

The Green Mountain Civil Report

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Newsletter of the Vermont Section American Society of Civil Engineers

*** Attention New URL: sections.asce.org/vermont

March Meeting at UVM

Date: Wednesday, March 28, 2001

Location: UVM- Waterman Manor, Burlington, Vermont. Directions: Take I-89, to exit 14E. Follow Main Street west towards town. Take right at corner of Main and Prospect (corner of UVM Green). Waterman is on the corner of Prospect and College Street. Allow adequate travel time for location of parking.

Schedule:

5:30 - 6:30 Social Hour

6:30 - 7:30 Dinner

7:30 - 8:30 Society Business & Speaker

Speaker: Michael Lewis, a 1983 UVM grad who is a project director for the Central Artery project in Boston. The topic will be "The Big Dig - Engineering, Planning & Execution".

Costs: \$17 Members / \$8 Students

Meal: Pasta Bar Buffet, Salad, rolls, coffee, tea and cheesecake are included with the dinner. A beer and wine bar will be provided.

Reservations: Please RSVP to David Mitchell via email or phone: davidm@engineeringventures.com or 802-863-6225. RSVP by. Make checks payable to Vermont ASCE, and send to: VACSE, c/o Engineering Ventures, 7 Kilburn Street, Burlington, Vermont 05401.

APRIL 20 BIG DIG VISIT!!

A much-anticipated sequel to last year's highly successful trip to the World's largest highway project is scheduled for **Friday, April 20**. This year's trip will be hosted by GPI, Inc, a company working on the north portion of the project. The trip will include a visit to the **spectacular new bridge** spanning the Charles River. The tour bus will leave the Sheraton parking lot at 6:30 AM, stopping at West Lebanon (8-8:30) to pick up additional members. **Donuts and coffee will be provided.** We will arrive in Boston by 11 AM, and park at Pier 4. **Optional lunch** at Anthony's restaurant will be followed by the tour starting at 1 PM. After the **3 hour tour** we will return to Burlington.

The cost for the Big Dig Visit is \$40 per person. Cost of the optional lunch at Anthony's ranges from \$17 to \$25. Please call David Mitchell at 802-863-6225 to reserve your place. **Space is limited** to 25, based on OSHA requirements. Call now.

2001 ASCE Meeting Schedule

April 20 -- Boston Big Dig Trip

May 16 -- Dog Team Tavern, Middlebury

Maine ASCE Cold Regions Technical Seminar

Maine ASCE is hosting a technical seminar on Cold Regions issues. The seminar is scheduled for **March 30, 2001** at the Univ. of Southern Maine Campus in Portland. Topics include: "Effects of Dam Removal on Ice Regimes," Ms. Kate White, PE, Cold Regions Research Engineering Laboratory, CRREL; "Tire Shreds as insulation for Paved Roads" by Ms. Brian Lawrence of Haley & Aldrich, Inc.; "Snowmelt Hydrology" by Dr. Jon Zufflet, P.E., Programs Chair, ASCE Technical Council on Cold Regions Engineering; "Cold Weather Construction of the Bath-Woolwich Bridge," by Mr. George Poirier, PE, Federal Highway Administration, Augusta, Maine; and "Ground Freezing for Tunnel Installation under South Station," by Mr. Phil Rice, P.E. Senior Professional Associate, Parsons-Brinckhoff, Central Artery Project. For a detailed schedule check our section website. Registration is \$105 (includes lunch). RSVP to: Mr. Bill Bloemen, PE; Sain Associates; 184 Harlow St.; Bangor, ME 04401.

Stormwater/Sprawl Conference

Vermont ASCE and several other organizations is sponsoring a stormwater management conference called *the Stormwater and Sprawl Connection: Designing Water-Smart Towns in the Lake Champlain Basin*. The Conference is to be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2001 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Coach Barn, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne, Vermont. Registration is required. For information contact [Jan Mueller](mailto:Jan.Mueller@asce.org) at 802-229-0650 or

Mueller@nwf.org. An overview and schedule will be posted on the section website.

On-site Wastewater Conference

USDA Rural Development is working with a steering committee to put on a decentralized on-site wastewater management conference called *Management Systems: An Option for Vermont Villages and Growth Centers*. The Conference is scheduled for May 4, 2001 at Judd Gym of Vermont Technical College in Randolph, Vermont. For information call [Rhonda Shippee](mailto:Rhonda.Shippee@usda.gov) at USDA Rural Development 802-828-6030. Additionally, you can check our website for a detailed agenda and registration information when they become available.

ASCE National President's Note

On March 8 at 10:30 a.m., ASCE released the 2001 Report Card for America's Infrastructure at a news conference at the National Press Club. As an ASCE member, you can view the news conference via ASCE's dynamic new website at www.asce.org/reportcard.

The Report Card assesses the conditions of the nation's roads, bridges, transit, aviation, schools, drinking water, wastewater, dams, solid waste, hazardous waste, navigable waterways, and energy. This report card follows the highly successful 1998 Report Card that focused the nation's attention on the need to maintain America's vital public works.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Report Card, please e-mail reportcard@asce.org.

Best regards,

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