

MARCH DINNER MEETING

Thursday, March 26, 1998

TOPIC: Hovercraft America

**SPEAKER: James J. Gralton,
President of Hovercraft America, Inc.**



The hovercraft flies over land water, ice and snow in its duties as a multi-victim rescue and patrol craft or light commercial craft.

MEETING AGENDA

SOCIAL HOUR:

5:00–6:00 pm Zorba's Restaurant
20290 West Bluemound Road
Brookfield Wi.
414-781-8670

DINNER: 6:00 pm

PRESENTATION: 7:00 pm

MENU: Chicken Cordon Bleu topped with Royal cream mushroom sauce and rice pilaf
or: Beef ala' Casino with Burgundy mushroom sauce and baked potato

Both choices include cup of soup, crisp garden salad, fresh mixed vegetables, rolls, beverage and dessert.

Dinner Costs:

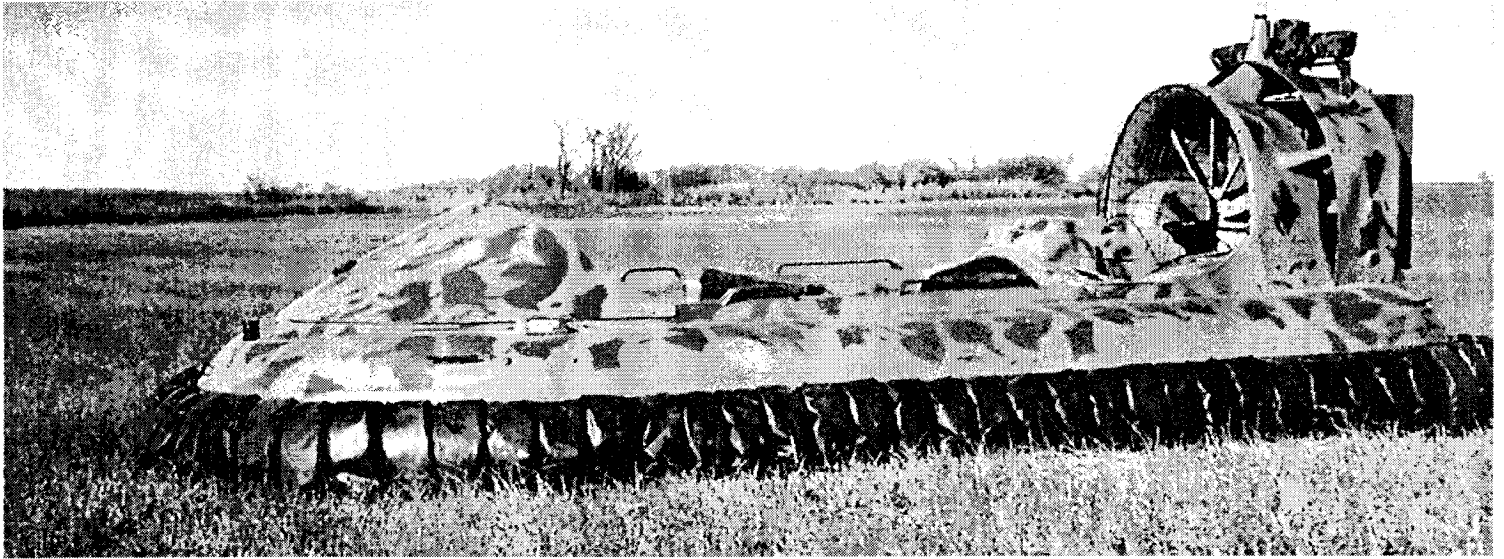
Members & Spouses:	\$16.00
Guests:	\$17.00
Students:	\$8.00

Advance reservations are required for dinner. Please make reservations no later than March 25, 1998, by calling Christine at 414-549-3325. Spouses and guests of members are welcome. **Please call to cancel at least 24 hours in advance if your plans change. "No-shows" with reservations will be billed.** Fifty year members are entitled to one free meal per year.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

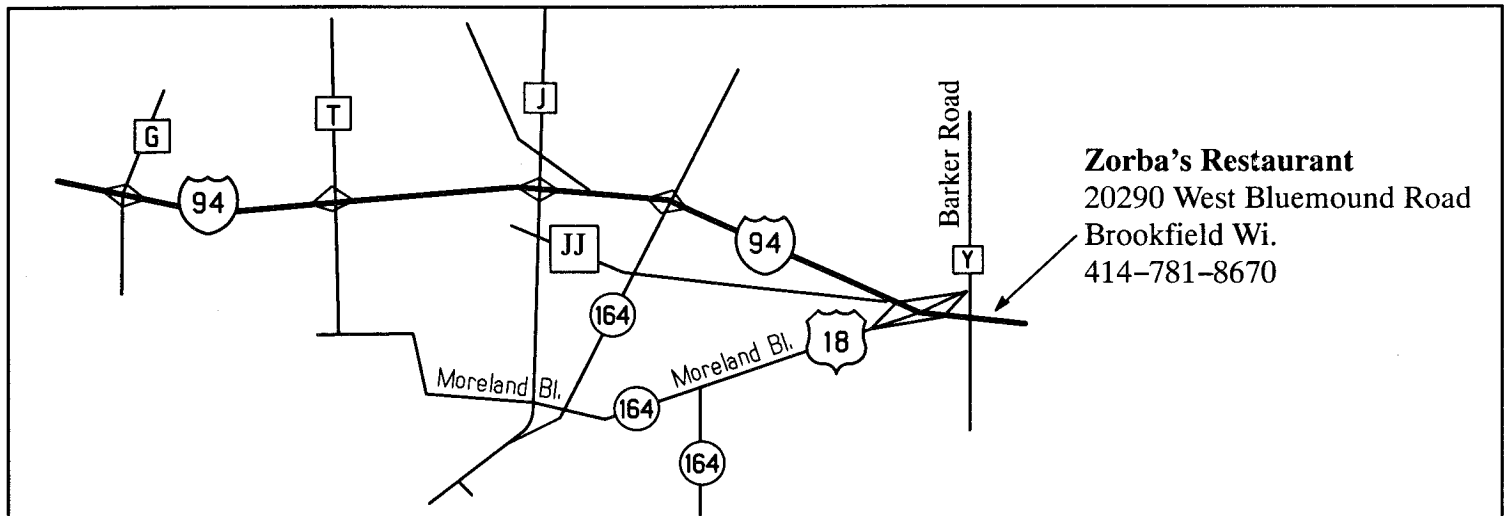
James J. Gralton

As an avid sportsman and duck hunter, Mr. Gralton wanted to buy a Hovercraft which he could be used for hunting and other recreational purposes. He also realized how difficult it was to rescue people who had fallen through thin ice. His search for a Hovercraft showed there were only a few on the market and those machines were often inadequate. With a few associates, Jim founded *Hovercraft America*, and proceeded to design and build air cushion vehicles primarily intended for rescue purposes. Their first product went into service in 1993 and is still operating in Door County. Most of their Hovercraft are sold to fire, police, natural resources and similar government agencies.



Hovercraft America's vehicle is equipped with a gel-coat hull, 5 passenger (1000 lb) capacity, 130 hp 4-cycle engine, positive air brake system, 84 segment Type-S skirt system.

Meeting Location Map



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From Your Chairman:

This months dinner meeting will provide a great opportunity to get a close up view of an unusual emergency vehicle that has been called upon all to frequently in this unusually warm winter. Hovercraft America produces vehicles that can quickly access and operate in rough water, on ice, in marshes or any terrain in between. Plan now to join your fellow mobility community professionals for an exciting look at these unique vehicles.

The Milwaukee Section of SAE has a large community of active members and experienced leaders. Member input and involvement is the basis for the Section's future strategic direction. If you are interested in serving on the Milwaukee Section SAE Board of Directors, please contact me or any of the board members listed in this newsletter. Your participation will benefit the Section membership while providing a multitude of developmental experiences and networking opportunities. We would also like to hear from you if you have suggestions on how the Milwaukee Section of SAE can provide programs, activities and services with value and relevant benefits for your professional interests.

Speaking of worthwhile activities, SAE's highly successful "A World in Motion" program for elementary schools continues to gain momentum in the Milwaukee Section. Volunteers are needed to help teachers demonstrate the link between learning math and science in the classroom and using it on the job. Your involvement will serve as a positive role model for children who will become the engineers of tomorrow. Please contact Kimberly Gleffe at 414-288-3483 if you are interested in the furthering of science education.

Jim Wilkinson
1997 / 1998 Chairman
Milwaukee Section SAE

FREE MEAL DEAL From the Milwaukee Section

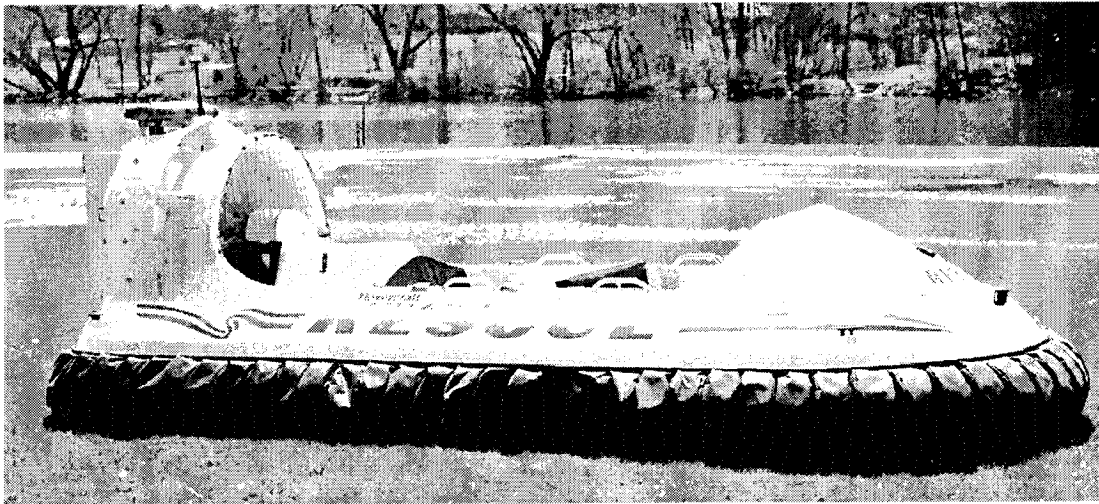
When a guest attends a dinner meeting bearing a completed membership application and dues payment, both the guest and his/her sponsor will receive a certificate good for a free dinner that evening or any other meeting of their choice during the Section year. *NOTE - This offer is not effective for application for student membership.*



SAE Milwaukee Section



March Dinner Meeting *Hovercraft America Display Vehicle!*



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