

ASME District F Newsletter

What's going on in the Great Southeast?

University of Florida- ASME Tells Us How to Host a Car Show



Running your own ASME car show at your university can be a lot of fun and is a great way to raise some extra cash for your society. One of the biggest challenges of putting on an event like this is selecting the date. The best time would most likely be on the weekends, but you don't want to schedule it during a football game or some other major activity. This is one of the main reasons why we chose to hold our annual car show during the spring.

The next big task is getting all of the clearances from the university. If you plan on running it on campus, you want to check with your Student Government to see what they need to approve an event like this. Some questions to think about are: Do we need permits? Is there going to be food? Music? Lots of traffic? Usually when something of this size is arranged, the university requires that a police officer be present for crowd and traffic control.

Once you have your permits and your date selected, it's all about advertising! You can ask local car manufacturers and car clubs if they want to get involved,

and it's beneficial to get radio stations to come out and sponsor the event. You can even get your local Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) involved. To get more people interested, we offer trophies and awards for the winners and we donate half of the proceeds of the event to a charity. It's really up to you and your organization to decide how big you would like this thing to be.

All of this planning is going to take a great deal of time and money. In order to make up for the cost, you may want to charge participants to register. ASME-UF charges \$6 for pre-registration and \$10 for the day of. Because arranging this event takes a lot of time, ASME-UF has their own car show committee, which includes 3 student members and 1 officer.

A car show event like this has the potential to be huge, and

hopefully it will be in the future here at UF. This year we had around 30 cars, but next year, if we start earlier and spread the word, we believe we could easily get 100 participants. Despite the small turn out this year, we were still able to raise about \$300 for Relay for Life.

If you have any questions or comments about putting on an event like this (or any event), please feel free to contact Tyler Vonderheide at tylerv@ufl.edu.

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Congratulations to the Winners of the North and South Student Professional Development Conference Competitions:

Old Guard Oral Competition

1st Place:

Brad Pullins

Virginia Polytechnic Institute

AND

Nathan Grady

Vanderbilt University

Old Guard Technical Poster Competition, 1st Place:

Steve Park

Virginia Polytechnic Institute

AND

Rene Diaz

University of Central Florida

Old Guard Technical Webpage Competition, 1st Place:

Place:

Steve Park

Virginia Polytechnic Institute

AND

James Elm

University of Alabama

WINROBO

Student Design Competition

1st Place:

University of North Carolina at

Charlotte

AND

Tennessee Technological

University

Good luck to those of you competing at the International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition in Boston, MA in the fall of 2008!

What are the SSC and the SDOB?

The **Student Sections Committee** (SSC) was formed by ASME to serve as the representative body between student sections and ASME International. There are two student SSC representatives and one senior representative per district on the committee, and the committee meets twice a year to give district reports and collaborate on ASME student issues. Two examples of the legislation that the SSC put in place in the past are the creation of the Student Sections Competition (formerly known as Ingersoll-Rand Competition) and the compilation of a student section revitalization kit. Every time the committee meets, they brainstorm and implement new programs that increase the benefits of being a student member.

Just recently, the SSC formed the **Student District Operating Board** (SDOB). The SDOB acts as a grassroots network in which student members can find information as well as relay their ideas up to the national level of ASME. The SDOB has similar goals as the SSC, but it is focused within the district.

How to Get Involved

If you want to get involved on the district or national level, join the SDOB by contacting your SSC representative.

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In June, the SSC will meet and discuss new ideas and areas of needed improvement for student sections, and it is important that we get your opinions! SDOB officer elections will be held this coming fall at the Student Leadership Seminars, and a new SSC representative will be elected at the Northern Student Conference in the spring of 2009.

Burt Dicht Tours Alabama

Mr. Burt Dicht, Managing Director of ASME's Knowledge and Community Sector, spoke to Alabama students during a four day tour that saw him in a different Alabama city visiting local ASME student sections each day. Working with Megan Beattie, President of the University of Alabama in Huntsville section, Cynthia Marks, Treasurer of the Auburn University section, and Eddie Sternberger, Chair of the University of South Alabama section, University of Alabama section President Jesse Hugué arranged for Mr. Dicht to fly into Auburn from his New York office on Monday, October 22nd. He spent the next three days driving across the state to spend a day each in Huntsville, Tuscaloosa, and finally Mobile. Each evening he attended the local student section's general meetings to give an excellent presentation on his career designing advanced fighter aircraft and his recent work with ASME.

Outstanding Service to the Community

Many students within ASME District F are active volunteers in the community, participating in projects not limited to tutoring and Habitat for Humanity. One service event that stood out among others was put together by several students from Tennessee Technological University. This past semester, ASME of TTU traveled to a local high school that is under funded and does not have a single science teacher. Over a week long period, they held a series of experiments related to science and engineering, including a demonstration of how a fuel cell works. Bryan Lewis spoke on the event: "First we taught them how the science works behind the experiment, and then we showed them how it all comes together with the moving car."

Please keep sharing your engineering knowledge with those in the community, and share your stories with your fellow ASME student members!

Upcoming Student Leadership Seminars

This year District F has decided to hold 3 student leadership seminars in hopes that one will be a convenient location for you. The programs are currently being put together, and this year we want our ASME student leaders to get the most value out of the training seminars. If you are an officer or want to become one at your student section or on the district level, please plan to attend one of the following conferences:

University of Central Florida
Orlando, Florida
September 19-20, 2008

North Carolina State University
Raleigh, North Carolina
September 19-20, 2008

University of South Alabama
Mobile, Alabama
Date: TBA

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Please contact us with any questions or comments!

**Check out the District F
SDOB Website
At**

<http://districts.asme.org/SDOB/DistrictF>

Find important information on the new site "Officer Central" and post your section events on the district calendar!