

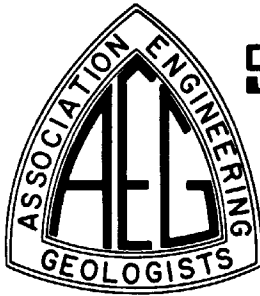
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JUNE MEETING

DATE: June 14, 1983 - Tuesday

SPEAKER: JEFFREY R. KEATON, Dames and Moore, Salt Lake City, Utah

SUBJECT: "THE SPANISH FORK LANDSLIDE", JEFF, an ex-Southern California Section member, will be presenting a talk on the large landslide which occurred in Spanish Fork Canyon, south of Provo, Utah in the Wasatch Mountains. The failure blocked a river and the resulting flooding inundated the town of Thistle.

PLACE: California Country Club
1509 South Workman Mill Road
City of Industry
(Thomas Guide Page 47, F-4)

COST: \$12.00

RESERVATIONS: LeRoy Crandall & Assoc.
413-3550 Ext. 50 ask for Jan

TIME: 5:30 - Social Hour
6:30 - Dinner
7:30 - AEG Business
8:00 - Speaker
9:00 - Section Affairs (if Scheduled)

RESERVATIONS are required by the proceeding FRIDAY at NOON
ALICE asks for your help.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following persons have been approved for memberships or upgrading into the Southern California Section. Congratulations

G. Thomas David - Member
Edward W. Fall - Member
G.S. Kovacs - Affiliate
Larry L. Peterson - Member (upgrade)
Robert L. Sousa - Associate Member
W. Lee Vanderhurst - Member

SPRING FIELD TRIP WRAP-UP

The field trip was a success despite the missing bus which forced some car-pooling. A good time was had by all at the many interesting sites viewing faults (or unconformities?!). Thank you to all the members and guest speakers that participated in the trip. Thanks to all the firms that contributed the refreshments which were greatly appreciated late in the afternoon! A big Thank you to JEFF HOLT for the fine job in successfully organizing the event.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

JOHN H. HANSEN, formerly of R & M Consultants, Inc., has taken a position with Leighton & Associates as Project Manager.

A concentrated four weekend graduate course was conducted in April by ROY SHLEMON at CSULA. The class focused on engineering geologic applications of Quaternary geology and soil stratigraphy. The course was enjoyed by all including the many practicing geologists who were able to take it because of the weekend scheduling.

JOHN BYER, Kovacs-Byer and others, presented a talk in April, 1983 to the Los Angeles Chapter of the Society of Real Estate Appraisers. JOHN's talk, entitled "Geologic Factors Which Could Affect the Value of Hillside Properties", included numerous slides by FRANK DENISON of interesting hillside problems.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

PLEASE send written comments, news and what have you to your Editor for the Newsletter. Member input has been weak the last couple of months. Your comments are of interest and are wanted.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Laugh at yourself before anyone else can". Elsa Maxwell

"It is easy to be critical. The real test is to come up with constructive alternatives." Bits and Pieces

"Group harmony is seldom achieved without personal sacrifice". Bits and Pieces

"A group becomes a team when each member is sure enough of himself and his contribution to praise the skills of the others." Norman G. Shidle

EDITORIAL

"HE WHO LIVES IN A GLASS HOUSE"

We have all heard fellow geologists questioning another geologist's professional abilities, geologic opinions, or capabilities. It is the nature of geologists to question theories and opinions as we did while in the academic environment. But, negative and derogatory appraisals of another professional's work can increase the potential for legal conflicts as well as foster a negative public opinion of geologists. This would not be in the best interests of the profession or the Association. Engineering Geologists are faced with a very difficult, if not impossible job of making hillside and the associated construction completely risk free. Numerous circumstances, some beyond our control, can result in problems. The public should be informed of the limitations of our profession and we should be supportive of our fellow practicing professionals. If they are not performing up to standards, the geologist, the Association and the Registration Board should be so informed. The amount of litigation against geotechnical professionals should not be increased by the geotechnical community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

So as to better inform the group, monthly status reports from the active Committee Chairpersons is requested. The reports should be mailed to your Editor at least 2½ weeks prior to the upcoming meeting so that they can be included in the newsletter.



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