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ASPE NEWS PITTSBURGH February 2015 NEWSLETTER

Monthly Association Meeting

DATE/TIME

Monday, February 9, 2015
4:30 to 5:30 Board Meeting
5:30 to 6:00 Social with Cash Bar
6:00 to 6:45 Dinner
6:45 to 8:00 Business Meeting

TOPIC

Oil & Grease Interceptors

LOCATION

Sciulli's Bar and Grille
1562 Island Ave
McKees Rocks, PA 15136

COST

$25.00 ($1.00 toward "BE THERE RAFFLE!)

RSVP

Kevin M. Morrissey; kmorrissey@mwspec.com

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President : Don Ditter

First, as always, I would like to thank everyone that attended the January Chapter Meeting. Our own Kevin Morrissey put on a great presentation on Thermal pipe expansion for us. Hopefully, if you attended, you had a chance to meet and greet the Society V.P. Affiliate (Mr. Vince Scriboni). Vince should be back with us again this month putting on our presentation. So, if you missed meeting him, come this month and say hello.

One thing that I mentioned at last month's meeting is that ASPE has a scholarship available to the membership and their immediate family. The deadline to apply for that was on January 31st. So, I wanted to make all of our members aware and also be prepared as we move toward next year. It would be nice to see a member of the Pittsburgh chapter take advantage of this benefit. As I mentioned last month, we are looking to get more involvement from each of you into our chapter. The board is looking into the idea of having 3 different meeting locations throughout the ASPE year (Sept – May) for our monthly meetings. So if you have any ideas for locations that can accommodate us, let a board member know. The other thing we are looking at is having a summertime picnic to get our families involved in an event. For this, I am looking for suggestions on locations to have this and also some volunteers to help in the scheduling and activities. So if you have any ideas or would be interested in helping out, let the4 board know!!

In February, the chapter will be sending our new ASPE Young Professional (AYP) Liaison, Phil Hober, to an AYP event being held in San Antonio, TX. Phil is attending the event to get a feel for what the AYP Group is all about. He will give us a full report on what he finds out in March. Stay tuned on that end of things!!

Lastly, You know that spring is right around the corner, So, mark your calendar for Friday, June 19, 2015 as we have booked the course for the ASPE Annual Golf Outing. Hopefully this year we get to complete an entire round of golf without torrential downpours closing the course. With that being said, remember that if you attended last year you still have a coupon for a free round of golf at River Forest!

Don

Vice President Technical: Tom Taylor

V.P. TECHNICAL REPORT–FEBRUARY 2015

Happy Groundhog's Day to all our ASPE members, family and friends. That stupid little rodent is predicting 6 more weeks of winter! So buckle down and keep the snow shovels handy. 6 weeks from now we will be getting our golf clubs out of storage and getting them ready for the season. In the meantime – cheer on the Pens to get into the playoffs!

FEBRUARY 9th MEETING TOPIC

Our topic for the February meeting is on Grease and Oil Interceptors. The topic will be presented by Vince Scriboni with Green Turtle. Vince is also the ASPE National Vice President, Affiliate for Manufacturer and Manufactures representatives. His e-mail addresss is **aspevpal@aspe.org**

So make plans to attend this meeting to see this important topic presentation and have a chance to speak with one of our national office holders.

The February table top will be presented by J Curtiss and Associates.

Please remember our meeting on February 9th is at our new meeting location. Our new location is Sciulli's Bar and Grille in McKees Rocks, at the North end of Island Avenue at 1562 Island Ave, just before the bridge to Neville Island. Here is a link to their website: http://sciullisbarandgrille.com/ The meeting starts at 6 PM with people starting to gather at 5:30. RSVP to Kevin Morrissey at kmorrissey@mwspec.com to reserve a spot at the Jan 12 meeting!! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

Contact me, Tom Taylor, at 412-224-4855 or ttaylor@allenshariff.com with any questions.

EARNING CEU'S

As a reminder to all of you CPD's out there, remember that you can still go to the ASPE website and go to the Educational Programs & Tools tab to get to the "Read, Learn, Earn" portion of the site and obtain CEU's toward your next renewal deadline.(*http://aspe.org/readlearnearn*) At the present time, these are still free to current ASPE members. So why not utilize the tool. If you have any problems logging in or downloading the materials, please let me know and I can assist you.

Also remember that ASPE is offering quite a few webinars on various topics. The cost of these webinars varies. The ASPE website has additional information and a description of these topics if you are interested. Here is the link to see what is available: *http://aspe.org/WebinarArchives*.

2014-2015 ASPE Meetings:

Monday, September 8, 2014:
Variable Speed Domestic Water Booster Systems

Monday, October 13, 2014:
Commercial Pex Piping Systems

Thursday, October 23, 2014:
Optional meeting with SFPE @ Engineers Club in Pittsburgh
Corrosion Protection in Fire Sprinkler Systems by Engineered Solutions

Monday, November 10, 2014:
VESDA Air Aspirating Smoke Detection Systems
(Joint w/ SFPE & NICET)

Monday, December 8, 2014:
2014 Holiday Tabletop Extravaganza

Monday, January 12, 2015:
Thermal Expansion in Piping Systems

Monday, February 9, 2015:
Oil and Grease Interceptors

Monday, March 9, 2015:
SUMP PUMP CONTROL SYSTEMS

Monday, April 13, 2015:
Latest Changes in NFPA 99 Medical Gas Code

Monday, May 11, 2015:
Boilers

Friday, June 12, 2015:
ASPE Pittsburgh Golf Outing!!!
Save the Date!!

What topics interest you?
Talk to your board members.
We want to hear from you!

Region 2 Affiliate Liaison Report

If you're like me, you've hit the ground running this year. Travel in January took me to Toronto, Las Vegas and Chicago.

I attended KBIS 2015 (Kitchen & Bath Industry Show) held at the Las Vegas Convention Center January 20-22. This show was held in conjunction with IBS 2015 (NAHB International Builder's Show). This annual event draws in nearly 125,000 residential design and construction professionals including engineers as well as manufacturers and their product management teams.

Exhibitors at KBIS/IBS showcase their latest products and designs as well as the improvements they've made in technical performance. Focusing on plumbing related items, you'll find everything from bar & bath faucets, bath sinks, bathtubs, kitchen faucets, kitchen sinks, showers, shower enclosures and water closets.

You'll also find everything that is hidden behind our walls including all varieties of pipe, fittings, valves, backflow devices, and every pipe joining method available to the industry. You should experience KBIS/IBS for yourself. Mark your calendar. It will be held January 19-21, 2016 at the same venue.

What seemed to be an immediate turnaround, I spent a day recuperating from Las Vegas and headed right back out. This time to attend the 2015 AHR Expo (ASHRAE) held in Chicago. This show shattered an all-time attendance record of 62,000. People traveled from 140 different countries to experience this HVAC/R event.

What's different about the AHR Expo from KBIS/IBS show is not only the HVAC/R focus but it is tailored more for the engineering community.

This was a great opportunity for me to meet with manufacturers from abroad looking to enter the NA marketplace. I spoke with quite a few companies seeking advice on exactly how to do this.

As you can imagine, each country has unique performance and health effects testing as well as regulatory requirements. Although the United States and Canada try to harmonize many of their standards and tests, this can still be a daunting and confusing task for someone unfamiliar with them. With confusion comes unwarranted expense.

With that said, look for new and innovative companies to add sales engineers and reps firms as they seek product approvals from certification bodies and state authorities so they enter into an already competitive market.

You may wonder what I found to be one of the most interesting announcements made. It may be long overdue but you will see press technology developed for the refrigeration market on your local distributor's shelves soon!

As always, please feel free to contact me at:
Dann Holmes – ASPE Region 2 Affiliate Liaison
NSF International – Business Development Manager
dholmes@nsf.org or (734) 214-6222

Kevin M. Morrissey-Secretary

Welcome to our February newsletter.

Shake off the cold and come join us this month!

Our website vendor says that this will be the last edition of the newsletter that we will have to email out to everyone. Given the delays, I sure hope this turns out to be true!

Low-low ad rates!!! Promote your company and products with a colorful advertised on our website. Still time to get me your artwork before the website gets unveiled.

Please RSVP…..we need help as we still have folks showing up without us knowing and we don't want to run out of food!

See you Monday!

Kevin

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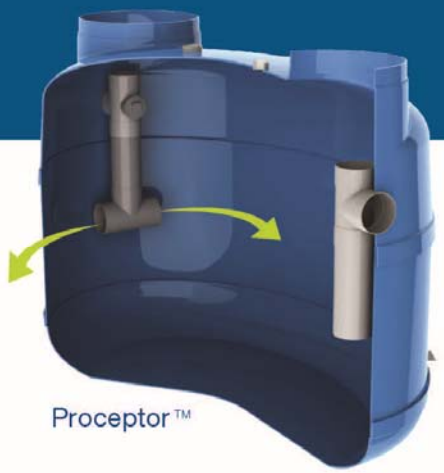

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