



Central Savannah River Section

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Mark your Calendars:

UPCOMING AACEI-CSRA SECTION MEETINGS

3/25/10 Aaron Clements, C&C Automotive
4/29/10 Jim French, President, SRR
5/20/10 Joint Meeting with PMI
6/27-30/10 Annual Conference

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**5/07/10 EVP Workshop
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2010-2011 Board of Directors

The ACCEI Section of the Central Savannah River Area invites its current members to serve on the 2010-2011 Board Of Directors. Please contact Kathy Roberson if you are interested in participating on the AACEI-CSRA Section Board.

The 54th Annual Meeting in Atlanta GA

6/26/10 -- Certification Exams
4/27/10 -- Early Deadline for Certification Exam
5/11/10 -- Final Deadline for Certification Exam

Members and Friends Spotlight



AACEI Monthly Dinner Meeting March 25, 2010(Thursday)



**Aaron Clements - C&C Automotive
Reflecting on the Automotive Image**

It's that time again to renew your membership to AACEI

If you forgot to pay your dues, you can do so on our secure website today by clicking here: <http://www.aacei.org/PortalTools/Login.cfm> and logging in. If you have changed your address, phone number or e-mail address in the past year, please update it once you have logged into your profile, so we can provide membership services to you without interruption.



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President's Corner



Kathy Roberson
AACEI-CSRA
Section President

Join us at the next AACEI-CSRA Dinner meeting, featuring Aaron Clements! Among his several accomplishments, Aaron has hosted a radio talk show for the past 15 years. Join us on March 25th ! We are planning an Earned Value Professional (EVP) Certification Workshop for Friday, May 7, 2010. The workshop will be held at the Augusta State University.

The AACEI Section of the Central Savannah River Area invites its current members to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2010- 2011 Board of Directors. Potential candidates should submit a brief biographical sketch to Kathy Roberson by April 18. Board will present the list of candidates to the general membership and Board of Directors on May 2. This year's programs have been excellent, and we need your support to continue providing our membership the same quality and continuity of programs in the upcoming year. Also, serving on the AACEI-CSRA Board is an excellent way to earn credits towards your certification renewals!

If anyone is interested in attending a workshop in preparation for taking the CCC/CCE or for the EVP examination, contact Jim Hammond, Kathy Roberson or anyone on the board of directors of the AACEI_CSRA section.

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Today's Automobile Industry

The automobile industry has been going through some challenges and changes of a truly historic nature in the last few years. The major U.S. automobile manufacturers are facing bankruptcy. The best selling foreign makers are dealing with massive recalls.

When you want to buy a book or pay for dinner you can pay with cash or put it on a credit card. When you want to buy a computer you can put it on a credit card and pay for it the next month, or the month after, or maybe the month after that. But when you want or need to buy a car, the plastic usually isn't quite enough.

The auto industry relies heavily on financing to market their products. So the banking and financial markets crisis of 2008 hit the auto industry particularly hard. Aaron Clements of C&C Automotive has been involved at the national level with the industry and is well versed at communicating the issues and has been doing just that on a local talk radio station every Saturday morning for the last 15 years.

Predicting the Future can be Tricky

"The horse is here to stay, but the automobile is only a novelty – a fad"

---President of the Michigan Savings Bank, advising Horace Rackham (Henry Ford's lawyer) not to invest in the Ford Motor Company, 1903

Throwing caution to the winds, Rackham disregarded his banker's advice and bought \$5,000 worth of stock. When he sold his shares several years later, they were worth \$12.5 million.

"In 15 years, more electricity will be sold for electric vehicles than for light"

---Thomas Alva Edison, 1910

Though import sales could hit 425,000 in 1959, they may never go that high again."

---Business Week, January 17, 1958

"With over 50 foreign cars already on sale here, the Japanese auto industry isn't likely to carve out a big slice of the U.S. market for itself."

---Business Week, August 2, 1968

In 1997, 3.56 million Japanese cars were sold in the United States, and the first, second and fourth bestselling passenger cars in the U.S. market were all Japanese models.



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AACEI-CSRA Dinner Meeting March 25, 2010

Please RSVP by COB 3/22/10 to either:
David Larsen, 208-0815, david.larsen@srs.gov
Ronny McIver, 952-5942, ronny.mciver@srs.gov

5:45 p.m. Registration and Networking

6:30 p.m. Dinner and Program

Cost:

Members \$15 per person

Non-Members \$20 per person

Guests/Spouses are welcome

Location:

North Augusta Community Center

495 Brookside Drive

North Augusta, SC



**Aaron Clements - C&C Automotive
*Reflecting on the Automotive Image***



Aaron Clements is a native of Augusta, Ga. He was raised in the Automotive Repair Industry. At the age of 13 years old he could be found working alongside his father installing shocks or brakes at a tire store on Broad Street.

After graduating from High School he joined the Air Force. After technical training he became a Crew Chief on F-4 Fighter Jets. Though he was able to travel to many countries as he had hoped to do, he yearned to come back home and work with his father.

When it was time to re-enlist he chose to return home and join his father who had recently started a repair business. In its thirty year history, with help from his mother, sister and more recently his daughter Amanda, C&C Automotive has grown from two bays to thirty-five. In 2008 it was named Top Shop in the Nation by Motor Age Magazine.

Aaron, who is a Master Certified ASE Automotive Technician, was named ASE/NAPA Technician of the Year for the Atlanta Region every year from 1995 to 2005. Aaron has also hosted a Radio Talk Show for over 15 years. As you probably guessed, he loves what he does and loves to educate others about what he does.





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CERTIFICATION EXAM CALENDAR

Upcoming Certification Exam Dates for the CSRA

At the 54th Annual Meeting in Atlanta GA

6/26/10 Certification Exams

4/27/10 – Early Deadline for Certification Exam

5/11/10 – Final Deadline for Certification Exam

7/10/10 Certification Exams – Augusta State Univ.

4/27/10 – Early Deadline for Certification Exam

5/11/10 – Final Deadline for Certification Exam

11/6/10 Certification Exams – Augusta State Univ.

8/23/10 – Early Deadline for Certification Exam

9/06/10 – Final Deadline for Certification Exam

AACEI's Earned Value Professional (EVP) certification is recognized in Contractor Best Practices in Project Management.

AACE International's Earned Value Professional (EVP) certification was recognized in the recent publication of the Contractor Best Practices in Project Management prepared by the Energy Contractor Facilities Group (EFCOG) and the National Laboratory Directors Council (NLDC).

The EFCOG and NLDC released the "Best Practices in Project Management" on January 18, 2010

See Page 6 for the next EVP workshop



TCM: Cost Engineering on My Mind

At the Atlanta Marriott Marquis
Atlanta, GA

Sunday, June 27, 2010 thru Wednesday,
June 30, 2010

AACEI Annual Meeting Update: General Peter Pace, USMC (Ret.) is the Keynote Speaker

General Peter Pace retired from active duty on October 1, 2007 after more than 40 years of service in the United States Marine Corps.

Pace was sworn in as sixteenth chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on Sep. 30, 2005. In this capacity, he served as the principal military advisor to the President, the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council and the Homeland Security Council. Prior to becoming chairman, he served as vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Pace holds the distinction of being the first Marine to have served in either of these positions.



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AACEI–CSRA Section is offering the EVP Workshop this May

May 7, 2010
Earned Value Professional (EVP)
Certification Workshop

Augusta State University
Augusta, Georgia

(Reserve your seat by April 29, 2010)

The workshop is intended for anyone in the field of project or program management, project controls, cost engineering, planning, scheduling, finance, estimating or any other project or program related work who is preparing to take the EVP Certification Exam. Professionals attending the EVP Certification Workshop should be fairly knowledgeable and have at least an intermediate level of project or program experience.

The cost of the workshop is \$395.00 per person. The training workshop is co-sponsored by Augusta State University. Continuing education units, 1.0 CEU, will be awarded by ASU and attendees will receive a certificate from ASU. The cost includes course handouts, breakfast, lunch, and an Augusta State University (ASU) parking decal.

Remit payment (checks only) to:
AACE International, CSRA
Section
PO Box 749
Jackson, SC 29831-9998

Note: Workshops are authorized by SRS Site Training, and payment for SRS employees is possible with:

- a) *Management approval by completing and routing an Electronic Offsite Event Request (OER) through Lotus Notes (Sitewide Apps) and*
- b) *Forwarding a **hard copy** of the approved OER and the Class Flyer to SRS Accounts Payable (Jonell Obryant) for SRNS and Erin Booth or Matthew Soule for SRR.*

For Reservations:

Jim Hammond, EVP; (803)952-6790, email: james.hammond@srs.gov

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EVP Certification Study Guide, 2nd Edition

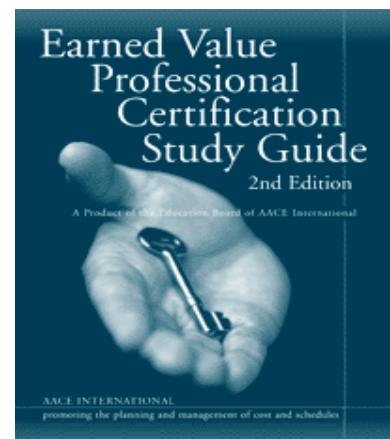
by Ken Cressman CCC EVP and Gary C. Humphreys, Editors
AACE International, 2009

This study guide is intended to assist you in your study and review of the overall topics as one step toward successful Earned Value Professional certification. The outline provides a listing of the terms you should know & topics for which you should have a good understanding of how to apply the concepts to solve problems. Each chapter also contains sample exercises, which test your knowledge of that chapter's concepts.

Price:

Member Price \$65.00

Non-Member Price \$95.00



Highlights from the February Dinner Meeting

Carla Caldwell,
Director of Project Vision with
Kathy Roberson, President of
AACEI-CSRA



Carla Caldwell from Project Vision was the guest speaker for the evening. Carla is the director of Project Vision for the United Way of Aiken County.

Project Vision helps hundreds of low income families around the county with a variety of home improvement projects such as: clearing yard debris, building wheelchair ramps, replacing roofs, cutting grass, planting flowers & painting.

The aid that is given is often to the poorest of families with nowhere else to turn. We were told of cases where homes were without a floor, a roof, running water or heat. The assistance is often provided without charge to the homeowner. So this organization accomplishes a tremendous amount with limited funds.

Project Vision is one of the three “projects” involved with the annual “SRS Days of Caring” that is coming up Friday, March 26th. The second work day is Project Serve: United Way for the CSRA on Friday, April 23d.

Third is Project Care: United Way Project for Barnwell County, Friday, April 23d

You can reach Carla at 803-279-1593, fax# 803-641-2887, E-mail: projectvision@bellsouth.net
United Way of Aiken County, Inc., 235 Barnwell Avenue, NW, SC



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Membership is open to cost and management professionals and visitors are welcome at Section meetings.

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