UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2019

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Keynote Speaker Mr. Jason Brock, Maintenance Engineering Department Manager with Harris County Flood Control District

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American Shooting Centers

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Keynote Speaker Lieutenant General Todd T. Semonite, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers held at the Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Field

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Science & Engineering Fair of Houston
Pacee Bean volunteered as a judge

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April General Membership Meeting
Keynote Speaker Roberto Trevino, Executive Vice President, Planning and Engineering & Construction for METRO

★ April 6, 2019
STEM Committee – Scout Fair 2019
Maheshwor KC conducted an exhibit during the Scout Fair
On March 6th, the SAME Houston-Galveston Post welcomed Devon Tiner, P.E., PMP, Assistant Director of Building Standards at the Houston Airport System as presenter at the March General Membership Meeting. Mr. Tiner presented on the upcoming capital improvements plan for both Hobby Airport and Bush Intercontinental Airport, and how both are planned for expansions to accommodate more flight traffic. Mr. Tiner then went on to present on the Houston Airport System Building Standards and Permits system. It was interesting to learn that the Houston Airport System has its own building standards group including code review and inspections for its construction projects. We also learned that the Houston airport system budget is funded separately from City taxes. Our Post President, Yvonne Rivera, followed the discussion by presenting a Post President’s coin. Thank you for your presentation, Mr. Tiner!
Science & Engineering Fair of Houston
By: Pacee Bean

The Science and Engineering Fair brought the brightest and most creative students from the Houston area. The students ranged from 6-12th grade. Pacee Bean was a judge for the junior engineering topics ranging from civil, mechanical and electrical. The judging was difficult because these students had such great research and experiments. It was an amazing to see the excitement for STEM programs.

ROTC Award Ceremony
By: Tom Martens

On Saturday morning, March 30th, an awards ceremony was held for ROTC students at the Museum of the American GI in College Station. At the event, the SAME Houston/Galveston Post recognized two students for outstanding achievements, MIDN 1/C Kimberlee Jenson of Prairie View A&M and MIDN 1/C Tullie St. John of Rice University. Mr. Tom Martens, Post Past President, presented both students with certificates of award and they will also be recognized with a free SAME membership and a monetary award.
On April 3, 2019, Mr. Roberto Trevino, Executive Vice President for Planning, Engineering & Construction, METRO, was the guest speaker at the general membership meeting. Mr. Trevino provided an overview on the METRONext program stating it is a solution for a great number of people. He believes transit is the answer to population growth. The Moving Forward Plan includes many improvements to help address universal accessibility and accommodate everyone in the community. The major investments include 110 miles of regional express network, 20 miles of extended LRT lines, 75 miles of new BRT system, 260 miles of BOOST & signature, 15 new or improved park & ride, transit centers, 3 community connectors, 25% increase in bus service. These will also include service and access improvements.

The projects within the plan have not been prioritized at this time. The top two project include the Inner Katy and University Line projects. The light rail extension projects include the following: Red line, Purple Line, Green/Purple Line, Green Line and High Capacity Transit to Missouri City/Sugarland (project development stage). The bus rapid transit projects include the following: IH 45 North Corridor, University Corridor (over 55,000 people would benefit from this 25.3 mile bus line), Gessner Corridor, Uptown, Inner Katy, Westheimer Corridor Signature Bus Service and BOOST network. This $7.5 Billion plan is expected to get adopted in July. METRO does not plan to staff up to complete these projects. They will engage local engineering firms to work as one team focused on the same goal.

For more information, check out the website - [https://www.metronext.org](https://www.metronext.org)
On Saturday, April 6, 2019, the SAME STEM Committee, led by Committee Chair Maheshwor KC, conducted a STEM exhibit focusing on Traffic Control Devices (TCDs) during the Scout Fair for Boys Scout of America at NRG Arena. STEM Committee members Holden McCollum, Tristan Robles and Scott Cunningham with SAME Houston post interacted with Scouts of all ages and interest to keep the exhibit informative, fun and hands-on.

During the exhibit, Maheshwor KC talked to the scouts about the design of Traffic Control Devices (color, shape, size, etc.) and have scouts identify these aspects of the TCDs for an intersection while Holden McCollum and Scott Cunningham explained how they work at the intersections. With the different age groups, Tristan Robles explained how different traffic control devices help drivers to figure out to drive safely through an intersection. After each scout group were introduced with the traffic control devices, they were tested by placing traffic signs in the vicinity of an intersection for multiple intersection scenarios.

In addition to providing educational offerings to youth through the STEM exhibit, the SAME Houston/Galveston Post STEM committee members highlighted Committee Mission and Goal to Scouts parents.
## May 2019

- **May 1st**
  - **General Membership Meeting**
  > Join us Wednesday, May 1st for our May General Membership Meeting at 11:30am at HESS Club. Join us for a presentation from Mr. Jason Brock, Maintenance Engineering Department Manager with Harris County Flood Control District. He will be speaking on the current Harvey Flood Control Projects.

- **May 17th**
  - **SAME Clay Shoot**
  > Join us Friday, May 17th for our annual Clay Shoot held at the American Shooting Center.

## June 2019

- **June 14th**
  - **Public Agency Banquet and Military Ball**
  > Join us on Friday, June 14th at the 2019 Public Agency Banquet and Military Ball at the Lone Star Flight Museum at Ellington Field. Our Keynote Speaker will be Lieutenant General Todd T. Semonite, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

## National Events

For More information on upcoming National events such as elections, scholarship applications, and STEM camps, please visit the SAME National’s calendar: [http://www.same.org/calendar](http://www.same.org/calendar)