

# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS



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

The Lowcountry Chapter has been very fortunate as we start the ASSE calendar year. Maureen Troescher has agreed to be our newsletter editor, Jane Lyons has our programs scheduled through November, Michele McCutchen has shown me early on that she has our finances well in hand and Dana Fisher has gone beyond her duties and did our first newsletter for this year. Thanks to all of the officers. Y'all are great!

We have been fortunate to have experienced August temperatures that have stayed out of the 90's, which is great for our outside workers, but the rain has given us an abundance of mosquitoes they now have to deal with. Take time to evaluate your site to find ways to minimize standing water, and don't be afraid to contact your county or municipality's mosquito abatement department. A quick Google search or a visit to SC DEHC's web site will give you more information than you could ever need regarding mosquitoes.

If you would like more information about any safety, security, DOT or environmental related topics, let Jane know and she will be glad to attempt to get your topic covered at an upcoming meeting and maybe you'll see it at our Spring PDC.

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

As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004, the Chapter's account continues to operate with a balance of \$7,597.84. There were 22 members and guests present at the August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004 meeting.

Michele

## **Next Meeting**



**Date:** Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004

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

**Please bring a guest/potential new member, your boss or co-worker.**

**Speaker:** Chris Alexander  
Health Solutions

**Topic :** The History of CPR & Training

**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.  
mtroescher@tidewaterskanska.com

## **25 Years with ASSE**

Congratulations to **Keith Morel** for 25 Years as an ASSE Member!

## ***Future Meetings and Speakers***

**October 19, 2004**

**Fred Miller,  
Region VI Vice President of ASSE**

**We ask that *EVERYONE* attend!**

October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004 11:30 A.M.  
North Town Restaurant & Grill  
2093 Eagle Landing Blvd.  
North Charleston, SC  
843-863-1001  
Across from Northwoods Mall

Topic Open Forum

Guest Speaker **Fred Miller,  
Region VI Vice President**

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004 11:30 A.M.  
North Town Restaurant & Grill  
2093 Eagle Landing Blvd.  
North Charleston, SC  
843-863-1001  
Across from Northwoods Mall

Topic Supervisor Liabilities

Guest Speaker **Pam Tompkins, CSP, CUSA  
President/CEO  
SET Solutions, LLC**

***Please Welcome Our New Members:***

**Leland S. Anderson  
Francisco Medrano  
Lynn G. Raper  
Damon K. Scott  
Maureen Troescher**

## **Eight Fatal Incidents Prompt Excavator Bucket Bulletin**

Oregon OSHA is helping its national counterpart, federal OSHA, get the word out about an Aug. 26 Safety and Health Information Bulletin warning construction contractors about the unexpected release of excavator buckets from quick coupling devices on hydraulic excavators. OSHA said it checked its own accident database after its Madison, Wis. area office recently investigated a fatal accident of this type, and the review revealed 14 additional incidents in the past six years. Eight of the 15 incidents involved employee fatalities.

Employers using quick couplers should inspect them and take appropriate measures to prevent unintended releases, OSHA's Directorate of Science, Technology and Medicine says in the bulletin, which is online at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/shib/shib082604.html>.

The bulletin explains how buckets and other attachments can be unintentionally released from quick couplers and describes actions to prevent such releases.

## **Did You Know?**

A death costs the employer 175% of that worker's annual salary, just for replacement;

An increased use of Amphetamines is linked to rising workplace drug use;

A 5-year, \$2.5 million grant from NIOSH is in the works to help employers determine which employees are more likely to develop carpal tunnel syndrome and other hand, wrist, and extremity ailments;

Although Hispanics comprise less than 18% of the workforce, they accounted for 21% of the workers who died in 2002, accordingly, a Letter of Agreement between OSHA and the Mexican Embassy was signed in late July to improve communication, outreach and training;

Georgia Boot announces a recall of Steel Toe Boots mislabeled that they are resistant to electrical current.

## **Safety Conferences**

**September 21-24, 2004**  
**ASSE Region 6 PDC**  
**Myrtle Beach, SC**

**October 13-14, 2004**  
**Managing Human Error in Complex Systems**  
**Embassy Suites Hotel, Tampa, FL**  
**Sponsored by:**  
**Error Management Solutions, LLC**

**November 11-12, 2004**  
**Safety Training Symposium & Expo**  
**Scottsdale, AZ**  
**For more info call 847-699-2929 or**  
**Visit [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org)**

**November 30 - December 3, 2004**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Annual National Ergonomics Conference**  
**and Exposition**  
**Las Vegas, NV**

## **Always Looking for a Meeting Host**

Would you consider being a host for a monthly ASSE meeting? Perhaps you know someone who would enjoy our company and great lunch – what better way to present what they represent. When one hosts 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.

## **FASHIONABLE SAFETY EYEWEAR**



### **Protective Eyewear**

Safety glasses are increasingly stylish, and it is becoming difficult to distinguish expensive, brand-name sunglasses from very affordable safety glasses. Elvex Corp.'s new Triad™ safety glasses combine style and protection while providing comfort that is derived in part from a soft rubber nose bridge and soft rubber temple tips. Available with a variety of hard-coated polycarbonate lens options, the Triad complies with ANSI Z87.1-2003 (Z87+).

For more information, visit <http://www.elvex.com>

## **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)

**Here's a Safety Tip** courtesy of Keith Gordon, director of Loss Prevention & Safety, Adams Hometown Markets, Cheshire, Conn. "When looking for resources for health and safety topics and training, don't forget about your **insurance carriers**. They are a wealth of knowledge not only for general liability issues, but also for workers compensation issues. **You can receive numerous items free when dealing with the insurance companies — from weekly and monthly printed reminders for training, to safety videos that help reduce injuries to your customers and company associates.** Your insurance company should be your partner on reducing injuries and loss. Do not be afraid to ask for their assistance when it comes to training issues."

## **Workplace Violence Prevention**

The number of workplace homicides has dropped from 1074 in 1993 to 609 in 2002, due in part to effective employment screening programs. Background checks, reference checks, pre-employment interviews and drug testing are key to understanding who you are hiring.

## **Just a Reminder**

### **Technical Audio-Conference Call Fall Protection Systems**

**Wednesday – September 22, 2004**

**11:00 a.m. Central Time – 12:30 p.m.**

**To participate call 847-699-2929 or**

**Visit at [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org)**

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Checkout this safety web site:  
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