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“SAFETY THROUGH EDUCATION”

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**Volunteers are the Key to our
Success**

SAFETY EMPHASIS IS NOW ELECTRONIC

With this issue, the Safety Emphasis has gone electronic. The savings provides an opportunity for the Chapter to explore and offer members new services. If you have email capability and are receiving hardcopy please advise Char Dolan of your email address at c.dolan@attbi. If you do not have email capability you will still receive a printed copy of the Safety Emphasis.

Membership Meeting: January 13, 2003

Sweetbriar Inn 11:30am - 1:00pm
7125 SW Nyberg Rd. Tualatin

Honoring Past Presidents

Development and Implementation of a Successful Bilingual Safety Program

Have any one of you had a problem communicating with employees who don't read, speak and understand English? How about employees who don't completely understand the English language?

Our presenters are Byron Johnson, Safety Manager, Gunderson, Inc. and Sula Rozenfeld, Language Specialist, Gunderson, Inc. Both have worked together to develop and implement a successful bilingual safety program.

Please join us and hear a dynamic presentation and get some ideas on how it's done and the benefits of proper communication with our employees.

Membership Orientation

Are you not sure what ASSE is or what it stands for? Come to the Sweetbriar Inn on January 13th at 11:00 and find out more. Find out what a wonderful organization ASSE is and how it's structured.

Chapter and Section Minutes

The minutes of the executive committee meetings of the Columbia Willamette Chapter, the Santiam Section and the Mt. St. Helens Section can be viewed in their entirety on the webpage of the Columbia Willamette Chapter, www.assecwc.org.

Mt. Hood Community College Student Section News

The majority of the Environmental Safety and Health program students at M.H.C.C. are working adults who also go to school. We are also proud and grateful student-section members of your remarkable and generous organization.

The M.H.C.C. student section would like to offer our assistance with the preparation, logistics, or whatever help we can provide to the G.O.S.H. Conference. (Commitments should be secured early as time is our most valuable commodity.)

The student section is focusing on purchasing some upgrades for our EHS computer to facilitate the completion of program-related projects and assignments. We're planning a work-party after the first of the year to install locking cabinets, bookcases, and a more ergonomic computer station in our main classroom/lab at school. We're looking at some additional low-cost educational reference material to enhance the program.

We're planning to put together a photo display of graduates of the program from the last five years or so, together with success stories about them that can be used at school, information booths, etc. We'd also like to update and expand the way our program interfaces with other programs available at Mt. Hood in order to raise our profile.



Region 1 Vice President Brian Clarke presenting Columbia Willamette Chapter President, Phil Lemons with the National Large Chapter of the Year Award at the ASSE National PDC in June 2002

2000-2001 Chapter Of The Year!

The Columbia-Willamette Chapter has been recognized by National ASSE as Chapter Of The Year, in the large chapter category, for Chapter Year 2000-2001. This is the first year for which single chapter national recognition has been bestowed for outstanding accomplishments. Winners also were recognized in the small and medium-sized ASSE chapters. All three Chapter winners for 2000-2001 were from Region One.

Phil Lemons, Chapter President for 2000-2001, accepted the honors for our Chapter at this year's June 2002 ASSE PDC in Nashville, Tennessee. Phil was presented a plaque at the PDC, and a check to our Chapter for \$1000, by **Brian Clarke**, Region One Vice-President, for the collective accomplishments of Chapter members and volunteers.

Hunting Safety

Our thanks to Mr. Tony Burt, Training and Education Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, who spoke at our December Brown Bag Lunch meeting, held Friday, December 6, 2002. His talk covered the history and current state of Hunting Safety.

Tony shared with us the Trends in Hunting Accidents, Causes of Firearms Accidents, Accident Prevention Rules, Hunting Safely, and Safe storage of firearms After the Hunt. Despite the increase in Oregonians pursuing outdoor recreation with the sport of hunting, hunting accidents

are at an all time low. When they do occur, firearm related accidents usually are caused by;

1. Equipment Failure
2. Operator Error, or
3. Unauthorized Access to Firearms

Of those Operator Error related incidents which are Vision Related, Burt shared statistics that 90% of these types of accidents could be avoided if the victim had worn high visibility clothing such as Blaze Orange.

Burt shared six rules for firearm safety:

1. Treat every firearm as though it were loaded
2. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
4. Always clearly identify your target and what is beyond it
5. Ensure that the firearm and ammunition are in good working condition and that only the correct ammunition is carried and used
6. Store firearms and ammunition separately, under lock and key, so they are not accessible to unauthorized people.



Brown Bag Lunch Presenter
Tony Burt

GOSH Sponsorship

March 3-6, 2003 is our GOSH Conference. We are still looking for sponsors for the conference. If you know of any company that might or will sponsor, please contact Dave Parsons at parsonsd@earthlink.net.

Keep The Faith!

Although, right now, Oregon's economy has seen some better days, never lose faith that employers see value in hiring quality safety professionals, and are making sure that the safety needs of their companies and personnel are adequately addressed. Here's a few pointers on keeping your focus, your faith, and your resume extra sharp, should you be looking.

- Do not fear! Establish a strategy for getting that next position, and stick with it.
- Think regionally or nationally, as needed, contact national recruiters and search agents. Check out newspapers in areas in which you may wish to live and work.
- Use the ASSE online community and other web pages from other chapters.
- Design your resume to be readily sent by e-mail attachment. Remember that many resumes are, and need to be scanned for viewing/distribution.
- Target specific employer web sites, since many do not put their offerings on the net.
- Polish your interviewing techniques. There are fine articles on the net, and community colleges often are great resources.

Submitted by Mike Benjamin.
Questions? E-mail me at
benji473@aol.com

Santiam Section News

Mr. John Kirk of Cascade Employers provided a twenty minute breakout session on interviewing at our section's Professional Development Conference in September. Attendees wanted to hear more on this subject! In January of this next year, Michelle Devereaus of Business Masters will speak on the topic of "Effec-

tive Meeting Planning." Other presentation topics planned for 2003 include "The Ladder of Inference", "Interviewing Techniques", "Fall Protection Rules for Construction", "AED Basics" and others. **Bob Harris, Tim McDonald, Alan Samarin and Charlie Crawford** represent the Santiam Section as GOSH 2003 Volunteer Committee Members.



ASSE and OR-OSHA staff the phones and advertise the GOSH Conference at the OPB Pledge Drive

ASSE and OR-OSHA Partner for OPB Pledge Drive

Submitted by Tony Howard

A great time was had by all 37 OR-OSHA & ASSE volunteers during the 12/10/02 OPB Television Pledge Drive. The volunteers helped raise \$32,341 from people calling in pledges and \$1,745 from call-outs for a grand total of **\$34,086**. Congratulations to **Stan Strickland (ASSE / EC Company)** for being the volunteer that collected the most money from call-outs, and **Annie Moorman (SAIF Corporation)** for collecting the highest call-in pledge (**\$10,000**).

Not only was this event a fun one, but a very kind gesture of community service. During this difficult period of governmental budget cuts, OPB needs everyone's help. The hosts, Margie Boule and Eric Schmidt, did an excellent job of recognizing both organizations and promoting the 2003 Oregon Governor's Occupational Safety & Health Conference.

A big "THANK YOU" to all the volunteers!!!

The U.S. Military and ASSE Honor Long time Friend and Associate

At the 61st Anniversary Pearl Harbor Day Memorial Ceremony sponsored by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association on December 7th, **Sidney**

Rosen was presented with the Bronze Star for valor during his service as a Medic in WWII at the Battle of the Bulge. In addition to this very prestigious honor, the CWC - ASSE presented Mr. Rosen with a plaque honoring his service to this country and his ongoing friendship with the safety professionals of the chapter. Congratulations Mr. Rosen and thank you for all you have done and continue to do for the cause of protecting human life.

A Unique Safety Marketing Opportunity For GOSH Conference

Submitted by Marsha Holborn

Here is a chance to associate your company with the GOSH conference through your own message of safety on the **ABC Television Station in Portland** and help the GOSH financially meet it's advertising goals! There are three levels of packages, the basic offering production of a public service announcement for your company and GOSH with each level adding additional air time values! **Airtime is during key news programs**. KATU is providing the production at no charge as well as additional no charge announcements to extend the investment promoting safety and GOSH.

Everyone wins! GOSH & Your Company! On your own, a full-scale television campaign like this could be cost prohibitive! And don't rule out this option: consider partnering with other companies for a package!

Have questions or need more information, contact **Marsha Holborn** at holborn@teleport.com or (360)414.9113 any ASSE officer.

IMMEDIATE OPENING: Chapter Vice President

For Details call Dan Sabatino or any member of the Chapter Nominations Committee: Barbara Aguon, Phil Lemons, John Remmers, Eric Fullan, Gary McQuown.

Key Dates to Remember
January

7	Tue	Santiam Section Meeting Change of Season 7:15 am
8	Wed	Mt. St. Helens E Board Meeting Red Lion Kelso - Noon
10	Fri	CWC Brown Bag Lunch
13	Mon	Chapter Meeting, Sweetbriar Inn 11:30
16	Thur	Mt. St. Helens Section Meeting Red Lion Kelso, 7:30 am
16	Thur	Controlling Cost of Accidents and Worker Comp Costs Work Shop 8:00 am - Noon Red Lion Kelso
28	Tue	CWC E-Committee Elmer's 7:30 am
28	Tue	CSS Board Meeting Quizmo's 10:30 am
28	Tue	CSS Meeting Multi Employer Worksites JJ North's 11:30

February

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March

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A Word from Our President...



The Chapter is in full swing for planning and achieving our projected goals for the year. Next on the agenda are the By-Laws review and updating. Several critical areas are in need of clarification such as, do we have the protocol to vote by E-mail? What about our fiscal year in relation to that of National's?

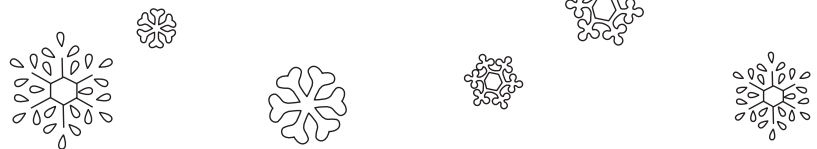
Other highlights include the success of the Brown-Bag Lunch meetings, our moving into the electronic age with an expanded web page and publishing the Safety Emphasis electronically. Still on the planning table are PDC's in the spring and a feasibility study to grow the chapter to reach industries and members on the Westside. Of course there is always the GOSH, and it is shaping up to be another class offering of high quality training and exhibitors, sharing the latest innovations in safety thinking and products.

The Holiday season is upon us and this is the time we shift our attention to family, friends, travel and the spirit of the holiday. It is also the time when accidents are more likely to happen due to all of these holiday distractions. This means taking the extra effort to stay focused on the task at hand. Take steps to ensure tasks are pre-planned and all equipment and tools are at hand. In addition, watch out for other workers and pedestrians not accustomed to your work conditions. Even the most routine of tasks can result in an injury when the events or pressures of the holiday season distract us. Have a Safe and Happy Holiday.

Quote for the Safety Professional..."As long as you're going to think anyway - you might as well think BIG!" *Donald Trump*

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Sabatino
 Chapter President



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Welcome to the 8th Annual

Brown Bag Lunch Series

Our Next Brown-Bag Lunch Meeting will be held:

Friday, January 10, 2002

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

at

Buster's Smokehouse Texas Style Bar-B-Que

Directions: From I-5 South: I-5 South to Exit #294 – OR-99W, Newberg/Tigard Exit. Continue West on OR-99W, Busters is on right.

From I-5 North: I-5 North to Exit #294 – Barbur Blvd. Take sharp left turn on SW Barbur Blvd. Continue on West on OR-99W, Buster's is on right.

Imagine a passive person dealing with an assertive person, or an emotional person dealing with an analytical person, or any combination of the four. It's easy to see how different personality types result in conflicts, but it doesn't have to be that way. The key is to understand what our own personality type is and what we must do to effectively communicate with other personality types.

The topic this month is "Dealing with Difficult Personality Types for Safety Professionals", and will be presented by David Polland. Mr. Polland was a safety director for a large West Coast tug and barge company for 14 years. After that he operated his own training and consulting business for seven years. While developing seminars on conflict resolution and negotiating, he conducted extensive research into why different personality types clash and how each of us can successfully deal with others who may be "difficult" to work with. Presently Mr. Polland is a site safety professional for a northwest mechanical contractor.

Safety professionals will find this presentation on working with different personality types both interesting and informative.



Construction Safety Summit
American Society of Safety Engineers
Columbia Willamette Chapter

Meeting Notice

The next meeting of the ASSE Columbia Willamette Chapter Construction Safety Summit has been scheduled for:

January 28, 2003

Meeting Agenda:

- 11:30 am Lunch
- 11:45 – 12:00 Introductions and Announcement
- 12:00 – 1:00 Training Topic

Speaker(s)/Topic:

OREGON OSHA'S NEW MULTI-EMPLOYER WORKSITE (MEW) CITATION GUIDELINE

As of January 1st, 2003, Oregon OSHA will be instructing compliance officers on the many faceted relationships involved in Multi-Employer Worksites and a new approach to ensure safety responsibility is credited to the responsible entity. We will discuss the following areas as they relate to MEW:

- A Joint Venture
- Definitions of Responsibilities
- New Tools
- Guideline vs. Policy
- Rational Behind the Development of the MEW Guideline
- New Responsibilities

JJ North's Grand Buffet

10520 NE Halsey, Portland, Oregon
 (NE 105th & Halsey)

All ASSE Construction Safety Summit Meetings are open to anyone interested or involved in construction safety. ASSE membership is not required to attend.

Contact Michelle Potter at Walsh Construction, 503-219-2937 for more information. To add someone to the mailing list please fax the information to 503-220-5321 or email to stans@e-c-co.com

Upcoming Meetings:

*denotes 3 hour training

Date	Topic	Anticipated Speaker(s)
*February 25, 2003	Soil Erosion	Dennis Jurries
March	Air Sampling 101	Alden Strealay, AGC

The ASSE Columbia-Willamette Chapter Construction Safety Summit Steering Committee meets prior to each meeting at 10:30 am at Quizno's in the Gateway Fred Meyer parking lot on the corner of NE Halsey & NE 102nd. These meetings are open to any ASSE or Summit Member. The steering committee invites open participation. Active Steering Committee Members:

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**Controlling Accident and
Worker Compensation**

January 16, 2003

Two Ways to enroll for Workshop:

Contact Either:

Chris Carlson 360.397.2446 ext. 1602
chris.carlson@clark.wa.gov

Dick Fabbro 360.817.2187
richard.fabbro@gapac.com

OR

Complete and return to:
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Longview WA 98632-7610

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Please register the following person:

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If you have any questions contact:

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**Controlling Accident and
Worker Compensation Costs
(Free Workshop)**

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**Mt. St. Helens Section
of the
Columbia-Willamette Chapter**



**Thursday
January 16, 2003
8:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Red Lion Hotel
Kelso, WA.**

Workshop Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Identify accident and incident direct and indirect costs.
- Quantify accident and incident direct and indirect costs.
- Establish an accident or incident review forms.
- Review how Worker Compensation works in Washington
- Identify loss experience sources and target safety efforts towards reducing these sources.
- Aggressively and effectively manage claims to control worker compensation costs.

Workshop Description:

This workshop will focus on ways to control accident/incident and worker compensation costs. You will learn how to determine and track the true cost of accident/incident and establish an indirect cost/direct cost ratio. You will also learn how the indirect/direct costs impact your company's profit.

This workshop will also focus on who is covered by worker's compensation and how to establish an effective worker compensation program. You will learn how to handle worker compensation cases, reporting and record keeping requirements, techniques to reduce your overall compensation costs and managing a return to work program.

Workshop Agenda:

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|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 8:00 to 8:45 | Identify direct and indirect costs |
| 8:45 to 9:15 | Quantify indirect costs |
| 9:15 to 9:30 | Break |
| 9:30 to 11:45 | Controlling Worker Compensation Costs |
| 11:45 to 12:00 | Questions & Answers |

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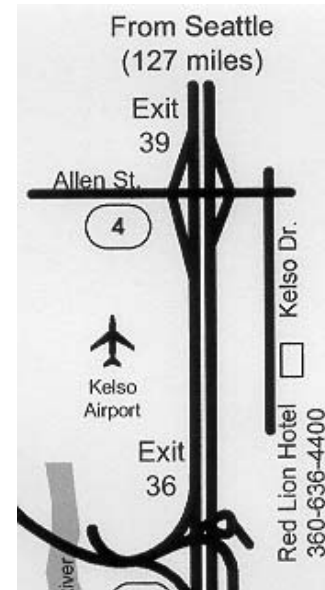
Attendees will receive a certificate upon completion of the course.

Free Workshop Controlling Accident and Worker Compensation Costs Presented by:

Gene Patrick, CSP, ARM serves as Loss Control Manager for the Port of Portland, supporting a wide range of safety and health efforts within aviation, marine, construction, and administrative operations. Gene holds a BS in Environmental Health and Safety from Oregon State University and has six years experience of construction safety experience prior to his four years at the Port of Portland. Gene is a professional member of ASSE in Columbia-Willamette Chapter.

William G. Wood, CHST is the Safety Management Supervisor for Argonaut Insurance in the Wrap up Division (large Construction Projects). Bill has over 30 years experience in the Construction and Insurance Industry. Bill is a professional member of ASSE in Columbia-Willamette Chapter.

Charles Holmquest, is the Risk Manager for Washington Labor and Industry. Chuck has over nine years of experience with Risk Management and Worker Compensation and over 100 companies in Southwest Washington have used him on Safety and Worker Compensation issues.



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