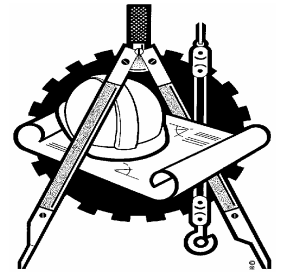


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# MODESTO ENGINEERS CLUB

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### FORMAL LUNCH MEETINGS

\*September 9/October 7/November 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)

### 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)

Next Meeting: September 9th

## 2007-08 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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Steve Davis, Earl Kleinfelder, Ryan Carrel, Doug Samski, Rapunzel Lewis, David Leamon  
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**ATTENDANCE:** Last Meeting...

I don't have the numbers with me since I haven't been at my office for over a week. It was a good turnout though. - Jennifer

**September Freeloader** – David Leamon

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, I have a few months left in my term as your President and one of the most difficult tasks our board faces is securing the next set of officers.

Usually, we only have to find a volunteer to be the next Secretary/Treasurer. Last year we needed to find a S/T and a VP. We're fortunate to have David and Jennifer returning.

We are *still* seeking a Secretary/Treasurer volunteer. I'm compiling a list of all members that have not served as an officer and will be releasing that soon. It will be sorted by "member since". This list will serve as a guide to appoint the next officer if no one steps up. I remember when I was selected by an executive appointment.....

Our next event is the Officer Installation dinner. I'm going to present the options for SOS Club dinner to the board next week.

Ross Campbell gave an excellent suggestion. Have a few members present a project that they've been working on. If you are interested in presenting your project please let me know. I would like to have at least 2-3 – 20 minute presentations.

If you have any suggestions or recommendations for accommodations please let me know. We usually get between 30-50 people showing up to our annual event.

Mike Rieben – President

## THIS MONTH'S PRESENTATION / VP MESSAGE

Well I returned from my vacation, now I need another vacation to recover. It was a lot of work with the kids but we had a great time. Feels like 2009 will be here in no time now that summer is almost over and the NFL is back. So I guess its time to receive nominations for the secretary position, exciting stuff. If there are no nominations then we will have the members draw cards and high card is our new secretary!, just kidding, maybe. Now here are the remaining 2008 scheduled speakers;

- September - Lee Delano, Aircraft/Pilot regulations
- October - Gerry Kamilos, West Park industrial park
- November - Nick Pinhey, City of Modesto CIP projects
- December - Kris Balaji - gas price study

**David Castro – Vice President**

## SECRETARY'S NOTES



August Notes: Joe Muratore of Centerra Capital spoke to the club about the upcoming Measure S ballot and asked for the club's endorsement of the "Better Roads/Safer Streets" initiative. The club voted to endorse the initiative. Council Member Dave Lopez was the scheduled speaker of the meeting. He was able to give us some insight about some of his responsibilities as a council member as well as some of the issues he is faced with.

The club is still seeking '08/'09 nominations for secretary/treasurer. Mike Rieben told the club that he will be making a list of all members that have not been on the board in the past and will create a committee for selection of this position if there are not any nominations.

## 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 **64** 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.