the program "**e-Commerce / e-Collaboration**" is included on a separate sheet [front and back] within our meeting notice. Phone and fax numbers are included.

### FUTURE SECTION MEETINGS

Early March, date to be announced. *Old Guard Competition presentation.*

This will be an opportunity for section members to come listen to the

Students do a 'dry-run' of their presentation for the competition held during

The Regional Student Conference [RSC] to be held March 31<sup>st</sup>- April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

APRIL 13<sup>th</sup> - Sensor Products presentation. To be held at the Crowne Plaza in Greenville. More details will be given at a later date.

## **SAE STUDENT CHAPTER**

We have also included a schedule of events for the Student Chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers. They meet on the Clemson University campus, and have invited Greenville Section members to attend their meetings.

## **ASME International News**

### **ASME 2000 Officer Selection**

The future success of the Society depends on the effective utilization of the knowledge and abilities of its individual members. If the Society is to improve or refine its present programs, it is essential that the members continue to select new officers who are capable, dedicated individuals with exceptional leadership qualities.

The 2000 Nominating Committee, consisting of 38 voting members, urges you to submit your proposals now. As part of its selection process, the committee will study each of the written proposals submitted on behalf of all proposed nominees for office and will interview the proposed nominees and their supporters.

The Nominating Committee will select 13 nominees for Vice Presidential positions for the 2001-2004 term. There will be four Regional Vice President positions (III, V, X and XII); four Engineering Vice President positions, (Basic Engineering, Communications, Energy Conversion and Research); two Codes and Standards Vice President positions (Performance Test Codes and Standardization); and three other Vice President positions (Pre-College Education, Professional Practice and Public Information).

The Nominating Committee will select three nominees for the member-at large positions on the Board of Governors for the 2001-2004 term, and a nominee for President for the 2001-2002 term.

If, as a member of ASME, you are interested in submitting a proposal for any of the above elective offices, please contact Douglas R. Brown, Secretary, 2000 Nominating Committee, 580-531-5871, [doug.brown@goodyear.com](mailto:doug.brown@goodyear.com). The nomination package is available on ASME's website at <http://www.asme.org/member/nominate/introduction.html> or copies may be obtained from Gilda DiTullio at ASME Headquarters at 212-591-7736, [ditulliog@asme.org](mailto:ditulliog@asme.org). The deadline for submitting completed proposal forms is April 15, 2000.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting during the Summer Annual Meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, June 4-8, to nominate individuals for the ASME office. The names of the nominees will be on the officer election proxy that will be circulated to the membership in September 2000.