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February Meeting Fall Protection

Thomas Dean will be speaking on OSHA's fall protection requirements at our upcoming meeting. Do you "fall" under this requirement, do you have employees working at heights, is it 4 feet or 6 feet; what about man lifts, ladders, and scaffolding? Come out to hear all about it.

Thomas Dean is a faculty member of the OSHA Training Institute Education Center at Georgia Tech. He is the course chairman of the NFPA 70E course, electrical safety course, safety management, and construction safety standards course. He also assists with contract training courses that are performed for private companies. He also represents Georgia Tech in the NECA/IBEW/OSHA and other partnership in Georgia. As part of the program he evaluates the work practices, training, safety management systems, and assess hazards on the sites.

**DINNER MEETING - 5:30 pm,
Tuesday, February 9, 2010
Industrial Rubber and Supply Classroom
3326 Mike Padgett Hwy Augusta, Georgia
\$7.50 Members
\$10.00 NonMembers**

Please call the ASSE Voicemail at 706-790-6551 x2773 (ASSE) or email any of the board members.

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IH Corner Indoor Air Quality

As the public recognizes the importance of healthy, comfortable, and productive indoor environments, their awareness and demand for good indoor air quality (IAQ) increases. This demand has resulted in IAQ emerging as a major concern in office buildings. Many office buildings have significant indoor air pollution sources. These sources include furnishings, occupant activities, housekeeping practices, pesticide applications, and microbial contamination. A factor greatly influencing the effect of these sources and the overall quality of indoor air in offices is the ventilation system design, operation and maintenance. People generally have less control over the indoor environment in their offices than they do in their homes. As a result, there are large numbers of reported health problems associated with workplace buildings.

Three major reasons for poor indoor air quality in workplace buildings are the presence of indoor air pollution sources; poorly designed, maintained, or operated ventilation systems; and uses of the building that were unanticipated or poorly planned for when the building was designed or renovated.

Need a good industrial hygienist? Give me a call, I know a few.

Matthew Parker,
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President's Message:

Last month we had a wonderful meeting with Shannon England speaking about Ergonomics. I am sure that everyone who attended took away something useful. Shannon's presentation is available to those who wish to review again or just see what we all talked about.

This month our speaker will be talking about Fall Protection. This is an important topic to all of us. I hope to see you all at the meeting on Feb 9th.

One of our goals as a chapter this year is to increase membership and bring those who have not come for some time to the chapter meetings. If you know of someone is interested in joining our chapter please have them contact Jim Dickson or myself.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former.

Albert Einstein

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OSHA LISTENS

The "OSHA Listens" public meeting will be Feb. 10 in Washington and also broadcast via the World Wide Web. Assistant Secretary David Michaels is holding the meeting to solicit comments and suggestions from OSHA stakeholders on key issues facing the agency. "Public involvement in the government's activities is a priority for this Administration and is important to OSHA efforts to protect the safety and health of workers," said Michaels. For more information on the meeting see https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/wadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=17070

2010 ASSE REGION IV SAFETY AND HEALTH CONFERENCE

This year's show will be in downtown Baton Rouge, at the historic Capital Center Hilton. The conference features 16 educational sessions with nationally-recognized speakers and industry experts. For info and registration go to: <http://region4.asse.org/pdc.php>



ONLY THE SHADOW KNOWS

Spring is coming soon! General Beau Lee, Ph.D., Georgia's Official Weather Prognosticator made his prediction on February 2nd at 7:35am in rainy, 40 degree weather. Beau reported that he did not see his shadow, foretelling an early spring. In the spring, people often like to clean their homes. It's a great thing to do! But it's important to stay safe while you're doing it, especially from falls and poisoning – two of the top causes of home injuries. As safety professionals we are focused on workplace safety, but we need to remember to bring our work home with us and encourage home safety. I have listed Spring Cleaning Safety tips from www.homesafetycouncil.org to help you "Bring your Work Home."

- When cleaning out closets or re-organizing things, always keep stairs, steps, landings and all floors clear.
- Carry loads you can see over, and keep one hand free to hold banisters and railings.
- Five gallon buckets are often used while cleaning and present a serious drowning danger to young children. Never leave a bucket or any standing water unattended and store buckets empty and upside-down.
- Follow safety recommendations when using harsh products, such as wearing gloves and masks. Do not mix products together because their contents could react with dangerous results.
- Never use gasoline to clean something and never use or store gasoline in your home, even in tiny quantities. Gasoline vapors can explode with just a spark. If you must keep some, use a special safety container. Store it in an outside shed.
- When you clean out your cabinets, look at the labels on the products. If you see the words "Caution," "Warning," "Danger," "Poison," or "Keep Out of Reach of Children," be very careful. These products should be locked up when you are not using them.
- Remember to put things away so people cannot trip on them. Safely tuck away telephone and electrical cords out of walkways. In homes with children, make sure toys and other items are always safely put away when not in use.
- If you need to climb to clean something, use a stepladder or ladder. When using a ladder, stand at or below the highest safe standing level. For a stepladder, the safe standing level is the second rung from the top, and for an extension ladder, it's the fourth rung from the top. Before using, make sure the rungs are dry

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PICTURE OF THE MONTH



**Chest Protector? Yes!
Eye Protection? Not so much.**

Upcoming Meetings

March 9, 2010

Emergency Planning, Lessons
Learned - Doug Sikes

April 13, 2010

No meeting
Spring Break

May 11, 2010

Department of Homeland Security
Commander Deas and
Inspector Mullens

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OSHA FINES DECATUR, GA FIRM \$69,550

The Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) fined World of Wheels & Hubcaps in Decatur, GA \$69,550 for alleged health and safety violations. The employer failed to develop a written hazard communications program, failed to provide hazard communication training, failed to certify that a hazard assessment for personal protection had been conducted, and failed to develop or implement a written respiratory protection program. OSHA saw seven failure-to abate violations while conducting a follow-up inspection at the shop. The citations also include three repeat violations with a fine of \$2,800 for employees wearing tight-fitting respirators without a medical evaluation and not being fit-tested. Atlanta Journal Constitution, 11/ 24/09

FIRE SAFETY CONFERENCE

The Atlanta Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers is hosting its 6th annual Fire Safety Conference on March 15-17, 2010 at the Gwinnett Center. On the 17th, there are 3 groups of 5 sessions throughout the day. This conference has grown into a regional event and draws attendees from even across the country. Please go to www.sfpe-atlanta.org for details and to register online. We hope to see you there.



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Chapter Education Assistance

The Augusta Chapter Educational Assistance Program provides money to individual members for educational assistance in the fields of environmental, safety or health. The money must be used for training, education or certification in these fields. The Chapter will issue annual awards to approved recipients in the amount of \$250 or \$500. The amount and approval will be determined by the Chapter Board of Directors. Any request must be accompanied by a complete and separate application questionnaire. Recipients must be an active member in good standing. Monies will be paid to the institution/organization providing the training or certification. The Application form is provided below

Request for Financial Award Questionnaire

By completing this questionnaire, I am applying for financial assistance, which may be awarded from the American society of Safety Engineers Augusta Chapter. I understand this award is to be in the amount of monies to be determined by the American society of Safety Engineers Augusta Chapter and will be donated once per year. Future awards will be considered by the American Society of Safety Engineers Augusta Chapter by separate applications.

Signature _____ Date _____

1. Are you an active member of the local ASSE & National ASSE? (*Attend a minimum of five (5) monthly meetings per year*)
2. Are you working in an Environmental, Safety & Health job at this time?
3. Are you pursuing certification or a degree in the Environmental, Safety & Health field?
4. What training/certification or degree are you pursuing?
5. Does your employer pay for any of your educational expenses? How much?
6. What is your current mailing address?

Home: _____ Business: _____

7. Please give a brief summary of your immediate and long term goals as related to the profession and professional development.

8. What institution/organization are you enrolled in for pursuing this certification or degree?
