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April Chapter Meeting

**PANTHER ISLAND
MITIGATION TOUR**

Friday, April 23rd

5:00PM – 8:00PM

(Look inside for more details.)



President's Message

Walt Gilcher, PE

President - Calusa Chapter

Never fight green beer or corned beef and cabbage, especially on St. Patrick's Day. Almost 30 people attended our monthly dinner meeting on March 17th at Stoneybrook. Unfortunately, about 200 other people were also there to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Our "meeting room" was full of revelers enjoying the beer and Irish food. Due to the enormity of the crowd, we decided that carrying forward with the planned program was an impossible task. Fortunately, FBPE Chairman **Bob Matthews, PE**, our gracious speaker for the evening, has agreed to return for a future meeting, probably in early fall. On the plus side, several of our members had the opportunity to speak with Bob one on one regarding some of their professional concerns. Thanks, Bob, for being so gracious and we apologize for the inconvenience that you and any of our meeting attendees may have experienced due to the events of that evening. I'm sure our chapter meeting planners will take heed. "Don't fight the green beer or corned beef and cabbage."

April's monthly event, the Panther Island Mitigation Bank swamp buggy tour and barbeque, looks to be very interesting, informative and exciting. **Tim Durham, PE** from WilsonMiller will provide an overview of the development of the site to be followed by the tour and barbeque. Please note that there are inside facilities and rest rooms available at the Panther Island site, so don't let three hours or so in the boonies scare you off. And we really are encouraging family participation. See inside for details, directions and reservations.

We're already thinking about next year. We will need a new chapter treasurer and we are seeking nominations from the membership. Self nomination is allowed. We will also let you know next month about any openings on the Board of Directors and/or committee chairs. From my personal experience during the past four years, there is no better way to participate in FES and your profession than as an officer or committee chair of the Calusa Chapter. See inside for nomination information. Give it some serious thought.

As always, I'm looking forward to seeing many of you and your families at our Panther Island event on the 23rd. Please plan on joining us.

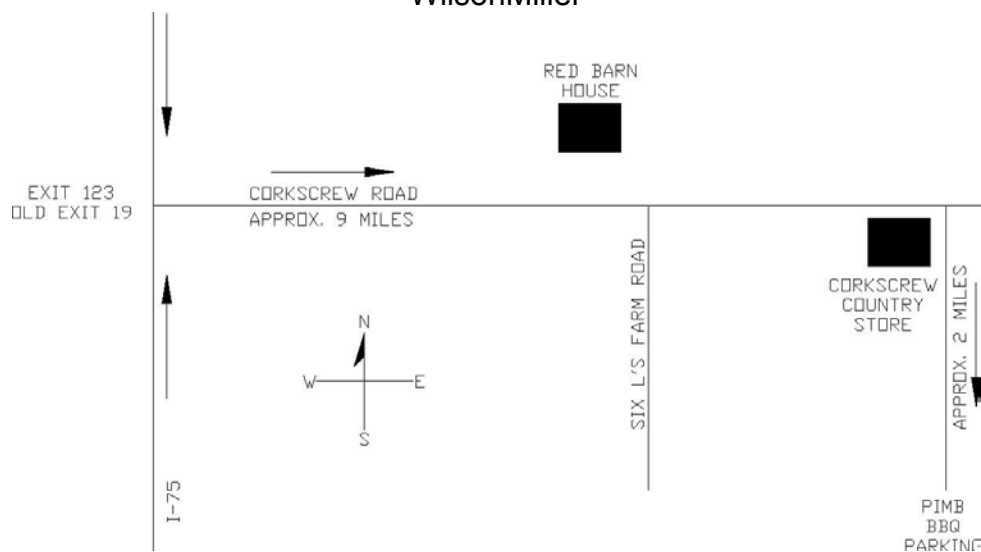


April Calusa Chapter Meeting
Panther Island Mitigation Bank Tour
Friday, April 23rd, 2004

- 5:00 – 5:30 PM Arrival at Panther Island
- 5:30 – 6:00 PM Engineering Presentation of Panther Island Hydrology & Design
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM Swamp Buggy Tour of Panther Island
- 7:00 – 8:00 PM Dinner



Guest Speaker
Tim Durham, P.E.
WilsonMiller



As Always, Spouses and Guests are Welcome!
\$20.00 per adult, \$5.00 Children age 6 and up (Children under 6 – FREE)

MENU

- Gator Tail*
- Whole Roasted & Stuffed Pig*
- Potato Casserole*
- Swamp Cabbage*
- Rolls & Butter*
- Iced Tea & Lemonade*

Call (649-4040), fax (643-5716) or email your RSVP to **John English, PE** by 12 noon on April 22nd (johnenglish@wilsonmiller.com).



NOMINATIONS FOR CHAPTER OFFICERS – 2004-05

The Calusa Chapter is accepting nominations for chapter officers for 2004-05. Traditionally, this year's officers move up to fill the positions of president, vice-president and secretary, maintaining a level of experience on the board. The treasurer position is open to the membership. Additionally, the board position of Public Relations Director is open for the upcoming year. The nominating committee has assembled the following list of candidates for 2004-05. The following are the nominees for the elected positions in our Chapter. Two or more candidates for any position will be determined by secret ballot at the May 14th meeting.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominated Candidate</u>	<u>Nomination</u>
President	John C. English, PE	N/A
Vice President	David R. Romano, PE	_____
Secretary	Patrick C. Jennings, PE	_____
Treasurer	OPEN	_____

Please forward your nominations to **Walt Gilcher, PE** before May 10th - Phone: (239)985-1200 - Fax: (239)985-1258 - E-mail: waltgilcher@holemontes.com.

NOTE EXAMINATION CHANGES

(Information from Florida Board of Professional Engineers website – www.fbpe.org)

Examination Changes for the April 2004 Examinations - January 2004 Update

New Fundamentals Examination reference handbook available. The new FE reference handbook will change to a 6th edition with the April 2004 examination. The handbook should be available on the NCEES website at www.ncees.org in November 2003. Effective with the April 2004 administration, the Structural I Principles and Practice examination will be under a revised specification. The new specification will be posted on the NCEES website in November 2003.

Cellular phones will be strictly prohibited in the examination room. If a cell phone is found in the possession of an examinee after the examination begins, that examinee will be dismissed from the exam room and his or her exam will be invalidated.

The format for the Structural II examination will be changing starting with the April 2004 administration. The new exam will contain four problems and they will be scored as a composite. There will be four problems covering bridges and four problems covering buildings. An examinee who answers bridge problems in the morning will be required to answer bridge problems in the afternoon. An examinee who answers building problems in the morning will be required to answer building problems in the afternoon. Examinees will be required to pass the total exam in a single administration. The scores will be reported as either pass or fail for the entire exam.

In order to enhance examination security, the following calculators will NOT be permitted in the exam site for the April 2004 examination:

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| Hewlett Packard, HP 41 series | Texas Instruments, TI-83 | Texas Instruments, TI-89 |
| Hewlett Packard, HP 42S | Texas Instruments, TI-83 Plus | Texas Instruments, TI-92 and |
| Hewlett Packard, HP 48GX | and TI-83 Plus Silver Edition | Voyage 200 |
| Hewlett Packard, HP 48 Series | Texas Instruments, TI-85 | Casio, CFX9850+ |
| Hewlett Packard, HP 49G | Texas Instruments, TI-86 | |

Examination Changes for the October 2004 Examinations

Effective with the October 2004 administration, the Environmental Principles and Practice examination will be under a revised specification. The new specification will be posted on the NCEES website at www.ncees.org in April 2004.

Effective with the October 2004 administration, the Fire Protection Principles and Practice examination will be under a revised specification. The new specification will be posted on the NCEES website in November 2003.



14th Annual EMI Scramble Golf Tournament

Sponsored by the Southwest Florida Chapter
of the Association of Christian Design Professionals

Saturday, May 8, 2004

**Grandeza
Country Club**

8:30 a.m. SHOTGUN START
Registration Begins at 7:30 a.m.

Make your pairings or let the Golf Shop make them.

ENTRY FEE: \$90.00 per PLAYER

(Checks payable to EMI, Inc.)

\$5.00 Mulligans sold day of the event...2 max.



Engineering Ministries International is a ministry of engineers, architects, surveyors and construction managers sharing the love of Christ by providing free technical design assistance to the poorest of the poor through overseas Christian ministries in the third world. The Association of Christian Design Professionals (ACDP) is a national network of Christian professionals who possess the desire to share their faith with their colleagues and the willingness to use their professional knowledge and the financial resources to further the gospel around the world.

Proceeds from the golf tournament will be shared with EMI to further the work of its ministry and will be used locally by the Southwest Florida Chapter of ACDP to encourage local member participation in short term mission trips.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____	Total Players (\$90.00/ea):	\$ _____
Company: _____	Hole Sponsor (\$100.00):	\$ _____
Address: _____	Super Sponsor (\$200.00):	\$ _____
City, State & Zip: _____	Total:	\$ _____

	Please fill in for all players participating	Average Score or Handicap
Player 1:	_____	_____
Player 2:	_____	_____
Player 3:	_____	_____
Player 4:	_____	_____

Entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, range balls, buffet lunch, tournament souvenirs and prizes for best finishers. This tournament qualifies for a \$30.00 tax deductible contribution to EMI, Inc. Deadline for players and sponsorships is April 26, 2004. For more information, call Dave Caldwell at (239) 498-8525 or fax (239) 949-0233.

Completed Registration Form and check (payable to EMI, Inc.): ACDP SW Florida Chapter, 5182 Sand Dollar Ln., Naples, FL 34103-2430.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

April 14th & 15th

FES/FICE Legislative Forum ~ Tallahassee*

This annual storming of the Florida Capitol gives you the inside track on what FES is doing for you this legislative session. This year's event offers new features such as a Legislative Workshop with FES's lead lobbyist, Jon Johnson, and the ability to schedule appointments with legislators. We also have the annual FES/FICE Legislative Reception, Governor's New Product Award Presentation, CELC Reception, and Legislative Breakfast. We welcome members to come and experience this important annual event.

April 23rd

April Monthly Chapter Meeting ~ Panther Island Tour

April 26th

Deadline for Players & Sponsorships ~ EMI Golf Tournament

May 2004

EI/PE Softball Game

May 7th & 8th

2004 FES Leadership Conference ~ Boca Raton*

Join your fellow members and embark on a new leadership experience. If you are looking to take on a new role in your chapter, join a committee, or advance in the Society leadership structure, then you need to attend this annual event. This year's conference will be held at the beautiful Boca Raton Resort & Club and will emphasize the vision of the Society's past, present and future.

May 8th

14th Annual EMI Scramble Golf Tournament

August 4th - 7th

FES 88th Annual Summer Conference & Expo ~ Palm Beach*

This is the annual event you don't want to miss. Each year FES members and their families come together for three days of networking, educational seminars, and a little fun at a beautiful resort. The Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach is the setting for this year's spectacular event. Additional information will be available in the upcoming months.

** For additional information on these FES events, visit www.fleng.org or contact Kate Robinson at 850/224-7121 or krobinson@fleng.org.*

Members are encouraged to contact **John English, PE** at (239)649-4040 or email: johnenglish@wilsonmiller.com to request additional information or to suggest a future program or event.



BUSINESS CARD SPONSORSHIP RENEWALS

Business card sponsorship renewals are now due. If you haven't done so already, please send your check for \$50.00 to **Pat Jennings, PE**, c/o Bonita Springs Utilities, PO Box 2368, Bonita Springs, FL 33959 to insure continuation of your business card in the chapter newsletter. Your sponsorship helps defray the expense of our chapter newsletter publication and mailing as well as other FES-Calusa Chapter sponsored activities including our college scholarship program, MATHCOUNTS and Engineer's Week events. If your business card (see this newsletter) is out of date, i.e., phone number, address, zip code, logo, etc., make sure you send in a new card or camera ready artwork. We'll gladly update it for you.



Calusa Membership Report

Members as of July 31, 2003	264
New in Mar	0
New Y.T.D.	20
Members Lost (not transferred)	1
Transfers In	1
Transfers Out	1
Reinstated After Aug 1, 2002	0
Dropped for Unpaid Dues	0
Members Resigned Y.T.D.	1
Net Members	282
Percentage Growth	6.82%



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