



APEGGA
The Association of
Professional Engineers, Geologists
and Geophysicists of Alberta

Fort McMurray Branch

NEWSLETTER

September 2002

From the Chair's Desk



2002 is going to be one of the most exciting fall programs ever for the Fort McMurray Branch. We have many events planned: both fun and informative. Look forward to our Golf Tournament, Quiz Night and our annual Professional Development Session.

One of our goals for the branch this year is to continue to be the front-line contact with Engineers and Geoscientists who are not yet registered with APEGGA. Our booth at the Oilsands Tradeshow at the beginning of the month was a huge success, as we were able to answer questions and provide newcomers to the province with membership registration packages face to face.

Another goal this year is to actively build an email list for our Fort McMurray members. We will be attempting to contact all of you; expect to hear from us.

Our branch operates entirely on volunteer power. I want to acknowledge the efforts of our executive members and other volunteers who all contribute their time to bring these activities to you in Fort McMurray. Hope you will join us at an event this fall.

Kim Farwell P.Eng.

Fort McMurray Branch

Wine & Cheese

Tuesday October 22nd

Guest Speaker:
Brian Lade, P. Eng.

\$ 20 per person

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Test your knowledge of
Science & Technology and
other subjects at

Quiz Night

October 2002.
Details to follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2002 **Quiz Night**
Podollan Inns.
Date & Time to be announced.

October 22 **Wine & Cheese**
Location to be announced
\$ 20 per person.

November 2002 **Continuing Profession Development Seminar**
Details to be announced.

Trivia Question:

Which Canadian proposed the present system of standard time in the world is divided into 24 equal time zones on February 8, 1879? *Answer on Page 2.*

APEGGA 2002 Teacher Award

Every year APEGGA recognizes exceptional elementary, junior high and senior high school teachers through the Teacher Award program. The recipient of the award receives a framed certificate, a \$ 1,000 school prize, teaching aids and a recognition dinner hosted by the Fort McMurray Branch.

Mike Anderson P. Eng. presented this year's winner of the Fort McMurray Branch "Who Makes School Cool"

Fort McMurray Science Festival

The Fort McMurray Science Festival celebrating Science and Technology was held June 1 to 8, 2002.

The Fort McMurray APEGGA Branch was one of many sponsors of the festival and participated in the Science and Technology Showcase. The branch had a booth that featured many "mind bending" puzzles, experiments, and a demonstration of a Van der Graaf Generator.

Mike Anderson P. Eng, Anne Simpson P. Eng, Vic Saari P. Eng and Prakash Mullick P. Eng. ran the booth and performed the experiments.

2002/2003 BRANCH EXECUTIVE

The 2002/2003 Branch Executive was elected at the Annual General Meeting held on March 27th. The 2002/2003 Branch Executive for the APEGGA Fort McMurray Branch is:

Chair

Kim Farwell, P. Eng.

Past Chair

Mitchel Azmier, P. Eng.

Vice Chair / Secretary

Anne Simpson, P. Eng.

Treasurer

Jacob Oommachan, P. Eng.

Outreach Coordinator

Mike Anderson, P. Eng.

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Irfan Ahmad

Joseph Amalraj, P. Eng.

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Rattan Garcha, P. Eng.

Paul Hagar, P. Eng.

Hassan Halepota, M.I.T.

John Huntley, P. Eng.

Louise Michaud, P. Eng.

Prakash Mullick, P. Eng.

Vic Saari, P. Eng.

Mike Sneath, P. Eng.

Fort McMurray Science Olympics

The Fort McMurray APEGGA Branch, in conjunction with the OilSands Discovery Centre, held their annual Fort McMurray Science Olympics as part of the Fort McMurray Science Festival. The teams comprised of Grade 7 & 8 students from our local schools competed in the 3 events. The first event, the "Tower of Power", involved constructing a model tower. The second event, "Balloon Buggies", involved constructing a balloon-powered vehicle. The third event, "A Splitting Headache", involved constructing a container to protect a raw egg when catapulted into the air and parachuted to the ground, lands unbroken. The students designed and constructed very strong model towers; one team's tower (Mad Moberly Scientists) withstood a load of 254 kg. The results of the competition were:

Gold Medal:	Father Turcotte School Huskies #1
Silver Medal:	Moberly Hall Mad Moberly Scientists
Bronze Medal:	Father Turcotte School Huskies #2

Mike Sneath, P. Eng., Louise Michaud P. Eng., Paul Hagar P. Eng., and Todd Thompson judged the Science Olympics.

Trivia Question Answer: *Sir Sanford Fleming*