

April 2004

# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS



## ***The President's Message***

We have lots of exciting events for the remainder of the year, so mark these important dates down on your calendar and we look forward to seeing you. If you missed our meeting last month you missed a very good meeting. Wallace "Buster" Holland gave a very informative presentation regarding Workers Compensation.

Our May meeting is scheduled for May 18. Plan now to attend this evening meeting. We have a very special guest, Fred Miller, Regional Vice President for Region VI. We encourage everyone to come out and support our chapter. This would be a great time to bring along your "BOSS." We plan to have a round table open discussion. The last time we had an "open discussion" the feedback was excellent. We learned so much about each other and our daily ES&H issues. We will all have the opportunity to discuss problems, concerns, etc. in our companies.

The Low Country Chapter won 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes in the Safety Bowl Contest. The chapter will receive \$500.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> prize and \$100.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. We also received \$465.90 from the ASSE Region VI ROC last year in Myrtle Beach!

Way to go!

The Low Country Chapter will be donating a Charleston print for the Silent Auction in Las Vegas June 7-10 at the Annual ASSE PDC. The proceeds are used to fund scholarship programs for students pursuing degrees in occupational safety and health. This is an excellent conference and I hope you all can attend.

On May 7<sup>th</sup> our Low Country Chapter will host our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual PDC. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS. WE HOPE TO SEE ALL OF OUR MEMBERS ATTEND.** We are also looking for donations for door prizes. If your company can donate something, it would be greatly appreciated. The registrations are coming in, so send in your registration now. **DON'T WAIT.**

May 2-8 is NAOSH week for more information visit the website at [www.asse.org/naosh04](http://www.asse.org/naosh04)

The ASSE Regional PDC in Myrtle Beach is Sept. 21-24. I hope you all plan to attend. Last year the Low Country Chapter had a fantastic turnout. Budget this annual event every year. It is well worth the money.



## Newsletter Editor

**We are still in need of a Newsletter Editor for our upcoming year. Get involved. It's lots of fun and well worth your time. If you are interested contact [Dpotts1@sc.rr.com](mailto:Dpotts1@sc.rr.com)**

Also, visit our web-site [www.lowcountryasse.org](http://www.lowcountryasse.org)  
Joel Rogers did a fantastic job on our website.

If you would like to get involved with the chapter and participate in the planning of ASSE events, please e-mail me. We would love your input. Communication is a key element to making any partnership, relationship, or friendship a success. Volunteers are always welcomed and needed.



My e-mail address has changed: [dpotts1@sc.rr.com](mailto:dpotts1@sc.rr.com)  
Diana Potts

## ***Treasurer's Corner***

As of March 31, 2004, the Chapter's account continues to operate with a balance of \$4021.67. There were 20 people present at the March 16, 2004 meeting.

Michele

## Next Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2004

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. Network with your fellow members. Lunch is promptly at Noon.

Please bring a guest or potential new member.

**Speaker:** SCDOT

**Topic:** Ravenel Bridge Construction: Project and Safety Highlights

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

## Future Meetings

May 18 - 6:00 PM (EVENING MEETING)  
Cost \$12.00

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

Topic – Open Discussion  
Guest Speaker – Fred Miller, ASSE Region VI Vice President

June 15 - 11:30 AM

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

Topic – "Engaging Your Employees to Exceed Your Company's Safe Workplace Expectations"  
Guest Speaker – Jim Gray, Asten Johnson

## 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 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



## February's Survey Results

On average, members attended six meeting last year.

### Top Three Answers Survey:

**Safety Management-** (1) OSHA Compliance (2) Accident Investigation (3) Training & Education issues

**Technical Topics-** (1) Industrial Hygiene Monitoring & Trends (2) National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code (3) Ergonomics

**Environmental-** (1) Disaster Planning (2) Hazardous Waste Management (3) Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA)

**Management Issues-** (1) Getting employees to buy into the safety program (2) Getting Management Support (3) Accountability Issues

**Workers Compensation/Medical Issues-** (1) Establishing a Light Duty Program (2) Toxicology (3) Claim adjusting and medical monitoring

**Other Topics Of Interest-** Confined Space, Lockout Tagout, Emergency Evacuation, Behavioral-based safety, and monthly trivia

**Would you participate by submitting question/ concerns about the particular topic to be discussed prior to each meeting?** 50/50

**Which facilities in the local area would you most interested in touring?** Nucor, Palmetto Bridge, BP Amoco, CR Bard, Alcoa, Behr Heat Transfer, Mead Westvaco, Mikasa, American LaFrance, Linq. CPW, Coburg and DAK America.

**What information would be most beneficial to you during the tour?** Observation of safety practices, in-house safety process, PPE, Lock-out, Confined Space, safety programs, sharing of programs and incentive programs.

**What other suggestions do you have for the Low Country ASSE committee?** Be proactive in safety training and topics, plan speakers in advance, publish a calendar, and have exciting speakers.

These survey results will be turned over to the new slate of officers for evaluation.



We also received the survey results from the Carla Rea Chapter Services Manager Survey taken December 1, 2003 – February 29, 2004. The Low Country Chapter received a “5” (most satisfied) in all categories. We would like to thank all members who participated in both surveys. Input is very important to any organization.

Diana Potts

## **Safety Conferences**

**April 21, 22 & 23, 2004**  
**SCOSC Spring Conference**  
**Kingston Plantation**  
**Myrtle Beach, SC**  
[www.scosc.org](http://www.scosc.org)

**April 30-May 7**  
**2004 American Occupational Health**  
**Conference, Kansas City, MO**  
[www.acoem.org](http://www.acoem.org) or [www.aaohn.org](http://www.aaohn.org)

**May 7 – Required Attendance**  
**Low Country ASSE PDC**  
**Charleston, SC**  
[dpotts@sc.rr.com](mailto:dpotts@sc.rr.com)

**May 8-13**  
**American Industrial Hygiene Conference &**  
**Expo, Atlanta, GA**  
[www.aiha.org](http://www.aiha.org)

**May 23-26**  
**NFPA World Safety Conference & Exposition,**  
**Salt Lake City, UT.**  
[www.nfpa.org/meetings](http://www.nfpa.org/meetings)

**June 7-10**  
**ASSE 2004 Professional Development**  
**Conference and Exposition, Las Vegas, NV**  
[www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org)

**September 10-17**  
**92nd Annual National Safety Congress &**  
**Expo, New Orleans, LA**  
[www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org)

**September 20-24**  
**48th Annual Human Factors and Ergonomics**  
**Society Meeting, New Orleans**  
[www.hfes.org](http://www.hfes.org)

**November 30 - December 3**  
**10th Annual National Ergonomics Conference**  
**and Exposition, Las Vegas, NV**  
[www.ergoexpo.com](http://www.ergoexpo.com)

## **Please Welcome New Local Members to ASSE**

James Gray  
Steve Mattox  
DuBose Blakeney  
Randall Tndell  
Jerry Hodge

## **Technical Articles**

If you are interested in submitting a technical article to be considered for publication in the Professional Safety Magazine, please contact me. It would be a great honor to have one submitted from our chapter.

Diana Potts

## **ASSE PR Kits**

If you would like to order RR kits contact Michael Nowak [mnowak@asse.org](mailto:mnowak@asse.org). These PR kits are available to chapter/members to give to the public while at community events, school fairs or other external events. These are strictly informational tools and are not membership or sales kits.

## **Z244 Lockout/Tagout Teleconference Call**

On April 14th from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm CST, ASSE will be hosting a 90-minute conference call addressing this important Lockout/Tagout Standard. For more information and to register.

<http://www.asse.org/frz244.htm>

## **FMCSA Issues Final Rule on Safety Performance History of New Drivers**

FMCSA has issued a final rule to amend the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) to specify minimum driver safety performance history data that

new or prospective employers are required to seek for applicants under consideration for employment as a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) driver; where and from whom the info must be sought; and that previous employers must provide the minimum driver safety performance history information. FMCSA views this as enabling motor carrier employers to make more sound hiring decisions of drivers to improve CMV safety. The effective date is April 29, 2004.  
[http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fedreg/a040330c.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a040330c.html)

## ***Preventing Natural Rubber Latex Allergy***

The Montana Department of Labor & Industry offers tips on preventing workers from developing an allergy to natural latex. For more information, read the agency's complete brochure on the topic at:  
<http://erd.dli.state.mt.us/safetyhealth/brochures/latexallergy.pdf>

## ***Journal of Safety, Health and Environmental Research***

The first issue of the Journal of Safety, Health and Environmental Research (JSHER) is online. The JSHER is an online, professional, peer reviewed journal for SH&E academics, practitioners and students. The Journal expects to publish the best in SH&E education and practice.

JSHER is the official research journal of the ASSE Academics Practice Specialty.

To view the first issue, please click on the URL below. Look for the next issue in the summer of 2004.  
<http://www.asse.org/academicsjournal>

## ***TSA to Conduct Background Checks on Hazmat Drivers***

The Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration has announced plans for conducting background checks on commercial truck drivers who transport hazardous materials, including explosives.

The plan requires conducting name-based terrorist-focused background checks on all 3.5 million hazmat

drivers this year to determine whether any present a potential terrorist threat. Drivers also will undergo an FBI fingerprint-based criminal history check to begin no later than Jan. 31, 2005.

Previously, the deadline for states to begin collecting fingerprints and providing them to the FBI was April 1. TSA is providing states additional time to make the significant changes to their existing commercial driver safety and testing programs.

## ***ASSE's 2004-2005 Membership Recruitment Challenge***

Sponsor as many new, full ASSE members as you can between April 1, 2004 and March 31, 2005 and you could win \$1000, \$500 or \$250. And, when you sponsor just one new full member, you'll be entered into a drawing to win a plasma television.

Also, the ASSE Region and Chapter with the largest percentage increase of new members will also win cash prizes.

Start passing on the word about ASSE today. Here's how:

- Call Customer Service at 847.699.2929 for a supply of applications
- Download applications from the ASSE website  
<http://www.asse.org>
- Email your friends and colleagues directly through our refer-a-friend email tool  
<http://www.asse.org/frjoin.htm>

For more information go to  
<http://www.asse.org/passiton.htm>

## ***Donate Unused Safety Equipment or Supplies***

Anyone wanting to donate obsolete or unused safety equipment or supplies may donate it to the Low Country Safety Council. The equipment will be used in safety training for demonstration purposes only.

Please notify Jane Lyons at 760-8367 or  
[jane.lyons@us.bosch.com](mailto:jane.lyons@us.bosch.com).

## ***OSHA Proposes \$462,600 Fine***

OSHA has proposed \$462,600 in fines for Midwest Racking Manufacturing, Inc. of Madison, Illinois, saying the company failed to protect workers from numerous workplace hazards OSHA identified in a recent inspection and eight previous inspections.

The agency says the investigation found that the company failed to correct workplace hazards, including the lack of such worker protections as personal protective equipment, machine guarding, fire prevention measures, safety training, fall protection, and lockout/tagout procedures.

The current fine and OSHA citations follow an inspection initiated in September 2003 following receipt of a complaint. The inspection led to 17 alleged serious violations and 23 alleged willful violations, ranging from electrical hazards and smoking permitted within 20 feet of a spray painting operation, to a lack of eye and foot protection and improper use or lack of the use of respirators. OSHA says.

## ***Nursing Working Hours Conference***

NIOSH is helping sponsor a conference aimed at creating a "cutting edge" research agenda on nursing working hours. Using a multi-disciplinary approach, the sociological, economic, and health dimensions of long work hours in nursing will be explored, as well as the impact of working long hours is having on occupational safety, health, and well-being in nursing and the current and emerging interventions in this field.

**April 29-30, 2004**

Long Working Hours, Safety, and Health: Toward a National Research Agenda  
University of Maryland School of Nursing  
655 West Lombard Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201-1579

### **Sponsors:**

University of Maryland School of Nursing  
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)  
US. Department of Justice

Contact:

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<http://nursing.umaryland.edu/longworkhours/index.htm>

## ***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](mailto: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](http://www.asse.org/format_frames_main.asp?bannerframe2=professional_safety_banner.html&mainframe2=contact2.htm)

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