

**Mid-Michigan SAE Dinner and Program
Monday, September 21, 2015
6:00 PM Social Hour, 7:00 Dinner, 8:00 Program
Holiday Inn Flint**

5353 Gateway Center, Flint Township, Michigan
Students\$20, Retirees/Spouse\$25, Member/Spouse\$30, non-members, \$35

Dinner at 7pm: Menu choice: Beef or Chicken when making reservations
Reservations req'd by Sept.16 eMail: saemidmichsec@cs.com Online: www.midmichigansae.org

The Mid-Michigan Section of



<http://www.midmichigansae.org>

**“The Steam Railroading Institute and Famous Locomotive #1225”
Presented by Mr. Bruce Kuffer P.E.**



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Mr. Kuffer has been active for many years in the Steam Railroading Institute as an admirer, a volunteer, train car host and committee member. Based upon his experiences and his active involvement at the Steam Railroading Institute, Bruce will present a detailed overview of Steam Railroad Institute operations and activities.

Decades ago this organization had the foresight to breathe new life back into the famous Berkshire Steam Locomotive No.1225, which was used as the inspirational model for “The Polar Express” Christmas movie. Anyone who has been close enough to one of these magnificent operating locomotives and actually felt the ground shake beneath their feet as it passes by will never forget the experience! It is a real life experience and a magical part of SRI’s history and our future. It is one of those rare examples of our National American Past that still lives and breathes right here in Mid-Michigan.

The presentation will provide insight into the Steam Railroading Institute, its mission, and purpose going forward with the incredible No.1225 Steam Locomotive. Bruce will discuss many of the activities offered at the SRI facilities in Owosso, including outreach and educational programs which are ongoing, the mandated rebuild of the No.1225, and the train excursions that take their passengers to places throughout Michigan while building special memories.

Finally a glimpse at very special events such as the past 2009 TRAIN FESTIVAL (which drew people from all over the United States and Europe) and the Mega Event ... LOCOMOTIVES, WINGS & WHEELS TRAIN EXPO in June 2014. The Steam Railroad Institute will also come to life with a few video clips of the No.1225 locomotive.

The Mid-Michigan Section Governing Board extends an invitation to all SAE members, families, and guests to attend this technical and informational presentation which will be entertaining as well.



Mr. Bruce Kuffer is a Professional Civil Engineer / MTU Honor Graduate and has been active for many years in the Steam Railroading Institute as a volunteer, train car host, conductor, committee member, guest speaker and steam locomotive enthusiast.

Mr. Kuffer and his son have been members of this non-profit organization since 2008, but have been close to the SRI and its famous Steam Locomotive No.1225 for many years. He serves on a number of SRI Committees, is a Car Host on Train Excursions, conducts SRI Site Tours, represents their organization at Hobby Train Shows throughout Michigan, and presents Educational Programs about the SRI.

Ending up in the engine cab of the famous No. 1225 will add new meaning to his Professional Engineering career of over 40 years.



www.michigansteamtrain.com

Go to the SRI website for more information about Events, Excursions, the Steam Powered Locomotive #1225, and SRI membership.

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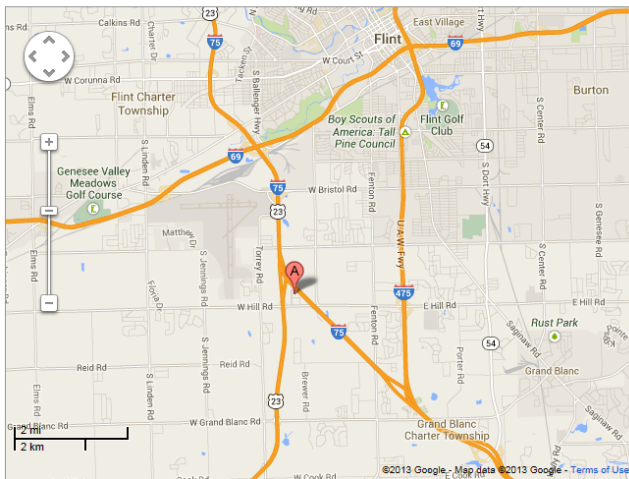


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Reservations required by Noon

Wed. Sept. 16, 2015

Menu choice: Beef or Chicken

Purchase Tickets online at:

<http://www.midmichigansae.org>

Contact: Bernard Santavy at:

SAEMidMichSec@cs.com

or (810)-635-7948

Next Event Technical Program on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at Zehnder’s of Frankenmuth.

“Vehicle Fuels”

Present and Future



Speaker: Coleman Jones

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