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Yosemite Valley

By: Gary Gilbert, Orange County Branch YMF



On August 16th to 19th the Orange County, Metro Los Angeles, Southern San Joaquin, and San Bernardino/Riverside ventured into the wild of the Yosemite Valley. There were black bears roaming around and deer meandering in the meadows. All creatures kept to themselves and fun was had by all.

Some of our members braved Half Dome and had a feeling of accomplishment at the end of the day (or was that sore muscles?) Others hung out in the valley and visited the Ahwahnee Hotel to have some drinks in the patio. The Hotel looked surprisingly similar to a hotel at some resort in Anaheim.

The Curry Village tent cabins provided shelter for us YMFers and in a nice central location to catch the attractions. Some of our members were surprised by the lack of water falls. Water was at

least still flowing down Nevada and Vernal Falls, but the Mist trail was lacking mist.

It was nice to meet members of our newest YMF group in Southern San Joaquin. All the comments from participants were positive, and most were eager to return to the Yosemite Valley soon. Hopefully this will be an annual adventure that we can share with the rest of our YMF members.



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MLAB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By: Cesar Moran

Welcome to a new and exciting year with MLAB YMF. My name is Cesar Moran and I am the 2007-2008 President of the Metropolitan Los Angeles Branch Younger Member Forum (MLAB YMF). I have been an active member in ASCE since 1999, when I decided to join the Concrete Canoe team at California Polytechnic State University – San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly). I have served YMF as Vice President and President Elect over the past two years and I look forward to serving as president this year.

Over the past 2 years, I have seen MLAB YMF grow both in numbers and enthusiasm. As we move forward, my goal as President is to continue to grow by providing our members more opportunities to get involved, have regularly scheduled general meetings, and provide more opportunities for Younger Members to socialize.

I am fortunate enough to work with an outstanding group of people that make up the Board of Directors for MLAB YMF. As a team, the Board of Directors and I will work to serve the interests of all of our members. Whether you enjoy community service, sky diving and skiing, wine tasting and happy ours, are getting ready to take the P.E., or want to learn more about how to grow professionally, YMF has something for all of your interests.

I encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities that are offered by all of the Younger Member Forums. The relationships you establish early on in your career are critical to your growth as a Professional Engineer. So don't wait until your company sends you... start now!

SB / VC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Philip Maldonado

I would like to take this moment and thank my friends, family, and all those who helped volunteer me for this position! All kidding aside, it's a very exiting time for the Santa Barbara/Ventura (SBV) Branch of YMF, our membership continues to steadily increase and the ideas and enthusiasm of this year's officers are inspiring. We have big plans to continue the growth of our membership base while developing rewarding programs for community involvement and maintaining a steady lineup of social events to help our members network with other professionals.

Recruitment will be a focal point for this year's membership body. Our officers have pledged to bring at least one new potential member to a general meeting this year, and we will

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SB/RC YMF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By: Komy Ghods

I'd like to start my congratulating my predecessor Mr. Albert Martinez on a fantastic year for our YMF group. It will be a challenge to take his place and run this organization as well as he did.

Fortunately for me we have one of the largest groups of participating members and active officers to help make this year as good as, if not better than the last. In the past we have had a lot of success with our technical presentation meetings, outreach efforts, and public service events and I am looking forward to providing more of these services for our members and any interested engineer who decides to join our efforts. It's been an interesting few years since we started this branch of YMF and truly amazing to see how fast it's grown thanks to everyone's support within our counties as well as support from our neighboring YMF branches. Thanks everybody.

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OC YMF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By: Mario Lomeli

Wow! Can you feel that? The buzz in the air...the energy within...feeling of a new adventure upon us! It's not the playoffs or the changing of the leaves in New England, but the beginning of a new year for OC YMF and with that a changing of the guard. I am Mario Lomeli and it's an

honor to represent you as your new OC YMF President this coming year. A brief background on me; I started with OC YMF as a Practitioner Advisor for Cal State Fullerton and later became the Student Activities Committee Chair which ultimately has brought me to this current position on the OC YMF Board. Having said that, I have the great pleasure of introducing our new Executive Board: Vice President Josue Vagliente, Treasurer Brian Smolke, Secretary Edelyn Miguel, and Past President Gary Gilbert. I am excited to work with this group of talented and dedicated individuals, all whom have been part of the OC YMF family for many years.

This year will be an exciting and dynamic period for OC YMF. We plan on embarking on new academic and community-related adventures via tours, social events, and outreach events. Through these events we hope to provide our members with many career and personal enhancing opportunities as well as continue to uphold our OC YMF tradition of successful contributions to our field.

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As president, I want to continue building upon the success of previous presidents most notably that of Kathereen Shinkai's 05/06 term, when OC YMF won the distinction of being the best Younger Member Group in the nation. On that note I would also like to acknowledge and thank my predecessor, Gary Gilbert for his hard work and efforts during the 06/07 year which provided me with the experience to accept this current position. As you can see I have big shoes to fill but sharing the same passion and vision, I am confident that I, along with my board can lead OC YMF this year through another successful run. Our main goals for YMF this year are as follows;

- Strengthen Community Relations. We already have an established relationship with Habitat for Humanity, with whom we plan to organize various activities. In addition we are also working towards establishing a joint working relationship with the Orange County Rescue Mission and explore opportunities for community service events throughout the year.
- Continue Outreach Events. Our current Outreach Committee for K-12 outreach was created to have members meet once a month and coordinate ideas and events such as school visitations, ACE program, and our annual Popsicle Bridge Competition. We will continue our efforts to spread the word about engineering and YMF to local students and professionals.
- Increase Membership at Social/Networking Events. Adding more social and networking

events to encourage new members to come out and meet YMF members is something we want to take a closer look at this year. Currently we are examining ideas for different venues and, simply put, ways to have fun this year.

My intent this year is to have a cornucopia of events if you will; enough for all folks to participate but not so many that we saturate your inbox with events of little interest to you. In my opinion quality not quantity is what will determine the value of each of our events. In addition to our popular annual events some new social events planned are a Miniature Golf Tournament, Galaxy Soccer Night, and a Paint Ball tournament. I'd also like to invite you all to our upcoming events:

Happy Hour/Bowling Night

Where: Lucky Lane Strikes at The Block in Orange
When: Thursday, November 1 at 6pm

OC YMF Annual Wine Tasting Trip

Where: Temecula
When: Saturday, November 17

So keep your eyes peeled for our upcoming Project Partners announcement for all of our social and career-building events.

I'd like to wrap up my thoughts by saying that I do not believe this coming year is a transition or rebuilding year. I believe this year is one of continued success and one with the potential for all of us to work in a cohesive manner to make this a fun and outstanding OC YMF term.

SSJ YMF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By: Dan Cronquist

Now that we're beginning our second full year of operation, we are more excited than ever about YMF in the Southern San Joaquin Valley. We would like to congratulate and introduce our officers for the 2007-2008 year:

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We would like to thank everyone for their support and look forward to a great year.

RECENT YMF EVENTS

MLAB Santa Ynez Valley Wine Tasting

By: Rocio Duran

On Saturday, June 30th, the Metropolitan Los Angeles Branch (MLAB) Younger Member Forum (YMF) took a chartered bus with twenty-five wine tasters up to the Santa Ynez Valley to visit some of the best wineries. Our goal for the day was to visit thirteen wineries in five hours. On our way there our guests got to enjoy a movie and some snacks.

All of the wineries that we got to visit made our day very pleasant and entertaining. They provided us with tasty appetizers and different red and white wines for us to taste. Their friendly staff provided us with great information on the location and the wines as well. We learned of the different types of grapes they use and the wine process. We even got to taste new wines that are not yet released in the wine market. Some of the wines we got to taste were Syrah and other handcrafted wines.

Close to the end of our list of wineries to visit, we



headed out to the Danish town of Solvang. We had visited only seven wineries from our list, but chose to spend our remaining two hours buying souvenirs in the small shops of Solvang. Before boarding the bus, we all met up for dinner. It was a great chance for us to relax, laugh, and make new friends.

The trip turned out to be a great success and everyone had a wonderful time. Cheers to everyone that made this happen.

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be promoting this attitude amongst our general members as well. We intend to build stronger connections to our local firms and expand upon our outreach programs to promote greater awareness to potential younger members. As our membership body grows, so does our potential to have a positive impact on our community!

Community involvement will be another cornerstone of this year's SBV forum. To accomplish this we plan to develop at least two major programs for our group to support. The first will involve reaching out to local High Schools and Colleges in the area through career oriented presentations, tutoring/mentoring volunteer hours, and involvement in special events like engineers week. The second is planned to be a group volunteer activity which will most likely be through Habitat for Humanity.

Being that we hail from a region known for leisure and vacationing, we will undoubtedly continue to focus our efforts towards our social and networking events. Our renowned Hiking Guide and this year's Treasurer, Loree Berry (formerly Loree Reiner...Congratulations once again Loree!) will be back again with a new schedule of fun and inventive hikes that we invite everyone to be a part of. We will once again be organizing Technical Tours of some of the new and interesting projects that many of our members always seem to be a part of. And with the appointment of our newly created Social Director position we hope to see expanded opportunities for networking, not only within our Branch area, but throughout our Section.

We hope to see you soon, and we wish all the best for a successful year!

RECENT YMF EVENTS

MLAB Visits Blazer Youth Center

By: Diana Turlik

On Friday, September 21st, 2007, The Metropolitan Los Angeles Branch Younger Member Forum held its recognized Sugar Cube and Peanut Butter Seismic Structure event at the Blazer Youth Center. The Center is a non-profit, community based organization that acts as a safe house for youth in Los Angeles, specifically to the South Central and West Los Angeles communities. The five members who attended; Marlon Calderon, Serge Haddad, Alex Moreno, Julia Moye and Diana Turlik, came out to the center to promote the importance of the civil engineering profession. We lead a discussion with the ten students to explain the role of civil engineering in our communities and learned that the students had a variety of aspirations; 2 veterinarians, 1 doctor, 1 basketball player, 1 football player, 1 firefighter, 2 teachers, 1 computer engineer, and 1 undecided; although after the discussion, we believe we have successfully secured a future civil engineer!

To demonstrate the problem solving and cooperation involved in the civil engineering field, the students were divided into four groups of two or three, and were given the ground rules to construct a peanut butter and sugar cube structure. Students were given cups of peanut butter and a box of sugar cubes to create a 5 cube x 10 cube, two-story, sugar cube structure that would be evaluated under earthquake conditions. In the end, the students had a deeper understanding of civil engineering and learned that peanut butter, used in excess, created strong connections to hold the structure together. The smiling faces and active participation of the students definitely left us looking forward to the next event.



OC YMF HAPPY HOUR AT BJ'S

By Andrew Pham and Yvette Abdelmalek



On Thursday September 13th, OC YMF hosted a happy hour at BJ's Brewery in the Tustin Marketplace. It was a perfect time to relax after a long day of work and to catch up with fellow civil engineers. We had an amazing turnout, nearly 30 members came out to join us in the festivities. The event lasted for 3 fun filled hours, with everyone enjoying every minute of it. We'd like to thank everyone that came to this event and we hope you had a great time. Please be sure to come to our next happy hour event on November 1st at Lucky Strike in Orange at 7:00pm. Please email apham@hfinc.com if you have any questions or concerns.

RECENT YMF EVENTS

OC YMF Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity Restore in Garden Grove

By: Josue Vaglienty, P.E.



OC-YMF volunteers (L to R) Brian Smolke, Gary Gilbert, Mario Lomelli, Alan Yuan, and Leah Larson

are remodeling.

At 9am sharp the doors unlocked and the “closed” sign was flipped to read “open”. People were already waiting to enter Habitat for Humanity’s newest ReStore in Garden Grove, located at 12827 Harbor Blvd. Among them were ASCE-YMF volunteers who agreed to help out for the day. With over 20,000 square feet of retail space, the ReStore offers home improvement and construction items such as appliances, furniture, flooring, hardware, and paint at discounted prices. All proceeds go directly into funding Habitat for Humanity’s ongoing operations in Orange County. The inventory comes primarily from donations by home improvement stores, surpluses from local homebuilders, and hotels that

Habitat for Humanity opened this ReStore in an effort to increase its funds for planning and building modest homes for struggling families working on very strained incomes throughout Orange County. This is Habitat for Humanity’s second ReStore in Orange County, with the first one located in Santa Ana.

“This location offers a lot more room” noted Zack Hitchcock, store manager at the Garden Grove ReStore, “and word is definitely getting out about this store”.

Some of the tasks performed by ASCE-YMF included sorting and labeling all sorts of doors and windows, new and used. With a half dozen volunteers, ASCE-YMF was able to do the work that would have taken one person a week to do. Throughout the day, customers flowed in and out of the store, many of them carrying items for their weekend home improvement projects, including some of the windows and doors we had organized.

So although ASCE-YMF did not nail roofs down, paint exterior walls, or dig irrigation trenches on this volunteering assignment, we were still able to help out Habitat for Humanity-Orange County with its mission. New donations come in on a regular basis, so the store never looks exactly the same, thereby enticing customers to return.



OC-YMF volunteers sorting windows at the ReStore

RECENT YMF EVENTS

Los Angeles Section Annual Installation and Awards Dinner

By: Marlon Calderon

On October 13th the Los Angeles Section hosted the Annual Installation and Awards Dinner at the Huntington Library in San Marino. For those who paid an additional \$10 the event also included a self-guided tour through the beautiful 200-plus acre grounds. A few of the attendants tried to cover all the botanical gardens and Library Exhibit Hall but there was just not enough time to see it all in one day.

The dinner and award ceremony got underway once the ASCE Region 9 Director, Karl Longley, installed the new officers for the 2007-2008 year. I was glad to see that a large group of Younger Members from Los Angeles, Orange, and San Bernardino/Riverside Counties, and a few students from UCLA and CSUN attended the event. Their attendance helped cheer and celebrate the awards given by the L.A. Section to all of those individuals and projects that made a difference during the past year. Congratulations to



everyone who received an award and especially to Serge Haddad from MLAB YMF for receiving the Carl L. Blum and Region 9 Outstanding Younger Member Awards; Julian Garcia from MLAB YMF for receiving the Region 9 Outstanding Community Service Award; and Alberto Martinez from SB/RS YMF for receiving the L.A. Section Outstanding Younger Member Award. Keep up the great work Younger Members!

OC Participates in Revlon Walk

By: Ken Zimmerman, P.E.

Four of our YMF members set aside some time on a cool Saturday morning, May 12th to participate in the 14th Annual Revlon Walk 5K. Team ASCE OC YMF consisted of Josue Vaglienty, Leah Larson, Gary Gilbert, and Ken Zimmerman. We joined

thousands of others to help raise funds and awareness in the fight against women's cancer. We managed to get there right on time. By the time we received our T-shirts, we were only minutes away from the start of the walk. While walking the 3.1 mile course through LA, we marveled at the sheer number who gathered and supported for this cause. Hundreds wore



bibs remembering those that had lost their lives to cancer, while many others wore bibs with names of those who were survivors. The course started near the Coliseum and ended inside on the field. After walking for about an hour and 20 minutes, we

crossed the finish line. Standing beyond the finish were volunteers who draped a commemorative medal around each of our necks. After grabbing a hearty lunch we sat in the bleachers and listened to Pat Benatar sing some of her famous songs such as "We Belong" and "Hit Me with your Best Shot". It was great way to end a wonderful event!

RECENT YMF EVENTS

Offshore Outsourcing: A 2020 Speaker Series Event

By Rafael Anaya, EIT



The OC YMF hosted their first event of the 2020 speaker series on Thursday September 27. The event was hosted at Dave and Buster's in the City of Irvine and featured a very informative presentation on Offshore Outsourcing. The event got underway at 6:30 pm as over 25 YMF'ers socialized and enjoyed a delicious feast consisting of barbeque chicken, potato salad, and baked beans. George Hemminger of Global Support Services, Inc kicked off his presentation as the YMF'ers concluded their meals. The intriguing presentation gave a colorful perspective of what the civil engineering profession might offer in the future. Ceazar Aguil-

lar, president and founder of Global Support Services concluded the presentation with a question and answer session. The event proved to be the first of many successful 2020 speaker series events. Special thanks go to HNTB and Global Support Services for sponsoring this event and making it possible.

Problems and Solutions for Stream Channels

By: Helio Takano

The San Bernardino & Riverside Counties Branch Younger Member Forum (YMF) hosted a presentation by Dr. Howard Chang from San Diego State University on the "Problems and Solutions for Stream Channels in Our Region". The meeting took place on September 10, 2007 at RBF in Temecula.

Dr. Chang spoke about the instability of stream channels in the semi-arid area and showed numerous photographs of erosion problems near road crossings, sand gravel mining areas, bridge foundations and urban areas. He also spoke about the commonly used methods for analysis using HEC-RAS, which assumes a rigid channel in computations, but he emphasized that in reality, all boundaries of a natural stream are free surfaces. To avoid the problem of a rigid boundary, Dr. Chang talked about using the program Fluvial-12 that analyzes not only the channel bed scour and fill, but it also calculates the width variation, and changes in bed topography induced by curvature effects. Dr. Chang also mentioned the importance of maintaining the natural river equilibrium in all channels to prevent erosion and to maintain the supply and demand of sediment transport of a stream.

YMF had a good turnout for only their 2nd meeting in Temecula this year. The crowd in the Temecula-Murrieta area continues to grow. YMF will continue to schedule future meetings in the area.



YMF members gather around to eat prior to the presentation by Dr. Chang.

RECENT YMF EVENTS

OC Girls Inc.

By: Gary Gilbert, P.E.



The OC Branch participated in Girls Inc. this year at Orange Coast Community College in Costa Mesa this July. The purpose was to educate young women about the career of Civil Engineering. The students participated in two activities; one was to create the tallest structure from newspaper and the other was to work with a survey crew to calculate a distance. The event was rewarding to both the ASCE members and the students.



MLAB Baseball Afternoon

By: Rocio Duran

On June 16th, the MLAB Young Member Forum (YMF) held a baseball afternoon at Dodger Stadium. The Los Angeles Dodgers went against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. An exciting group of members and guests attended the game. Some of us were cheering for the Dodgers and others for the Angels. Our group was a colorful mixture of blue shirted Dodger fans and red clad Angels fans! You could feel the tension in the crowd as everyone was yelling for their favorite team.

Despite the sunny day, we were lucky to get seats under the shade and watch the game comfortably. It was a successful event, even though the Angeles beat the Dodgers.

UPCOMING YMF EVENTS

PREPARING FOR THE 2008 SPRING P.E. EXAM?! YMF'S ANNUAL P.E. REVIEW COURSE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

The annual ASCE Metropolitan Los Angeles Branch Young Member Forum sponsored P.E. Review Course is happening again and registration is now open! The course is designed for anyone and everyone who is preparing to take any or all parts of the exam, whether it be only the Seismic exam, Surveying exam, or the comprehensive 8-hour National exam.

Location: Los Angeles City Department of Public Works
Address: 1149 S. Broadway Ave, Los Angeles, 90015
Dates: Monday & Wednesday, January 23 – mid-March, 2008
Time: 6:30 – 9:30 PM

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't hesitate to sign-up for the class as soon as possible. More information can be found through our website at www.mlab-ymf.org or contact the P.E. Review Course Chair, Jinny Huang, via e-mail at jinny.c.huang@us.mwhglobal.com.

Christmas Train 2008 "Day of the Three Kings" Volunteer Event By Rocio Duran

On January 6, 2008, MLAB/YMF will be taking a short trip down to Tecate, Mexico. Every year ASCE YMF brings the spirit of the Three Kings to Tecate, Baja California, Mexico. Volunteers from different ASCE YMF branches get together with 500 other volunteers from the U.S. to help distribute 6,000 gift bags to the children of Tecate. We will be looking for volunteers to help us distribute these gifts. So come and bring out your holiday spirit and make this happen. If you would like to sign-up, please contact Rocio Duran at rduran129@hotmail.com.

LA DOWNTOWN ON ICE By Rocio Duran

Come and chill out under the moon and stars at the Southland's largest holiday outdoor ice skating rink of Los Angeles. MLAB YMF will be gliding into 10th spectacular season of ice skating on December 14, 2007 at 7:00-10:00pm at Pershing Square (532 South Olive). Cost \$6 per 1 hour session plus \$2 skate rental. Discounted underground parking is available under the park with validation or you can take the metro red line that stops at the Pershing Square and get a \$1 discount. Come and relax and make new friends.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE & DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Nov. 1, 2007	OC YMF - Lucky Strikes Bowling	7:00 PM	Orange, CA
Nov. 1-3, 2007	National ASCE Conference	TBD	Orlando, FL
Nov. 14, 2007	MLAB Technical Presentation / General Meeting	6:30 PM	Alhambra, CA
Nov. 15, 2007	SB/RC ASCE Mentorship Program Committee	5:30 PM	Riverside, CA
Nov. 15, 2007	OC Student Night	TBA	Costa Mesa, CA
Nov. 17, 2007	OC/SB/RC YMF Wine Tasting in Temecula	8:00 AM	Temecula, CA
Nov. 18, 2007	MLAB Community Service at Wattles Farm	10:00 AM	Hollywood, CA
Nov. 20, 2007	OC YMF Board Meeting	6:00 PM	Santa Ana, CA
Dec. 15, 2007	OC & LA YMF Christmas Boat Parade & Toys for Tots Drive	3:00 PM	Balboa Island, CA
Dec. 18, 2007	OC YMF Board Meeting	6:00 PM	Santa Ana, CA
Jan. 25-27 , 2008	Mammoth Ski Trip	TBA	Mammoth, CA
Feb. 8-9, 2008	Western Region Younger Member Council (WRYMC) Conference	TBA	Las Vegas, NV

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