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This Month's SAME Meeting

Topic: Evolution on the Ohio River - Eighty Years of Locks and Dams

Presented by: Jerry Sutphin

September Meeting

Topic: Evolution on the Ohio River - Eighty Years of Locks and Dams

Speaker: Jerry Sutphin

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Time: 1130 to 1300

**Location: Cabell County Main Library,
455 9th St., Huntington, WV**

Cost: \$5.00 students, \$7.00 members, \$8.00 non-members

**RSVP: Mike Fitzwater at: gary.m.fitzwater@usace.army.mil
Office (304) 399-5933**

Menu: Pot Luck, Dessert and Beverage

UPCOMING POST CALENDAR EVENTS

- September 8 – Monthly Meeting
- October 13 – Monthly Meeting
- October 16 – Annual Golf Outing
- November 10 – Monthly Meeting
- December 5 – Annual Dinner/Dance
- December 8 – Monthly Meeting

Don't forget to ask Dave Meadows for a PDH certificate if you need one.
David.F.Meadows@usace.army.mil

Does your firm have a special announcement or major promotion on a SAME member?

If so, contact **Dan Bailey** at Daniel.S.Bailey@usace.army.mil or (304) 399-5824, and he will include it in the next edition of "THE BRIDGE".

News from the President, *Ralph Norman, Jr., PE, PS, Post President*

Last month we welcomed Colonel Robert D. Peterson as the new Commander of the Huntington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers which became effective Wednesday, 29 July at the official change of command ceremony. This month we welcome Colonel Peterson as the new Vice-President of the Huntington Post, and thank him for his willingness to be an active participant in the leadership of our SAME Post.

The SAME 2009 Great Lakes and Ohio River Regional Conference was held in Detroit, Michigan on August 11 through 13, 2009. We had some good representation from the Huntington Post, including Colonel Peterson, Coy Miller, Dave Meadows, myself, and various sustaining member firms that share memberships at Huntington Post along with other Post affiliations. As “billed”, the event held abundant training and networking opportunities for all participants.

As we move into a new federal government fiscal year in October, things will be heating up for our USACE members to fulfill financial and project commitments, as well as keep the program moving into FY 2010. Our SAME Post event calendar heats up a little as well. Our meetings occur the second Tuesday of each month, and a few of our key annual events are coming up as well. Our annual scholarship fundraiser golf outing will again be at Grayson Lake State Park on Friday, October 16th, and our Annual Holiday Dinner Dance will be held in December. Keep your eyes open for more details in the Post Newsletter. They are both great chances for you to have some fun, help raise money for scholarships and for the Post, and network with fellow SAME members and USACE staff.

At our monthly Post Meetings, held on the 3rd floor of the Cabell County Library at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month you'll stay informed, and can pick up a Continuing Education hour (if you need it) by coming to listen to the “speaker of the month”. Watch the Post Newsletter for the topic and speaker for each upcoming meeting. Travel safely as you head to our next meeting on September 8, 2009.

Younger Members, *Brian Ball, Chair*

We need to fill our rolls with more members. There are plenty of new people being hired this year at the district office as well as in our sustaining member firms. Actively recruit those new employees to participate in SAME. It's a great benefit for them and is quite cost effective. If you need help in any way let me or one of the officers know. We can get membership material in your hands. Help build our great organization!

MU Student Chapter, *Andrew Copley, Chapter President*

New officers have also been elected for the 2009-2010 academic year:

President - Andrew Copley

Vice-President - Mark Upton

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Individuals interested in the Marshall University Student Chapter can contact Andrew Copley, new President, at copley86@marshall.edu. Any ideas for on-site visits would be greatly appreciated.

SAME Regional Conference

Our Post was represented again at this years Regional Conference held in Detroit, MI last month. The various District Commanders of the Great Lakes & Ohio River Division were nearly all in attendance, highly visible, and active in the conference activities. There were Technical Sessions over a 2 day period in 3 primary "Tracks": Alternative Energy; Environmentally Sustainable Construction; and National Security. The dinner and awards banquet featured U.S. Representative John D. Dingell of Michigan, who is one of the longest serving members in the U.S. House of Representatives. His keynote address was centered heavily on infrastructure, and what the nation needs to do to adequately fund and execute a renewed infrastructure program in the U.S. His comments were thoughtful, enlightening, and even motivational. Many thanks to Detroit for making this event a success.

Dinner Dance Fast Approaching

The Post's 15th Annual Holiday Dinner and Dance on Saturday, December 5, 2009. Big Planet Soul will be our entertainment again this year; many of you have enjoyed them at both our dinner dances and at various local venues.

Sustaining Members - please consider sponsoring at one of these levels:

Gold Sponsor	\$500	includes 4 dinner tickets
Silver Sponsor	\$250	includes 2 dinner tickets
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For tickets and information, contact Mark Kessinger at 304-399-5083.

7th Annual Golf Outing

The 7th Annual Scholarship and Training Fund Golf Outing hosted by the Huntington Post will be October 16th, 2009 at Hidden Cove Golf Club at Grayson Lake State Park near Grayson, KY. Proceeds will go toward the Huntington Post Scholarship Fund, Engineering Career Day, Explorers Post, the Marshall Student Chapter and the Education and Training Fund established to promote and strengthen young member's participation in the Post.

Activities for the day will begin with an **8:00 am registration** and a continental breakfast will be provided from 7:30 am – 9:00 am. **Play will tee-off with a 9:00 am Shotgun Start.** A hotdog/hamburger lunch will be provided during the outing and prize drawing will immediately follow the golf scramble.

PRIZES GIVEN FOR

1st Place, 2nd Place and 3rd Place Teams
Various Hole Prizes

INCENTIVES AVAILABLE

Mulligans 2 for \$10.00
50/50 raffle ticket

SCRAMBLE REGISTRATION FEE

Federal Employees and Retirees	\$40
SAME Members	\$60
All Others	\$75

***Entry fee includes greens fees, cart, lunch, and on course beverages along with a door prize ticket.*

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Beverage Cart Sponsorship \$300 including signs on cart

Make your sponsored hole a prize hole with a gift values of greater than \$50.

If you wish to sponsor this outing contact Cheryl Fitzwater by fax number is (304) 399-5281 or email Cheryl.B.Fitzwater@usace.army.mil. Sponsor and registration sheets are located on the Post website.

This Month's Presentation:

Evolution on the Ohio River - Eighty Years of Locks and Dams

Visual program dealing with the development of navigation improvements on the Ohio River from 1824 to 1929 and the impact of locks and dams on the Ohio River and its tributaries from 1929 until 2009...the last 80 years.

This Month's Speaker:

Gerald W. Sutphin, better known as Jerry, is a native West Virginian who grew up at Mullens and is a graduate of Marshall University with a degree in Art and Journalism.

He was commissioned as an Armor Officer in the U. S. Army after graduation and served two years on active duty. He remained in the reserves for the following six years.

He then worked for the Huntington District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers for the next 18 years before resigning to start his own Commercial Art business. While at the Corps, Jerry developed a consuming interest in the history of the Western Rivers and the steamboats that ran on them.

Jerry started his company, Visual Information, Ltd., in 1982 and one of his first jobs was to be the Project Consultant for the *Ohio River Odyssey*, a major Ohio River exhibition at the Huntington Museum of Art.

While providing Commercial Art, Graphic Design, Audio/Visual and other visual communication services for his clients, Jerry continued to involve himself in a wide variety of river projects.

In 1987, he contracted with the Smithsonian Institution to write and co-produce a series of short films about modern river operations. This permanent exhibition is now a part of the Maritime Section in The Museum of American History in Washington, D. C.

In 1991 he served as the consulting curator/exhibit designer for the *Always A River: the Ohio River and the American Experience* exhibition barge that toured the length of the Ohio River.

Jerry is the principal author of *Sternwheelers On The Great Kanawha River*.

He researched, wrote and produced a video history of the *Delta Queen*, titled *Tested By Time To Become An American-The Steamboat Delta Queen* for the Delta Queen Steamboat Co.

He has written numerous articles for publication and is often ask to act as an advisor in a variety of projects dealing with America's inland rivers.

He made presentations and acted as the on-board program coordinator on the *American Queen*, *Mississippi Queen* and the *Delta Queen*. He continues to write articles for a wide variety of historical publications and is presently doing research for a visual history on West Virginia's Great Kanawha River Valley.

He is presently a member of the 12-person planning group under the direction of the Rivers Institute, Hanover College, Indiana for the planning of the 2011 bi-centennial celebration of the first steamboat on the Western Rivers, the NEW ORLEANS.

He was the President of the Sons and Daughters of Pioneer Rivermen, "America's Riverboat Historic Society" from 2005 to 2009.

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