



gulf coast safety & training group

newsletter

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

notice of meeting

When: Friday, May 12, 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, May 11th, 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 – Science Fair Winners Presentations
08:45 - 09:00 Networking / Break
09:00 - 09:45 **Topic 1: “2017 Hurricane Season”**
Speaker: Troy Frame (BIO below)
Company: Alert Weather Services
09:45 - 10:00 Networking / Break
10:00 - 10:45 **Topic 2: “How President Trump may affect OSHA Regulations”**
Speaker: Topper Thompson (BIO below)
Company: Horace Arthur Thompson III, Inc.
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

TROY FRAME

I graduated from Northeast Louisiana University now called UL-Monroe in May 1989. I graduated Cum Laude and was named the Outstanding Graduate in Atmospheric Science/Meteorology for the 1988-1989 college years at NLU. I grew up in the community of Swords between Opelousas and Eunice and became fascinated by weather as early as the first grade. One of the first storms I remember tracking closely when I was growing up was Hurricane Carmen in 1974. I've been the Operations Manager/Chief Meteorologist at Alert Weather Services here in Lafayette for the past 25 years. I have been tracking and forecasting tropical systems as a college student and professionally for over 32 years. I have experience forecasting tropical systems in every Ocean Basin on the planet including the Atlantic, North and South Pacific, North and South Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal, Arabian Sea, etc.

TOPPER THOMPSON

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF BACKGROUND

- (1959 – 1963) Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA (Chemical Engineering, 48 quarter hours), Industrial Management, 105 quarter hours). (BS 1966) Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.
- (J.D. 1968) Tulane Law School, New Orleans, LA.
- (August 1, 1968 – January 1, 1980) Attorney in Labor Section of National Law Firm: Jones Walker Waechter Poitevent Carrere & Denegre, New Orleans, LA.
- (January 1, 1980 – January 1, 2000) Attorney –Founding Partner of Law Firm Specializing in Labor Law – Senior Partner: McCalla Thompson Pyburn, Hymowitz & Shapiro, Gulfport, MS and New Orleans, LA.
- (January 1, 2000 – May 1, 2007) Co-Chair of Labor Law Section – Shareholder: Watkins Ludlam Winter & Stennis, Gulfport, MS and New Orleans, LA.
- (2012-2013) SSA ODAR Administrative Law Judge Training.
- (May 22, 2006 – July 18, 2011) Member/commissioner of the United States Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (“OSHRC”), the three-member independent federal adjudicatory agency that renders decisions involving workplace safety and health citations arising from inspections by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the United States Department of Labor [“OSHA”], responsible with the other Presidentially appointed Senate confirmed members of OSHRC to adjudicate interlocutory review, discretionary review, and final review of decisions by OSHRC administrative law judges.
- (June 29, 2007 – February 14, 2009) Chairman of OSHRC: By designation of President George W. Bush, I chaired the three-member

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The meeting was called to order on March 10, 2017 at 8:03 a.m. 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 will be May 11, 2017 at Crawfish Time USA.

Science Fair 2016, Leonard Nederveld

Unfortunately we did not participate in the Houston Regional Fair this year due to a lack of volunteers to judge. This is the second year that we have a lack of interest in judging this fair and if there is not any interest next year we may discontinue judging for Houston.

Three presentations:

- Micah Baamonde: Can the Peak Force of a Ball Impacting the Ground Be Predicted"
- Anthony Rhodes: Within Arms Reach
- Shaina Williams: The effect of Microwave Exposure on Different Organisms
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Safe Gulf, Edie Tranchina

The last SafeGulf met at Shell's Robert Training Center. In addition to the development of an audit Protocol Spreadsheet, Guidance Document updates include:

- General membership, which means that GSC&TG will be classified as an Industry Organizations – An entity, such as non-profits and learning organizations, that supports the offshore oil and gas activities to promote HSSE.
- A quorum must be met for voting. [Chairperson, Laurie Knappe] suggests identifying voting quorum as 2/3's of the membership with at least 50% of voting Operators must be present.

Membership Document updates include:

- [Chairperson, Laurie Knappe] suggests limiting our [Membership] classifications two classifications: Executive Board (Voting) and Non-voting members (participating visitors).

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United States Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission [“OSHRC”], managing an independent federal adjudicatory agency with headquarters in Washington, D C, and with field offices in Atlanta, GA and in Denver, CO, employing overall approximately 65 federal employees including commissioners’ counsel and confidential assistants, administrative law judges, the Office of the OSHRC Executive Secretary, and attorneys in the OSHRC Office of General Counsel.

- (2007-2009) **National Judicial College**, Reno, NV – *Decision Making; Judicial Decision Writing; Logic and Legal Reasoning; Advanced Evidence for Judges; Scientific Evidence for Judges: Administrative Law Procedure for Judges.*
- (July 18, 2011 – January 2013) **Social Security Administration, Office of Disability Adjudication & Review, Administrative Law Judge (Hattiesburg and New Orleans Hearing Offices)**
- (January 2013 – August 2013) **Trial Judge (ALJ) Denver Regional Office, OSHRC.**
- (October, 2013) **FMCS Arbitrator Qualification Course, Orlando, FL.**

DESCRIPTION OF EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF SAFETY AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

Soon after President Nixon signed the Occupational Safety and Health Act in 1970, I utilized my engineering and labor law background to develop a national administrative law and litigation practice relating to state and federal environmental, safety, and health disputes, often involving technical and highly complex and frequently novel issues of first impression. While in practice I edited the seminal treatise **Occupational Safety and Health Law**, jointly published by ABA and the Bureau of National Affairs (1988). As General Counsel of the Voluntary Protection Program Participants Association (VPPPA), I published in VPPPA publications articles on such subjects as “**Navigating the Legal Shoals to Safe Harbors in the Formation of Joint Safety Committees**”. In 2006 I suspended my law practice when appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate to a quasi-judicial position at the United States Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. As an OSHRC Commissioner, I joined in the issuance of ninety-eight (98) opinions and awards, each of which is published on the OSHRC web-site: <http://oshrc.gov/decisions/index.html>. I separately wrote six dissents. Five of my dissents were adopted as law by various federal courts of appeal [e.g., *AKM, Dayton Tire, Summit*] which may be reviewed online at the OSHRC web site.

I also served as Chair of the Labor Relations & Employment Law Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association [“LSBA”] (1972-73); as Chair of the American Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section’s Committee on Occupational Safety and Health Law [“ABA OSHA Committee”], (1979-1984); as Vice Chair of the Civil Service Commission of the City of New Orleans [“NO CCC”] (1989-1992) [Monty Leman Award, 1992]; as Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Safety Council of Southern Louisiana; as Chair of the Legal Committee of the New Orleans City Parks Board of Commissioners, (1998 – 2000) [Board President’s Award for Exceptional Service, 1998]. On specific projects, I served as counsel on labor related issues for the Louisiana Association of Business & Industry (LABI), including drafting of Louisiana’s Right to Work Law and lead counsel in opposition to a Living Wage Ordinance Applicable in only New Orleans.

GCST&G Science Fair Committee Report May 12, 2017

We had three students make great presentations at the March meeting and we will have several more at the May meeting. I hope you attend so you can participate in this learning experience for these outstanding youth.

The information for the fairs we judged is given below.

Region	Chair(s)	Judges	Winners
New Orleans	Kent Bordelon	Kent Bordelon	Anthony Rhodes : Within Arms Reach Marc Graffeo : How Your Mind Reacts Kylee Olsen : Are we secretly Drinking Toxins Reagan Peters-Roussell : Gender and Short Term Memory Micah Baamonde : Can the Peak Force of a Ball Impacting the Ground Be Predicted Andrew Pitari : Does Fireproofing Industrial Protective Clothing Reduce the Ignitability Time Megan Kihnel : Helping the Handicapped Become More Handy Garret Wallow : How Safe Is the Water You Drink
Lafayette	Danny Viator	Ryan Lasseigne, Scotty Boudreaux, Buddy White, and Leonard Nederveld. Danny Viator	Gracie Mouton : Can You Hear Now? Are we killing our ears? Gracie Matt : The Pampered House Hannah Evans : Electrolyte Challenge: Sports Drinks vs. Orange Juice Michael Simon and Kaden Allemond : School Drinking Water: Is it Safe?
Houma-Thibodaux	Bill Womack and Jim Lina	Jim Lima, Bill Womack	Shaina Williams : The effect of Microwave Exposure on Different Organisms Claudia Martenez and Anna Kruz : Sleepy Need 22’s Norelle Frank : Silent Killer Cardiology Disease
Houston	Chuck Praznik	None	Cancelled

At the present time Regan Peters-Roussell and Andrew Pitari from New plan to attend the May meeting.

Leonard Nederveld
Science Fair Committee Chair

- Executive Committee (voting members)
 - The committee shall have a maximum of 15 members. Membership shall be amassed of operators, accrediting bodies, contractors and industry organizations.
 - o 6 Operators
 - o 3 Accrediting bodies
 - o 3 Contractors
 - o 3 Industry Organizations
- Term of Office – Officers shall hold office for a term of two (2) years beginning in January or until their successors are elected. Individuals shall not serve in the same office position for more than two consecutive terms.

Next meeting is April 27th and the location has not been determined.

Regulatory Affairs, David Dykes

David was not present however Gordon 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 “Metrology, Education, and Our Economy” Presented by Benjamin Jack of JM Test Systems

Scholarship Activities, Gene Barfield / Tiffany Hebert

The scholarship fund has been deactivated.

Nominations & Elections, Jim Gunter

Officer nomination will be June/July.

Topic 1: “How Telemedicine Can Be Used to Enhance Employee Wellness”

Speaker: Thomas J. Falterman MD Company: Pharma-Safe Companies.

- Wellness
 - o On-Site Health Screenings
 - o Pre-Employment Physicals

- Incident Management
 - o Real-Time Case Management
 - o Telemedicine
- “Incident Command” Virtual Room

Topic 2: “3rd Leading Cause of Deaths in the US – Stroke Prevention”

Speaker: Michelle Shirley, ASP Company: Versa Integrity Group, Inc.

- Why should I care about strokes?
- What is a Stroke?
 - o Ischemic Stroke
 - o Hemorrhagic Stroke
- Transient Ischemic Attack – TIA
- Risk Factors
- You Can Spot a Stroke F.A.S.T.
- Stroke Diagnosis
- Treatment
- Recovery
- Prevention

Round Table, Jim Gunter

- Reminder that the round table should be used to share and learn.
- MSA’s requiring Maritime Issuance

Door Prizes

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

**Crawfish Boil May 11, 2017
and Next Meeting: May 12, 2017**

SafeGulf Report – May 2017

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.

Quality Committee Report

The next ASQ meeting will be held June 8, 2017 at CH Fenstermaker, 6:00-7:30 p.m., main topic Geographic Information Systems (GIS) presented by Jenny Axelrod, GIS specialist.

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.....	60
Support Services.....	3
Universities-Safety Training	2
Total	181

Welcome New Members

CHARLES SIMPSON, CSP
EPIC BROKERS

treasurer's report

Treasurer – Gene Barfield, CSP

November 2016

General Fund	\$75,207.67
Scholarship Fund	\$ 0.00
TOTAL:	\$75,207.67

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, May 11th 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).

from the president

Dear GCSTG members and friends,

I cannot believe that it is already time for our May meeting. It seemed the older I get the faster time seems to fly by. My advice is to take time to enjoy life and spend as much time as you can with those you love.

If you missed our March 2017 meeting, you missed two great topics. Parma-Safe spoke on "How Telemedicine Can Be Used to Enhance Employee Wellness" and Michelle Shirley, ASP with Versa Integrity Group spoke on "3rd Leading Cause of Deaths in the U.S. – Stroke Prevention." I, for one, had to admit that I was not aware that this was the third leading cause of deaths and the presentation was very informative. I would like to personally thank these individuals and companies for taking the time to speak to our group.

Hopefully, 2017 will be the year that things start improving for our industry. The signs are there but we still have such a long way to go to get back to where we were before the downturn. Personally this is the third time that I have seen this occur and in the past things did return so don't lose hope. It looks like we can expect some regulatory relief from President Trump which should enhance business opportunities. Also, the Keystone Pipeline appears to be moving forward and companies are starting to hire again (Halliburton announced the hiring of 2000 U.S. oil field workers recently).

At our May 12th meeting, we have two great speakers lined up. Troy Frame with Alert Weather Service will provide a look at the 2017 Hurricane Season. This should help you with planning and implementing your Hurricane Plans. Our second presenter will be Topper Thompson, who will speak on "How President Trump may affect OSHA Regulations." This should be a very interesting topic. Finally, we will be having our annual crawfish boil at Crawfish Town USA the night before the meeting. I can tell you this year's crawfish season has been going very well and we can expect some nice crawfish.

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

L. J. "Jim" Gunter, CSP
GCSTG President

2017 Meeting Schedule

Friday, May 12, 2017

Friday, July 14, 2017

Friday, September 8, 2017

Friday, November 10, 2017