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Presidents Message

Dear Acadiana Branch Members:

We are fast approaching the end of our ASCE year. I want to again thank you for making the Spring Conference the success it was. We couldn't have done it without you. It is time again to install a new board for the Acadiana Branch. A luncheon will be held on September 21, 2011 at Don's Downtown for the installations. Please see details of the luncheon in this newsletter. I would like to wish President – Elect, Luke Hebert, P.E. and the rest of the new board the best of luck for next year.

In addition, the Branch will present our 2011 Section Award nominees their awards at this luncheon. Winners at the branch level are submitted to the State section for consideration for the State award. The Branch winners are as follows:

Allen L. Martin, PE – Outstanding Civil Engineer

Emery Domingue, PE – Wall of Fame

Dr. Russell Hibbeler, PE – Civil Engineering Educator

Luke Hebert, PE – Outstanding Young Civil Engineer

James W. Reeves, PE – Lifetime Achievement

We encourage the students from both ULL and McNeese Chapters to attend our luncheons as it is a great way for you to meet other individuals within our industry as well as to establish contacts and a reputation within the community. I also encourage you, the engineering community, to become more involved with the student chapter. Introduce yourself and your firm at meetings and invite them over for a visit to your office. Let them know what a great profession they are working to become a part of.

It has been a pleasure serving you all this past year and I thank you all personally for your continued support of ASCE!

Sincerely,

Shaun R. Simon, P.E.

ASCE – Acadiana Branch President

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Luncheon:	Installation of 2011-2012 officers and Branch Awards
When:	Wednesday September 21, 2011
Time:	Sign-in at 11:30
Place:	Don's Downtown 301 East Vermilion St.
Price:	\$15 for members, \$20 for non-members, \$5 for students



Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime event! Get down with the King of Rock 'n' Roll at his amazing and impressive Graceland Mansion! Join your fellow colleagues, friends, and ASCE Leadership for an evening of fun, food, and incredible locale such as the famous jungle room within the Mansion. In addition, ASCE has arranged a private tour for you to experience Elvis' Famous Car Museum. Over 33 vehicles will be on display from the famous Pink Cadillac to the Red MG from Blue Hawaii.

ASCE has booked Graceland for this year's Annual Theme Party!

Special sessions, Technical Tours, and Guest Tours include the following:

Saturday, October 22—12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

An exhilarating and entertaining presentation from the Pulitzer Prize winning author and humorist Dave Barry. Dubbed by the New York Times "The Funniest Man in America" Mr. Barry will dive into humorous thoughts on why civil engineers have a unique opportunity and responsibility to build a sustainable civil infrastructure. Don't miss this epic event!

Wednesday, October 19—3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Last month, the eastern Virginia United States encountered a 5.8 level earthquake which hasn't occurred since 1897. Autozone Headquarters will host a walk through inspection of the unique earthquake design incorporated into the construction of this building. Memphis is the most seismically active and well studied region in the eastern United States. Don't miss the opportunity to see this ground breaking construction.

Thursday, October 20—1:45 pm - 4:30 pm

Memphis is a gateway to the Mississippi River and there are many points of interest for engineers. On Thursday, October 20 tour the river while participating in a lecture by the Army Core of Engineers on the MV Strong. The tour will include flood damage, dikes, levees, engineered features, and the environmental improvements in the Memphis harbor area. Space is limited to 45 participants and registrations will only be accepted on-site. Click here for detailed information.

Saturday, October 22—2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Join your friends for an incredible tour of the Gibson Beale Street Showcase and Guitar Factory in Memphis. The Gibson Guitar has helped shape the world of music as we know it. Experience on hand the creation of the finest Guitars in the world. You will be amazed by the intricate process of binding, neck-fitting, painting, buffing, and tuning for creating these incredible musical instruments. You don't want to miss it!

Friday, October 21—1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Memphis, Tennessee is the home of musical genesis. This location established the future for musical entertainment from blues, jazz, rockabilly, gospel and soul. Memphis has created many great musical legends such as B. B. King, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash and the Beatles. Join us at the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum and Sun Studio tour to emerge yourself in the who, what, when, where, and why this city started it all.

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Thursday, October 20—1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Celebrating its 20th Anniversary, this important landmark chronicles the civil rights movement. The National Civil Rights Museum reminds us that the fight for equal rights is still war from won. Visit this significant sight and learn how actions from the past continue to impact our future.

Short Courses are as follows:**Wednesday, October 19th—1:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Join the Annual Conference a day early! Attend these Short Courses to expand your knowledge, increase your professional development and earn up to three extra Professional development Hours. Hone on your engineering skills, leadership and much more.

HOUSING: Memphis Marriott Downtown**Deadline: September 20, 2011**

Rooms are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Single/Double: **\$154.00**, 15.9% sales tax per room, subject to change

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Schedule of Events


September 21, 2010—Acadiana Branch Awards and Officers Installation Luncheon

October 19 through 22—ASCE annual Theme Party in Memphis, TN.

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