



gulf coast safety & training group

newsletter

ORGANIZED TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF SAFETY & TRAINING IN THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

from the president

Dear GCSTG members and friends,

If you missed our May 2017 meeting, you missed two great topics. Troy Frame with Alert Weather Service provided a look at the 2017 Hurricane Season. He indicated that we should have an average or slightly above average Hurricane season. Hopefully, by now your company has completed its planning and implemented your Hurricane Plan. We have been very fortunate in the last several years, but looking back at the history for our region, we need to remain vigilant and be prepared. Along those lines, I recently reviewed my insurance coverage in light of hurricane season and all of the flooding that has been occurring due to the heavy and frequent rains in this area. I still carry flood insurance even though my neighborhood has never flooded in the past 25 years. In addition, several years ago, my insurance carrier implemented a hurricane specific deductible of 5% of the insured value of my home for named storms. This has caused me to take a serious look at the trees that surround my home and one in particular that threatens my home and my neighbor's home since removal cost is less than the deductible.

Our second presenter was Topper Thompson, who spoke on "How President Trump may affect OSHA Regulations." This was a very interesting topic. I was very impressed with Mr. Thompson's knowledge and experience in occupational safety and health law. One of the topics discussed the "electronic recordkeeping rule" has been delayed pending further review. On June 27, 2017, OSHA proposed a delay in

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notice of meeting

When: **Friday, July 14, 2017**

Where: Petroleum Club of Lafayette
111 Heymann Blvd.
Lafayette, LA

Meeting Fees: \$30 for members & sponsored guests
\$40 for non-members and members
not sending an RSVP
(We accept cash or checks. We are NOT set up for credit cards.)

RSVP **Required by Thursday, July 13th, at 11:00 a.m.**
You must RSVP to attend!
Email RSVP to genebarf@lusfiber.net

meeting agenda

07:30 - 08:00 **Registration, Continental Breakfast**

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08:00 - 08:30 **Welcome & Self Introductions**

08:30 - 08:45 **Committee Reports**

08:45 - 09:00 **Networking / Break**

09:00 - 09:45 **Topic 1: "SEMS Update"**

Speaker: Jason Mathews

Company: BSEE Gulf of Mexico Region

09:45 - 10:00 **Networking / Break**

10:00 - 10:45 **Topic 2: "Panel Discussion on JSAs Best Practices"**

Speakers: Al Desselle - Chevron, David

Dugas - Fieldwood Energy, Edie Tranchina -

Versa Integrity, Ken Wells - Lifeline Strategies

- Safety and Regulatory Management

Consulting.

10:45 - 11:00 **Networking / Break**

11:00 - Until **Round Table Discussion - Members seek**

solutions to safety concerns and share experiences

Door Prize Drawing

Lunch and Continued Networking or Adjourn

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The meeting was called to order on May 12, 2017 at 8:03 AM by Jim Gunter, President 2017. Jim reminded everyone of the locations of the emergency exits. The pledge of allegiance was conducted and was followed by a moment of silence for our US Military. Committee Reports were presented then everyone introduced themselves.

Jim reminded everyone that this is a safety group and no sales/marketing solicitation allowed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership / Crawfish Boil Report, Gene Barfield

- 180 members currently
- Crawfish Boil was a success!

Science Fair 2016, Leonard Nederveld

Safe Gulf, Edie Tranchina

There has not been a meeting since March. The next SafeGulf Meeting is Thursday, April 27th in Houston. The location to be announced. I am not able to attend. I forwarded the invitation to Jim, as a back-up. I plan to participate on the teleconference.

Regulatory Affairs, David Dykes

David was not present however Jim advised that the Regulatory Affairs Report is posted on webpage (www.gcstg.com) and will not be emailed; on the webpage click on regulatory affairs then click on a word document. Once the document is opened, the internet link can be found in the far right column.

Quality Committee, Nic McCormic

Next ASQ meeting will be held at Fenstermaker covering "GIS" Presented by Jenny Axelrod of Fenstermaker

Scholarship Activities, Gene Barfield / Tiffany Hebert

OPITO donated \$2,000.00

Nominations & Elections, Jim Gunter

Officer nomination will be June/July.

Topic 1: "2017 Hurricane Season"

Speaker: Troy Frame Company: Alert Weather Services.

- Review Previous Hurricanes and Weather Conditions
- Update on Hurricane Season

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Topic 2: “How President Trump may affect OSHA Regulations”

Speaker: Topper Thompson Company: Horace Arthur Thompson III, Inc

- Background Of The Osh Act
- Purpose Of Proposed Occupational Safety And Health Act Of 1970
- Enforcement Mechanism
- Past Role As Chairman
- Limited Comment On Prospects For Osha Policy Under President Trump

Round Table, Jim Gunter

- Next Meeting July 14th covering JSA’s
- Fit for Duty

Door Prizes

Door prizes were drawn and distributed and the meeting closed at 12:00 noon for lunch.

Quality Committee Report

Jerry Dardar with KHERION Quality Management will be covering API Q2 at the next ASQ meeting on August 17, 2017, location is TBD.

We have two courses offering on ASQ.org that will be held in Lafayette.

08/07/2017 - 08/10/2017 Certified Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence Certification Preparation

10/02/2017 - 10/04/2017 Implementing and Auditing an ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System

Please visit <https://asq.org/training> for more information.

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| <p>2017 Meeting Schedule</p> <p>Friday, July 14, 2017</p> <p>Friday, September 8, 2017</p> <p>Friday, November 10, 2017</p> |
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SafeGulf Report

Edie participated in the last SafeGulf meeting via teleconference on April 27th and minutes were report to the group at the May meeting.

We began working to refresh the SafeGulf website. Logos and testimonies were forwarded to Brooke at PEC to add to the website. In addition, our current curriculum will be uploaded for 3rd party trainers and employers who seek to have their in-house programs approved.

Chairperson, Laurie Knape send out an email with the following message:

I have spoken with Moxie Media regarding the testing requirement for SG. It was agreed that the testing can be by an alternative source other than the student having to go to Moxie’s office for testing. Moxie offers a webcam option for the student to log in and an employee of Moxie will proctor the test. Are there any other proctor options that you would like to see available- HR representative - Librarian, etc.

The next scheduled meeting is July 27th in Houston and the location is TBD. At the July meeting we will receive SG chair nominations - Our guidelines stated we would begin the nomination process for officers during the July meeting and be prepared to vote in October. There is a two-year limit per office with the option of two consecutive terms. The officers’ positions begin January 1st.

Science Fair Report

No report this month



membership report

| Category | Count |
|---|------------|
| Air Service Companies | 1 |
| Associations | 2 |
| Contractor Production Operators..... | 11 |
| Diving Service Companies..... | 3 |
| Drilling Companies..... | 1 |
| Governmental Services..... | 27 |
| Independent Safety Consultants..... | 13 |
| Industrial Medical Services | 9 |
| Insurance Companies | 1 |
| Marine Service Companies..... | 2 |
| Oil/Gas Production Companies | 27 |
| Safety Equipment Suppliers | 1 |
| Safety/Training Services Companies..... | 18 |
| Service Companies..... | 61 |
| Support Services..... | 3 |
| Universities-Safety Training..... | 2 |
| Total | 182 |

Welcome New Members

ROSE TIFFANY
VERSA INTEGRITY GROUP, INC.

treasurer's report

Treasurer – Gene Barfield, CSP

November 2016

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund | \$71,814.70 |
| Scholarship Fund | \$2,000.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$73,814.70 |

R.S.V.P. In order to better plan for the meeting, we are asking all members to reserve their spot at the meeting. This will allow us to accurately report to the facility how many people will need to be fed, assuring that enough food is prepared, and avoiding overpayment for food that is not eaten.

**Email your RSVP
by Thursday, July 13th at 11:00am,
to: genebarf@lusfiber.net**

Please include in your email:

The date you send it, your name (required), whether or not you are attending and how many guests you will bring with a list of their names (required) and company names (required).

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the compliance date of July 1, 2017 to December 1, 2017. OSHA invites the public to comment on the rule. I suspect industry will have much to say on this topic.

I would like to personally thank these individuals and companies for taking the time to speak to our group.

At our July meeting, we have two great topics lined up. Jason Mathews with BSEE will provide a “SEMS Update.” Next we will have a “Panel Discussion on JSAs Best Practices.” Both of these topics should be very informative and we hope to see you at the meeting.

In closing, if I can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

L. J. “Jim” Gunter, CSP
GCSTG President



**Have a great
“rest of the
summer”
and we will
see you in
September!**