

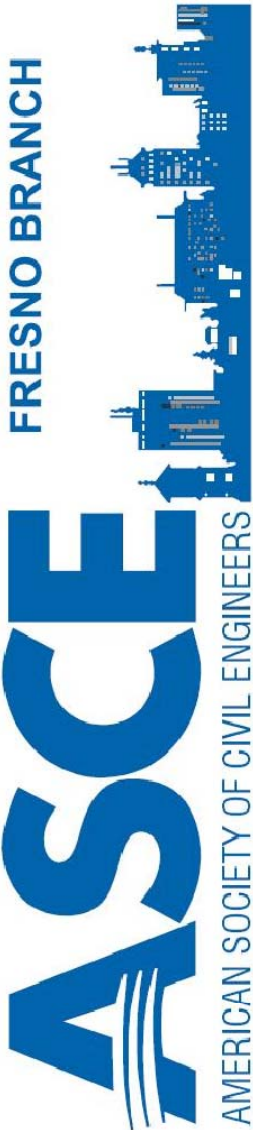


Asphalt roads come to America in 1870

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January Luncheon:

Jeff Wykoff, PE, is the Engineered Applications Manager for the California Nevada Cement Association. Jeff will be speaking about Roller Compacted Concrete (RCC) Applications. The long design life of RCC, low cost, and rapid construction combined with refinements in paving equipment have led to RCC used by cities, counties, and state agencies.

- Place: The Old Spaghetti Factory, 1610 E Shaw Avenue
- Date: Thursday, January 16, 2014
- Time: 11:30 to 1:00
- Cost: \$15 members; \$20 non-members; \$5 students

Look for your email to sign up or you can RSVP to David Horn at dhorn@yhmail.com



ASCE Fresno Annual Bowling Tournament



Time to dust off that bowling ball and cool shoes to join your fellow members for our Bowling Tournament. Actually, it is even a tournament if Blair, Church and Flynn will just stroll out with the trophy for the 13th time in a row?

Place: Rodeo lanes, 140 Shaw Avenue, Clovis

Date: Tuesday, January 28th

Time: 5:30pm Social; 6:00pm Bowling Begins

Cost: \$25 members; \$10 students

For more details and to sign up please contact Justin Kempton at JKempton@kleinfelder.com

Engineer's at the Mall – February 22nd and 23rd

If you're not one of those engineers who looks at his/her own shoes while talking with someone, then you're PERFECT to join us at Sierra Vista Mall for a two-hour shift talking to the shoppers and kids about civil engineering. It's FUN! You can make structures out of toothpicks and stale marshmallows with the kids, then test your structure on the "shake table." If you've never done this, you should try it. To sign up or get more information, please contact Doug Taylor at doug.taylor@fire.ca.gov.

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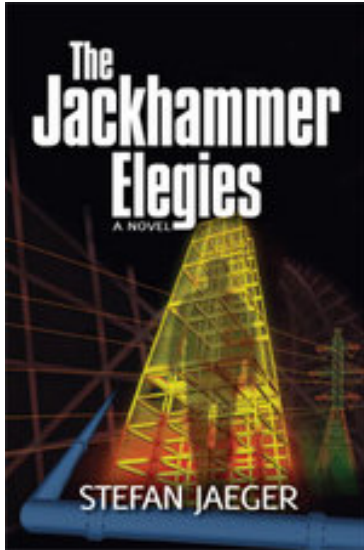
What do fish say when they hit a concrete wall? Dam!

City of Fresno Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour Recap

On Friday the 13th of December, roughly 20 members toured the 80 mgd Fresno/Clovis wastewater treatment plant. It was a terrific tour led by a very entertaining and humorous plant manager. He gives these tours to school-aged kids and shared many funny anecdotes along the way (you can imagine elementary school kids going through a sewage plant!). We got to tour the headworks and see the huge raw sewage pumps, the massive electrical switchgear and controls, and the trash screens (yucky) and sand cyclones; then we saw the primary clarifiers, the aeration basins, and the secondary clarifiers. There wasn't enough time to see the sludge processes or the cogeneration, so another tour may be in the works for the future. Unlike brewery tours, no free samples were offered.



Past Speaker Stefan Jaeger Update:



Do you all remember Stefan Jaeger from earlier this year? Stefan discussed was kind enough to make a stop by Fresno to discuss his Civil Engineering thriller *The Jackhammer Elegies*.

As an update: Stefan's novel recently won a 2013 SET Award from the Entertainment Industries Council, which honors film, television, and other genres that inspire "interest in Science, Engineering, Technology, and Math through media and entertainment."

Additional 2013 winners include the TV shows and movies *The Big Bang Theory*, *NCIS*, *Iron Man 3*, and *Star Trek into Darkness*, among others.

What a Fantastic Job, Stefan!!

101 Ways to Benefit From ASCE

Expert Testimony: Congress responests the voice of engineers and ASCE memebers in particular. That's why ASCE calls on the expertise of this membership to provide testimony before congressional committess and subcommittees to speak on the importate civil engineering issues affecting the profession and soceity.

Joke Corner

Answers to last month's quiz

1. Boxing
 2. Niagara Falls
 3. Asparagus and Rhubarb
 4. Strawberry
 5. It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small and wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.
 6. Dwarf, Dwell, and Dwindle.
 7. Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses.
 8. Lettuce
 9. Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.
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Searching for the perfect gift for his dear wife who loved animals and birds in particular, a man dropped in to the local pet shop to see if he could come up with an idea. The pet store manager told the man, "I have just the thing you're looking for, a bird named Chet". Impressed with the look of the bird as the manager pointed out "Chet" on the nearby perch, the man was even more intrigued when the manager pointed out that "Chet" could sing Christmas Carols. Approaching the bird "Chet", the manager took out his lighter and said "Yes, just listen." As the manager lit his lighter and moved it gently below Chet's right foot the bird immediately broke into "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all...." but then, when the manager moved the lighter below Chet's left foot, the bird switched to "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas, just like the one's...". Astonishment was the only way to describe the husband's reaction and he said, "I'll buy him, what a perfect gift for my dear wife." Racing home with Chet, the man knew he couldn't keep this wonderful gift from his wife until Christmas day. He presented Chet to her immediately and remarked, "Not only is he a pretty bird, but he sings too, Dearest." His wife was totally overwhelmed as her husband demonstrated Chet's skill at singing Jingle Bells and White Christmas moving his lighter back and forth between Chet's right and left foot. "What happens if you put the lighter under both his feet at the same time?" asked the man's wife. "I don't know sweet, let's try it and see." As the man move his lighter under both of the bird's feet, the bird began to sing: "Chet's nuts roasting on an open fire...."

One day an Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman walked into a pub together. They each bought a pint of Guinness. Just as they were about to enjoy their creamy beverage, a fly landed in each of their pints and got stuck in the thick head.

The Englishman pushed his ale away in disgust.

The Irishman fished his fly out of the ale and continued drinking as if nothing had happened.

The Scotsman, too, picked the fly out of the ale, held it out over the glass, shook the insect violently, and started yelling, "Spit eet oot! Spit eet oot, ye bahhhstard!!!!"

Definition of a naval destroyer: A hula hoop with a nail in it.