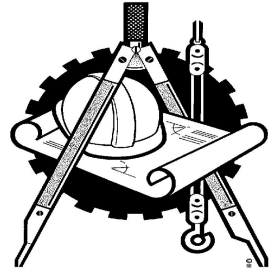


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# MODESTO ENGINEERS CLUB

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### FORMAL LUNCH MEETINGS

March 4/April 1/ May 6/June 3

\*: 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)

### 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)

No Board Meeting for March.

Next Meeting: April 1

### FREE LOADER for March:

Bill Strand

## 2007-08 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Last Meeting...

29 members, 3 guests

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our February events have come and gone. The Valentines Day luncheon was filled with great good and fellowship with our significant others. We welcomed speakers

Jerome with Modesto City-County Airport and Kim with Always Travel. The Airport Terminal is planned to be expanded do to a record year of travelers. I recall approx. 50,000 people flew out of Modesto in 2007. This is the result of adding multiple flights to Los Angeles. Parking is free when flying out of Modesto.

Kim brought to the table what a Travel Agent offers their customers:

Best value, Choice, Convenient one-stop shopping, Customer advocate, Expert guidance, Personalized service, Professional advice, Saving time, Trust, Unbiased information.

Kim also brought 10 great reasons to use a Travel Agent: Here are a few good ones...

- You've Googled "Mexico vacation", and come up with 17.8 million responses.
- No one explained to you that in July, its winter time in Rio, and so you showed up there with nothing but five Hawaiian shirts and three pairs of swimming trunks.
- It was definitely odd that there were no cab drivers at the airport at 3 o'clock in the morning when you finally landed in Costa Rica, but booking a transfer to your very remote hotel would have been a good thing to remember when you purchased your airline ticket and hotel online.

Always Travel is located at 3900 Pelandale Ave. Ph: (209) 545-2080 for your travel info.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Engineers Day at the Mall” event was a great success! We acquired event insurance at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour thanks to Des Orsinelli. We had approximately 90 kids participate in our activities. They included toothpick and gumdrop modeling, straw structures, foil canoe, house of cards, and U.O.P.’s bridge modeling software. We showcased survey equipment (Lee & Ryan). Lee brought many aerials of his projects for people to view. Lee cleverly anchored his survey rod in a planter. So well that we almost forgot it was there. Check out our web site for photos of this year’s event! [www.modestoengineersclub.org](http://www.modestoengineersclub.org) Click on the Engineers Day at Mall link on the left hand side. Thank you to all who participated and/or contributed to this community outreach event!

Mike Rieben - President

## VICE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE/ THIS MONTH’S PRESENTATION

I had a great time helping out at the Engineers Day at the Mall. It was fun to see what the kids could do with their imagination and enthusiasm. It sounds like the Valentine Luncheon went well and the speakers had some interesting topics, too bad I had to be sick and was unable to attend. I have April and August open for speakers, suggestions are welcomed. We have a field trip scheduled for May at the Modesto WWTP. Upcoming speakers for June and July are; Jeff Wright UC Merced Dean of Engineering and Steve Phillips USGS research hydrologist.

### **This Month’s Presentation:**

**March 4, 2008:**

**Speaker:** Kevin J. Krajewski, P.E.

V & A Engineering

Oakland, Houston, San Diego

1999 Harrison Street, Suite 975, Oakland, CA 94612

Phone (510) 903-6600 Fax (510) 903-6601

Topic: Since 1979, V&A has built a reputation for helping clients resolve their most complex corrosion, coatings, and sewer system maintenance, rehabilitation and preservation challenges.

## SECRETARY’S NOTES



I usually do enjoy this time of year, but this year has been especially exciting. Many new challenges have definitely been coming my way!

A few weeks ago I took a two week family “vacation” (all 15 of us) to Disney World which included 4 on-call doctor visits to our hotel rooms at \$500 bucks a pop, and 2 ambulance trips to the hospital resulting in a two night stay at the pediatric hospital. Then, on March 4th I will be starting my new position as the City of Modesto’s Senior Civil Engineer for CFF/CFD. In two weeks my family will be moving into a new house. A few weeks after that I will be buying a new car to replace the one that was totaled back in December. And a few weeks after that we will be trying to sell our rental home. I just can’t remember another time when so many major events happened all at once!

I definitely want to thank Mike Rieben and David Castro, along with everyone else who has contributed in the most recent club events. As much as I’d like to attend every club event and every club lunch, sometimes life throws you another curve ball. So if you happen to see me and I seem a little dazed and confused – it’s most likely because one of those curve balls has just smacked me right in the noggin!

I won’t be at the March lunch since it’s my first day in my new position. So...I’ll see you all in April!

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 David Castro.

## **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 \$10.00** 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.

## **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 the annual Officers Installation Dinner and the Christmas Stag Party. Spouses and guests are welcome at most functions.

### **THE COST**

A \$25.00 initiation fee and first years dues of \$25.00, \$50.00 total is payable with the submission of application. Thereafter the dues are \$25.00 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 **71** 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.