SUMMER EDITION!

Message from the President

Hope everyone is having a great summer whether you are working professionally, as an intern, as a student, or just simply enjoying the summer. We’re looking forward to a great fall semester with many activities, including an adopt-a-trail volunteer opportunity, a golf tournament, an ice cream social, and much more!

Do you have a better idea for an activity? If any of you have an idea, any idea, please email me, Kristi Gemperline kgemp@rams.colostate.edu, and we will do our best to incorporate your ideas, allowing all ASCE members to benefit. Member interaction is critical in putting together meetings and ASCE events. Want more information on the latest happenings and activity opportunities; check your emails from CSU ASCE, don’t just send them straight to the trash. Another way to look at upcoming events is to go to the new website www.engr.colostate.edu/asce/ and look in the calendar section. If you’re not a member and would like to become one, grab a membership form in the staircase next to Laurie Alburn’s office or email us at csu.asce.mem@gmail.com.

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer and refreshed to start a new year!

ASCE Student Awards

Every year the Northern Colorado Branch of ASCE, our professional group, presents three awards to outstanding students involved in ASCE. These awards were presented May 10th 2012 to: Jocelyn Bryant (Activities), Robert Lankford (Historian), and Sean Franklin (Vice President). These awards were given due to them excelling beyond their duties with ASCE. These exceptional officers are looking forward to a great Fall 2012 semester assisting ASCE members to become more involved and enjoy a great year.
Steel Bridge

The CSU Steel Bridge and Design Team will be a senior design project this 2012-2013 year. This does not mean that there will not be opportunities; Steel Bridge is always happy to include others in order to enhance learning, excitement, and a team environment. There are also opportunities to connect with professionals.

Current team members include:

Steel Bridge is a great experience including but not limited to project management, communication, design, construction, teamwork, and leadership. For more information please contact Kristi Gemperline at kgemp@rams.colostate.edu.

Concrete Canoe

The CSU Concrete Canoe will continue next year as a senior design project following its great success last academic year under the reigns of Richie McBeth. As with the steel bridge project, we are looking for as many volunteers, from freshman to senior, to be a part of the team! Keep your eyes peeled for future ASCE meetings and announcements of how you can play a vital role on the team, and experience the hype and excitement at the competitions!

The competition for both the Steel Bridge and the Concrete Canoe will be held at the next Rocky Mountain Regional Competition will be located at Utah State University in Logan, Utah April 4th – 6th 2013.
Colorado Fires

As most of you already know, Colorado has had some very unfortunate wildfires during the summer. The High Park fire and the Waldo Canyon fire were the largest ones to hit Colorado along with numerous other fires resulting in hundreds of lost homes along with some casualties. Some of these fires are still burning, but they are mostly contained.

The High Park fire, just west of Fort Collins burned over 85,000 acres and is considered the second largest fire in Colorado’s recorded history (with the Hayman fire of 2002 being the largest). The Waldo Canyon fire, on the northwestern border of Colorado Springs, burned over 15,000 acres and had spread into the city itself, claiming over 350 homes and 2 lives, making it the most destructive fire in this state’s history.

Our thoughts and prayers go to the victims.

Virginia Dale

From June 8th through the 10th, Virginia Dale celebrated its 150 year anniversary with multitude of fundraising events to support its restoration. This particular stage station is the last of its kind to still be standing and was one of the famous stops along the Overland Trail. On the 9th, some of our very own CSU ASCE members volunteered at this momentus occasion. Pictured here in the front: Jim Brady, Robert Lankford, Sean Franklin, and Dr Gutkowski. In the stage coach: Kirsten Sargent, Cort Nickel, and Kristi Gemperline.