

# MODESTO ENGINEERS CLUB



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### FORMAL LUNCH MEETINGS

December 4/ January 8\*/ February 5/ March 4

\*: Skip 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday due to holiday conflicts

Meeting Times: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Formal Meeting Location: **S.O.S. Club, 819 Sunset Ave.** (near Dryden Golf Course)

Click here for a [Map to S.O.S. Club](#)

### INFORMAL MEETINGS

Members regularly meet on Tuesdays, 11:30a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Old Mill Café, corner of 9<sup>th</sup> & F Street in Modesto for camaraderie. No formal program is presented.

### BOARD MEETINGS

(7–8:15am, Old Mill Café) [Click for Map](#)

Next Meeting: January 8

### FREE LOADER for December:

Bill Stevens and John Amstutz

## 2007-08 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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[secretary@modestoengineersclub.org](mailto:secretary@modestoengineersclub.org)

Steve Davis, Earl Kleinfelder, Ryan Carrel, Doug Samski, Rapunzel Lewis, David Leamon

**ATTENDANCE:** Last Meeting...

12 members, 3 guests, 15 total

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our website is now Live!

[www.modestoengineersclub.org](http://www.modestoengineersclub.org) This is where our newsletters and information will be kept so no one has to rely on receiving emails. Many members aren't receiving them do to our mass emailer. We will continue emailing members when the newsletter is complete with a link to our website. The newsletter will be completed and posted the Friday before the meeting's week. The newsletter email acts as a good reminder for many members so we will continue this effort. Feel free to email me comments or suggestions about the website to [president@modestoengineers.org](mailto:president@modestoengineers.org). I'm planning to show it off at our next meeting for about 5 min for those who may not have internet access.

THE MODESTO ENGINEERS CLUB  
Established 1932

WATER WEALTH COMMITMENT HEALTH

Welcome

You've found "The Modesto Engineers Club". We're located in Modesto, CA.

"The object of this club, primarily, is to provide an organization in which the Engineers of all branches of the profession may come together, and through which they may cooperate and foster fellowship and the development of the engineering profession, and promote the participation of the engineering profession in public affairs and community welfare." - MEC Bylaws

If you're a guest we welcome you to attend one of our monthly meetings.

If you're interested in becoming a member please print out our application and turn it into our of monthly meetings. [Click here](#) for application.

**Events**  
December 4, 2007 - Monthly Meeting (See current newsletter for more info)  
November 29, 2007 - Website

**Future Events**  
January 8, 2007 - Monthly Meeting  
February 2007 - Engineers Day at the Mall (Signups for volunteers are being accepted now.)

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The "Project of the Year" Committee will form Spring 2008. We'll present the award at the "Engineers Day at the Mall" 2009. Projects worked on or completed next year (2008) will be eligible. More information and application requirements will be determined by the committee. Stay tuned.

Our next event is the "Engineers Day at the Mall" February, 2008. I passed out the list we used last year to drum up some interest and volunteers. I will pass around a signup sheet next meeting. If you're interested please let me know and/or signup next week. The committee will meet at my office sometime in December to organize details. The exact date is to be determined. Engineers Week is February 17-23, 2008. [www.eweek.org](http://www.eweek.org)

Mike Rieben - President

### **FUTURE PRESENTATIONS/ VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello everyone! Thank you for having me as your Vice-President. I am looking forward to meet all of our members and to become more acquainted with the Club so when nicknames like 'The Dictator' are used I know who we are talking about.

I think with Mike and Jennifer's help I will learn what the Modesto Engineers Club is all about and we will have a great year. With Mike's efforts and skills the Modesto Engineers Club has come from a time when people talked about 'Web-Sites' they had a broom in hand, to the present where we can use the internet to grow our Club. Great work Mike!

Have some ideas of who should be presenting or what you would like presented during our lunch meeting? If so, please submit your ideas to David Castro as he is coordinating the speakers. Remember, our guest speakers have

included the gamut from planners, engineers, politicians, to local community businesses and organizational leaders. We have also included on-site tours of manufacturing and new facilities in and around Modesto.

**PRESENTATIONS** that are scheduled and confirmed are as follows:

#### **December 4, 2007 –**

Topic: The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, which addresses the economic, social and environmental challenges facing the rapidly growing eight county region stretching from Stockton to Bakersfield; also the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Process, the goal of which is to develop a regional vision for land use and transportation.

Presented By: Carol Whiteside, the President of the Great Valley Center, an organization she founded in August 1997 to promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of California's Central Valley.

Whiteside served as the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for Governor Pete Wilson on issues of land use, finance and restructuring and economic development. She was Assistant Secretary at the California Resources Agency and specialized in resource conservation, land use and growth management issues. Whiteside also served on the Modesto City Schools Board of Education, the Modesto City Council, and was elected Mayor in 1987. Whiteside is a graduate of the University of CA at Davis.

David Castro – Vice-President

### **SECRETARY'S NOTES**



Happy Holidays!

As the end of the year is approaching, so is the time that we all need to renew our Modesto Engineers Club membership. I've attached the annual dues letter form and it will soon be posted on our new website! Please fill the form out and return them to me so I can update our records. If you are an

Honorary Member, please also fill out this form so I can make sure all the contact information is still correct.

Also, I will be updating nametags and getting membership certificates to those who have not yet received theirs. Please send me a quick email if this is your case.

On another note, I would like to encourage you to attend our upcoming meetings and invite someone new to bring with you. The Club always welcomes guests and potentially new memberships as well.

You have my best wishes for a safe and peaceful holiday season. Let's make the most of this opportunity to relax and enjoy the holidays and to share our joy with family and friends!

Jennifer Pratt – Secretary/Treasurer

## **STANDBY AGENDAS**

The Board would like three standby speakers for the monthly meetings. The standby presentations should be from the existing membership. These presentations would be in case the guest speaker has an emergency or is sick and cannot make it. Standby speakers would receive as little as 2 hours of notification (A real Toastmaster challenge). If you would consider being a standby speaker, please contact Rapunzel L, Mike R, or Stefanie M.

## **MEETING LOCATION**

Our formal meetings are at the SOS Club, 819 Sunset Avenue (near Dryden Golf Course), ph. 578-5801. Tuesday's menu features a buffet style meal. Please pay the \$9.00 to the treasurer, Jennifer Pratt, (half off for Students). The beverage, tax and tip are included. We have the Mellis Room reserved. The main courses will vary each week. Please park in the street or at Dryden Golf Course. The club parking lot is for SOS Club members only.

Click here for a [Map to S.O.S. Club](#)

## **OUTREACH EFFORTS FOR NEW MEMBERS**

The Outreach committee is designed to market the Club to potential new members. Every member can be a part of this effort by forwarding along our monthly newsletter and talking about the club. Please extend offers to join the club to your colleagues.

## **ABOUT THE ENGINEERS CLUB**

### **AN INVITATION**

The Modesto Engineers Club is pleased to invite you to join its membership.

### **PURPOSE OF THE CLUB**

The preamble of the club by-laws is quoted: "The object of this club, primarily, is to provide an organization in which Engineers of all branches of the profession may come together, and through which they may cooperate and foster fellowship and the development of the engineering profession in public affairs and community welfare".

### **WHO MAY JOIN**

The by-laws are further quoted: "The membership shall consist of those who are or have been engaged in the direction or prosecution of engineering or architecture, or teachers of students of engineering or other allied sciences".

### **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

The Club meets once a month on the first Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the SOS club. The program usually consists of a speaker on technical subjects and local affairs of interest to engineers. There are several social affairs during the year, which include the annual President's Steak Fry, A Valentines Day luncheon, the annual trip to Woolgrowers restaurant in Los Banos (3-year hiatus on this event), the annual Officers Installation Dinner and the Christmas Stag Party (how many year hiatus?). Spouses and guests are welcome at most functions, when appropriate.

## **THE COST**

A \$25.00 initiation fee and first years dues of \$20.00, \$45.00 total is payable with the submission of application. Thereafter the dues are \$20.00 per year to renew. New members will receive a certificate of membership and a nametag will be provided for our formal lunch meetings. Members pay for their own lunches, and for meals at other events.

## **SIZE OF CLUB**

The club, having been founded in 1932 enjoys a wealth of former members, and approximately 67 active members. They represent many of the public works engineers, consultants, utility companies, and suppliers of construction and engineering materials.

## **THE APPLICATION**

We would be pleased if you complete the application. Please obtain the signatures of two active members. After submittal of your application, it will be read at the meeting. At the next meeting at which the applicant is present, membership will be based on a two-thirds affirmative vote of members present. You will then be inducted. The ceremony is simple, but dignified. Applicants are welcome to attend weekly meetings while their applications are pending.

## **PROGRAM EXAMPLES**

Engineering Excellence – Project of the Year, Technology, Travel, Health Care, Politics, Finance, Engineering.



# MODESTO ENGINEERS CLUB

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November 30, 2007

Dear Member:

It is the time of the year to pay your annual dues of \$20.00 for 2008. If you are an Honorary Member the annual fee is waived. Please mail or deliver your check payable to the **Modesto Engineers Club** to:

Modesto Engineers Club  
c/o Mid-Valley Engineering  
Attn: Mike Rieben  
1117 L Street  
Modesto, CA 95354

You may also bring it to the monthly meetings.

We are reviewing and updating the membership list and would appreciate your completing the questionnaire below and returning it with your dues.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

HONORARY MEMBER? \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Dues not paid by January 31st will be deemed late and a \$5.00 late fee will be assessed. Any member whose dues are not paid by Valentine's Day (February 14) shall be automatically dropped from membership in the club.

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Jennifer Pratt  
Secretary/Treasurer

# ***The Modesto Engineers Club***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

November 6, 2007

### **I. Call to order**

**President Mike Rieben** called to order the regular meeting of **The Modesto Engineers Club** at **12:00pm** on **Tuesday, November 6, 2007** at the **SOS Club**.

### **II. Open issues**

- a) Rapunzel presented the Installation Dinner slide show. Recapped the event.
- b) Club recognized guests.
- c) Reviewed 2 new members application. Brian Veitch of Mid-valley Engineering & Brock Campbell of Kleinfelder.
- d) The President fined the President \$1 for misplacing Brian's application.
- e) The President fined Dan Machado \$1 for an advertisement in Stanislaus Magazine.
- f) The approved bylaws were handed out. Approved October 2, 2007.
- g) Freeloader Bill Stevens was moved to next month do to our speaker paying for all lunches. Thanks were given to Contech Bridge Solutions.
- h) President forwarded Stan Adkins' suggestion for lifetime members donate their usual annual dues to the Scholarship fund. See Steve Davis our committee chairperson.
- i) "Project of the Year" was discussed at our Board meeting and to the membership in attendance. The idea is to present the winner at the Engineers Day at the Mall. Do to time restraints we will postpone starting the committee till Spring 2008 for the 2009 Engineers Week.
- j) "Engineers Day at the Mall" was discussed at our Board meeting and to the membership in attendance. A committee was formed and Signups are being accepted. A list of items we needed last year was passed around for members to determine where they might be able to contribute. The event will take place at Vintage Faire Mall in February.
- k) President presented the idea of a website. Managed by Mike Rieben (President). Cost to the club not to exceed \$100 / year.  
[www.modestoengineersclub.org](http://www.modestoengineersclub.org) was the agreed name. President asked for a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and all was in favor. Motion passed. Site will be up next month.
- l) President introduced our speaker. Jason Gregory & Bruce Lawton from Contech Bridge Solutions. <http://www.contech-cpi.com/bridges/11>  
"CONTECH Bridge Solutions offers an unparalleled choice of structural plate, precast concrete arch and truss bridges for vehicular and pedestrian needs. Spanning five feet to 250 feet or more, our innovative, modular solutions lower your in-place costs and trim schedules, and bring you the support of an expert team of product development, manufacturing, and installation specialists." - Website

**III. New business**

- a) Project of the Year Committee Spring 2008
- b) Engineers Day at the Mall, February 2008 Committee forming.

**IV. Adjournment**

**President** adjourned the meeting at **1:00pm**.