Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Speaker: William Till
Organization: CSRA Chapter
Topic: Order of the Engineer Ceremony

Location: Houndslake Country Club
Aiken, SC

Times:
5:30 PM-Social Time
6:00 PM-Dinner
6:30 PM-Business Meeting
7:00 PM- OE Ceremony
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, May 16
at 803-502-0657 or mark@legrandengineering.com

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

Mark Your Calendars—May 21, 2013

News Flash

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Meeting Highlights

CSRA SFPE April 16th Meeting Highlights.

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

Members Present: Tom Allison, Brent Albertson, Denny Bennett, Jason Butler, Will Crosby, Mike Davenport, Ralph Foster, Kent Gilbreath, James Harris, Steve Jenkins, Eric Johnson, Mark LeGrand, Karen Lesko, Stan Maciaszek, Phil Magahee, Steven Meyers, Dana Moseley, Jim Naylor, Seth Pendleton, Alan Porter, Ray Ramundo, Gene Roe, Don Shelley, Bernie Till; Rivers Till, John Travis, Don Turno, Robert Whitmore; and speaker Louis Bergeron from Fire Flex.

- The meeting was called to order by President Stan Maciaszek. Stan welcomed our guests including Rivers Till.
- Stan noted that last month was the 10th anniversary of the CSRA Chapter. Stan noted that Bill DeBruhl has been promoted to Professional Member grade in the Society.
- The meeting minutes from the March meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.
- The Treasurer’s report was approved as listed in the newsletter with the following amendments. Advertising renewal income was received from two companies and one new member charge (James Harris). Since the newsletter was published, the income was $154.54, the expenses were $12,93, resulting in an increase of $121.57 and a balance of $4746.01. Ralph foster won $13 in the 50/50 split and donated it back to the chapter.
- In old business, the next meeting will be May 21 at Houndslake. There is not a speaker yet. If there is interest in an Order of the Ring Ceremony, the ceremony will be the event at the next meeting.
- The sprinkler plans have been prepared for the Silver Bluff Volunteer Fire Department by Lifeguard Fire Protection. Ralph Foster and Kent Gilbreath are working on a possible date for installing the system.
- Members Jim Allen and Bill Farmer have not attended in a while and cards were placed at the check-in table for those who wish to sign a greeting card to them.
- Steve Jenkins reported that the new chapter website is up and running.
- Gene Roe shared that Jim Naylor is attended our chapter meeting tonight. Jim retired recently and finally found time to attend after his round of golf.
- Stan reported that the SFPE International Annual meeting will be in Austin, Texas, October 27 through November 1 later this year. SFPE will be conducting a webinar on Clean Agent Systems on April 25. Silent Knight will present a Fire Alarm Integration and Testing Seminar in Atlanta on May 7.
- Bernie Till announced that the Chick-fil-a Leadercast conference will be May 10. The event is held in Atlanta, but the event is broadcast in many cities including Columbia and Augusta. Several high-profile speakers make this event worthwhile.
- Ralph asked if there was interest in installing sprinklers in an CAPA house in Beaufort (a home for abused children). There seemed to be enough interest so he will be looking at a timeframe for doing this project.
- Bernie Till comprised the Nominating Committee this year. The nominees are Eric Johnson – President; Jason Butler – Vice President; Tom Allison – Treasurer; and Gene Roe – Secretary. These nominees will be voted on at the May meeting. They will take office in August.
- Ralph stated that any important announcement should be put into the newsletter as this helps us establish a record of all the activities of the chapter for the Gold Award of Excellence.
- Stan stated that while our PE Question writing session only had two participants this year, that our chapter has played a significant role in preparing new questions for the PE Exam over the past several years. At one time the Fire Protection PE Exam was in jeopardy with NCEES, but SFPE has successfully promoted the status of Fire Protection Engineering as a legitimate engineering profession. In the near future, the PE Exam will become entirely computer based.
- Mike Davenport requested the Executive Committee consider making the meal price for spouses the same as for members so that wives could attend more often.
- The business meeting was adjourned and the speaker, Louis Bergeron, was introduced.

Respectfully submitted,
G. Mark LeGrand

Proposed Slate of Officers
2013-2014
President
Eric Johnson
Vice President
Jason Butler
Secretary
Gene Roe
Treasurer
Tom Allison
Nomination are accepted from the floor during the meeting!

Mark Your Calendar!
Our first meeting after the summer break:
September 17 - Houndslake Country Club
President’s Corner

The Masters is behind us and activities around the CSRA have returned to a more normal pace. Many of our chapter members continue to be affected by the furloughs at the Savannah River Site. In spite of this situation attendance was high at the April meeting. The upcoming May meeting will be the last before we take our usual summer break. A lot will happen between now and our first meeting of the new year in September.

- Elections for chapter officers for the 2013-14 year will be held during the May meeting. They will officially take office in August.
- We continue to work with the Silver Bluff Fire Department toward installing a residential fire suppression system in the fire station.
- Along those same lines we were contacted by Sammy Negron, the fire chief in Beaufort, SC. The director of the local CAPA shelter for abused children is very interested in installing a sprinkler system in their facility. We plan to investigate the possibility of helping them after our current project.
- SFPE Chapter Excellence Award applications are due in July. The CSRA chapter will submit an application in hopes of receiving the Gold Award for the 9th consecutive year.
- Based on a request from a chapter member at the April meeting, the Executive Committee has voted to allow spouses of chapter members to attend meetings at the member rate. It’s now up to you to convince your spouse to attend.
- We continue to look for alternative locations to hold our chapter meetings. Mike Davenport has volunteered to look for alternative locations in the Aiken area with similar eating arrangements, fixed price buffet with meeting room.

As summer approaches we all continue with the day to day activities of our busy lives. I want to thank each of you for taking the time to attend the chapter meetings and contribute to OUR success as one of the best, if not the best chapter in SFPE.

Stan Maciaszek

Treasurer's Report

Since the meeting on 3/19/2013, the CSRA SFPE has had receipts of $680.00 (meals $509.00, memberships $45.00, advertisements $100.00, gifts $13.00, 50/50 $13.00) and expenses of $468.89 (Houndslake CC). We wish to congratulate Ralph Foster for winning the 50/50 and thank him for donating the proceeds back to the Chapter. We also wish to thank Lifeguard Fire Protection, Inc. and Foster Engineering & Consultants, LLC for renewing another year of advertising. With a net income of $211.11, the current balance is $4857.12. In addition, the nonprofit taxes have been filed for FY 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Allison, Treasurer

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)

Don Turno, has been asked by the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) to be the Committee Chairman of the new "Building Construction for the Fire Service - 4th Edition". This new edition will meet the requirements of the Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education (FESHE) standard. This standard is a set curriculum used by Colleges and Universities around the country to teach core level courses for students seeking Associate and Bachelor degrees in Fire Science. The Committee has been charged with adding new information based on changes to the way buildings are built and demolished. Don previously served as the Chairman of the 3rd Edition. The committee is a group of 15 fire protection and building officials from around the country. The committee will be meeting both on-line and in person with a completion date of July 2014. This is the 6th book Don has consulted on for IFSTA.
Volunteers Needed
Silver Bluff Fire Department Installation

Great news - The Fire Department has approved the plan for the Silver Bluff sprinkler system, and we have started soliciting donations. Our chapter’s next step will be to schedule the installation. We anticipate needing two Saturdays to complete the work. Please check your calendar for free Saturdays in May and June when you could help with the installation. Send three Saturday dates when you are available to Ralph Foster (FosterEngr@sc.rr.com). Ralph will coordinate the dates and crews for the installation.

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

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POSITION/TITLE: ______________________________________
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THE CHAPTER □ MAY / □ MAY NOT RELEASE THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO OTHER PARTIES.

PROFILE INFORMATION:

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 web page for one year.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

TOTAL ENCLOSED: $ ______________
CHECK NUMBER: # __________

Please make checks payable to "CSRA SFPE"

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