

# HobbyFest 2014

Each year, the Houston Airport System facilitates a family fun day near the tarmac at William P. Hobby Airport. The community is invited to view vintage aircraft and enjoy food, games and family-friendly activities. Complete with a non-perishable food drive that benefits Hobby Airport community, proceeds raised from the event benefit the Houston Hobby Rotary Club and the Allen T. Johnson Memorial Scholarship.

For 2 years, the ASCE Houston Branch has hosted a booth at HobbyFest. Branch officers and younger member volunteers facilitate a children’s activity which teach kids about science and engineering. This year, kids were asked to build a paper bridge and then “load-test” their creation with washers. Prizes were offered to encourage friendly competition. Approximately 30 children participated this year, and each child received a copy of ASCE’s K-12 pamphlet, “Civil Engineering, It’s Everywhere!”

Additionally, the Houston Branch displayed educational information about engineering including the Texas Section, ASCE Centennial banners that record 100-years of engineering accomplishments in Texas. Also on display were Texas Section and Houston Area Infrastructure Report Cards.

This festival is a wonderful way for ASCE to educate the community about civil engineering, and begin to plant a seed with young children to foster interest in science and engineering.

