



# Leadership Development Seminar

Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007



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### Location:

Holiday Inn City Centre  
500 Hamilton Blvd.  
Peoria, IL 61602

### Schedule:

5:00 PM	Registration/Networking
5:30 PM	Buffet Dinner
6:30 PM	Program

### Speakers

**Thea Robinson, Operations Manager**  
Caterpillar Inc., US Operations – Decatur Facility

**Jim Les, Men’s Head Basketball Coach**  
Bradley University

**Martha Herm, Executive Director**  
Center for Prevention of Abuse

### Details

A buffet dinner that includes both meat and vegetarian options will be served. Cost is \$15 for SAE members, and \$18 for Non-members. RSVP by April 17<sup>th</sup> at either 800-512-1919 or [sae\\_reservations@yahoo.com](mailto:sae_reservations@yahoo.com).

### Additional Information

In addition to the event, there will be a women’s Suit Drive, to support the “Dress for Success” initiative. Please bring your donation that is in excellent condition and ready for use (laundered, ironed, on hangers and dry cleaned if necessary).

**Event hosted by the Society of Women Engineers and Society of Automotive Engineers**





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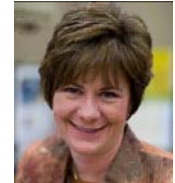
### Event Lead Note:

Leadership is a quality required for any organization to be successful. Every leader has his or her own leadership style that influences their organization in a unique manner. SAE is proud to co-host the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Development Seminar with SWE again this year to provide both organization's members an opportunity to build their leadership skills through presentations from three diverse leaders within the community followed by a question and answer session.

This year's presenters are Thea Robinson, Caterpillar Inc., Operations Manager; Jim Les, Bradley University, Men's Head Basketball Coach; and Martha Herm, Executive Director, Center for Prevention of Abuse. Please join us at 5:00pm on Wednesday, April 25 at the Holiday Inn City Centre in Peoria as these diverse community leaders will provide insights on key leadership qualities each of us can use to build our leadership skills and style.

We are also holding a women's suit drive to support the "Dress for Success" initiative in conjunction with the seminar. Please bring a donation that is in excellent condition and ready for use. This is an opportunity to assist low-income women with their career development.

Laura Copp  
Stacey DelVecchio  
Steve Hofstetter  
Brain Garman



### Communication Note:

Fellow CIS-SAE Members,

Thank you very much for your continuous support of CIS-SAE. Time has gone fast, the eight exciting CIS-SAE program events have held successfully with value feedback to the governing board this season. We are now counting down to our final events in April and May: Society of Women Engineers (SWE) and the Mapleton Foundry Tour. I strongly encourage you to invite your colleague and friends to attend these last two meetings – they are definitely great networking opportunities among fellow SAE and non-SAE members in the Central Illinois Section.

I am very excited to inform you that our CIS-SAE Chapter has 86 new members joined since September 2006 to give us a total of 625 members – a 16% increase in membership enrollment! Thanks for your continuous involvement and support to bring this achievement. Personally, I have gained a lot of skills from the Communication Team this year. A special thanks to our Communication Chair, Steve Hofstetter, and the rest of the team, Guillermo Herrera, Matt Anderson, and Girish Parvate-Patil.

Again, please feel free to let us know how we can better serve you, our members, from a communication point of view! Contact us at [CIS\\_SAE\\_Communications@yahoo.com](mailto:CIS_SAE_Communications@yahoo.com).

Ben Fong, Ph.D., P.E., ASQ-CQE  
CIS-SAE Communication Committee





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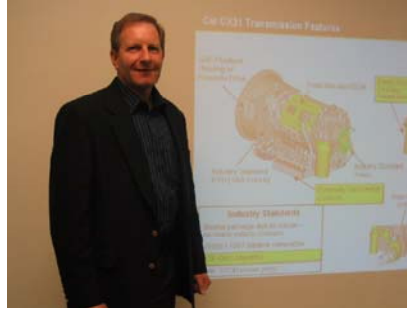
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## Caterpillar OEM Transmissions



The Central Illinois Section organized a lecture and presentation by Mr. Charles Gerson on OEM Transmission Program on February 27, 2007. This presentation is held at, 'Truck Centre, 300 E. Ashland Street, Morton, IL, 61550'.

Mr. Charles Gerson is the Product Manager for the OEM Transmission program at Caterpillar. He has worked 29 years in various roles in the truck business. He has been with Caterpillar for 14 years working in the On Highway Truck Engine group and OEM Solutions prior to his current position. During this event he discussed and presented in depth know-how of Caterpillar's Automatic Transmission.

Due to inclement weather on February 13, event was rescheduled on February 27. In spite of rescheduling the event, a large number of attendees showed up with their immense enthusiasm. Question and answer session was very interacting, with sharing of knowledge to every extent.

## State Farm Crash and Fire Investigation

The Central Illinois Section of Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) organized an event on State Farm Crash and Fire Investigation on Wednesday, March 21 at State Farm's Claim Technical Centre, 2309 E. Oakland Ave., Bloomington, IL 61701.

To improve pricing and underwriting and loss mitigation results, the State Farm Research Department conducts auto and fire research at two story State Farm's Claim Technical Center. During this event, Mr. Steven M. Schmidt, helped CIS-SAE delegates to go behind the scenes at Technical Centre to see how State Farm determines what happens when an accident occurs and had discussion on auto damage ability, reparability, and highway and vehicle issues. Also, during visit delegates visited the Building Research Lab, where Sate Farm focuses on construction methods and materials.

Event location sponsor was Sate Farm Mutual Insurance, and event sponsor was Cady Oil Company





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UIUC SAE AUTOCROSS SATURDAY APRIL 28th  
Registration begins at 9:00AM  
Assembly Hall Southeast Parking Lot  
1800 S 1st St, Champaign



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