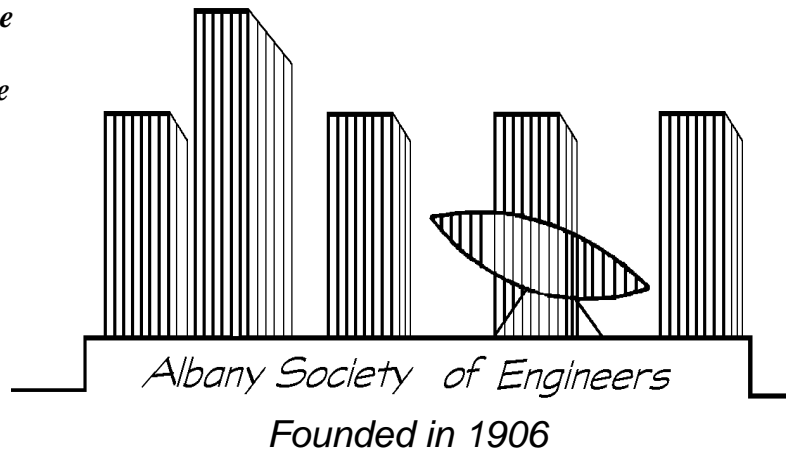


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Coming Meetings

December 16th – Masterminds
January 27th – Flywheel
February 27th – TBA

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November 2008 NEWSLETTER

Meeting Information

Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2008

Place: **The Clarion Hotel, 3 Watervliet Ave Extension in Albany**

Directions: From I-90 Westbound, get off at Exit 5, left onto Everett Road, then a left at the second light onto Watervliet Ave.

From I-90 Eastbound, get off at Exit 5, bear right onto Everett Road, then a left at the first light onto Watervliet Ave.

The parking lot is a left turn off Watervliet Avenue when coming from Everett Road.

Time: 5:30 PM + Social Hour with cash bar
6:15 PM + Dinner - Choices are listed below:
7:15 PM + Announcements and Program

Menu Choices & Costs: Lamb Chops (\$25)
Chicken Cordon Bleu (\$25)
Red Snapper (\$25)

Program: CDTA's Vision of the Future: 100 Miles of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Speaker: Ray Melleady, CDTA Executive Director

Raymond Melleady was appointed CDTA Executive Director in June 2006. His primary responsibilities include oversight of the regional authority, which provides transit services for the entire Capital District area. In addition, CDTA owns and operates the Rensselaer Rail Station, the tenth busiest in the nation, and the Saratoga Train Station. Ray is a tireless advocate for the social and economic benefits associated with public transportation. He has a B.S. in Business Management from Rosemont College and is an ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) Master Certified Technician. Mr. Melleady is a member of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Bus Maintenance Committee and works on the Transit Research Board Project on Transit Technician Certification. Mr. Melleady's presentation will include: Summarization of the Bus Rapid Transit system and green technology issues, CDTA's future plans to meet growing demands despite the challenges of limited capacity and resources, and a preview into buses of the future.

Reservations & Cancellations

Dinner reservations for the November 25 meeting may be placed by email at reservations@AlbanySocietyofEngineers.org or by calling Fred Eckel at 439-9266. Those who are regularly contacted by a caller may also make their reservation by phone with their caller. The deadline for reservations and cancellations is 10:00 PM Thursday November 20. The restaurant can accommodate a few people with late reservations (or with no reservation) but the number is limited and those who can be accommodated may not have a choice of meals.

Thank You for the October Program

We thank Brenda Crudele for her thorough presentation on the SPUI (Single Point Urban Interchange), an important NYSDOT project in Latham, New York. We appreciate Brenda's excellent ability to present a challenging bridge design in general terms that the non-Civil engineers could understand. Attendance at the October meeting was 36.

Thank you to Vice President Bernie Schatz on 2008 Transportation Symposium

The 18th Annual Transportation and Planning Symposium was held at the Best Western Airport Inn, on Monday, October 27 and Tuesday, October 28. We appreciate Bernie Schatz for representing our Society and arranging one of the sessions.

Future Programs

Thank you for your suggestions on program topics. The Board would still like to hear from you if you have any subjects you think would be of interest as we plan for future program years, please suggest them to any of the officers at our meeting or drop a note to the Society PO Box in Voorheesville.

Please Help Us Spread the Word of Our Society's Meeting

Please provide e-mail addresses of friends, family and fellow knowledge-seekers to President John Grathwol (jcgrathw@gw.dec.state.ny.us) or any Board member and we'll send an electronic copy of our Newsletter on a monthly basis. Guests who enjoy our Programs will become Members -- Let's spread the word!

Increase the Membership Contest

The Board's objective is to reach 103 members in our upcoming 103rd year of existence, but we need your help! You will be rewarded for successful recruiting. Get the most members to join by the June 2009 tour date and President John Grathwol will buy dinner for you and your guest (\$50 value). Get at least five (5) new members to join and finish in 2nd place in this membership drive, then your 2010 dues are \$0 (\$5 off per member)! Deadline: May 1, 2009 so winners can be announced in the May 2009 newsletter. Good luck on this contest!

December "Holiday Party" Meeting

It is the Board's objective to have a large attendance and "FUN FOR ALL!" for the December 16th meeting. The game will be similar to Jeopardy, but in a team format like the College Bowl from the Classic TV era and in the more recent past, Masterminds on Time Warner Cable. We encourage guests to attend so teams for the game can consist of 6 to 8 players. Questions will be general trivia (Classics of Music, Movies, Automobiles and TV plus Potpourri - mixed bag of questions) and an Engineering category, Marvels of Engineering. If you have any questions, please contact our game show host, John Grathwol, jgrathwol@earthlink.net or by phone at 383-4305 or 402-9775.