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September Events:

This month's meeting will feature a presentation on the ecological analysis and restoration work being done by GRAEF-USA Inc. at the Lockport Prairie Nature Preserve (LPNP). Currently, the LPNP is a vibrant ecosystem that contains the highest concentration of high-quality dolomite prairie in the state of Illinois.

For the ecological analysis, GRAEF performed a data gap evaluation to determine what suites of information were needed to properly manage the preserve to assure its long-term sustainability. The data gap evaluation included biological data, surface water data, ground water data, geological data and soils data. Recommendations were made to the Lockport Prairie Technical Advisory Team based on the most critical data gaps.

In addition, GRAEF evaluated the land use in the vicinity of the preserve to evaluate how development trends will impact the long-term sustainability of the preserve habitats along with Best Management Practices (BMPs) for ground water discharge and development of a plan to optimize recharge within the preserve recharge zone.

The project was part of an overall effort coordinated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in conjunction with the Corporation for Open Lands, the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Forest Preserve District of Will County.

MEETING DATE: Thursday, September 10, 2009

**LOCATION: Quad City Botanical Center
2525 4th Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201**

AGENDA:	1100-1130 Board Meeting
	1130-1200 Social Hour
	1200-1215 Business Brief- Dominic Kempson (NRC)
	1215-1330 Lunch and Speaker

MENU:	Chicken Kiev
	Oriental Stir Fry Vegetables
	Rice Pilaf with Peas and Carrots
	Assorted Salads
	Dinner Rolls and Beverage

COST: \$10 for Public Sector and Retirees, Per Person
\$15 For Private Sector, Per Person. All are Payable at the

Door

RESERVATIONS: **RSVP By COB, Tuesday, 8 September 2009 to:**
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SUMMARY OF AUGUST EVENTS:

SAME Great Lakes Regional Conference

This year's regional conference was held in Detroit, MI and was co-hosted by the Detroit and the Sault Ste. Marie SAME Posts. During the conference, presentations centering on environmentally sustainable construction, alternative energy, and national security were delivered by a wide variety of public and private agencies. The main theme of the conference was "Building Beyond Tomorrow", which was particularly relevant to the venue as the motor city looks to revitalize its manufacturing capabilities in this time of economic down turn. Therefore, it was hardly a surprise that several of the presentations were centered around the new and dramatic changes taking place throughout the auto industry and in the areas of renewable energy and green building practices. Along with these presentations, each USACE commander provided a summary of the annual work loads in each of their districts throughout the region.

Besides the riveting presentations given throughout the two days, the conference also had its share of excellent speakers. Senator Carl Levin (D), longest-serving US Senator ever to represent Michigan and key note speaker for the conference, received a standing ovation for his moving speech on how to revitalize the nation and create a better and brighter future for us all. Another key figure in attendance was Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army; who presided over the conference and also gave a brief speech to the attendants.



From Left to Right- Steve Stockton, Director of Civil Works, HQ, USACE; S. K. Nanda, Great Lakes RVP, SAME, Chief, H&H, Rock Island, USACE; Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers, US Army; Dudley Hanson, Member, Board of Direction, SAME, Graef.

If you missed any of the presentations or would like a digital copy of something presented at the conference, please check the Detroit Post's web page at: www.same-detroit.com/09regional.html.

Scholarship Golf Outing

Although the weather was a bit cool and overcast, the spirits of all the participants were high and light for this year's 13th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing. Congratulations to the winning team (pictured below) for a fine showing and congratulations to the following individuals for their respective accomplishments-

Event	Winner
Closest to Pin (Hole # 11)	Jim Kill
Longest Drive Men (Hole # 14)	Eric Cenovich
Longest Drive Women (Hole # 4)	Stephanie Rumford
Longest Putt (Hole # 9)	Rob Foster



Regardless of whether you shot a course record or finished closer to the bottom (like S.K's team with a 91), everyone had a good time playing for a great cause. After all, the real winners here are the future engineers that will be using the scholarships sustained from the proceeds of golfing.

Ken Krambek, Tim Wahlig, Tony Lopez, and Chris Vercautren with event coordinator Heather Cross.

That being said, I would also like to take a moment to recognize this year's sponsors, whose contributions are vital to the success of this event. Your continued support helps to ensure the availability of scholarships for future generations of engineers.



Some brief snapshots of this year's action-



X-stream Clean-up

There was terrific weather for the X-Stream Clean-up on Saturday, August 22 and several volunteers took the opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty of our surround waterways as they helped clean them up. Pictured at right are Dean Cerny and his daughter Crissy who took a little bit of time out of their busy day to enjoy the beautify surroundings while helping in the clean up effort.

Other SAME members also in attendance included COL McGinley, Gary Meden, Brad Palmer, Matt Zager, Roger Perk, Julie Fisher, Jerry Skalak and several family members.



After waiting around for the 0830 kick off, a group picture, and a short safety briefing; the 100 people or so at Sunset Park divided up into several smaller groups to start cleaning up the river and tributaries. Participants left with some satisfaction of contributing to a greater cause, a nice T-Shirt, a bit of exercise, and some other miscellaneous treasures discovered throughout the day. Thanks for everyone who participated this year and let's try to have the entire Post present at next years clean up.



Secretary's Corner:

We are in the last half of the year. It is time to start thinking about National Level Award Nominations, submitting professional articles for publications, and submitting awards and accomplishments in local and national publications. We need to do these things in order to provide deserved recognition of our members and to meet all streamer requirements with distinction. Please forward all such activities to the Executive Secretary, Mr. Dean Cerny, phone 309-794-5735 x6125 or email: Dean.R.Cerny@USACE.Army.mil

Schedule of the remaining business briefs for 2009 and early 2010-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dominic Kempson	(NRC, Inc.)	Sep 10	Lynn Pruitt	(Stanley)	2010
Jim Hagan	(Baker)	Nov 12	Ken Beck	(Terracon)	2010
Dave Hart	(Continental)	Dec 17	Bob Ivarson	(HNTB)	2010

National Security:

The National Security Committee is planning the November meeting. We would like to bring it down to the local level (City, County, or Levee District). If you have suggestions or would like to participate, please notify the National Security Chairman, Mr. Dean Cerny, phone 309-794-5735 x6125 or email: Dean.R.Cerny@USACE.Army.mil

Young Member's Corner

The Society of American Engineers national executive board has recently approved to reduce the Lifetime Membership dues for all young members to only \$350.00. This recent lifetime membership campaign is focused on retaining new members to the organization for longer periods of time in hopes of increasing the retention and participation of young members. A similar campaign is also being launched for all NCO's and uniformed officers. Take advantage of this offer now and save yourself thousands of dollars.

For more information please visit the SAME national homepage or contact the Chair of the Young Member Council Heather Cross at- Heather.A.Cross@usace.army.mil.

Letters from Engineering Camp

Rock Island Post;
The time that I spent at the SAME Engineering and Construction camp was great!

I went there not knowing anything about engineering or if I wanted to even become an engineer. The camp being held at The Air Force Academy opened many opportunities to me in the engineering field. Now that I've seen the Academy and know all about the different fields of engineering, I have decided that I want to become an engineer.



The mentors in my flight were great! They already knew each other and were comfortable with each other so it made our flight connect the very first day. My mentors helped me in every way possible. They gave us hints on how to do our projects better. After our days work, I could go up to them and ask them anything that I didn't get and they had the answer and would explain it to me. If they didn't have the answer, they would find it for me. My experience at SAME was so much fun! I made so many new friends that I will keep in touch with for a lifetime. The camp really opened my eyes to the Academy and the engineering field.

Thanks again for the opportunity.

Loren Williams

Rock Island Post;
SEABEE camp was a fun experience. I met people from all over the country and learned a lot about what military engineers do. The picture below (left) shows me holding up the popsicle stick bridge that my group and I put together. The other picture (right) is a group shot of my team, Group 2. There were tons of pictures taken throughout camp that show all of the activities that we did. If any of the members are interested, the site is- <http://picasaweb.google.com/seabeescamp09>.



I'm really glad I was selected to go! Thank you very much for sponsoring me.
Danielle Kimler

September Meeting Location: Quad Cities Botanical Center



Quad Cities Botanical Center
 2525 4th Ave
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Upcoming SAME Events:

Date	Post Event Description	Event Information
10-Sep-09	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
21-Oct-09	Training Conference	Mike Ryan, Ph. 319-841-4391 email: mryan@hrgreen.com
12-Nov-09	National Security Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
17-Dec-09	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
May 4-7, 2010	SAME National JETC 2010	http://www.same.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=5048

To add events to the calendar, email Dean Cerny at Dean.R.Cerny@USACE.army.mil