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**** Please note that there is no dinner meeting in February ****

A Visit to the Observatory in April

**Fly me to the moon
And let me play among the stars
Let me know what spring is like
On Jupiter and Mars,
In other words**
Come on out to the April APEGBC meeting at the Observatory.

When: Wednesday, April 25, 2007.

Time: To be determined.

Where: The Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, 5071 West Saanich Rd.

How Much: \$15 per head plus about \$15 for food.

This will be an amazing event. The observatory is a wonderful place to visit. First fascinating speakers, the planetarium, then with the dark we will check in with Saturn, Venus and whatever is up in orbit.

We do require confirmation of a minimum registration of 40 guests by March 15, 2007. Please email your attendance to Sharlie at Sharlie.Huffman@gov.bc.ca or call her at 356-0761 as soon as you can.

Don't forget that these monthly engineering meetings provide a fantastic way to network. Meet new colleagues in the engineering field in Victoria, meet your new boss, your next customer, your next best friend. Get out of your office and take a breath of fresh air at the centre of the universe and at the same time discover your own universe right here and those of us who work here and are looking forward to meeting you.

Next meeting: Talbot Awards at the March Dinner Meeting

The Victoria Branch, Association of Professional Engineers of British Columbia would like to inform all members and guests that the Branch will be presenting the Richard Talbot Awards to two engineering students who have excelled in their engineering studies as well as played an important role in their community. Please mark your calendar for this special Dinner meeting which will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2007 at the Faculty of Engineering, University of Victoria at 6.00 pm.

We will also be presenting professional designation certificates (Engineers in Training certificates) to Engineers who are just starting out their career. The Faculty members and students from the University of Victoria will be showcasing the UVIC Engineering Faculty and University of Victoria Aero Team will be making a special presentation later in the evening.

Honourable Ida Chong will also be attending our March Dinner Meeting as our Chief Guest. We have informed her office that many of our members have expressed an interest in meeting Honourable Chong. We are told that Honourable Chong is looking forward to meeting all the Professional Engineers from the Victoria Branch and their guests at the meeting.

Further details will be available in the next newsletter.

Last Dinner Meeting Presentation

THANK YOU TO ALL THE MEMBERS AND GUESTS WHO CAME OUT TO THE JANUARY ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT - Given the current fiscal challenges we are facing with dinner meetings, it was gratifying indeed to see so many out. From the comments received, it was also a wonderfully entertaining time for all.



The last dinner meeting was extremely well attended and we have had an excellent presentation by Simon Skey PEng. on the topic of Scottish engineers, and the trials, tribulations and challenges of building lighthouses in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Members were delighted to learn of how the Scottish engineers worked on building those light houses in remote areas. A copy of the slides used in the presentation will be posted on the APEGBC website.

Iron Ring - camp 23

The ceremony this year in Victoria is scheduled for March 24th at 3 pm in room 183, University Centre. Candidates wanting more information and wanting to register should email the Iron Ring Secretary at the following address: camp23-bc@telus.net. For details: contact Martine Janicki, PhD, PEng. Iron Ring Warden Tel (250) 881-7400.

Photos of Robbie Burns Night



Pre-dinner Social



Branch executives and spouses



Cutting the Haggis



Parade



Mr. Gil Parker receiving APEGBC's Gold Foil Award



Mr. Ian Wood EIT receiving his Certificate

A Message from Jan Buermans PEng.

On Friday 2nd of February, the Vancouver Island Math Challengers Competition was held at Camosun for grades 8 and 9 students (at the bottom of the page are the pictures for the finalists in each grade). Joshua Hayes, EIT did an excellent job, on short notice, of taking on the hosting leadership responsibilities at competition this year. We had ample volunteers from the Association to invigilate and conduct the competition. Talks by Duane Marriner PEng., Jeffrey Walley PEng., Jenny Atwood and Kevin Gans PEng. were well-received (kids really enjoyed them) and, of course, there was also refreshment on cue.

Special thanks to Nick Marsden, David Leeming and Leo Neufeld for helping to make this event so successful. And to Wayne Matthews for allowing us to have it held at Camosun. We hope to have the support of our volunteers again next year when we hope to hold the contest at the University of Victoria.



Grade 8 Finalists



Grade 9 Finalists

Spaghetti Bridge Competition at Camosun College

The 14th Annual Spaghetti Bridge Competition will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2007. This is an event of the Civil Engineering Dept. at Camosun College held during its Open House. The competition is open to all. Registration deadline is April 6. For details, please contact Peter Burrage at burrage@camosun.bc.ca or visit the website at <http://civil.camosun.bc.ca/>.

Corporate Dinner Sponsors

APEG Victoria Branch is looking for corporate sponsors for our Monthly Dinner meetings. These Dinner meetings are well attended and provide an excellent forum to display and promote your company and services that you provide. In addition, Dinner sponsor information will also be included in our monthly newsletters which are distributed to over 1,300 Victoria Branch members and other organizations. Please contact Duane Marriner, Events Coordinator, at 370-9302 or Andy Jani, Chair, at 953-3756 for further information.

Upcoming Events

APEGBC, Victoria Branch

Victoria Branch dinner meetings are held the last Thursday night of every month from September to May excluding December. Meetings are usually held in the Cadboro Commons Building, University of Victoria and start at 5:30 p.m. The next dinner meeting is at Queenswood Room, Cadboro Commons Building, University of Victoria.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Branch Executive meetings held every month at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre/Cedar Hill Squash Club. The next meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm Wednesday, March 7 at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre/Cedar Hill Squash Club.

APEGBC Technical Seminars

Technical Seminars

- **Designing with PVC Pipe**
Multiple Locations
February 6, 2007 - Kamloops, BC [More/Register>>>](#)
February 7, 2007 - Kelowna, BC [More/Register>>>](#)
February 8, 2007 - Victoria, BC [More/Register>>>](#)
- **High Voltage Circuit Breakers**
Multiple Locations
February 8, 2007 - Vancouver, BC [More/Register>>>](#)
April 25, 2007 - Castlegar, BC [More/Register>>>](#)
- **Transportation Land Use Impacts**
February 15, 2007 - Kamloops, BC [More/Register>>>](#)
- **Current Practice in Acid Rock Drainage Prediction**
Multiple Locations
February 22, 2007 - Cranbrook, BC [More/Register>>>](#)
April 4, 2007 - Kelowna, BC [More/Register>>>](#)
- **Field Review Responsibilities of Design Consultants**
February 23, 2007 - Vancouver, BC or via Webcast [More/Register>>>](#)
- **Fire Dynamics Simulator Workshop**
February 27 & 28, 2007 - Vancouver, BC [More/Register>>>](#)
- **Value Engineering: Getting The Most For The Least**
February 28, 2007 - Vancouver, BC [More/Register>>>](#)
- **HVAC Systems: Overview & Design Issues for Sustainable Buildings**
March 1, 2007 - Victoria, BC [More/Register>>>](#)
- **NEW Fluvial Geomorphology**
March 8, 2007 - Prince George, BC [More/Register>>>](#)

For more information on all APEGBC Professional Development Seminars please visit:
www.apeg.bc.ca/prodev/prodevents.html

Have Your Say!

Do you have concerns or comments you like to voice? We love to hear from you and welcome any contributions to this newsletter, humorous or otherwise. The deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is February 27, 2007. Please send them to Harry Kwok, University of Victoria at hkwok@ece.uvic.ca.

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