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Columbia Section Monthly Meeting

Date:	Wednesday, November 28, 2012 from 11:30AM to 1:00PM
Place:	Ice Harbor Dam 2339 Ice Harbor Drive Burbank, WA 99323
Event:	Ice Harbor Lock and Dam Tour
Register:	Register online through the ASCE Columbia Section Website. Or contact Paul Knutzen, 509-737-6926.
Note:	Remember that you will need to arrive with a Valid Driver's License, substantial footwear (no open toed shoes), a hardhat if you have one (we have pink loaners) as well as safety glasses if you have them.

President's Remarks

Greetings

The WSU Tri-Cities Engineering Career Exploration workshop was held this week and I had the privilege of attending on behalf of ASCE. The various professional engineering societies, such as [ASME](#), [IEEE](#), [EWB](#), and [SWE](#) all spoke in regards to what they had to offer the students. All the societies have similar missions and outreach for students. After the presentations, the students were able to break off and speak with the various societies directly. I was very impressed by the fact that I was kept there the longest by the students who were truly interested in our Society. For those that aren't aware, ASCE is free for students. I had two students there that asked permission from their teacher in front of me to miss their upcoming lecture that coincides with this month's event at Ice Harbor Dam.

If you noticed this month we've started getting more advanced in technology. We not only posted last month's lunch presentation on [YouTube](#), but this month's tour and future Section luncheon's will use online registration systems. So you will be able to add the event to your calendar and even pay in advance online using PayPal.

We're very fortunate to have an up close and personal tour of a local landmark, named after Ice Harbor Brewery, or is it the other way around? Please come out and support our local landmark this month.



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A Newly Released Thriller Makes a CE the Hero

“When Scott Carter, a savvy civil and structural engineer, finds himself in an elevator at the top of one of his own high-rise building designs, a powerful blast in the basement rocks Carter from his everyday life into a media limelight—and ultimately into the crosshairs of a technically cunning terrorist, alias Jackhammer.” Check out the new thriller, [The Jackhammer Elegies](#) by Stefan Jaeger, MASCE .

ASCE Urges Obama to Make Infrastructure a Priority

In a statement released on November 7 ASCE extended its congratulations to President Obama for winning reelection and urged him to make rebuilding America's infrastructure a second-term priority. See the [full article](#) on ASCE's website.

NCEES Standards Recognized by ANSI

NCEES is a standards development organization with the American National Standards Institute. ANSI is the U.S. representative to the International Organization for Standardization. Its membership includes more than 100,000 government agencies, corporations, and academic and international bodies. See the [full article](#)

Oregon.gov is Upgrading!

Oregon.gov (and our web site) has been moved to a different platform. The process may have broken some links - particularly those for older documents and pages. See the [full article](#).

Gov. Gregoire's statement on Dept. of Energy meeting

“I met with Sec. Chu and key leaders of his team to include some of his scientific and engineering experts working at Hanford. Those members presented a very pragmatic approach about what needs to be done. I am assured that they are prioritizing science and safety first. I feel strongly that Sec. Chu is personally committed to the clean-up effort at Hanford. I am very appreciative of his level of engagement in this critical issue for Washington.”

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ASCE Columbia Chapter has a You Tube Channel!

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WSU Regents OK football ops building.

SPOKANE, Wash. – Citing the importance of the health and safety of student athletes and the ability to be competitive in the Pac 12, the Washington State University Board of Regents on Nov. 16 approved construction of a new football operations building adjacent to Martin Stadium on the Pullman campus. [See the full article.](#)

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