

August 2013

Dear Houston Section Members and Friends,

Welcome to the new season for the Houston Section STLE. This year's program promises to be packed with informative technical meetings, the Lube School, our Annual Golf Outing (for scholarships), and perhaps a few new twists yet to be announced.

Thank you to all the volunteers that served the Section in various capacities during the last year, especially Roy Christoffel, the outgoing Chairman. The new leadership roster is below; there are still many opportunities of various sizes for volunteers to help out the Section (Lube School, Golf Outing, membership, social outing, etc). What better way to network with fellow STLE members and hone your leadership skills?

Last year was a successful year for the Section. We presented a total of five technical meetings, plus the Annual Lube School and Golf outing. These raised enough to cover a total of \$6000 in scholarships for tribology students at Lamar, Texas A&M, and the University of Houston. In addition, the Lube School brought in many new Section members.

Over the past couple of years, the Section's website (www.stlehouston.com) has been updated more frequently. We have added the capability to register and prepay (via Paypal) for meetings online, using a corporate credit card (can only take cash and checks at the door). We've also used this capability for other events (Lube School and Golf Outing). If you're one of our members that have STLE certifications (CLS/OMA/CMFS), what better way to document your meeting attendance than your emailed Paypal receipt?

Our first fall technical meeting of the 2013-14 season will be held on Wednesday, September 11th (11AM – 1PM) at Brady's Landing in Houston, TX. This meeting features John Cummins of Hydrotex discussing "Wind Turbines." Details are still being finalized, and will be communicated separately. The schedule for the upcoming meetings is below; we are still looking for volunteer speakers for both monthly meetings and our Lube School (please contact us with ideas/volunteers). A survey is being planned soon to help determine what topics the members would find of the most interest. We promise to keep the survey brief, but please help us out by responding. We are also seeking ideas for potential future plant tours and/or group social outings.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the September 11th meeting.

Best regards,
Marty Graves
Chairman, Houston Section STLE
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