



North Winds

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Society of American Military Engineers
(SAME) Meeting
22 May 2008, 1130
Anchorage Moose Lodge
(Corner of Arctic and Tudor)

Executive Board Meeting
23 May 2008, 0630
Country Kitchen
346 E. Fifth Avenue
(Next to the Sheraton between Fifth and Sixth.)



Alaska Test Lab and Dowl stepped up this month on very short notice to sponsor the North Winds. SAME would like to thank them for their commitment.

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Please contact John Costello at jcostello@northwind-inc.com or 277-5488

Monthly Meeting

Society of American Military Engineers May Monthly Meeting will be Thursday, 22 May, 1130 to 1300 at the Anchorage Moose Lodge located just north of the corner of Arctic and Tudor. A pizza lunch will be available for \$5. Please RSVP no later than 20 May to Mr. Andy Larson at andy@discoverydrilling.com.

Guest Speaker

Mr. Steve Gilbert will provide this month's program, an overview of renewable energy technologies, wind energy projects and opportunities for Alaska. Mr. Gilbert is the project engineer for the Fire Island wind concept and is Manager of Alaskan Projects for enXco, a major wind project developer. enXco jointly owns Wind Energy Alaska with CIRI, a native corporation. He came to his current post after 17 years with Chugach Electric, the local Anchorage electric provider, where he served as Manager of Energy Projects Development. During his years at Chugach he managed three of Chugach's four power plants, served as lead electrical engineer for a 1 MW fuel cell project and micro turbines, and the investigation of renewables including Fire Island.

After completing training in electrical power engineering, Steve started his career in 1980 in start up of large coal and nuclear power plants. He provided consulting and technical services to client companies across the U.S. He worked with BP wind in London assessing European wind prospects. Steve was Alaska's electrical engineer of the year in 2000 and for the 12 western states in 2001.

President's Column

Thanks to the many folks from the Anchorage Post who are making their way to Minneapolis/St Paul for the 2008 National Conference. While it will make for a smaller gathering for the monthly lunch, it will show the rest of the Society the great spirit of the Anchorage Post as they represent us in receiving the Top Post award and supporting Steve Bettis as he is formally presented the Urbahn Medal. Safe travels to everyone and have a great time.

Now that we've hit spring it's time to think about two rites of summer for the Post. Not fishing and camping, but the Golf Tournament and SAME Summer Campers. Ev Mabry has organized another great tourney. The sign up sheet is available on the website and you can contact Ev if you'd like to be a sponsor. As for the Summer Campers, we've got two this year. Both are Junior ROTC cadets and both are very excited about the opportunity to learn more about military engineering. It's another testament to the Post and its members that through your dedication we're able to sponsor more than one Camper. Thanks to Chris Turletes and his team for working this program again this year.

Finally, it's through sponsorships and volunteers that the Post is able to accomplish the things it does. We're still looking for newsletter sponsors for the remainder of the year. Not only do you get the benefit of bragging to your peers and advertising your firm's abilities to the rest of the Post, but you have the satisfaction of knowing your sponsorship is going to support great causes like the Summer Campers, UAA A-E Club Habitat for Humanity, and scholarships for deserving students.

Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes SAME, Anchorage Post

Date/Time: 25 Apr 2008/0630

Location: Country Kitchen Restaurant

Attendees: Ms. Kathy Gardner, Mr. Alan Quesnel, Ms. Vivian Tokar, Ms. Kathy Jacobson, Mr. Ted Trueblood, Mr. Everett Mabry, Mr. Chris Turletes, Mr. Tim Gallagher, Mr. Craig Lance, Mr. Bill Kontess, Mr. Robert Wrentmore, Col Kevin Wilson,

Maj Erik Sell, Capt Matthew Anderson, Capt Matthew Albers

Not Present: Mr. Kevin Thomas, Mr. Pat Coullahan, Mr. John Magee, Ms. Trish Opheen, Mr. Jamie Spell, Mr. Tom York, Mr. Andy Larson, Mr. George Herr, Mr. Steve Schwicht, Mr. John Costello, Mr. Tad Dean, Col Stu Hartford, Maj Bryan Erickson,

Proceedings:

- Ms. Kathy Gardner, Post 1st Vice President, opened the BOD meeting at 0638.
- Treasurer: Kathy Jacobson
 - A budgetary report was passed out with both projected and actual income/expenditures
 - Sponsorship for future newsletters was discussed; John Costello is working on finding sponsorship
 - The projected budget for 2008 as reflected in the handout was discussed
 - The current account balance and possible investment options and amounts was discussed
 - A motion to invest \$20,000 from the scholarship into the Talley Fund was passed
- Programs: Alan Quesnel
 - Mr. Quesnel stated that there are two prospects for presentations for the May luncheon
 - A list of activities for the rest of the year is in progress
 - It was suggested that a link on the website be added for the purpose of soliciting ideas for luncheon topics
- Membership: Eric Sell
 - The website is not currently working for membership sign-ups
- Newsletter:
 - The group discussed what topics to have in the next newsletter, the following ideas were put forth: The construction camp, the golf tournament, a call for program ideas, the recent Post awards, and the events taking place at the SAME National Conference
- Scholarships: Chris Turletes
 - Two current college scholarship candidates were discussed; a motion to approve both was passed
 - A motion to approve \$500 for a scholarship for a high school student entering college in the fall was passed
 - The board discussed standards for awarding current high school students scholarships; it was decided that the university must be accredited and the money will be given to the university's

registrar to defray tuition costs, not the actual student

- General:

- The board decided to provide sack lunches during the golf tournament at a cost of \$6.50 per lunch
 - Sponsorships are being sought for the costs of the golf carts, lunches, the beverage cost or anything else a sponsor would like to donate
 - The post is seeking higher participation by the military for the golf tournament's sponsored slots
 - The board discussed plans to interact more with local small businesses
 - It was suggested that the board member listing be sent out for updates
 - Goals for the post were handed out, plans were made to discuss them at the next BOD meeting
- Ms. Kathy Gardner, Post 1st Vice President, closed the BOD meeting at 0737
- Next month's events:
- General Membership Meeting: 22 May @ 1130 (Moose Lodge)
 - BOD meeting: 23 May @ 0630 (Country Kitchen)
 - Golf Tournament: 20 June @ 1330 (Eagle Glen Golf Course, sign in @ 1230)

Call for Speaker Topics for 2008/2009

One of the more pleasant advantages of belonging to the Anchorage SAME Post is the opportunity to listen and absorb the fascinating monthly presentations by our guest speakers. It is important topics remain relevant, however, to you, the members. In this light, please feel free to suggest topics you wish to hear about. Submit to Mr. Alan Quesnel (SAME programs guy) at masteraj@mtaonline.net or call me at 694-5783 (hm) or 552-5222 (wk). Keep in mind the actual date of presentations may need to be scheduled 1 to 6 months out.

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The North Winds Newsletter welcomes articles of interest and photos for the Newsletter. Please submit articles and photos with captions concerning SAME activities to the editor by the 20th of each month.

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