

September 2003

Low Country Chapter
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS



The President's Message

On behalf of the Low Country Chapter, I would like to encourage you to sign up for the Region VI PDC. It's not too late. Participation appears to be a little low this year. So make that call today. We look forward to seeing our Chapter represented at the conference.

Reminder, we have a member campaign going on. Bring a guest and give them the opportunity to become a member. It is also beneficial to bring safety members and let them get involved.

Effective October 1, lunch meetings for **non-members** will increase to \$12.00. If you are a member, your cost will remain \$10.00.

Our by-Laws have been revised and all changes will be effective 11/1/03.

Our Chapter has not had an annual dues increase for decades. The Executive Committee voted to increase our annual dues to \$20.00 per year. Please do not confuse the lunch meeting with annual dues. Annual dues are invoiced to you annually. Although we are a non-profit organization, we still need to raise funds for education, training and hopefully a Student Chapter. The increase will take effect in November.

What can our chapter do for you????????? What would you like to see or hear???? We are always open for your comments, suggestions or recommendations. We would love to have your input. Feel free to contact me at 200-5066 or Dpotts@sc.rr.com. YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO OUR CHAPTER so get **involved!**

We still have several committee chair positions open, so if you would like an opportunity to get involved, just let me know.

Hope to see all of you in Myrtle Beach

Sincerely,
[Diana Potts](#)

Treasurer's Corner

The Chapter's bank account continues to operate with a balance of \$7063.93 as of July 31, 2003. There were 24 people present at the August 19, 2003 meeting.

Michele

Next Meeting



Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2003

Time: 11:30 AM "network" with your fellow members! Lunch is promptly at Noon.

Please bring a guest or potential new member.

Speaker: To be announced

**Place: North Towne Seafood and Grill
2093 Eagle Landing Blvd.
North Charleston, SC
Phone: (843) 863-1001**

Please email me if you are attending the meeting.
ecarms@comcast.net

Looking for a Meeting Host

Would you consider being a host for a monthly ASSE meeting? When you host a meeting, we request that you provide a door prize for a drawing and/or supply the attendees with a company promo such as pens, hats, or other items with your logo.

In exchange for hosting a meeting, there will be a space for free advertisement provided to you at no charge in

that month's newsletter. Just let me know when you would like to host a meeting.

Diana Potts

ASP & CSP Prep Classes

Span Training International will be leading an ASP preparation class October 27 - 29, and a CSP preparation class October 30 - November 1, at Trident Technical College's main campus. Classes will be from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Cost is \$750 per student, per class. For more information, contact Joel Rogers at 843-745-3140 or joel.rogers@meadwestvaco.com

Safety Conferences

September 12, 2003
The Business Leadership Forum on Workplace and Community Health & Wellness
N. Charleston, SC
[843-797-FIND](tel:843-797-FIND)

September 14-17, 2003
ACHMM 2003 National Conference: The Challenging World of Hazardous Materials Management, Dallas, TX.
www.achmm.org.

September 16-19, 2003
Region VI PDC
Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach, SC
www.asse-region6.org

October 13-17
47th Annual Human Factors and Ergonomics Society Meeting, Denver, CO.
www.hfes.org.

October 14-16
Behavior Safety Now Conference
Reno, NV
www.behavioralsafetynow.com

October 21-22
Georgia SH&E Conference
Augusta, GA
http://projectsafeforgeorgia.org/2003_she_conference/2003registration.htm

December 9-11, 2003
National Ergonomics Conference and Exposition
Las Vegas, NV
www.ergoexpo.com.

Spotlight on an ASSE Member

By Jane Lyons

Bob Mussat has agreed to be our second "victim". Thanks Bob!

I hope this will be a way to learn more about the Lowcountry Chapter members and the companies that they work for. If you would like to recommend someone, please let me know at 760-8367 or jane.lyons@us.bosch.com



George R. (Bob) Mussat

Comprehensive Safety Resources

Company:

Comprehensive Safety Resources with offices in Summerville, SC and Winston Salem, NC. I started this consultative service two years ago to assist companies who are looking for assistance and expertise in all facets of Safety, Fire Protection, Workers Compensation, Employee Relation Surveys, and Statistical Analysis Studies.

How long have you been in safety?

I have been in Safety over 34 years.

How long have you been a member of ASSE?

I joined ASSE in the early 1980's when we were a Section under the Columbia Chapter. I served as Section President and was then elected as Charter Chapter President when we formed our own Chapter in 1983.

What do you like best about your job?

The best part of being a Safety Professional/Consultant is the pride in helping individuals and companies.

What is your greatest professional challenge?

Having individuals understand fully that safety is a personal responsibility and is for each person's (and their families) own good as well as getting senior management folks to buy in completely to safety as a

way of doing business on a daily basis. In other words to have every individual, regardless of position, walk the talk, in safety.

What is your greatest accomplishment?

Safety Managing the safest facility in the world - the Dupont facility that holds the World's Record of over 66 million hours without a lost time injury over a thirteen year period.

Previous employers:

- 1) Montgomery Wards Salesperson during College
- 2) US Army Air Defense Artillery Officer from 1966-1968
- 3) E. I. Dupont de Nemours & Company 1968-2001

I held various management/safety management positions and Senior Safety Consultant positions with the Dupont Company and retired with 34+ years of service. I was at the following locations within Dupont:

Old Hickory, TN; Kinston, NC; worked some for the Wilmington, NC and Belle, WV facilities; and finally worked for Wilmington, DE facility.

Where are you from originally?

I am originally from Frontenac, Kansas.

Family information:

My lovely wife Nancy is a full time exceptional real estate person. She works out of the Coldwell Banker Meeks office in Summerville. I have a son, daughter-in-law and 3 granddaughters who live in Summerville. My son is the PSM and Maintenance Engineer at MeadWestvaco. My daughter-in-law is a professional medical receptionist as well as many other talents. I have a daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter who live in Jacksonville, Florida. My daughter is a school teacher and my son-in-law is a Chief in the US Navy serving our wonderful country. I have a daughter and son-in-law in Winston Salem, North Carolina. My daughter has a Ph.D. in Psychology and she presently works at Winston Salem State University, plus helps me as a statistician and employee survey specialist. My son-in-law has Ph.D/MD and is an intern in Radiology presently at Wake Forest School of Medicine.

Hobbies:

Golfing, Fishing, spending quality time with my wife, my son and two daughters (and their spouses) and my four lovely granddaughters. I also enjoy very much working with my church, the Knights of Columbus (where I served as State Deputy of South Carolina in

1987-1988). I also enjoy my acquaintances and being a board member of the North Carolina Safety and Health Council, a Chapter of the National Safety Council. I also served on the board of the Palmetto Safety Council for several years.

If you could let people know ONE interesting thing about you that most people don't know, what would that be?

I played a saxophone and sang in a dance band during my college days along with four of my college friends. I also played the clarinet. Most of all I enjoy playing the piano.

ASSE National Society Newsletter

The ASSE National Society Newsletter is now available online at:

<http://www.asse.org/su03.htm>

Articles from our Professional Safety magazine are also available at:

<http://www.electronicipc.com/JournalEZ/toc.cfm?code=0427001>

Member Directory & Job Line

Jane Lyons will continue to update the member directory as needed. If you have not sent her your updated information, please email her at:

Jane.Lyons@us.bosch.com

Jane also maintains a Job Line by email notification. Please email her if you would like to be on the distribution.

If you are a member of ASSE, you may want to update your information at:

www.asse.org/format_frames_main.asp?bannerframe2=professional_safety_banner.html&mainframe2=contact2.htm

Attachments

Sorry for all the attachments, but we needed to get a lot of information out. I did scan them with Norton Anti-Virus

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