Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 19, 2013

Speaker: Dennis M. Phillips
Business Development Manager
Tyco Fire Protection Products

Topic: "Deluge, Pre-Action and Dry System Devices and Activation Means"

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

Directions:
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
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By 5:00 on Thursday, February 14
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When emailing or phoning your RSVP, please verify confirmation via email

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Meeting Location: Houndslake Country Club, Aiken, SC at 5:00 PM.

Members and Visitors Present:

The meeting was called to order by President Stan Maciaszek. Stan introduced our new guests.

The November 20, 2012 meeting minutes were approved as published in the January newsletter.

The Treasurer’s report was approved as listed in the newsletter. Dennis Phillips won the 50/50 split.

In old business, the next meetings will be February 19 at Houndslake and the March 19 meeting will be in Columbia. Eric Johnson is still looking for speakers for the remainder of the year.

Kent Gilbreath reported that we needed to contact suppliers to start getting materials for the Silver Bluff Volunteer Fire Department sprinkler installation. We are still waiting on the second story floor plan and we will coordinate with Lifeguard Fire protection for installation.

Stan reported that Steve Jenkins will be updating the chapter website. Members will be able to update their personal information on the new website.

Stan reported that Ralph Foster’s bookkeeper, Carol Barnett, will be doing our monthly newsletter.

In new business, Stan reported that Gene Row will become the new Membership Chair. We are looking at other options for meeting locations in Aiken. The PE Question writing sessions, sponsored by SFPE, will be hosted again this year at the Simplex Grinnell office in Columbia. Chris Jelenewicz from SFPE International will be here to head up the session. You need to be a PE to participate.

Gene Row is working the chapter’s hosting an SFPE contract seminar in the near future. Please contact Gene if you are interested in helping.

The business meeting was adjourned and the speaker, William King, was introduced.

Respectfully submitted,
G. Mark LeGrand

Mark Your Calendar!
Plan to attend one of our monthly meetings. Below is a list of dates to mark on your calendar:
March 19 - TBD - Columbia
April 16 - Houndslake Country Club
May 21 - Houndslake Country Club

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:
http://sfpe.org/About/AlliedProfessionals.aspx

Make sure that there are no spaces when typing it in your web browser.

Treasurer's Report
Thanks to an excellent turn-out, we had receipts of $674.00, of which $513.00 was for the meal, $50.00 was for advertisement, $100.00 for membership dues, and $11.00 was from the 50/50. Congratulations to Dennis Philips for winning the 50/50 drawing. A large thank you to Alan Porter and Simplex/Grinnell for another 12 months of advertisement. Please welcome new members Will Cosey and Rey Ramundo. We had expenses of $494.55, with $467.38 to Houndslake Country Club and $27.17 for office expenses. The current balance is $4,660.32.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L. Allison, Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,
G. Mark LeGrand
The new year is underway. The January meeting went very well with almost 30 in attendance including a number of first timers. This certainly makes things look promising for the year. Opportunities abound this year.

- The new chapter website continues to be developed by Steve Jenkins. More information will be released as the work progresses.

- Chapter member Gene Roe has agreed to be the membership chairman. This makes official what Gene has been doing for some time consistently inviting persons to attend our monthly meetings.

- The chapter will again hold a PE exam question writing session on Tuesday, March 19 at the Simplex Grinnell office on Sunset Boulevard in West Columbia, South Carolina. Chris Jelenewicz from the SFPE staff will be with us for the question writing session and for the meeting that night. You must be a registered Professional Engineer to participate in the problem writing session.

- National Engineer’s Week is coming February 17 – 23. Savannah River Nuclear Solutions and Savannah River Remediation, two of the contractors at the Savannah River Site are soliciting engineers for engineering teach-ins at local schools. Please consider volunteering your time to promote our profession.

- The chapter continues to work with the Silver Bluff Fire Department toward installing a sprinkler system in the fire station.

- A final reminder, nominations and election of officers for the next year will be coming over the next few months. Please consider serving the chapter.

- The chapter continues to be very active. Please encourage your colleagues to join us for the February meeting.

Try to bring a friend with you to the meeting!

Stan Maciaszek

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:

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Volunteers Needed for SRS Sponsored Engineers Teach-Ins

In support of National Engineers Week, SRNS Education Outreach Programs is proud to sponsor the SRS Engineers Teach-Ins scheduled on Feb. 19 - March 1. The event provides an opportunity for engineers to conduct hands-on scientific demonstrations, enhance classroom learning and encourage middle school students to pursue technically oriented careers. The deadline for school sign-up is February 12, 2013. Please check the web page frequently as new schools will be added up to the deadline. For more information please see the National Engineers Week web page via InSite: type in "NEW" in the search field, click the Quick Search Button, then click National Engineers Week. Call Gladys Moore at 803-952-9450 if you would like to volunteer or need more information.

Change of Dues Structure / Chapter Website

The chapter will have a change of dues structure for the 2012-2013 year. Members renewing after 10/1/12 will pay $25.00. The change in our membership dues is being made by the Board to help defray the costs associated with hosting the chapter website. We have acquired our own domain name now which is www.CSRA-SFPE.org. We are working to develop the website and will let you know when to update your internet bookmarks real soon. The new website will allow us manage chapter functions much easier. More information next month!

Future Conferences

9th Annual Fire Safety Conference
March 11 –13, 2013
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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).

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CHECK NUMBER: # __________

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