Mark Your Calendars—April 16, 2013

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Speaker: Louis Bergeron
Organization: Fireflex
Topic: Integrated Compressed Air Foam systems (ICAF)

Location: Houndslake Country Club
Aiken, SC

Times: 5:30 PM-Social Time
6:00 PM-Dinner
6:30 PM-Business Meeting
7:00 PM-Technical Presentation
8:30 PM-Adjournment

Meal Price: $19 for members
$24 for non-members
Dinner is a buffet

Directions to Houndslake Country Club
Going south on the Hitchcock Bypass (Hwy 118), go 1.1 miles from the intersection of Hitchcock and Huntsman, turn right at the second light onto Houndslake Drive at the bottom of the hill, or going north on the Hitchcock Bypass, go 1.1 miles from the intersection of Hitchcock/Pine Log and Silver Bluff, turn left at the first light onto Houndslake Drive. Go around the bend to the club house.

RSVP: PLEASE RESPOND to Mark LeGrand By 5:00 on Thursday, April 11 at 803-502-0657 or mark@legrandengineering.com

When emailing or phoning your RSVP, please verify confirmation via email.

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Meeting Highlights

CSRA SFPE March 19 Meeting Highlights.

Meeting Location: The Flight Deck Restaurant - Lexington, S.C.

Members and Visitors Present:
Tom Allison, Paul Anslow, Ralph Foster, Kent Gilbreath, Eric Johnson, Alan Porter, Gene Roe, Don Shelley, Bernie Till, Sandy Twilley, Bill Debruhl, John Travis, John Steele, Barry Beasley, Steve Jenkins, Pete Barbadoro, Kirk Gunter, and speaker Chris Jelenewicz from SFPE.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Eric Johnson. Much thanks to Simplex for hosting the PE writing session and providing lunch. Tom Allison, Ralph Foster, and Chris Jelenewicz supported the PE question writing session. Thank you Tom, Ralph, and Chris.

The February 19, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as published in the March newsletter. The Treasurer's report in the newsletter was approved as published. Tom Allison reported that there was income of $493.00 and expenses of $428.88, leaving a balance of $4604.44. Kent Gilbreath won $10 in the 50/50 split and donated it back to the chapter. Thanks Kent. Tom introduced our new member Bill Debruhl. Bill is also an associate member of SFPE.

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Respectfully submitted,
Gene Roe

Treasurer's Report

Congratulations to Bill DeBruhl as the newest member of our Chapter.

Since the last meeting, the total income has been $54.50 and the total Expenses have been $12.93. With a net increase of $41.57, the Chapter now has $4645.32 in our account.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Allison, Treasurer

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Chapter Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The CSRA Chapter celebrated it's tenth anniversary in March having been officially chartered on March 18, 2003 as the 51st chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. A meeting to organize in January of that year by a number of interested fire protection professionals led to the official charter being presented two months later by then Executive Director Kathleen Almand, now the head of the NFPA Research Foundation. Since receiving the charter, the chapter has had unprecedented success especially in light of the fact that it isn't located in a major city with a large number of fire protection professionals. Chris Jalenewicz recently stated that the "CSRA Chapter is an example of how successful a small chapter can be, regardless of the lack of corporate funding sources, if the membership is strong and has good leadership." The chapter has the longest running streak of gold chapter excellence awards having won it each year since the inception of the award.
With March and Easter behind us and the Masters upon us, many of our chapter members are facing uncertain economic situations in the near term. Beginning April 1st many of our chapter members employed at the Savannah River Site will be working a reduced schedule of 32 hours a week with a corresponding reduction in their pay check. I can’t begin to speculate how long this will continue. In spite of this news from SRS things continue to move ahead for the chapter.

As I have said for the past few months work on the chapter website continues. Please take time to look at it and offer your suggestions to Steve Jenkins. The website address is www.csra-sfpe.org. Steve can be reached at engr.steve@gmail.com.

- The chapter PE exam question writing session was held Tuesday, March 19 at the Simplex Grinnell office on Sunset Boulevard in West Columbia, South Carolina. Simplex-Grinnell supplied lunch for those participating. Thanks to Ralph Foster and Tom Allison for their support. The session with Chris Jelenewicz resulted in 13 new questions for the exam bank.
- The March meeting was held at a new location, The Flight Deck in Lexington. Please let us know how you liked the food, location, etc. If you have ideas for any other locations please let a member of the Executive Committee know.
- National Engineer’s Week was February 17 – 23. Members of the chapter participated in engineering teach-ins at local middle schools. The event was featured on the DOE / NNSA blog. You can see the article and photograph at http://nnsa.energy.gov/blog/srns-engineers-offer-teach-ins-during-national-engineers-week. Who is that in the picture?
- The chapter continues to work with the Silver Bluff Fire Department toward installing a sprinkler system in the fire station. Things are coming together ever so slowly.
- The nominating committee, chaired by Bernie Till, will present the slate of officers for the 2013-14 year at the April meeting. If you are interested in being an officer please contact him at William.till@srs.gov. Elections will be during the May meeting.
- Thank you for participating in the chapter and encourage your coworkers to do the same.

The chapter continues to be very active. Please encourage your colleagues to join us for the April meeting or better yet, bring one with you!

Stan Maciaszek
President

SFPE Corporate 100

The SFPE Corporate 100 Program was founded in 1976 to strengthen the relationship between industry and the fire protection engineering community. Membership in the program recognizes those who support the objectives of SFPE and have a genuine concern for the safety of life and property from fire. To join the Corporate 100 Program (Business Membership in SFPE) please contact Sean Kelleher 301-718-2910 ext. 101. To view the Corporate 100 Program brochure and application:

(Click Here)

Allied Professionals

The CSRA chapter has many individuals on our mailing list who do not qualify for Professional or Associate Member status with SFPE but are still interested in the services that the organization provides. In 2000, SFPE began to recognize such individuals and has created the Allied Professionals program to reach out to such individuals to give them the opportunity to interact with the fire protection engineering community. Without membership in SFPE. This is a special program to meet the needs of those with whom the engineering community works on a daily basis. To learn more about the program, please visit the SFPE website at:

(Click Here)

Our new website is a work in progress. Please visit the site (SFPE-CSRA.org) to see how it is coming along. Please let us know what you think and where additions and improvements can be made. The hope is that this website will become a tool to keep our membership and the community informed of what the CSRA Chapter of SFPE does.

If you like, you can create a “temporary access” account for free and then after activating it through your email, you can post to the forum and let us know what you think of the website on the website.
**Elections to be Held in May**

**Nominating Committee Looking for Volunteers**

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers for consideration at the April Meeting and for balloting at the May meeting. Members interested in serving as a chapter officer, or if you have someone you would like to nominate, please contact Bernie Till at William.till@srs.gov.

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2013 Annual Meeting - Austin, Texas
Professional Development Conference & Expo
Oct. 27 - Nov. 1, 2013

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THE CHAPTER □ MAY / □ MAY NOT RELEASE THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO OTHER PARTIES.

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1. Are you a member of the International SFPE? (Please select one): **
   □ Yes, my current grade is: □ Member □ Associate □ Other Member No.: __________________________
   □ No, please e-mail me membership information. □ No, not currently interested.
   ** International membership information is gathered for Gold Award purposes and will not be distributed without your permission. For information on joining the International program, contact any officer for assistance.

2. Professional designations [PE, EIT, NICET, CFPS, etc.]: __________________________

3. Are you interested in helping with a Chapter committee or special event? □ Yes □ Not at this time.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE (Select any that apply):

□ INDIVIDUAL CHAPTER MEMBER/AFFILIATE (after Sept. 30) $25.00

□ CORPORATE SPONSOR¹ & ² $250.00

□ CORPORATE OR INDIVIDUAL ADVERTISEMENT² $50.00

¹ This membership includes one individual annual membership and one corporate sponsor website link from the chapter home page through the 2012-13 membership year. (Please include two business cards with your payment).

² An advertisement the size of a standard business card will be included in our sponsors section of each newsletter (8) and will be posted on our website for one year.

PAYMENT INFORMATION: TOTAL ENCLOSED: $ _________

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