

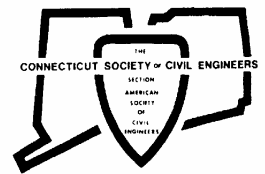
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CSCE MONTHLY DINNER MEETING – October 2006

Date: Monday October 23, 2006

Speaker: **Bryan L. Busch, P.E. - Director of Structural Engineering at CME Associates**

Topic: Pre-assembly and Shipping of the New Providence River (I-Way) Bridge

The presentation will discuss the engineering and construction required to pre-assemble and erect the new Providence River Bridge in downtown Providence, RI. This steel tied arch bridge was assembled 12 miles from its' final location, and shipped to the project site by barge. The bridge is a 400 foot long tied arch that is over 160 feet wide. The contractor (Cardi Corp.) chose to build the bridge superstructure at the old Quonset Point Naval Base and ship it in one piece. This was done to save time and avoid problems with shoring and cranes at the bridge site.

The bridge was fabricated on dry land at ground level. After erection, the 3,250 ton structure was jacked 35 feet into the air, transferred to tire trailers, and rolled out onto two large barges. The total shipping weight was 3,750 tons. This is believed to be the largest roll out load ever attempted in North America. The move was completed in August, 2006.

Location: App's Restaurant, 283 Captain Thomas Boulevard, West Haven, Connecticut

Time: 5:30-6:30 PM Social Hour, 6:30-8:00 PM Dinner, 8:00-9:00 PM Program

Cost: Members: \$30.00, Life Members \$25.00, Full Time Students: \$10.00
(Please make checks payable to CSCE)

Dinner: Prime Rib, Stuffed Filet of Sole, Stuffed Chicken, Pasta Primavera or Eggplant Parmesan

Reservations: Cindy Roth can take the reservations, 203-932-7148. Deadline is Thursday October 19th. Reservations may also be made by emailing Cindy, at croth@newhaven.edu.

Directions: From Hartford: Take I-91 South to I-95 South to Exit 44 (Kimberly Avenue) towards downtown West Haven. After 0.6 miles, take a left onto Campbell Avenue. Proceed for 1.2 miles and take a right onto Captain Thomas Boulevard. Apps will be 0.2 miles on your right hand side.

From New London: Take I-95 South to Exit 44, and follow directions above.

From Greenwich: Take I-95 North to Exit 43 (Campbell Avenue) and take a right at the end of the ramp. After 1.6 miles, take a right onto Captain Thomas Boulevard. Apps will be 0.2 miles on your right hand side.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

One year ago, New Orleans and the Gulf Coast were struck by two large hurricanes; Katrina and Rita. These hurricanes had a devastating impact on New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. Members of the Civil Engineering profession responded quickly to these disasters and several lessons were learned. A year after these hurricanes' devastating impact, essential recommendations for overcoming deficiencies in the region's hurricane protection system have been made by members of the profession. Many of the lessons learned from the disasters by our profession have significant implications for communities throughout our nation. In the aftermath of these disasters, the Civil Engineering Profession has demonstrated leadership in the recovery and rebuilding efforts.

We have been lucky so far this year and no major natural disaster have struck our nation. However, we still are faced with congested highways, overflowing sewers and corroding bridges that are a constant reminder of the looming crises that affects our quality of life. We as civil engineers continue to strive hard to improve our nation's quality of life in these areas. I'll be attending the ASCE Annual Conference this year in Chicago, Illinois and the conference theme this year is "Surviving the Future". The conference will focus on protecting and strengthening our civil infrastructure as we face natural, technical and political hazards of the future.

CSCE is off to a great start this year. We held our DFI-CSCE Geotechnical seminar on September 15 and it was very successful. It seems like this seminar is getting better and better every year. We also held our September dinner meeting at the UConn Campus. Over 50 people took time out of their busy schedule to attend the meeting. It was great to see lot's of familiar faces at the meeting especially former colleagues in the CEE Department. The UConn ASCE student members also did a great job in exhibiting their award winning steel bridge. Dr. Stanley Bembem thrilled our audience with his fascinating talk on "Pile Foundation at Alcoa, Mobile, Alabama". Dr. Bembem was also presented with the Benjamin Wright's award that evening. Please visit our website to see pictures taken at the meeting.

October is full of activities and as you are aware, we are always looking for members of the profession to volunteer their time in serving our organization. We look forward to see you at the October meeting. There is a lot to gain from these meetings. Attend to experience what I mean.



Charles S. Sawyer, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE

President

FROM THE EDITOR

If you have any information you would like to publish in the CSCE Newsletter that would be of interest to civil engineers, this is a great opportunity to get your word out to approximately 2000 subscribers. All suggestion and comments regarding the content and/or format are welcome. Please contact Jason F. Waterbury, P.E., at 860-635-3400 or nl-editor@csce.org or any of the key contacts on the updated contact list in this issue. In addition, we realize that due to the time required to put the newsletters together, print it and mail it, some of you might not be getting the newsletters in time to enable you to incorporate the monthly meeting into your schedule. For this reason please visit our website regularly WWW.CSCE.ORG and click on newsletters in order to be able to see it on line before you see it in your mailbox.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION & CSCE SPONSORED SEMINARS

The Continuing Education Committee looks forward to hosting technical and management seminars on topics of interest to our members. We rely on feedback from fellow members and technical committee chairs as to which topics are "hot". Please forward any seminar topics you would like to see to Ron Nault c/o Luchs Consulting Engineers, LLC - phone (203) 937-6819 ext. 16; fax (203) 931-7702 or nault@luchs.com

Some other future seminar ideas include:

- CTDEP Stormwater Quality Manual workshop
- Environmental: Pump Station Design
- Structural: New England Bulb Tee Applications for bridges
- Construction Inspection: New Certifications for Hot Mix Asphalt and Concrete Construction
- Professional Development: Public Speaking

ATTENTION YOUNGER MEMBERS

Younger Members are considered to be 32 years of age or younger. The Younger Member Committee fosters the professional growth, ethical awareness, and technical competence of the Section's younger members. The Committee sponsors both technical and non-technical trips. The Committee encourages membership and participation in ASCE and CSCE Committees, Technical Groups, and other activities. If you are interested in meeting fellow peers, please contact Sara Ramsbottom. The Committee holds monthly meetings with food and beverage provided.

Calling All Engineers

Dear colleges;

I am sure many of you have heard of National Engineering Week. NEW is a national effort by a coalition of more than 70 engineering, education, and cultural societies, and more than 50 corporations and government agencies dedicated to raising public awareness of engineers' positive contributions to our quality of life. Engineers Week promotes recognition among parents, teachers and students of the importance of a technical education and a high level of math, science, and technology literacy, and motivates youths to pursue engineering careers. If you are like me, you probably like the idea of NEW, but you find it hard to put interest into action. Going out into the community is hard for one person or firm to do. Forming a cooperative relationship with a school is often difficult. That is why I want to tell you about something I have discovered. CPEP – The Connecticut Pre-Engineering Program.

The Connecticut Pre-Engineering Program is a non profit education program based out of Bloomfield. The CPEP mission is to help underrepresented students across the state discover their potential through science, math and technology. CPEP is designed to identify underrepresented minority and women students who have the potential for college at the upper elementary through the middle/junior high and high schools levels. But, CPEP is not limited to under represented groups. It accepts kids from all sectors of our community. CPEP is not limited Bloomfield, CT, they have participating schools across the state.

CPEP goal is to build a support system to motivate students to perform well in high school and middle school. They provide a program that introduces students to their own potential and to engineering. CPEP inspires students to create for themselves a strong foundation in mathematics, sciences and language to pursue math, science or engineering based fields at the university/college level. (go to www.cpep.org For more information about CPEP and its mission).

So, now that you know about CPEP, how can you get involved. CPEP can benefit from your contribution big or small, personal or financial. At the website provided above you can find contact information to get involved, but I would like to summarize some ideas in this letter.

CPEP needs volunteers. Your commitment can be a one day commitment during the CPEP Day Competition, or it can be a weekly commitment to mentor a group of students near you. Believe me, having done both I can personally speak to the fact that you will find it infinitely rewarding to contribute on this so personal level. I am now a member of the Bridge Competition Committee so I am keenly interested in finding Structural and specifically Bridge Engineers to contribute to CPEP.

CPEP needs money. Providing supplies, building material, teachers, and staff in addition to workshops and publications all put a strain on the CPEP financial resources. There are a number of big name contributors, but grants come and go. CPEP needs to constantly work to maintain a working financial base. Personal contributions from engineers would help CPEP meet its goals. But, working with in your firm to make a larger corporate contribution to CPEP can do even more.

Your Firm can contribute in more than one way. Of course a financial contribution is always great, but encouraging and supporting volunteers is often much more valuable. For Example, your firm might want to commit to sending mentors to CPEP sponsored schools. Or, your firm might want to create a "Bill one to CPEP" program where the firm donate one billable hour per engineer per month to CPEP. How your firm contributes is up to you and your firm, but being a part of CPEP is a grate way to actualize the principles set by your National Engineering Society and its NEW imitative.

I hope to see you at CPEP day.

Peter Isidro-Cloudas, PE
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THE BRAIN TEASER CORNER

September 2006 Newsletter Solution (Sum Word?): Inlets
The Tournament

Mr. and Mrs. Aye and Mr. and Mrs. Nee competed in a chess tournament. Of the three games played:

- In only the first game were the two players married to each other.
- The men won two games and the women won one game.
- The Ayes won more games than the Nees.
- Anyone who lost a game did not play a subsequent game.

Solution to be shown in subsequent newsletter.

Want to stump your colleagues? If the answer to this question is Yes, please submit your Brain Teaser (and solution) to the Newsletter editor at nl-editor@csce.org

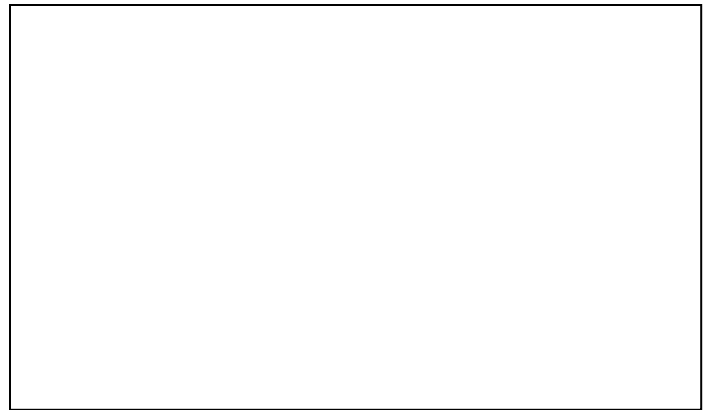
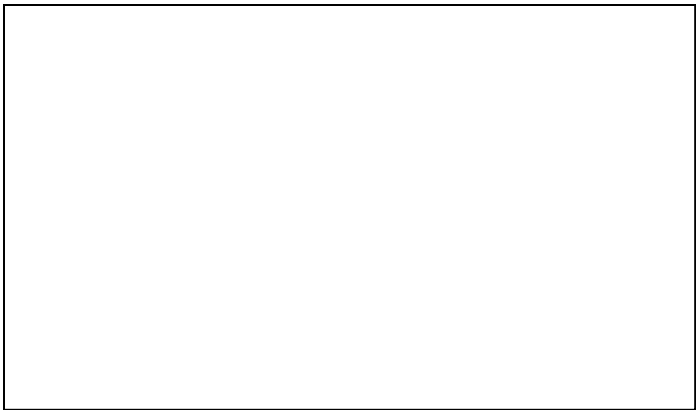
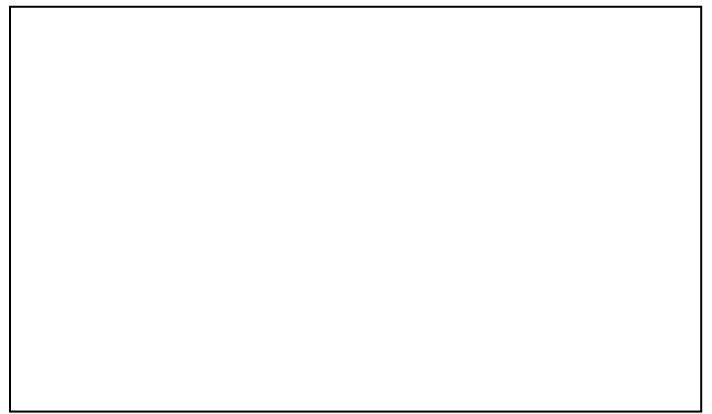
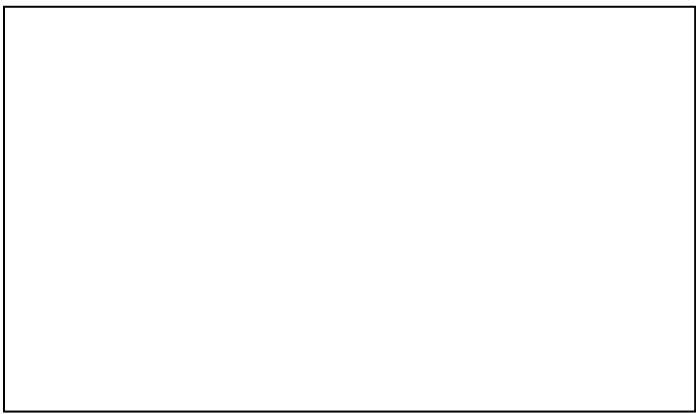
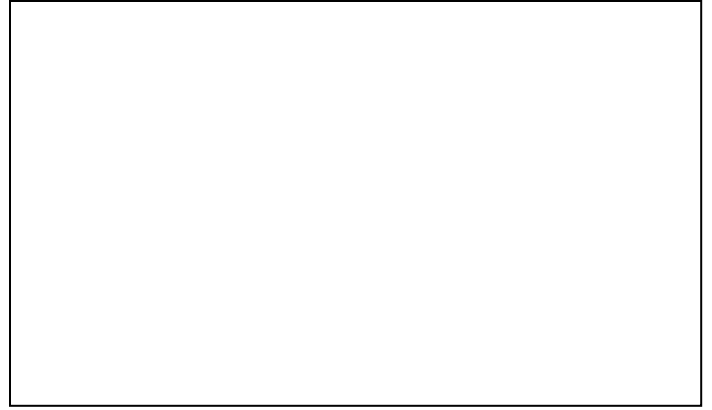
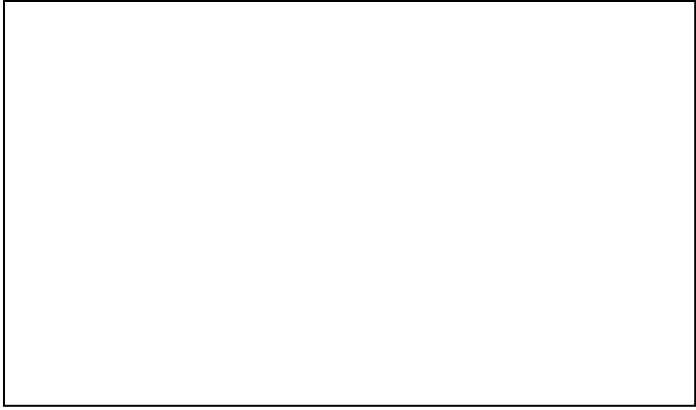
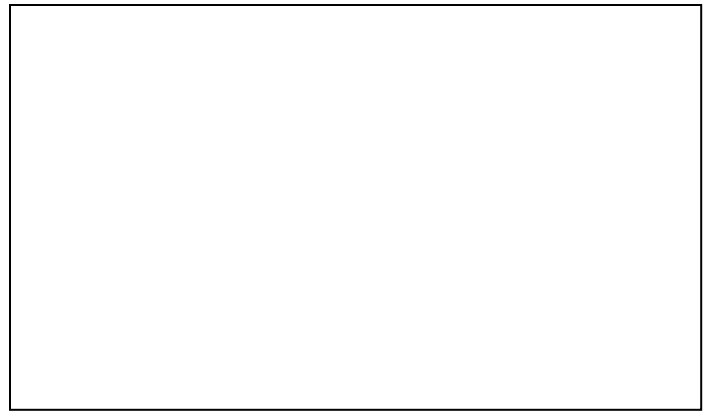
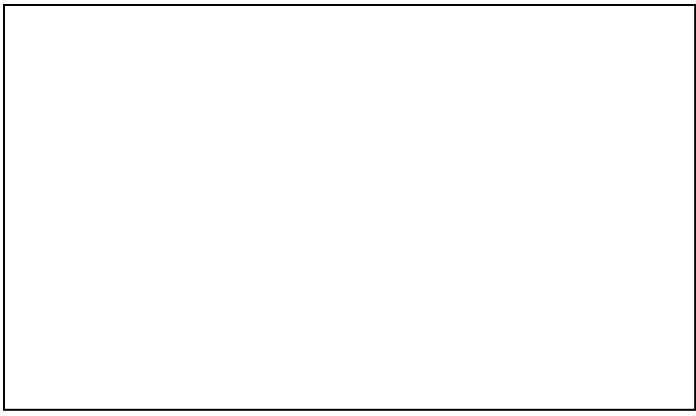
2006-2007 CSCE Monthly Meeting Calendar

- October: Meeting Date (October 23, 2006); Meeting Location (UNH); Newsletter Submission Deadline (Friday October 6, 2006)
- November: Meeting Date (November 20, 2006); Meeting Location (CCSU); Newsletter Submission Deadline (Friday November 3, 2006)
- January: Meeting Date (January 22, 2007); Meeting Location (TBD); Newsletter Submission Deadline (Friday, January 5, 2007)
- February: Meeting Date (TBD); Meeting Location (TBD); Newsletter Submission Deadline (Friday February 2, 2007)
- March: Meeting Date (March 26, 2007); Meeting Location (U-Hartford); Newsletter Submission Deadline (Friday March 9, 2007)
- April: Meeting Date (April 23, 2006); Meeting Location (TBD); Newsletter Submission Deadline (Friday April 13, 2007)
- May: Meeting Date (May 28, 2006); Meeting Location (TBD); Newsletter Submission Deadline (Friday May 11, 2007)

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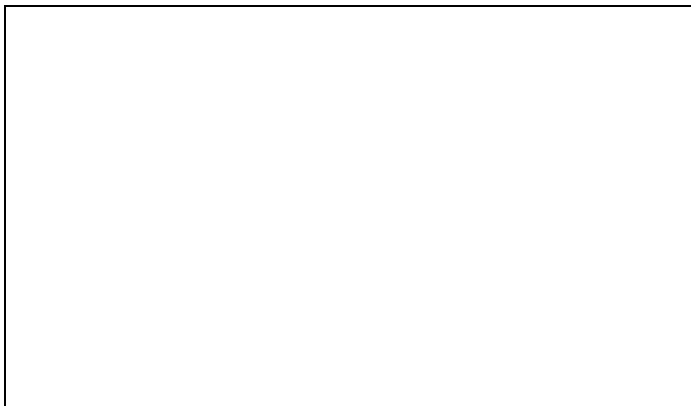
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WMC Consulting Engineers is a multi-disciplined civil engineering firm based in Newington, CT. To meet our expanding project needs, we are currently seeking individuals for the following positions:

Structural Engineers

Entry level and junior level engineers. Entry level engineers should be recent college graduates possessing a BSCE with a distinct focus on structural engineering and demonstrating a desire to work in the field of bridge engineering. Junior level should be highway bridge engineers possessing a BSCE and two to four years of hands on experience in structural design, particularly designing interstate highway or local road bridges using AASHTO, ConnDOT and FHWA criteria. Experience and working knowledge of AutoCADD and Softdesk civil engineering design software is a plus.

Hydraulic Engineers

Senior level engineers with experience in hydrology and hydraulic engineering as it relates to bridge, dam, subdivision and general civil design projects. Applicants should possess six to eight years of hands on experience in this discipline and working knowledge of HECRAS, TR-55 and/or other similar hydrologic, hydraulic and drainage engineering design software.

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Entry level or junior level CADD operators and engineering technicians. Entry level positions require good basic skills in AutoCADD, a positive work attitude and a strong desire to excel. Junior level technicians should possess at least three years experience in civil engineering, preferably in bridge, roadway and/or in site design with preparation of construction drawings and documents for civil projects. Proficiency in civil engineering design/drafting software such as AutoCADD, Intergraph, Softdesk, etc. is a plus.

Construction - Chief Inspectors

Must meet all ConnDOT requirements for chief inspector including NICET Level III Certification, six years experience in bridge or highway engineering, three of which must be in a supervisory capacity of ConnDOT highway, bridge or rail construction inspection activities. A Bachelors Degree in Civil or Construction Engineering may be substituted for two years of general experience.

Please forward your resume' in confidence to:

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STRUCTURES TECHNICAL GROUP (STG)
SEMINAR
DETERMINATION OF WIND FORCES FOR BUILDING DESIGN

CSCE members are invited to attend a Structural Engineers Coalition (SEC) sponsored seminar on the determination of wind forces for building design. A method developed by The Structural Engineers Association of Washington (SEAW) will be presented and compared to the IBC Simplified Method and the ASCE 7 "All Heights" method through side by side comparisons of two different buildings. The wind design requirements in ASCE 7 are based on state-of-the-art wind engineering research; however, the complexity of these ASCE 7 requirements may make them difficult and time consuming to use. The method to be presented uses a simple three coefficient formula which yields consistent and truly rapid results.

The seminar will be presented by Ed Huston, PE, SE. Mr. Huston has made over 60 seminar and technical presentations and has over 34 years of experience in structural design, evaluation, investigation and code and standards development. He was co-author of the *Wind Commentary to the Uniform Building Code - 1991 Edition & 1994 Edition* and *The Masonry Designers' Guide to the ACI/ASCE 530 Code, First through Fourth Editions*. Ed has served as President of the Applied Technology Council, (ATC) a national organization whose goal is research into the effects of earthquakes and other natural forces and the dissemination of the results of that research. He was Lead Technical Consultant on *ATC 45: A Field Manual for Safety Evaluations of Buildings after Windstorms and Floods*. Mr. Huston is a principal in the firm of Smith & Huston, Inc., Consulting Engineers in Seattle, Washington.

The seminar location and schedule are as follows:

Date:	Wednesday, November 1, 2006	
Time:	1:30pm	Registration, Social Hour, Cash Bar
	2:00pm-6:00pm	Program Part I
	6:00pm-7:00pm	Dinner
	7:00pm -8:30pm	Program Part II
Place:	THE BELVEDERE	
	70 Pond Lily Avenue, New Haven, CT	
	(Near Interchange 59 on the Wilbur Cross Parkway)	

The cost and registration procedure for CSCE members are to be established. To insure your receipt of this and other additional information, send an email of interest to Leslie Smith at lsc2502@aol.com.

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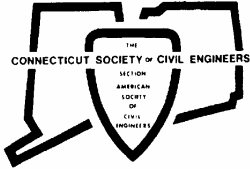
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