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Founded 1952
85 Year 2004 Members
69 Year 2005 Members

Check out our Web Page at:
<http://www.aiha.org/localsections/html/NTS>

President-Elect Message



by Don
Hudnall

We are just starting the 2nd half of year 2005 and it is time to give a big thanks to a few

outgoing officers and then again to say welcome to a few new officers. The NTS-AIHA Annual Town Hall meeting will be held in June at Fuddrucker's in Irving, TX. A couple of speakers will present some information they picked up at the AIHCE and will install the new officers.

Outgoing officers include, Treasurer-Mike Donahue, Past President-David Wilson and Director-Kay Hawkins. These individuals have done an outstanding job serving the NTS-AIHA for many years. Each one has been very active in the association and has made lasting improvements. I could be mistaken but I believe Mike Donahue has held every officer position within the NTS-AIHA and he has been the Treasurer through several elections. Mike has streamlined the Treasurer's report that is included in every newsletter, sent all required AIHA reports on time and has attended almost every meeting held.

Kay Hawkins has also made an outstanding contribution in the form of NTS-AIHA Director and web master. You will read in this newsletter that the NTS-AIHA has won the AIHA website award for our membership size category. We get some great recognition and \$500 that we are donating to the AIHF. Kay has done a great job. Although Kay is leaving the position of Director she will continue to be the NTS-AIHA web master. Thanks Kay for an outstanding job and for continuing to be our web master!

And last but not least, thank you very much David Wilson for serving the NTS-AIHA in the positions of President Elect, President and then Past President. It can be difficult serving for three years in these positions and you were there when we needed you.

Thank you very much Mike, Kay and David and I am looking forward to our continued association and friendship. ☺





NTS-AIHA 2005 Annual Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2005

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Location: Fuddruckers, 3644 Irving Mall, Irving, TX

Map: <http://www.fuddruckers.com> (Map is on their web page)

Cost: No charge for the meeting; dinner on your own

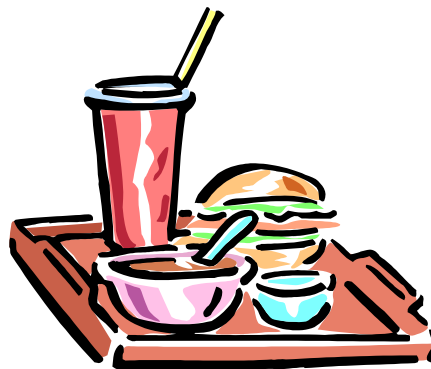
Registration: Not Required

Contact: Don Hudnall 817-280-2832 or

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Program:

- New officer installations
- Summation of AIHCe PDC “Creating, Measuring, and Communicating Business Values for EHS” – Marie Martin
- New asbestos health information and how the changing AIHA Committees are making it easier to be a member – Kay Hawkins
- Networking and dinner on your own



Join us in welcoming our new officers and in thanking those who have served us so well.

NTS-AIHA Website Wins Award

The NTS-AIHA won the Local Sections Website Award for those sections in our membership class. The award (recognition and \$500) was presented to Kay Hawkins at the AIHCe on Tuesday, May 24 during the Local Sections Council Business meeting.

With the approval of the NTS-AIHA Board, the \$500 award was donated to the AIHF to assist in funding the Local Section Endowed Scholarship, which is \$5000 short of being fully funded.

Thank you Kay for your dedication in volunteering to keep the website going. ☺



AIHA Offers New Program to Help Young Professionals Hone Leadership Skills

AIHA recently added a new member benefit, the Future Leaders Institute, aimed at developing the skills of future leaders in the OEHS profession. The Future Leaders Institute is designed to help advance the careers of and expand networking for those who have 15 or less years of experience in the OEHS profession and are looking to develop a level of personal mastery beyond what it takes to just get through the workday.

The 2005 Future Leaders Institute will take place September 29–October 2 in Chicago. Applications are due to AIHA by July 1. More information about the Future Leaders Institute is available online at <http://www.aiha.org/SplashPages/html/AFLI.htm>. ☺

OSHA Activity - Hazard Communication

Source: AIHA's *Happenings From the Hill*

OSHA is considering modifying its hazard communication standard to make it consistent with the GHS. Because of the continued interest in material safety data sheets (MSDS) and the need for the U.S. to consider whether or not to adopt the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS) by 2008, this issue may be one that moves along quickly. The timetable for an advanced notice or proposed rulemaking is set for August of this year.

The agency also plans on issuing proposed guidelines on MSDS this year, followed by a final guidance in 2006, in response to complaints from some chemical manufacturers that the data now included in the MSDSs is not consistent and increases the chance for problems. OSHA hopes to provide a sample data sheet format, information on training workers, and increase focus on the accuracy of the MSDSs.

There is considerable interest with this issue in Congress and among private organizations. In the last session of Congress Senator Michael Enzi included language within the

SAFE Act that addressed the issue of MSDSs. ☺

Treasurer's Report

01/01/2005 Through 5/24/2005

INFLOWS		\$
<i>Dues</i>	955.00	
<i>Teleweb Seminars (3)</i>	340.00	
<i>Newsletter Sponsor</i>	60.00	
TOTAL INFLOWS	1,355.00	
OUTFLOWS		\$
<i>Science Fair</i>	452.90	
<i>Awards/Banquet</i>		
<i>Mail Service/Postage</i>	206.66	
<i>TeleWeb Seminars (3)</i>	755.00	
<i>OSHA/MSHA Update 2004 w/ASSE</i>	1,024.00	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	2,438.56	
OVERALL TOTALS		\$
<i>Annual Total</i>	(1,083.56)	
<i>Checkbook Balance</i>	6,262.92	
<i>Certificate of Deposit</i>	5,132.00	

“Good teaching is one-fourth preparation and three-fourths theater.”

-- Gail Godwin

Runs through 6/2005

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NTS-AIHA July Meeting

Topic: *Texas Specific Mold Regulations – Highlights and Facility Tour*

Date: Thursday, July 7, 2005

Time: 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Bell Helicopter, 1700 N. Highway 360, Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Cost: Free

Registration: Required

Contact: Don Hudnall at 817-280-2832 or

mailto:dhudnall@bellhelicopter.textron.com

Agenda

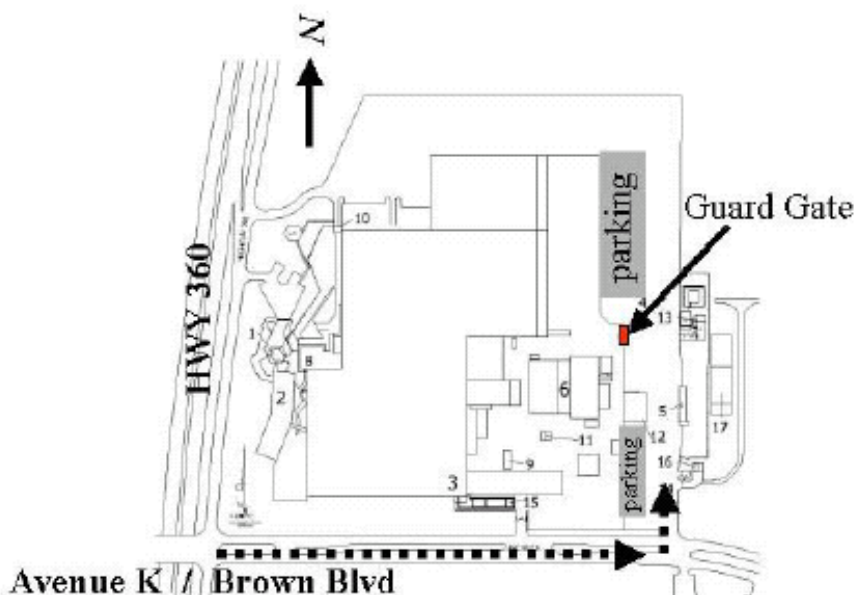
12:30 p.m. – Lunch provided

1:00 p.m. – Presentation on Texas specific mold regulations by Marion Armstrong, Armstrong Forensic Laboratory

2:00 p.m. – Tour of Bell Helicopter's Machining Center.

Bring safety glasses and wear footwear appropriate for a machining center (i.e. leather shoes with no open toes, backs or high heels). You will see tanks containing acids, cyanides and perchloroethylene; paint booths; isocyanate foaming operations; and lots of machining equipment that includes lathes, grinders, mills and drills.

Attendees must pre-register by July 6 so a list of names and citizenship information can be turned in for security purposes. No late registrants.



Use of Insecticides Linked to Lasting Neurological Problems for Farmers

New research shows that farmers who used agricultural insecticides experienced increased neurological symptoms, even when they were no longer using the products. Data from 18,782 North Carolina and Iowa farmers linked use of insecticides, including organophosphates and organochlorines, to reports of reoccurring headaches, fatigue, insomnia, dizziness, nausea, hand tremors, numbness and other neurological symptoms. Some of the insecticides addressed by the study are still on the market, but some, including DDT, have been banned or restricted.

"This research is really important because it evaluated the health effects of agricultural chemicals as they were commonly used by farmers. Its different from previous studies that focused on pesticide poisoning or high dose exposures, for example when large amounts of a chemical were accidentally spilled on the skin," said Freya Kamel, Ph.D., a researcher for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS).

The NIEHS researchers examined questionnaires completed by farmers on lifetime exposure to herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, and fumigants, and their history of 23 neurological symptoms.

Researchers found that nearly 3,000 participants had a high lifetime exposure to insecticides -- that is, they used insecticides more than 500 days in their lifetime. Nearly 800 of these farmers reported more than 10 neurological symptoms compared to those using insecticides fewer than 50 days. The researchers found no significant association between neurological symptoms and other chemicals, including herbicides or fungicides, and only a weak association between fumigant exposure and neurological symptoms.

"Because the participants in this study are telling us they have never been previously diagnosed with pesticide poisoning or medically treated for any exposure to any pesticide, we are led to conclude that their symptoms are related to moderate lifetime exposure. The large size of this study gives it great statistical power," said Dr. Kamel. ⊗

Upcoming Meetings, Seminars and Conferences

ASSE Professional Development Conference & Exposition

Date: June 12 – 15, 2005

Location: New Orleans, LA

Contact: <http://www.asse.org>

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Location: Fuddrucker, Irving, TX (Irving Mall)

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Location: Bell Helicopter, 1700 N. Highway 360, Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Contact: Don Hudnall at 817-280-2832 or <mailto:dhudnall@bellhelicopter.textron.com>

Health Effects of Welding

Date: July 23 – 24, 2005

Location: West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. VA

Contact: http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/IOEH/health_effects_of_welding.htm

National Safety Council Congress & Expo / XVIIth World Congress on Safety and Health at Work

Date: September 18 – 23, 2005

Location: Orlando Convention Center, Orlando, FL

Contact: <http://www.nsc.org/events>

OSHA/MSHA Update

Date: September 27, 2005

Location: Ruthe Jackson Center, 3113 South Carrier Parkway, Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Contact: Don Hudnall at 817-280-2832 or <mailto:dhudnall@bellhelicopter.textron.com>

Second International Symposium on Nanotechnology and Occupational Health

Date: October 3 – 6, 2005

Location: Radisson Hotel Metrodome, 615 Washington Ave., SE, Minneapolis, MN

Contact: <http://www.cce.umn.edu/conferences/nanotechnology/>

2005 IAQA-IESO-AmIAQ Annual Meeting & Exposition

Date: October 6 – 9, 2005

Location: Hilton Resort at Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL

Contact: www.iaqa.org or www.amiaq.org

Exposure Assessment Symposium

Date: October 20 – 21, 2005

Location: Marriott City Center Downtown, Denver, CO

Contact: <http://www.aiha.org/TheAcademy/html/eaagenda.htm>

PCIH 2005

Date: October 22 – 25, 2005

Location: Marriott City Center Downtown, Denver, CO

Contact: <http://www.aiha.org/TheAcademy/html/pcih.htm>

Year 2005 Membership

NTS-AIHA Membership Benefits Include

- Subsidized meetings and member discounts.
- \$10 savings on each issue of newsletter sponsorship. \$15/issue for non-members. \$5/issue for members
- NTS-AIHA Membership Directory sent in December and upon request. Members only.
- Immediate notification of local job opportunities for members on email distribution list. .
- NTS-AIHA Voting Rights.

Dues are only \$15 / year

Thank you for taking the time to complete the following information even if you are renewing your membership.

NTS-AIHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print)

Name: _____
 Certification: _____
 Title: _____
 Employer: _____

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Are you a national member: Yes: ____ No: ____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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