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November Meeting Details

Date: Tuesday November 17

Location: Old Market Pub

6959 SW Multnomah

Portland, OR

6:00 pm Social

7:00 pm Dinner

8:00 pm Presentation

Dinner: Salad and Pizza

$15 Dinner ($5 Students)

Reservations: mwegner@cornforthconsultants.com with "AEG Reservation" in the subject line or 971-222-2047 by 4pm Thurs. Nov. 12th.

There is a $2 surcharge for those who do not reserve by the deadline.

Upcoming Meetings:

Dec. 15—Duane Kreger
Jan. 19—TBA joint ASCE
Feb. 16—Ralph Soule
Mar. 17—TBA
Apr. 20—Student Night
May 18—TBA

The November Meetings Guest Speaker is Tim Shevlin—To Pin them or to Catch them: Two Solutions for Shallow Landslides

Two new solutions for solving shallow landslide problems include pinning them with Geobrugg's anchored TECCO® system or catching them with their brand new Shallow Landslide Barrier. Both systems are high-tensile strength, light-weight, flexible systems for mitigating shallow landslide hazards. These two solutions are cost-effective and efficient aternatives to large earthwork operations required for laying back steep slopes and rigid shotcrete applications.

The anchored TECCO® System uses the flexible, diamond shaped TECCO® mesh manufactured from high-tensile strength, highly corrosion-resistant wire. Geobrugg's Ruvolum dimensioning model aids in the engineering design of the TECCO® System. The high-tensile strength with a specilialized spike plate optimizes force transfer from mesh to a pattern of anchors. These system components allow the mesh to be pre-tensioned against the slope limiting deformations and shallow slides at critical surface sections. The mesh flexibility is intgral to the system in that it allows the mesh to conform to irregular slopes. The open mesh allows the slope to remain free darining and allows revegetaion of the slope. Numerous pinned (anchored) TECCO® system have been installed in soil and rock slopes across te world as an effective solutions to solving shallow slope failures.

Geobrugg's Shallow Landslide Barrier has been tested in four full-scale, 1:1 shallow landslide experiments at test sites in Switzerlland. At these sites artificial and induced shallow landslides have been sucessfully retained. Proto-type barriers are set up at the end of the acceleration zone to study the impact and filling loads and the interaction between the filling material and flexible barriers. The data collected during these tests is being used to refine the Shallow Landslide Barrier design in order to optimize the force tranmission and stopping of shallow landslide loads.

Speaker Bio: Tim Shevlin, PG

Tim Shevlin is an Engineering Geologist with more than 8 years experience performing geotechnical and geologic investigations. Mr. Shevlin has a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from Allegheny College and a Master of Science in Geology from Kent State University. He is also a licensed Professional Geologist in the State of Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining the Geobrugg team, Tim worked on both public and private sector projects for nationally-known engineering consulting firms performing geotechnical investigations and designs. He has experience working on commercial development projects, flood control projects, water tanks, dams, parks and recreation facilities, mine subsidence evaluations, groundwater contamination studies, levees, transit/railroad projects, and transportation projects. His design experience includes shallow and deep foundation design; slope stability analysis; retaining wall, MSE wall, and soil nail wall designs.

Tim is Geobrugg's Regional Manager for North West USA & Western Canada. He works out of the Salem, Oregon area.

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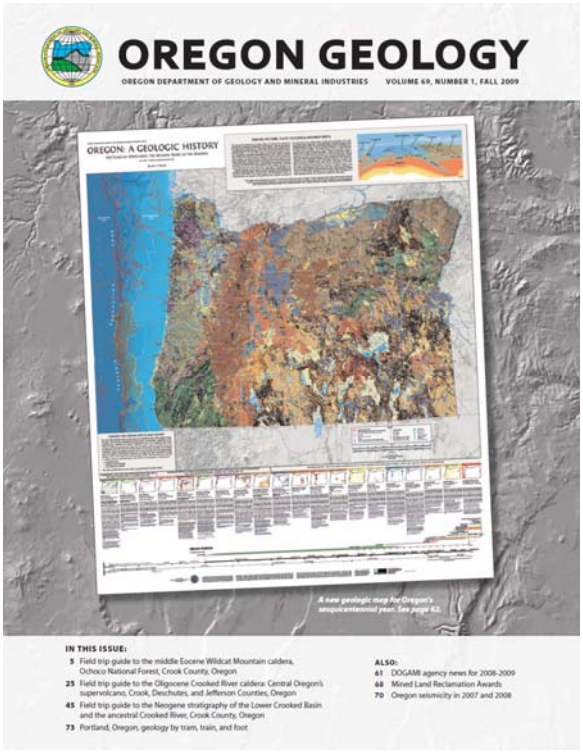


Portland, Oregon: The recently discovered "Supervolcano" near Prineville and Portland's amazing geologic history are featured in the new 96-page issue of Oregon Geology Magazine, published by the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries. You can download a free copy of Oregon Geology and the 4 field trip guides at: http://www.OregonGeology.org

Field trip guide to the Oligocene Crooked River caldera: Central Oregon's Supervolcano, Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties, Oregon, by Jason D. McClaughry, Mark L. Ferns, Caroline L. Gordon, and Karyn A. Patridge, visits three of central Oregon's state parks—Prineville Reservoir, Smith Rock, and Peter Skene Ogden Wayside—where key features of one of the largest explosive volcanic eruptions in the earth's history are prominently exposed.

Field trip guide to the middle Eocene Wildcat Mountain Caldera, Ochoco National Forest, Crook County, Oregon, by Jason D. McClaughry, Caroline L. Gordon, and Mark L. Ferns, will take you into the heart of the beautiful Ochoco Mountains to see the remnants of an ancient volcano, the 350 foot tall Steins Pillar, and sites where you can hunt for thundereggs. A third field trip guide into central Oregon — Field trip guide to the Neogene stratigraphy of the Lower Crooked Basin and the ancestral Crooked River, Crook County, Oregon, by Jason D. McClaughry, Mark L. Ferns, and Caroline L. Gordon — travels along the wild and scenic Crooked River near Prineville, between Ochoco Wayside State Park and Bowman Dam, to explore the development of the ancestral Crooked River.

Portland, Oregon geology by tram, train, and foot, by Ian P. Madin, provides a fun introduction to the amazing geology of the Portland area. Five field trip stops, all accessible by public transportation, take you to see evidence of monumental lava flows, ancient volcanos and the largest floods in the earth's history.

Message From The Chair

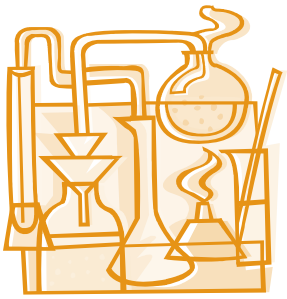
This last month has been busy time for the Oregon Section. Geological Society of America 2009 Annual Meeting was held in Portland this year. Attendance reached about 6,000. I would like to thank the many AEG members who chaired sessions, organized field trips, or presented papers this year at GSA this year to show AEG presence at GSA. Oregon Section held our monthly section meeting during GSA week. Title "Modeling to Monitoring: Streambed Scour at Bridges in Alaska" presented by Jeff Conway, hydrologist with the USGS. The meeting was very well attended to overflowing. We were fortunate to have so many out of state visitors including three former past AEG presidents (Drs. Terry West, Mark Molinari, and Darrel Schmitz), three distinguish professors from Colorado School of Mines (Jerry Higgens, Paul Santi, and Keith Turner) and Dr. Darrel and Donna Schmitz with a large group of students from Mississippi State. I like to thank all of you who came to our monthly meeting demonstrating the commitment and activity of our Section.

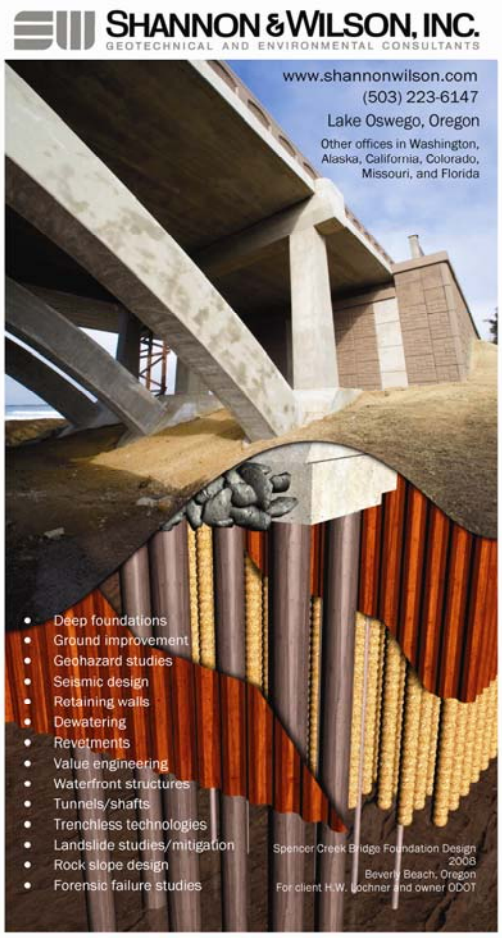
Oregon Section AEG Chair

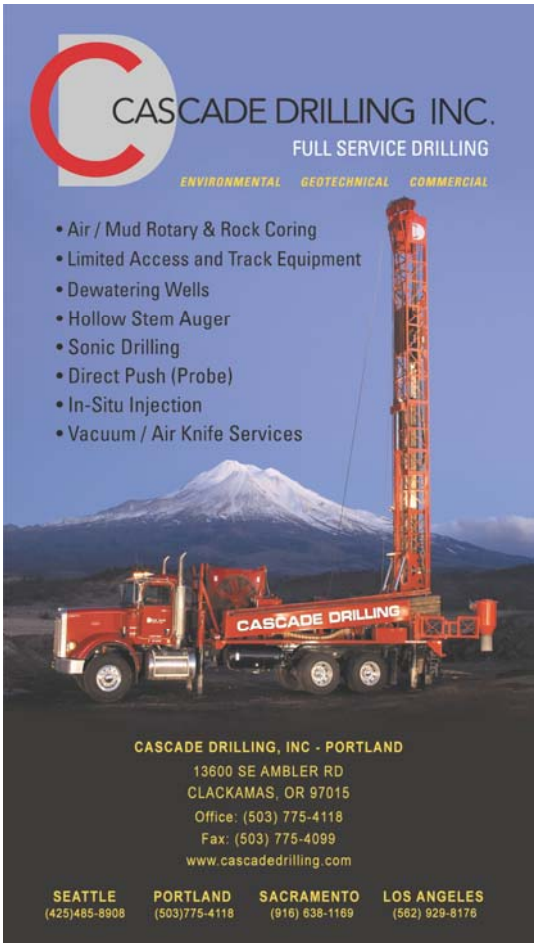
Dave Schofield

"Keen observation is at least as necessary as penetrating analysis"

Karl Terzaghi







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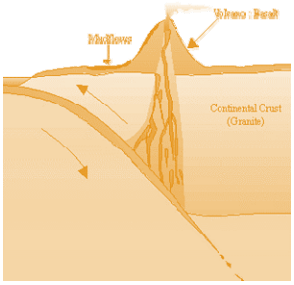

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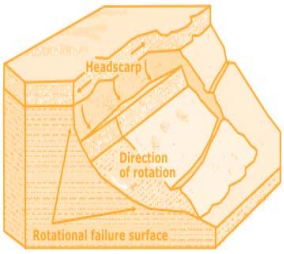

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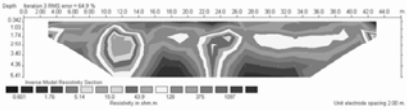

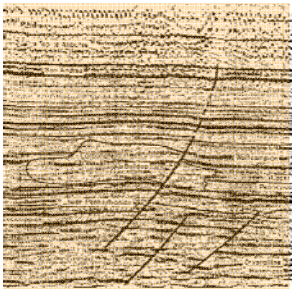

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