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## Mark Your Calendars And Attend The GSPE Planning & Leadership Meeting

**Friday, April 24, 2009**

Participate in the shaping of the future of the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers. Contact Carolyn Jones at 404-521-2324 or via e-mail at [carolyn.jones@gaengineers.org](mailto:carolyn.jones@gaengineers.org) for additional information.



### *GSPE's History and the Importance to the Professional Engineers*

In October 1943, GSPE had its genesis in Atlanta, Georgia. Colonel Michael J. Blew, P.E. called a meeting of all registered Professional Engineers living in the state of Georgia. Out of this meeting, an organizing committee was formed that polled the engineers across the state of Georgia regarding concerns that impact the professional engineers and an interest in forming a state organization. Discovering considerable interest, the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers was formed and was inducted as a state society of the National Society of Professional Engineers on March 6, 1944.

Soon after the formation of GSPE, the society initiated several important programs. GSPE sponsored amendments to improve and strengthen the

State Delegate

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law governing the practice of professional engineering and surveying in Georgia, and to raise Georgia's professional qualifications to a level comparable to those in other parts of the country. In an effort to stimulate the work and professional consciousness of young engineers who were seeking future professional status, GSPE also proposed that the State Examining Board be authorized to recognize Engineers-in-Training (E.I.T.).

The new organization determined that there should be one local chapter in each of the state's ten congressional districts. Since the First District was centered in Savannah, the first GSPE Chapter was formed in Savannah, Georgia in April 1944. The Atlanta Chapter was chartered on October 3, 1944.

The Society's first decade saw a number of events that would prove to be of long term significance, including the acceptance of women into the Society in 1950.

Take part in continuing the important work GSPE began in 1943. Get active in GSPE to tackle the new concerns that face today's and tomorrow's professional engineers in Georgia.



**GSPE 6th Annual  
MATHCOUNTS Golf Outing**  
Durham Lakes Golf Course  
and Country Club  
Fairburn, Georgia  
Friday, May 8, 2009  
11:30 AM Tee Off  
(Shotgun Start-Depending On Number of Participants)

***Help reduce the shortage of engineers and have fun too!***

**\$95 per Golfer and/or \$380 for a Foursome**

The Georgia Society of Professional Engineers invites you and your guest

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(s) to participate in the 6th Annual MATHCOUNTS Golf Outing on Friday, May 8, 2009 to support the Georgia MATHCOUNTS program. The golf outing will be held at the Durham Lakes Golf Course and Country Club in Fairburn, Georgia.

All proceeds from the golf outing go to the MATHCOUNTS endowment fund.

GSPE will host a cookout for the golfers immediately following the round of golf. All are welcomed to attend. There will be a cash bar.

If you are not able to attend the golf outing or you are not a golfer, your support is still needed. Join us for a casual gathering of stories about near hole-in-ones and lost longest drives at the cookout. Please tell your friends and come enjoy the GSPE Golf Outing to support MATHCOUNTS.

Ensure the continued success of the MATHCOUNTS program and the strength of a competitive America by making a donation. This strong base of student's equipped with knowledge in math and science will design and develop what the world will utilize in the future.

The Georgia Society of Engineers is proud to host MATHCOUNTS. The Georgia MATHCOUNTS competition was held on March 21, 2009 at Zoo Atlanta. For additional information on the MATHCOUNTS program, contact Carolyn Jones via e-mail [carolyn.jones@gaengineers.org](mailto:carolyn.jones@gaengineers.org) or at 404-521-2324.

[Click Here](#) to download the **MATHCOUNTS** Golf Outing Brochure.



## 2009 Georgia **MATHCOUNTS** *Was A Huge Success!*

200 Mathletes from across the state of Georgia competed in the state MATHCOUNTS Competition to determine the team that will represent the state of Georgia at the National MATHCOUNTS Competition in Orlando, Florida in May 2009.

**Congratulations to the Georgia  
MATHCOUNTS Team**



**Edward Parks  
Dickerson Middle School**



**Monica Agrawal  
Chamblee Middle School**



**Akshay Hariani  
Hilsman Middle School**



**Mike Wang  
Duluth Middle School**

**To view the mathletes that finished in the top 25% at the 2009 Georgia MATHCOUNTS [Click Here](#).**

**Top 40% of teams at the 2009 Georgia MATHCOUNTS:**

1. Blackmon Road Middle School
2. Chamblee Middle School
3. Hilsman Middle School
4. Fulton Science Academy
5. Dickerson Middle School
6. Westminster Junior High
7. Trickum Middle School
8. Dodgen Middle School
9. Oconee County Middle School
10. River Trail Middle School
11. Duluth Middle School

**GSPE Would Like To Express Appreciation To The Following  
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**Learn More About**  
**MATHCOUNTS**

The Georgia MATHCOUNTS is an annual competition presented by the

Georgia Society of Professional Engineers and sponsored by a host of engineering companies, organizations and businesses that utilize the engineering profession.

GSPE is a strong advocate of MATHCOUNTS because it encourages students at the middle school level to strive for excellence in math and science. Enjoying the thrill and excitement of these core academic classes at the middle school level will lay the ground work for youth to recognize the importance of math and science as they mature into young adults making career choices.

There is growing concern regarding what appears to be a lack of interest in American students in the primary and intermediate education levels in math and science. This can lead to a lower number of students entering college majoring in Engineering and/or Technology fields. The effect of this decline in interest for math and science can impact America's innovation and strength in engineering and technology in the future.

For additional information on Georgia MATHCOUNTS, contact Carolyn Jones via e-mail at [carolyn.jones@gaengineers.org](mailto:carolyn.jones@gaengineers.org).



### GSPE Membership Phone-A-Thon

The Georgia Society of Professional Engineers will host a GSPE Membership Phone-A-Thon in 2009. GSPE is looking for members that would like to participate in this event at the local chapter level.

The purpose of the event is to contact past and potential GSPE members regarding renewing their membership or joining GSPE.

Contact your local GSPE Chapter representative to find out if your chapter is participating in the 2009 GSPE Membership Phone-A-Thon or contact Carolyn Jones at the GSPE headquarters at 404-521-2324 or via e-mail at [carolyn.jones@gaengineers.org](mailto:carolyn.jones@gaengineers.org).

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UPS understands your need for consistent and reliable delivery service. They value the relationship with GSPE and our members, so please take advantage of the discounted rates UPS provides.

Dependable service is key to meeting business goals and having

personal packages delivered. UPS ranked above all competitors when it comes to reliability. In fact, UPS ranked first in the 2007 Morgan Stanley parcel industry customer survey on reliability.

UPS has more express delivery options than any other carrier, giving you more ways to meet your budget and customer service needs. Plus, their international service includes three time definite express options to more than 215 countries and territories - more than any other major carrier.

### **GSPE Discounted UPS Rates:**

\$1.50 OFF Daily Rate for Next Day Air Letters

10% OFF Next Day Air Packages, 2 Day Air Early AM Letters and Packages

20% OFF the Worldwide Express Services

When using the GSPE Discount Program with UPS remember to use the GSPE Bid# CP450001778. If you have any additional questions please feel free to contact the GSPE UPS Representative Bill Jacobs at 404-699-6489 or via e-mail at [wjacobs@ups.com](mailto:wjacobs@ups.com).



## **2009 Georgia Engineers Summer Conference**

**Join us at the 2009 Georgia Engineers Summer Conference to converse with fellow engineers on how to survive and thrive in a world of uncertain economic times.**

**Callaway Gardens  
Pine Mountain, Georgia  
June 11 - 13, 2009**

**Mark your calendars!!!!**

*PDH credits can be earned at the  
Georgia Engineers Summer Conference*

**It will be a weekend filled with informative presentations, networking and fun activities for the whole family!**

**[CLICK HERE TO  
REGISTER TO ATTEND](#)**

## GSPE Chapter Announces New Officers



Picture Legend: Left to Right  
Front Row: Charles Switzer, Buford Evans, Earl Ferguson, Cyril Okhio  
Back Row: Bob Harbort, Michael Jordan Gus Bolen, Doug Benner, Pat Evans  
Not Pictured: Renee Butler

### **Cobb Chapter 2009-2010 Officers**

*President* - Earl Ferguson, P.E.

*Vice President/Membership Chair* - Renee Butler, P.E.

*Secretary* - Pat Evans, P.E.

*Treasurer* - Buford Evans, P.E.

*State Director* - Charles Switzer, P.E.

*GPSE Liaison* - Bob Harbort, P.E.

*GSPE Student Chapter Liaison* - Don Horton, P.E.

*MATHCOUNTS Coordinator* - Gus Bolen, P.E.

*At Large* - Cyril Okhio, Reg. Engr.

*At Large* - Michael Jordan, P.E.

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### **NSPE Offers Four FREE PDHs**

NSPE is introducing another member benefit: Four FREE PDHs.

NSPE chose to launch this program with four current and very popular ethics courses for FREE even though they have a retail price for \$600.

You might be asking yourself, how can NSPE give away \$1,200 in

benefits for National's \$125 portion of your NSPE dues? The answer is, your investments in hardware, software, the Web site, and yes, the AMS database, are all paying off at the same time. And this is just the beginning.

All members can earn four free professional development hours by taking four online seminars on ethics topics. These new courses, which are \$149 each for nonmembers, provide members with a significant savings and easy access to continuing education credit.

The courses are:

- Engineering Ethics and the Law: Contract Documents and Procurement of Engineering Services (ONL-009)
- Engineering Ethics and the Law: Contract Documents, Intellectual Property & Professional Liability (ONL-012)
- Engineering Ethics and the Law: The PE as an Expert Witness (ONL-013)
- Ethical Engineering and Fair Trade: Conflicting Interests (ONL-018)

At the end of each seminar, a quiz will be available for those who need it to meet their state's continuing education requirements. The seminars have also been approved for continuing education credit in New York.

To access the courses, visit

<http://www.nspe.org/Education/WebSeminars/index.html>.

***New Benefits worth \$1200 for Free!***



## GSPE Chapter Meetings

[Mark Your Calendars And Plan To Attend](#)

### Atlanta Metro Chapter

Bring a friend the 2nd Monday of each month.

Monday, April 13, 2009

LOCATION

**Picadilly Cafeteria**

2000 Crescent Centre Blvd.

Tucker, GA

TOPIC

**Alternative Dispute Resolution  
in Engineering and Construction**

SPEAKER

**Chauncey Davis  
Regional Vice President  
American Arbitration Association**

**Gather**

6:00 pm

**Announcements and Introductions**

6:20 pm

**Dinner**

6:30 pm

**Brief Presentation  
of Interesting and Useful Internet Sites**

7:10 pm

**Presentation**

7:15pm

**Adjourn**

8:30 pm

**Cost:** \$10+ depending on your meal selection

**Reservations are necessary.** Please RSVP: Robert Kurz,  
[robertkurz@bellsouth.net](mailto:robertkurz@bellsouth.net) by 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting.

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**Augusta Chapter**

Tuesday, April 22, 2009

W.R. Toole Engineers, Inc.  
1005 Broad Street  
Suite 200  
Augusta, GA 30901

3rd Floor Conference Room  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Contact Judith Simmons at [jsimmons@wkdickson.com](mailto:jsimmons@wkdickson.com) or call  
(706) 722-3479 for additional information.

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## Cobb Chapter

Contact Earl Ferguson, President and Program Chairman, at [EA Ferguson@aol.com](mailto:EA Ferguson@aol.com) or 404-667-1065 for information on the next meeting and to obtain campus parking pass.

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## Columbus Chapter

Take part in reactivating the GSPE Columbus Chapter. Contact Vice President for Region III Jason Cooper at [jcooper@geconsultants.com](mailto:jcooper@geconsultants.com) to launch this effort.

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## Middle Georgia Chapter

April 2, 2009

Locos Deli & Pub  
2440 Riverside Drive  
Macon, GA

Are you interested in serving on the Middle Georgia Chapter Board of Directors or just want to be involved in the chapter organization? You need to attend tomorrow's. Get active in your local GSPE Chapter.

RSVP to Pat Rhodes at [pat@pacegeotech.com](mailto:pat@pacegeotech.com) by Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

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## Northeast Chapter

Friday, April 17, 2009  
Cafe On Prince  
595 Prince Avenue  
Athens, Georgia  
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Take advantage of your local Northeast Chapter Meetings. It is a great source for networking, earning professional development credits, and learning what is impacting engineers in your community. Contact Kyle McKay at [kyle.mckay@erdc.usace.army.mil](mailto:kyle.mckay@erdc.usace.army.mil) or Douglas Benner, GSPE

Region I Vice President at [WB2NJH@aol.com](mailto:WB2NJH@aol.com) for information on your local chapter.

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Northwest Chapter  
Tuesday, April 14, 2009

**6:00 PM TOUR**  
**River Tour on Roman Holiday**  
with Program on Rome's Rivers and Their Part In The Historic  
Development of the Area  
Rome, Georgia

For detailed information:  
Program Chairman - John Pillsbury  
Contact #: 706-295-2201  
PDH Credits Will Be Issued

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Savannah Chapter

Take part in reactivating the GSPE Savannah Chapter. Contact Timothy Baumgartner at [tim\\_baumgartner@emc-eng.com](mailto:tim_baumgartner@emc-eng.com) to take part in this reorganization.

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South Georgia

Take part in reactivating the GSPE South Georgia Chapter. Contact Vice President for Region III Jason Cooper at [jcooper@geconsultants.com](mailto:jcooper@geconsultants.com) for information on this chapter.

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West Georgia

Buddy Powers and Ed Fiegle need your assistance in growing the GSPE West Georgia Chapter. Contact Ed Fiegle at [ed\\_fiegle@mail.dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:ed_fiegle@mail.dnr.state.ga.us) to take part in strengthening your local GSPE Chapter.

Please take advantage of the programs, events and chapter meetings GSPE presents. As you meet Professional Engineers that are not members of NSPE/GSPE, encourage them to become members of the society that supports your profession.

**Sincerely,**

Carolyn Jones  
Georgia Society of Professional Engineers  
Executive Director

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