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SAVE THAT DATE!

FES May Dinner
Meeting
Friday, May 13th
Panther Island
Mitigation Bank
(Look inside for more
details.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

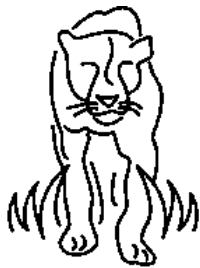
The beginning of summer is on us (that is what the 90 degree temperatures and 90 percent humidity means, right?). Summer always catches my attention, as both an engineer and a homeowner. As a civil engineer I always begin to think about how much rain the summer will bring, and the chance to see how the water management systems I have designed will perform. As a homeowner I am beginning to think about the upcoming hurricane season. Primarily I am kicking myself for not having storm shutters installed on my house after last year's hurricane season. Hopefully we have all learned a lesson and are beginning to make lists of the things that we will need to avoid the rush, long lines and lack of availability of things like plywood, generators, canned goods and fresh water.

This spring has seen more of a social atmosphere for our monthly FES meetings. In April we held our monthly meeting at Gator Lanes in Fort Myers. We were eventually kicked out for being too rowdy. I am still not sure whether I am proud or concerned by that. My thanks go out to those of you who attended. A big thank you to **Allyson Swanson** for taking the time out of her busy schedule to coordinate that event for us.

The May meeting will be our annual spring outing. It's time to head outdoors, eat some barbeque, take a buggy ride and check out Panther Island Mitigation Bank. **Tim Durham, PE** is once again going to talk to us about the design of Panther Island and how historical flows were re-established, and the benefit it has had on the environment. It's a good chance to see what mitigation banking is all about. **This is planned to be a family event**, so please bring your spouse or significant other, and your children. Last year's event was a lot of fun, so if you did not go last year, I hope that you will make a point of coming out on **May 13th**. More information on when the meeting is, along with directions, can be found inside this newsletter. I hope to see many of you there.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at the May meeting.

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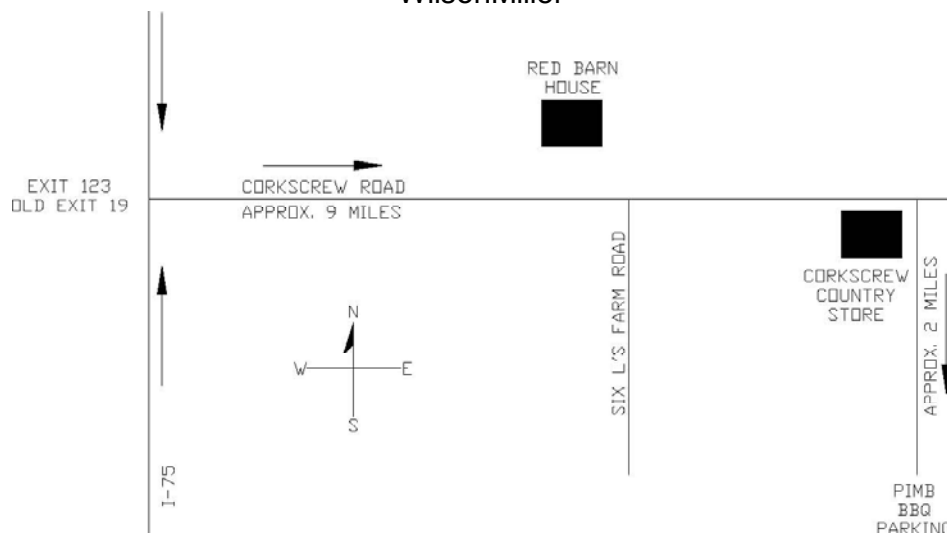


May Calusa Chapter Meeting
Panther Island Mitigation Bank Tour
Friday, May 13th, 2005

- 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.
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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 (985-1200), fax (985-1258) or email your RSVP to **Dave Romano, PE** by 12 noon on May 12th (davidromano@holemontes.com).



Chapter News – May 2005

FES Incentive Program – Have you sponsored a new member lately?

FES is proud to reward members that give back to the Society through membership recruitment. The annual incentive program rewards individuals each time they sign up a new member. Prizes include FES Bucks (to be used like cash for events and programs), free dues at the state and national level, FES logo items, free registration to seminars and events, and a grand prize for a weekend stay at the Marco Island Marriott. Plus each time you sponsor a member your name is entered into a drawing for a \$100 Best Buy gift card.

Not only does FES reward sponsors, but NSPE is giving away free membership dues. If you sponsor two or more members before June 30, 2006 your 2005 NSPE national level dues will be free. This is a \$110 savings.

Sponsor a new member today. Applications are available at www.fleng.org or contact Janice Faulk, Member Services Manager at 850-224-7121.

FES Annual Summer Conference & Exposition

August 3-6, 2005, Marco Island Marriott

“Foretelling Florida’s Future”

Educational Sessions:

Industry experts “foretell” Florida’s future in

- Engineering Education
- Security
- Emergency Management
- Design/Build
- Security
- Transportation
- And more!

Other Activities:

- Professionalism, Ethics & The Law Seminar
- Florida Engineering Foundation Dinner
- Florida Engineering Foundation Golf Tournament
- FES/FICE Leadership Institute

Hotel Room Reservations:

A discounted rate of \$120 per night (single or double occupancy) is available to all FES guests who call the Marriott at 800/438-4373 or 239/394-2511 by Friday, July 1st and reference the Florida Engineering Society. All FES guests receive complimentary parking, complimentary use of resort health club, and a waiver of the \$6 daily service charge for all guests.

How to register

Register online at www.fleng.org or call 850/224-7121 for a complete registration brochure.



OTHER SOCIETY NEWS

2005 Legislative Issues

The Florida Engineering Society promotes and defends the professional interests of all engineers in the State of Florida. To do so, we maintain a strong and effective voice with the legislature. The Legislative Issues Report is an overview of the major issues that FES/FICE will be actively monitoring during the 2005 Session. If you are interested in learning more about how to become involved, please contact Samantha Hobbs, Government Affairs Coordinator at shobbs@fleng.org. A complete list of 2005 Legislative Issues is available at www.fleng.org.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

(For additional information about the events listed below, contact the chapter officers or FES Headquarters at 850-224-7121.)

May 2005

- 9-12th FICE/FDOT Roadway Design Training Exposition, Hotel Orlando North, Orlando
- 25-26th FICE/FDOT Consultant's Conference, Hyatt Regency Orlando Airport, Orlando

June 2005

- 7-9th Asset Management Workshop, Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort, Clearwater
- 8-10th FES/FICE Leadership Institute, Conrad Miami, Miami
- 17th FES Board of Directors Meeting, PGA National, Palm Beach
- 17-18th FES Leadership Conference, PGA National Resort, Palm Beach
- TBD: **Installation of New Officers – FES President Mark L. Mongeau, PE**
The Clubhouse at the Strand

Members are encouraged to contact **David Romano, PE** at (239) 985-1200 or email: davidromano@holemontes.com to request additional information or to suggest a future program or event.



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