

The Green Mountain Civil Report

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Newsletter of the Vermont Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers

Website <http://sections.asce.org/vermont>

March Meeting

Ed Barna, Covered Bridges

Wednesday, March 27, 2002

Speaker: Ed Barna, Poet and Author

Time: Social Hour 5:30
Dinner 6:30
Speaker & Business 7:30

Meal: Pasta Banquet with Salad, Coffee, Tea, & Desert

Location: Waterman Hall, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont

Parking: Parking is limited, please car pool. Only park in Visitor Parking. There is a small visitor parking area located across College St from Waterman and a lot behind Waterman that is open to visitors AFTER 6PM. FYI Parking fines at UVM are in the magnitude of \$50.

Price: \$20 (\$10 for students).

Please RSVP to Jackie Thibault via email or phone: JackieT@EngineeringVentures.com or call 802-863-6225 by Monday, March 25.

Topic Synopsis:

Poet and freelance writer Ed Barna, a Native Vermonter, has worked as a freelance writer, mainly for Vermont newspapers and magazines. His on-the-job education on historic preservation issues led to his

teaching an Elderhostel course on covered bridges at the College of St. Joseph. He wrote "Covered Bridges of Vermont," a historical guidebook, published in 1996.

This talk and slide show will have a dual focus: the history of these wooden structures, which in their day represented an unprecedented advance in bridge-building technology and which opened the way to the era of all-metal bridges; and the engineering issues are now critically important to key decisions on how best to repair and preserve covered bridges.

2002 Meeting Schedule

Mar. 27 UVM Mtg—Covered Bridges
Apr. 19 Field Trip to Montréal WWTP
May 15 Dog Team Tavern Mtg

Canadian Society of Civil Engineers

CSCE is hosting a National Conference in Montreal early this summer. Registration is occurring now. For details see <http://www.csce2002.ca>.

Nationwide ASCE Career Fair

The Wisconsin Section of ASCE is hosting the ASCE 150th Anniversary National Student Conference Career Fair Saturday and Sunday, June 22nd and 23rd, 2002 at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. They are seeking firms which wish to participate in the event. Students, faculty, professional societies, and potential employers will all have the opportunity to participate in this event. Expected registration is 1,500 student participants from around the country, this is the perfect chance for companies to recruit the best and brightest civil engineering students without having to visit each school individually.

For additional information please, contact J.J. Kirkish at jjkirkish@students.wisc.edu.

President's Message

Engineering and planning related issues have received a lot of recognition and press in Vermont lately. Two major issues come to mind; storm water treatment and the related permit process, and the future of commuter rail in this state. To learn more about engineering related legislation, and to have a chance to represent the Vermont engineering community, think about attending the Engineers Day Under the Dome (State House, April 5th, 8am to 1pm). This is a great opportunity to find out more about your representatives and volunteer to advise on engineering related issues (key items include the proposed Storm Water Regulations and Small Scale Water and Wastewater Regulations).

To find out more about what's happening at the national engineering level, check out the ASCE Section Informant, a monthly newsletter covering ASCE Section highlights from Hawaii to Maine, as well as upcoming events and seminars <ftp://gsd.asce.org/Section%20Informant/March02.pdf>. Contact me or another board member to submit an article related to Vermont engineering to the Informant.

We are currently planning our third annual April field trip. This year we will visit the Montreal wastewater treatment plant on April 19th. As in previous years, we will take a bus so seats will be limited. Details for the trip will follow in a future e-mail, and at the March 27th meeting at UVM. Please e-mail me at KevinW@EngineeringVentures.com to sign up for the trip. Another opportunity to see engineering in action in Canada is the upcoming CSCE annual meeting in Montreal (June 5-8).

In closing, congratulations is in order to the Vermont Section for our high ranking in the 2002 annual membership drive! At this point, we are fourth out of seventeen in the Zone 1 standings. Zone 1 includes other sections throughout the Northeast. If you know of colleagues you would like to nominate for membership, please do so through the web site at <http://www.ascedrive.org/>.

Kevin Worden, P.E.

President of Vermont ASCE

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