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**Summer Social: Quad City River Bandits Game**



For this summer’s ASCE event, we once again are returning to Modern Woodman Park for a Quad City River Bandits game. Quad City section members are welcome to bring family members and significant others to enjoy a night of food, baseball, and fun.

Cuisine will be typical American summer fare served as a picnic buffet (see event details below). The meal will be served at the Party Plaza (field level, down the right field line next to Kids Zone). The River Bandits opponent will be the Peoria Chiefs.

For ticket distribution, look for an ASCE officer passing out tickets outside the Stadium between 5:20 and 5:40 pm. If you cannot be there within this window of time, please contact Matt Zager (contact information is on the left of this page) and make additional arrangements to get tickets.

**EVENT DATE:**

Friday, 2014 June 20

**LOCATION:**

Modern Woodman Park  
209 S Gaines St  
Davenport, IA

**AGENDA:**

5:30 Gates open and picnic buffet begins  
7:00 Game begins

**DINNER INFORMATION:**

Buffet includes: BBQ, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, kernel corn, potato salad, cole slaw, cookies, ice cream sandwich, assorted drinks

**COST:**

Food and the baseball game are free with the exception of alcoholic drinks

**RESERVATIONS:**

Register by COB June 10 at:  
<http://sections.asce.org/quad-cities/registration>

## Other Upcoming Events:

### **Metrolink District Station and Locks Housing Project Tour (1 PDH credit available)**



Metrolink and Rock Island GROWTH have graciously agreed to provide a tour of the Rock Island District Station and the Locks Housing Development in Rock Island at 5 pm on Wednesday June 11. After the tour, for those interested, we will gather at Huckeberry's in Rock Island for dinner (223 18th St).

Speaker(s): Chelsey Hohensee (Metrolink) and Ryan Marik (Rock Island GROWTH).

Times: The tour will start at 5:00pm.

Location: The starting location will be at the District Station, 1975 2nd Avenue, Rock Island. This is near the corner of 2nd Avenue and 20th Street.

Dinner at Huckeberry's is at 223 18th St.

Menu: As ordered.

Registration: At this time, we are not asking that attendees register. Just show up.

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### **READY FOR XSTREAM CLEANUP 2014?**

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 9, 2014. Registration will open in July. Like us on Facebook for event updates and other news.

### **ASCE Quad Cities Engineering Conference**

Mark your calendars! The 2014 engineering conference will be held in Davenport on October 22 at the Clarion Hotel. If you have any topics and/or speaker ideas, or you would be interested in participating in the planning sessions for the conference, please contact Mike Ryan at [mryan@hrgreen.com](mailto:mryan@hrgreen.com).

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## Events Calendar

Date	Event
June 11 @ 5:00 pm	Metrolink District Station & Locks Housing Project Tour
June 20 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm	River Bandits Picnic and Game
August 9	XStream Cleanup
8/15 – 8/16	ASCE Region 3 Assembly (Chicago)
October 22	ASCE Quad Cities Engineering Conference

## Other News:

### FY 2015 Transportation Bill Update

On Thursday, June 5, the Senate Appropriations Committee marked-up the fiscal year (FY) 2015 spending bill that provides the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) a \$536 million funding boost over FY 2014 levels. The recently adopted FY 2015 totals for the department are \$53.6 billion in limitations on obligations combined with \$18.1 billion in discretionary budget authority. Comparatively, enacted FY 2014 levels are \$53.5 billion in obligation limitations and \$17.7 billion in discretionary budget authority. The approved FY 2015 levels would fully-fund the current surface transportation authorization law, "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century" (MAP-21).

Important highlights of the Senate bill include:

- \$40.3 billion for highways (same as FY 2014)
- \$11.1 billion for transit (\$310 million above FY 2014; \$221 million of which is for transit capital investment grants)
- \$550 million for TIGER grants (\$50 million less than FY 2014)
- \$15.9 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration (\$126 million above FY 2014)
- \$1.39 billion for Amtrak (same as FY 2014)

The legislation also contains reform language that would limit how USDOT can spend their budgetary resources. Specifically, the committee prohibits agencies from awarding bonuses to contractors for projects that are behind schedule or over budget and awarding a contract to a person convicted of a felony or cheating on their federal taxes. Also the bill would encourage the Federal Highway Administration to encourage state departments of transportation to use cost-benefit analyses when selecting highway projects.

The House Appropriations Committee recently approved legislation that would fund USDOT at a lower level, for example providing \$10.5 billion for transit and \$100 million for TIGER. The next step for both the House and Senate is to quickly debate these bills on the floor in order to negotiate a compromise agreement before the end of FY 2014 (September 30). However, if recent history is any indicator, odds of this happening on-time are relatively slim so it is likely that an appropriations patch of some short-term length will be required this fall.

Implicit in both the House and Senate appropriations agreements is the assumption that the looming Highway Trust Fund crisis will be addressed. This week the Senate Finance Committee had informal discussions about how to prevent a lapse in highway funding, but members did not reach any agreement. ASCE has been urging Congress to agree on a fix for the Highway Trust Fund which is facing insolvency in the next couple of months. Appropriations bills and current enacted funding levels will be inadequate to prevent a funding crisis if there is not enough money in the trust fund to provide project reimbursements.

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## Officers for 2014-2015 year

Later in the summer the Quad City Section will be selecting new officers to be on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, the At-large representative, or on one of the committees, please contact a current officer to get on the ballot.

## Free eLearning Webinars for ASCE Members

One of the benefits of an ASCE membership is 5 FREE PDH's available through ASCE on-demand webinars. This benefit is available anytime at [www.asce.org/freepdh](http://www.asce.org/freepdh). Technical and "softer-skill" management and leadership courses are offered from more than 80 titles. ASCE members may tailor their education program at a self-paced rate. To take advantage of this benefit, simply visit ASCE's On-Demand Webinars archive at [www.asce.org/freepdh](http://www.asce.org/freepdh) and complete the webinar content exam. Upon successful completion of the exam, members will earn a PDH credit. To view all ASCE Continuing Education opportunities visit: [www.asce.org/conted](http://www.asce.org/conted).

## 2014 Illinois Infrastructure Report Card

The Illinois Section of ASCE recently released the 2014 Report Card for Illinois Infrastructure. A panel of Professional Civil Engineers and American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) members throughout the State graded each infrastructure category according to the following eight criteria: capacity, condition, funding, future need, operation and maintenance, public safety, resilience, and innovation. Quad Cities Section member Gary Loss has been on the panel in recent years. We appreciate his contribution again this year as the report card was presented in Springfield earlier in the spring. In 2010, the Infrastructure Grade for Illinois was a D+, reflecting delayed maintenance and underinvestment across most categories. The Illinois cumulative grade for infrastructure for 2014 was a slight improvement to a C-. A complete summary of the report card can be found at <http://www.isasce.org/report-card/>.

## ASCE Support of Local STEM Events

ASCE Quad Cities Section continues to support STEM activities. In April, members Matt Zager and Cale Wilson volunteered to help judge the Mousetrap Car competition at Williams Intermediate School in Davenport. In the competition, students built small cars from mousetraps. The mousetrap mechanism is the source for the propulsion that allowed the cars to race across the gym floor at Williams. Measurements are made and efficiency determined by considering both distance and weight. Participants came from many Quad City area schools.



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