

July 2011

Upcoming ACEC/NC Events & Activities

ACEC/NC - PENC Joint Summer Conference

August 11 - 14, 2011
Marriott Grande Dunes
Myrtle Beach, SC

Public and Private Higher Education Design and Construction Symposium

September 22, 2011
9:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.
Jane S. McKimmon Center
Raleigh, NC

ACEC/NC/DOT Joint Transportation Conference

October 18, 2011
7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Jane S. McKimmon Center
Raleigh, NC

...more details to come!

Positions Available

For more information on these job postings and how to apply, please refer to the jobs board on the ACEC/NC website at www.acecnc.org/jobs.aspx.

ColeJenest & Stone is currently seeking an experienced **Project Manager/Civil Engineer** to join their team in Raleigh.

Hipp Engineering & Consulting has the following positions open:

Electrical Engineer (PE preferred)

Mechanical, Electrical, I&C Designer/Drafters

Engineering Project Administrator

JEWELL Engineering Consultants, PC, is looking to hire an engineer (PE preferred, EI acceptable) with training and experience working in the **Water Resources** field, especially **Stormwater Management**.

Survivor: Summer Conference



ACEC/NC and PENC have joined together to present a Summer Conference that features a fantastic lineup of topics highlighting how engineers can - and are - surviving in the new North Carolina. We hope that you will join us for what is sure to be the engineering event of the year!

HOTEL INFORMATION

Marriott Grande Dunes Resort & Spa
8400 Costa Verde Drive
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

Forgot to make your hotel reservation? Contact Tia Jones at tjones@acecnc.org. We still have a handful of rooms on hold!

REGISTRATION

ACEC/NC and PENC Members: \$350.00 (after August 4th - \$375.00)
Spouse and Guests Over 18: \$225.00 (after August 4th - \$250.00)
Children age 3-18: \$50.00
Children 2 and Under: Free
Golf Outing: \$80.00
Spouse or Guest Over 18 Friday Lunch Additional Fee: \$37.00

CLICK HERE to register through the PENC website. Questions about registration? Contact PENC at 919-834-1144.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

ACEC/NC and PENC Member Rate:
Private party at Crocodile Rocks on Thursday, 8/11th with family-friendly entertainment, dinner and two drink tickets. Breakfast sandwiches, breakfast potatoes, fruit display, coffee, tea and juice on Friday, 8/12th and Saturday, 8/13th. Educational sessions worth 9.5 PDH credits. Plated luncheon on Friday, 8/12th. Low Country Boil-Style dinner with open beer and wine bar on Friday, 8/12th. Access to complimentary hospitality suite with snacks, beer, wine, sodas, water and more!

Presidents' Message

ACEC/NC Members:

We hope that each of you are enjoying your Summer and that your companies are beginning to see some degree of recovery from the economic downturn that has wounded this industry so deeply over the past several years. Most firms are reporting a sense of cautious optimism and that workloads are slowly but surely beginning to increase.

As we begin a new leadership year within the organization, we wanted to take a moment to share with you some of the significant accomplishments that ACEC/NC has achieved over the past year on behalf of you, our member firms. The volunteers within our membership and the staff who run the organization day-to-day have worked extremely hard to promote the business interests of the engineering industry, to protect member firms from damaging actions and decisions made by clients and/or political leaders, to provide excellent networking and educational events, to improve and expand the ways in which we communicate with the membership, and have doggedly pursued pro-engineering legislation while defeating potentially harmful bills at the North Carolina General Assembly. Here are some of the incredible highlights from the 2010-2011 year:

- Migrated an antiquated and less-interactive ACEC/NC website to a new platform that streamlines the registration process for ACEC/NC events, gives every employee their own secure login, allows for group discussions to take place on the website so members can interact beyond face-to-face meetings, and provides detailed committee minutes, information and resources - all just a mouse-click away.
- Added "Twitter" and "Facebook" to the tools we use to deliver real-time, important information and updates to our membership.
- Worked successfully with NCDOT and FHWA to protect ACEC/NC member firms from being held financially responsible for monetary damages implied by incomplete audit findings when no real damages were incurred. After ACEC/NC became involved on behalf of the affected firms, FHWA and NCDOT ultimately reversed their decisions and rescinded the claim for monetary damages.
- Offered a total of 66 professional development hours to ACEC/NC members, including offering the third year of our increasingly-popular "Future Leaders" class, which allows member firms to nominate their rising stars and put them on a track to become firm leadership.

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PB Americas is searching for a **Supervising Water Resources Engineer**.

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Ramey Kemp & Associates, Inc. is searching for a **Senior Traffic Engineering and a Transportation Associate** for their Raleigh office.

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S&ME, Inc. is seeking an experienced **Senior Engineer** to support growth of their Charlotte practice.

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SEPI Engineering & Construction, Inc. has an opening for a **Traffic Engineer/Designer** in their Raleigh office.

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Summit Consulting - Engineering, Architecture and Surveying, PLLC has openings for the following positions:

Senior Geotechnical Project Engineer

CEI Transportation Technicians

Certified Drillers

To have your company's open positions included in the next NC Report, email info@acecnc.org

Spouse and Guests Over 18 Rate:

Private party at Crocodile Rocks on Thursday, 8/11th with family-friendly entertainment, dinner and two drink tickets. Breakfast sandwiches, breakfast potatoes, fruit display, coffee, tea and juice on Friday, 8/12th and Saturday, 8/13th. Low Country Boil-Style Dinner with open beer and wine bar on Friday, 8/12th. Access to complimentary hospitality suite with snacks, beer, wine, sodas, water and more! (Alcoholic beverages only available to those attendees 21 years of age or older).

Children's Rate:

Private party at Crocodile Rocks on Thursday, 8/11th with family-friendly entertainment and dinner. Breakfast sandwiches, breakfast potatoes, fruit display, coffee, tea and juice on Friday, 8/12th and Saturday, 8/13th. Kid's buffet of chicken fingers, salad, french fries and dessert on Friday, 8/12th. Access to complimentary hospitality suite with snacks, juice, sodas, water and more!

We look forward to seeing you all there!

The Great Collaboration

Are you registered to attend the Buildings & Infrastructure Committee's Public and Private Higher Education Design and Construction Symposium "The Great Collaboration," on September 22nd?

Come participate as the key decision makers in Design and Construction of North Carolina Public and Private Universities and Colleges come together to learn about the experience developed across the state in the higher education AEC industry. Funding may be a challenge, however, collaboration and knowledge can help build the strength needed to continue our state's position as one of the leaders in this field.

This event is expected to sell out so please register early to reserve your spot! Online registration will close and a wait list will be started if registration is full.

ACEC/NC and Public Sector Employee Rate:

\$65.00 Per Person Until August 31st
\$85.00 Per Person After August 31st

Non-Member Rate:

\$85.00 Per Person Until August 31st
\$105.00 Per Person After August 31st

For agenda and registration information, [CLICK HERE](#).

Mark Your Calendars!

These are highlights of our main events for the 2011-2012 fiscal year - but we'll certainly have added items as the year continues. Be certain you've set up your member account on our website to be notified of event details and registrations! In the meantime, mark your calendars for:

August

- 11th - 14th: Summer Conference, Myrtle Beach

September

- 22nd: Public and Private Higher Education Design and Construction Symposium, 9:30a.m. - 4:30p.m., Raleigh

October

- 18th: ACEC/NC/DOT Joint Transportation Conference, 7:30a.m. - 6:00p.m., Raleigh

November

- 10th: Engineering Excellence Awards, 5:30 - 8:30p.m., Cary

January

- 24th: Membership Seminar and Reception, 2:00 - 4:00p.m., Charlotte

February

- Environmental Education & Networking Event, Time to Be Announced, Raleigh

April

- 17th - 18th: Consulting Congress Days, Washington, D.C.

May

- Federal Forum, Time to Be Announced, Raleigh
- 16th: Client LEO Awards, Raleigh

June

- Engineering Day at the NC Legislature, Time to be Announced, Raleigh

We hope you'll plan to attend as many of these events as possible!

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- Hosted our largest Engineering Excellence Awards Gala in ACEC/NC history, with 36 total entries received and 24 awards presented.
- Led a group of 37 ACEC/NC members on our annual "Consulting Congress Day" trip to Washington, D.C., to lobby our North Carolina delegation on issues of critical importance to the engineering industry. According to ACEC/National, ours was believed to be the largest group of all 50 states!
- Took advantage of the then-sluggish commercial real estate market and relocated the ACEC/NC offices to a more prominent downtown location with greater ease to the North Carolina General Assembly, negotiating a net decrease in rental costs as compared to the last long-term lease at our previous office space.
- Secured passage of a special provision in the North Carolina state budget requiring for the next two years that Clean Water Management Trust Fund dollars only be awarded to construction-related projects and limiting land acquisition expenditures to the purchase of conservation easements that are directly tied to a water resources project.
- Secured passage in the North Carolina State Senate of our bill to provide "certificate of merit" protections for engineers in North Carolina. The bill is set to be taken up by the North Carolina House of Representatives when the General Assembly reconvenes in May 2012. Once passed, this legislation will curtail frivolous lawsuits against our member firms and will result in substantial decreases in professional liability insurance rates in our state.
- Successfully defeated several pieces of dangerous legislation that would have dictated design standards and materials selections through law, removing the engineer's judgment from those design decisions.
- Successfully partnered with the NCDOT to adopt a robust, established goal for their utilization of private engineering firms. NCDOT has agreed - and had codified into law in the State budget - a goal of privatizing a minimum of 50% of all of the work in each of the practice units.
- Successfully worked with more than a dozen units of local government to persuade them to rescind requests for fees as part of their RFQs, not exempt themselves from the qualifications-based selection (QBS) laws, and adhere to the QBS process in selecting firms to perform their work.

... and those are just some of what ACEC/NC has been doing on your behalf over the last 12 months!!!

Financially, ACEC/NC remains on sound footing, despite the impact that firm closings, employee layoffs and slight decreases in sponsorship purchases have had on the organization's budget. Because the ACEC/NC Board of Directors, who are made up of representatives of member firms, have been acutely aware of the financial challenges faced by our members, ACEC/NC has not increased member dues in any of the past five years. Instead, the Board has challenged the ACEC/NC staff to control expenses and find creative ways to continue to be an effective, outspoken advocate for our member firms with political leaders, client entities, and industry partners, to foster two-way, user-friendly communication with and among member firms, and to continue to offer outstanding programs and events for our member firms. Additionally, for the last two years, the Board has adopted an annual budget for the organization that modestly dips into the organization's reserves instead of increasing member dues. However, this year in addition to adopting a budget that again dips into the organization's reserves, the Board, believing that a small increase in dues is appropriate after a five-year period of no increases, voted in favor of a 5% increase in member dues for the upcoming fiscal year.

With your continued support and involvement, we are confident that we will continue to realize even more incredible successes on behalf of our state's engineering industry in the coming year. If you are not already involved in one of the ACEC/NC Committees or Forums, we encourage you to get involved. These groups provide excellent opportunities to network and share best-practices with others in the industry and, often, your clients. For more information on ACEC/NC Committees and Forums, feel free to contact Tia Jones, ACEC/NC Special Events Coordinator & Membership Liaison, at tjones@acecn.org, or you can read about each of them on the ACEC/NC website at www.acecnc.org.

We are privileged to serve in a leadership capacity in this organization, and we look forward to working with you in the coming year and seeing you at an ACEC/NC event in the near future.

Sincerely,

Fred Burchett, PE
2010-11 ACEC/NC President

Steve Thomas, PE
2011-12 ACEC/NC President

ACEC/NC-PENC-ASCE Partner for a Networking Social

Members of ACEC/NC, PENC and ASCE met for a networking social at the Durham Bulls Ballpark on Wednesday, July 27th. This event was sponsored by the Environmental Committee as their kick-off event for the new fiscal year to encourage interest and build relationships outside of the typical meeting format. Attendees enjoyed a cook-out style buffet in a private picnic area while cheering on the home team! The group's cheers were loudest as one attendee – six-year-old Landon Dunbar (son of Josh Dunbar, Environmental Committee Vice-Chair) – ran the bases and met the Bull's mascot, Wool E. Bull (pictured below). If you are interested in joining the Environmental Committee, please contact Tia Jones at tjones@acecnc.org.



ABOVE: 6-year-old Landon Dunbar prepares to race Wool E. Bull around the bases.

Meet Your 2011-2012 Board of Directors

President: Steve Thomas, P.E., SEPI Engineering & Construction, Inc., Raleigh

President-Elect: Randy Neuhaus, P.E., S&ME, Inc., Raleigh

Vice President: Valoree Eikinas, P.E., Mulkey Engineers & Consultants, Cary

Secretary/Treasurer: Jeff Douglas, P.E., HDR, Inc., Raleigh

National Director: Fred Burchett, P.E., Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc., Cary

Directors:

Dan Boone, P.E., The Wooten Company, Raleigh

Bill Hood, P.E., Michael Baker Engineering, Cary

Greg Wells, P.E., Willis Engineers, Charlotte

Louise Slate, P.E., AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc., Durham

Bill Smith, P.E., Stanford White, Inc., Raleigh

Jim Smith, P.E., Taylor Wiseman & Taylor, Cary

Committee Happenings

If you are interested in joining any of our committees (listed below), please contact Tia Jones at tjones@acecnc.org.

Buildings & Infrastructure: The B&I Committee continues to plan their Higher Education Design and Construction Symposium on September 22nd. If you have not registered yet, [CLICK HERE](#) to do so! The next B&I Subcommittee meetings will be held at the ACEC/NC office on August 3rd.

Economic Development

Environmental

Federal

Human Resources: The HR Forum's next meeting will be on Thursday, September 29th with speaker Kimberly Day-Lewis with Raleigh's EEOC office. The forum plans to again utilize McKim & Creed's Raleigh, Charlotte and Wilmington offices to video conference.

Legislative

PR/Marketing: This Forum's next meeting will be at Mulkey's Cary office on August 17th at 1:30pm

Senior Leaders

Small Business Forum

Transportation: The Transportation Committee has a meeting scheduled for Monday, August 15th from 3-5pm at Stantec's office in Raleigh.

Coming Together for a Common Cause



ABOVE: The Climb for Water team added more to their overall mission by adopting a local orphanage in Moshi where they will distribute donated shoes and install a life-saving water purification system.

You might recall in our September 2010 issue we highlighted a unique charitable campaign called “Climb for Water” which was started by engineers in North Carolina as a way to bring focus to the water and sanitation crisis plaguing underdeveloped and crowded urban areas around the world.

Climb for Water is a completely homegrown grassroots effort that has been gaining steady momentum for nearly a year. Now the remarkable journey of four brave mountaineers is about to take center stage as they depart for Africa in August.

Despite the competitive nature of the engineering consulting business, this campaign has been able to bridge the gap and bring together some of North Carolina’s most influential engineering firms for this common cause.

“When we devised this plan our goal all along was to demonstrate how socially conscious the engineering industry in North Carolina could be,” says Kraig Kern, the campaign’s founder and climber. “We have been thrilled by the outpouring of support these firms have given our team since the beginning. Ultimately we’re trying to save lives together and do it on behalf of all North Carolina engineering companies,” Kern adds.

As of today, Climb for Water has received corporate sponsorships from many ACEC/NC member firms including: WK Dickson & Co., Inc.; AMEC Earth & Environmental; GHD; HDR, Inc.; McKim & Creed; S&ME; Stewart Engineering; Thomas & Hutton; US Infrastructure; Vaughn & Melton; and The Wooten Company.

Upon completion of their journey, 100% of the money raised by the corporate sponsorships and individual donors will benefit Water for People, a global organization that helps people in developing countries improve quality of life by supporting the development of locally sustainable drinking water resources, sanitation facilities, and hygiene education programs.

As the months of planning and training have passed, the Climb for Water team has been able to add new and important missions to their original plans. For instance, they have partnered with another non-profit organization named Soles4Souls who provided them with nearly 100 pairs of brand new shoes to be distributed to a poverty-stricken orphanage in Moshi, Tanzania prior to the group’s attempt to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Additionally, as a direct result of fundraising, the team will be installing two state-of-the-art, commercial grade reverse osmosis water purification systems for the same orphanage. Recent reports indicate their current water supply contains dangerous contaminants such as salmonella and coliform bacteria as well as other toxins such as fluorine, a harmful, corrosive oxidant. The new water purification system will remove virtually 100% of the harmful elements and help the kids stay in the classroom and out of the local hospital.

“We greatly appreciate the support by member firms, and it’s because of them we were able to actually get ‘hands-on’ with a project that will have a direct and immediate impact on hundreds of lives,” says Scott Whalen, co-founder and climber. “We’re excited we could add this project to our plans.”

The Climb for Water team indicated that they are still far from their fundraising goal and encouraged other firms to join the impressive list of sponsors who are participating in the cause. A convenient PDF of the sponsorship form can be found on the campaign’s website at www.climbforwater.org under the “donate” link.

Transportation Conference Set for October 18th



Save the date for our annual ACEC/NC/DOT Transportation Conference scheduled for October 18, 2011 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. Join the expected 450+ attendees while they are “Exploring Transportation” through sessions including: “New Roadway Designs and Processes in NC”, “Emerging Technology: There’s an App For That”, “Cool Projects Near and Far”, and “Energy and Sustainability”. Jim Trogdon and Gene Conti will also address the group and our keynote speaker is Doc Hendley! This NC native is a 2009 CNN “Hero” Award winner and is CEO and founder of Wine to Water. Visit www.winetowater.org and www.dochendley.com to learn more about this presenter’s fascinating story that reminds us that one person can make a difference. Full registration and sponsorship information coming soon!

Making Connections

On May 26th, over 100 ACEC/NC and PENC members attended the E-PAC Luncheon to hear Governor Perdue address the group. After speaking, the Governor (center) kindly took a moment to smile with (from left to right) Herb Congdon, Henry Liles, Sepi Asefnia and Fred Burchett.



Member Firms in the News

Anderson & Associates, Inc.

Anderson & Associates, Inc. would like to congratulate **Chris Kaknis, PLS** on **earning his North Carolina Professional Land Surveyor licensure**. Chris is an Associate Vice President of Survey at Anderson & Associates and also holds Professional Land Surveyor licensures in Virginia and West Virginia.

Cavanaugh & Associates, PA

Cavanaugh, an innovative, multi-faceted consulting firm specializing in civil, environmental and agricultural engineering based in Winston-Salem, NC celebrated numerous milestones during their first quarter. **Marvin S. Cavanaugh, Sr.**, an owner of the firm, Project Manager and Principle-in-Charge was recently **appointed to the NC Environmental Management Commission** and will serve on the Air Quality, Renewable Energy and Water Allocation committees. Mr. Cavanaugh, Sr. brings over forty-seven years of professional experience in the public and private sectors to the commission.

Cavanaugh also reported that Vice President and Director of Engineering Operations **Gus Simmons**, was **named the 2011 Board President for The North Carolina Irrigation Society**, a non-profit founded to educate and promote the sound practices of irrigation throughout NC. Mr. Simmons' brings to the Board his in-depth knowledge and expertise in the following areas: reclaimed water, advanced waste treatment, waste-to-energy, irrigation and utility efficiency.

Clark Nexsen Architecture & Engineering

Clark Nexsen Architecture & Engineering recently **hired Lindsey Clendaniel, EI** as a **structural engineer** in the Raleigh office.

Clark Nexsen also recently **received two Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) Illumination Awards** for their design of the interior lighting in their Washington, DC office and Raleigh, NC office. The DC office designers were Patrick Licklider, PE and Ginger Pinckard, CID, IIDA. The Raleigh office designers were David Williams, EI, Jon Cardenas, AIA and Anthony Garcia, Associate AIA. All of the designers work in Clark Nexsen's Raleigh office.

Dewberry

Dewberry has **named Brigette Welton marketing manager** in the firm's Raleigh office. In her new role, Welton will manage pursuit and proposal efforts, provide guidance in strategic planning alongside the leadership team, and engage in partnership development.

With more than 15 years of experience, Welton has extensive marketing knowledge within the engineering industry. She began her career with Dewberry in 1995 as a marketing coordinator and worked with several of ENR's Top 100 Design Firms prior to returning to Dewberry.

Welton earned her bachelor's degree in political science and international relations from Western Carolina University.

Dewberry also would like to congratulate:

Michael Younts, Jamie Gregg and Jason Devine on **passing the PE exam**.

Christopher Brown and Steven Harvey, who recently **obtained their certifications as DBIA professionals**.

Johnny Wood for **passing the Certified Commissioning Authority Exam**.

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ECS Carolinas, LLP

ECS Carolinas, LLP would like to congratulate Charlotte's **Robert C. Link, P.E.** for becoming **NCDOT Plant Inspector Certified**, as well as Greenville's **Stephen Wright, E.I.** for **passing his Fundamentals of Engineering Exam**.

ECS Carolinas, LLP is pleased to announce the **recent hiring of Christopher Cogburn and Andrew Lane as Engineering Technicians** for its Asheville Office, as well as the **hiring of Jordan Smith as a Field Technician** for its Charlotte Office.

Froehling & Robertson, Inc.

Froehling & Robertson, Inc. is pleased to announce that **Jim Jervis has joined their Charlotte office** as a Business Development Manager.

Jim has performed sales and management duties for over 20 years, including over a decade of senior-level leadership experience.

Gannett Fleming, Inc.

Gannett Fleming would like to congratulate **Jeff Kepich** on **passing the North Carolina Professional Engineer (P.E.) exam**. Jeff is a bridge engineer in the firm's Raleigh office.

HDR Engineering, Inc.

HDR is pleased to announce that **Keith Kowadlo, PE** has **joined the firm as Federal Program Manager** in their Charlotte, NC office. A decorated combat veteran of Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Keith brings to HDR 32 years of demonstrated leadership experience in federal marketing, program management, construction, training/operations, and security. Keith's primary responsibility will include working with the Federal, Energy, and Resource Management Business Group in managing the business development and program execution for Federal sector clients in the Mid-Atlantic. Keith may be contacted at keith.kowadlo@hdrinc.com or 704-338-6739.

Kleinfelder

Kleinfelder, a global science, architecture and engineering consulting firm, is proud to **welcome Colin Davis, P.E.**, as a senior project manager in the firm's Charlotte office. Davis brings with him more than 25 years of civil, geotechnical, and construction materials engineering and testing (CoMET) experience.

In his new role, Davis will provide additional technical and operational leadership support to the region, with specific responsibilities including management of technical staff, clients and projects, as well as business development.

Prior to joining Kleinfelder, Davis held various senior-level management positions with several firms throughout the Carolinas, where his roles encompassed a broad range of management, technical and business development responsibilities. Throughout this time, Davis has been active with a number of industry associations, including the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), the National Association of Industrial/Office Properties (NAIOP) and the North Carolina Economic Developers Association (NCEDA).

Ramey Kemp & Associates, Inc.

Ramey Kemp & Associates, Inc. announces six **new hires** to strengthen the company's services in transportation engineering, planning and design across the Southeast United States.

Joining Ramey Kemp & Associates, Inc. are **Carl Hultgren, P.E.**, Richmond, VA regional manager; **Matthew Thigpen, P.E.**, roadway design engineer; **Nicholas Burns, E.I.**, signal design associate; **Joshua Reinke, E.I.**, transportation associate; **Cynthia Harris**, marketing assistant; and **Amanda Bowers**, marketing director.

RS&H Architects-Engineers-Planners, Inc.

RS&H has elected **Chad H. Critcher, PE, AICP, CFM, LEED® AP BD+C**, as **Vice President of its Transportation/Infrastructure Program**. Mr. Critcher has served as the transportation leader of RS&H's Charlotte office since 2008. During this time, his success in growing the firm's transportation services in North Carolina has led to the office more than doubling in size.

Mr. Critcher has over 20 years of transportation planning and engineering experience. He has served as Project Manager on several notable projects throughout the state, including the East End Connector in Durham, the Topsail Island Bridge Replacement over the Intracoastal Waterway, and the Oakdale Road Reconstruction in Charlotte, featured in the 2010 City Streets edition of Roads & Bridges magazine.

Mr. Critcher received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and a Masters of Civil Engineering from North Carolina State University.

STV/Ralph Whitehead Associates

STV/Ralph Whitehead Associates is pleased to announce that **Scott Bruggeman has joined the firm** as a Senior Designer in the Charlotte, NC office. A graduate of Northwest Kansas Technical College, Scott has 24 years of experience with emphasis on Transportation Civil/Rail Design.

They are also pleased to announce that **Chris Parker has joined the firm** as a Senior Designer in the Charlotte, NC office. Chris is the former owner of Parker Visuals, Inc. and was previously employed with NCDOT for 20 years. His specialty is in 3D Visualization (computer animations and renderings) for civil projects.

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STV/Ralph Whitehead Associates would also like to welcome **Brandon Fulton, LSS, PSC, PWS**, who **has joined the firm** as an Environmental Scientist in the Charlotte, NC office. Brandon co-founded Carolina Environmental Consultants and has 8 years of environmental consulting experience with an emphasis in soil.

Summit Consulting - Engineering, Architecture and Surveying, PLLC

Summit Consulting, as Salt Bodyne, will be **performing in the Triangle Battle of the Bands** on September 24th at 7pm at the American Tobacco Quad. The event is an annual fundraiser to support the NC Arts in Action. For more details, go to www.trianglebattle.com.

Summit would also like to welcome the following **new employees: Michelle Kempinski, RLA, Stephen Dodson, EI, Michael Scarlett, PE, Dale Goodman, and Paul Weaver, LG.**

Taylor Wiseman & Taylor

Taylor Wiseman & Taylor is pleased to announce the **addition of James Pearsall, PLS** to their staff in Charlotte, NC as Survey Department Manager. Jim has a BS degree in Industrial Technology from Ohio University and over 20 years of experience in all facets of land and construction survey operations. He is registered in the states of NC, SC, TN, and OH.

Billy DiGiacomo, PLS from their Cary office, was informed that he **passed the Professional Land Surveyors Exam** in North Carolina. He also joins their growing group of professionals in the North Carolina offices providing surveying and mapping services throughout the southeast.

WK Dickson & Co., Inc.

WK Dickson & Co., Inc. is rapidly growing and wishes to recognize the following **new team members: Earl Bingham** is a new designer in the watershed sciences group; **Wes Carter** is a new project engineer in the water & wastewater group; **Candace Guinn** is the new administrative assistant in the firm's Augusta office; **Angela Hall** is the new administrative assistant in the Hickory office; **Douglas Morrison** is a new project manager in the geomatics group; **Justin Smith** is a new IT administrator; **Kim Peddie** is the new administrative assistant in the Wilmington office; **Josh Werts** is a new GIS programmer in the geomatics group; and **Barbara Milam** is the new administrative assistant in the Atlanta office.

Also, **James Michel and Matt Hypes** of the Wilmington office **received their PE licenses** in the State of North Carolina.

Additionally, **Scott Whalen** has been **appointed to serve on the American Public Works Association's (APWA) Center for Sustainability Leadership Group**. This is a national, 2 year term that will begin in September.

Withers & Ravenel, Inc.

Withers & Ravenel is pleased to announce that **Jeffrey S. Thompson, PE** has **joined the firm** as manager of the Wilmington office. Jeff has more than nine years of diversified experience in Civil Engineering including water, wastewater, stormwater management, and site development projects. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from North Carolina State University.

Withers & Ravenel would also like to congratulate **Lee Weaver, PE** for **earning his Professional Engineering License**.

Withers & Ravenel is also pleased to announce that **Greg Strickland celebrated his 25th anniversary** with the company on May 27th. He is the first employee to have reached this milestone.

*To submit your company's news or positions available for inclusion in the next NC REPORT, please email your news items to Karen Lee at the ACEC/NC office by **CLICKING HERE**.*

Welcome to Our New Members!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of ACEC/NC: ColeJenest & Stone of Charlotte, Pease Engineering and Architecture, PC of Charlotte, Jamestown Engineering Group, Inc. of Jamestown, Teeter Engineering Group, PA of Charlotte, RC Engineering Consulting Firm, PLLC of Concord, K&L Gates, LLP of Raleigh, McGladrey of Raleigh, Engineered Designs, Inc. of Raleigh, Lighthouse Engineering, PA of Raleigh, Pabst & Hilburn, PA of Raleigh, SK Environment & Engineering, PLLC of Hampstead, Financial Directions Group, Inc. of Cary, Civil Design Concepts, PA of Asheville, and Smith Debnam Narron Drake Saintsing & Myers, LLP of Raleigh.

Welcome to all of you!