



News & Views



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June Meeting

Awards & Honors Banquet

Saturday

June 22, 2002

5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Star Fleet Yacht – *Star Gazer*

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Contact Cindy Lewis,
409-939-6676 for more details

Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday

September 5, 2002

General Chapter Meeting

Brady's Landing

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Topic: TBA

*Watch your next issue of
News & Views for all the details*

From the Editor...

This issue of *News & Views* brings another chapter year to a close. I hope that you have found this year's issues to be another source of information for what has been happening locally and nationally with the Association. I have enjoyed editing the newsletter for the past 9 months and wish to thank everyone who has contributed articles and advertisements.

Speaking of advertisements... Please take a moment to check out the ads in this newsletter. They represent the sponsors of our upcoming Awards & Honors Banquet. They are all great supporters of ASSE and the members. If you have an opportunity to give them a call and use their services - please do!

As my role with the Chapter changes from Newsletter Editor to President of the 2002-2003 Chapter year, I will be calling on many of the members to assemble their thoughts and contribute their ideas to making the Chapter a great resource for the entire Gulf Coast safety community – both to our members and to those who are just looking for a few good ideas to move their own programs along. My first call is to anyone who is interested in picking up the Editor position for the newsletter. You can contact me for all the details. Our newsletter currently is sent to approximately 1200 members and 300 other interested parties each month.

Have a great summer – we'll see you in the fall! Stay safe!

Cindy

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Ridin' with the Prez!: The Last Ride...

Greetings to you all,

Well, I could say all good things must come to an end; but this not an ending, merely an evolution. This **IS** however the last column that I will be writing as your Chapter President so I'll refrain from my normal opening.

Many of you I haven't met, nor will ever meet. Some of you I've seen at meetings, others I've talked to by phone, still others via email; but I still know something of **each** of you by your membership in ASSE. You are connected to an organization that for over 90 years has been helping keep people safe; and there is nothing more precious than life.

I have made it a point each month to try to make each of you look inside yourselves, if only for a moment, and see yourselves within a larger picture. To stop and consider how what you have chosen as your career impacts so many people in so many ways. Have I succeeded? I'll never know. But I do know that by trying it has made me look inside myself and grow personally. And that is my ultimate goal for myself. So I thank you all for that growth, for without it I couldn't move on to my own next step. As some of you know, as I finish my term as President of the Gulf Coast Chapter I am in the process of beginning a new position in Austin, Texas as the new President of Construction Safety and Health, Inc. (yes, Del Tally is retiring on June 28th) I mention this for a couple of reasons: First, if any of you are in the Austin area, come by for a cup of coffee. Second, and more importantly, I truly believe my active involvement with ASSE was a determining factor in my obtaining the position. During the interview process, ASSE participation, and my future participation, was a very positive topic of discussion. So yes, being an ASSE member does have an impact in the job market. But more importantly, it has an impact on your life. I have learned a tremendous amount through my participation in Chapter leadership that I will continue to put to good use in the years ahead. There is no doubt in my mind that the mentoring I received and gave through ASSE made me more than what I was when I started. So as I prepare to proverbially "Head West" and ride off into the sunset, I want to challenge you one last time. Look inside. **SEE** what you need to make yourself grow. Then do it. Not next week, Not in a couple of months; **NOW**. Chase whatever dream you have. If you don't have one-get one. Get involved and reap the rewards.

I do.

Greg L. Smith, CSP
GCC President
2001-2002



Did You Know?

This column highlights our members. Whether it be moves, transfers, birthdays, anniversaries, awards, honors or anything else that you want to share – we want to know! Send information to be printed to Cindy Lewis at cllewis@ev1.net.

Region 3 PDC

registration booklets have been mailed to each member in Region 3 recently. If you did not receive one and are interested in attending the Professional Development Conference August 3-5, 2002, in Addison, Texas, contact J/B Meetings at 713.532.0044 or log on to the Gulf Coast website at www.assegulfcoast.org to download the forms.

Save the Trees

Would you prefer to receive the newsletter electronically? Send an email to Cindy Lewis, Editor, at cllewis@ev1.net with a subject line of "Save the Trees". You will then begin to receive the newsletter in an Adobe Acrobat file and no longer receive the print version by mail.

Are you a Member?

As a benefit of your membership you have access to the "On-Line Community" of ASSE National's website. You can gain valuable information from the internet site <http://www.memberconnections.com/asse/>. Of the 30,000+ members that are currently registered at ASSE, only 4,125 are registered on the Online Community. Get your money's worth out of your membership – Register today!

Help Wanted

Have you been looking for a way to be more involved with your local Chapter – but you don't have time to attend the meetings? Here's your perfect opportunity. We are looking for members interested in heading a sub committee in the following areas: Membership, Newsletter, Roster, Risk Management, School Safety, Program, NAOSH Week or ASP/CSP Review. The lead for each sub committee would be asked to schedule and lead sub committee meetings (at their convenience) and to send a brief report to the Executive Committee on the sub committees progress. Each lead would have an opportunity to attend the Leadership Conference held in Oakbrook, Illinois, October 2002 to learn more about ASSE.

The opportunity is open to all members regardless of your location – meetings can be held by phone. If you are interested please contact any of the Executive Committee members. An organization meeting will be held in July to train and mentor anyone who is interested.

Dates to Know

June 2002 – National Safety Month – Sponsored by the National Safety Council. Contact the Communications Dept. at 630.775.2303 for more information – or check out their website at www.nsc.org.

July 2002 – Eye Injury Prevention Month – Sponsored by the American Academy of Ophthalmology. More info at www.eyenet.org or 415.561.8500.

September 1-7, 2002 – National Childhood Injury Prevention Week. Sponsored by the As Safety As Possible Campaign. www.AsSafeAsPossible.org or 516.482.1475.

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August 4-7, 2002
InterContinental Hotel, Dallas**

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Conference Highlights

- *Opening Keynote Speaker - Bryan Dodge, "How to Build a Better You"
- *Closing Keynote Speaker - John Miles, Region 6 OSHA Director, "OSHA Update"
- * Four Tracks of Breakout Sessions (General Safety, Homeland Safety, Construction Safety and Environmental and Safety Issues) - 48 Breakout Sessions ranging from Beginner to Expert Experience Levels
- *ASSE Foundation Golf Tournament at Coyote Ridge
- *Over 30 Exhibitors in the Exhibitor Hall

InterContinental Hotel is near the Galleria Shopping Area and close to major Dallas attractions so bring the family along.

Registration packets are being sent out in May!
For more information, contact Michael Messner at 405.947.3181.

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Upcoming Events

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June 2002

6th – Thursday

NO General Chapter Meeting

9th-12th

ASSE National Professional Development
Conference
Nashville, Tennessee

18th – Tuesday

South Section Meeting
Brazosport Safety Council
5:00 p.m.

22nd – Saturday

Award's & Honors Ceremony/
Officer Inductions
Star Fleet Cruises, Kemah, TX
5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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July 2002

6th – Thursday

NO General Chapter Meeting

19th - Friday

Construction Division Meeting
Brady's Landing
8505 Cypress, Houston
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Topic TBA

16th – Tuesday

South Section Meeting
Brazosport Safety Council
5:00 p.m.

Future Events

August 4-7, 2002

Region III Professional Development
Conference
Intercontinental Hotel
Dallas, Texas

September 5, 2002

General Chapter Meeting
Brady's Landing
8505 Cypress, Houston
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Topic TBD

September 19, 2002

ASSE/AIHA Vendor's Night
Brady's Landing
Houston, Texas
Times TBD