

E Week: Kick-Off Social

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The Greater Huntsville Section kicked-off its celebration of 2015 Engineers Week (E Week) with a social on February 23 at Bar Louie at Bridgestreet in Huntsville. The section had a busy week of events lined up to commemorate E Week, with nine events scheduled, ranging from continuing education/professional development, an industry tour and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math outreach. But before jumping into the week's hectic schedule, section members arranged to meet for some socializing and camaraderie to celebrate our profession and our industry.



Members and guests of the Greater Huntsville Section met at Bar Louie, quickly becoming the section's unofficial "watering hole," after work on Monday to raise a toast to the engineering profession and the AIAA. The group enjoyed happy hour with drinks and appetizers.



Invariably, when a group of aerospace professionals gather, valuable networking ensues and this event was no exception. Introductions were made and the new contacts resulted in new ideas for professional activities. Some attendees began outlining the section's suitcase rocket design project. Ms. Crystal Laws, a guest of the section and an officer in the Rocket City

Tau Beta Pi Alumni Chapter, talked to the section's Pre-College Outreach Director, Megan Beattie, about ways that AIAA could collaborate with Tau Beta Pi on STEM activities.

The evening was productive, enjoyable and a fitting way to kick-off the section's commemoration of E Week 2015.