FALL IN STL!

President’s Corner

By John Malone

I received some great feedback on our last monthly meeting at the Mandarin House at page & 170. Scott Norman is the consummate professional and so knowledgeable about IH Equipment. Scott has been a great resource for our section, and I am sure he will continue to be such. I also heard good things about the food. At this point, we plan to return there for our November meeting.

As my time as President comes to an end, I would like to remind all members of the importance of leadership in the chapter. We have two great new volunteers for next year; Richard Shoaf and Jason Lott. Richard will move into an open 2nd year director position and Jason will move into the 1st year director position. Please help me welcome Jason and Richard to the board.

Marcia Kram has also generously agreed to take on the responsibility of maintaining the website.

Finally, I would like to ask all members for participation in identifying good speakers for our monthly meeting. The AIHA, St. Louis Section has a long history of bringing great speakers to St. Louis monthly on topics very relevant to Industrial Hygienists. We need your ideas for speakers. Please contact one of you board members listed on the last page if you have seen any good speakers recently that would be good to invite to a monthly meeting.

AIHA- St. Louis Section is proud to be a sponsor of the 2015 GREATER ST. LOUIS SAFETY & HEALTH CONFERENCE. Please plan to join your fellow members for a day of professional development and networking on Tuesday, October 27 at St. Louis University Student Center. More information is available here.

Have a Safe Fall, John Malone

---------October---------

Please join us for two great training opportunities this month.

1. October 27: 2015 Greater St. Louis Safety Conference (follow this link for more information) sign up now. AIHA members will receive early bird registration through this Wednesday (Oct 21st) @ 5pm so REGISTER TODAY!

2. October 29: Wise Safety & Environmental is sponsoring a free ½ day training followed by a reception. Register NOW. Info on page 4.

----------November----------

AIHA Monthly Meeting

Topic- The Wandering IH – IH tools and methods used in counterterrorism.

Speaker- Richard Shoaf

Thursday November 12, 2015

Networking @ 11, lunch @ 11:30, speaker @ noon.

Location: The Mandarin House, 9150 Overland Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63114 (Page & 170)

Cost: $15
OSHA ACTIVITY
by Aaron Trippler

Beryllium Proposed Rule. Stakeholders are developing comments on the OSHA proposed rule that would cut the permissible exposure limit on beryllium. The proposed rule would also impose measures regarding personal protective equipment, medical surveillance and training. OSHA has been working on this proposed rule for 13 years and the agency is hopeful the rule will be finalized in the coming months. Comments on the proposed rule are due November 9.

Hazard Communication. OSHA has published a revised Hazard Communication directive. The directive is available on the OSHA hazard communication page at http://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/index.html

Revised Recordkeeping Rule. Following the court-ordered ban on issuing citations for recordkeeping violations that are more than six months old, OSHA released a notice of proposed rulemaking in late July. The proposed rule would revise regulations that an employer’s ongoing obligation to accurately record workplace injuries and illnesses continues for five years after a report should be made. OSHA has now announced that it is extending the deadline for submitting comments on this proposed rule to October 28. OSHA says the proposal adds no new compliance obligations and would not require employers to make records of any injuries or illness for which records are not already required. This proposed rule is in response to the AKM LLC v Secretary of Labor (Volks) decision.

Confined Spaces in Construction Enforcement. If you recall, OSHA set October 2 as the date to begin full enforcement of its confined spaces in construction rule. Several stakeholders had contacted OSHA to extend this date, but as of today no extension has been announced. In addition, OSHA is defending the rule against several stakeholders who have filed petitions for review with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Workplace Violence. OSHA is working on an updated compliance directive to address increasing concern with workplace violence. OSHA hopes to have the new directive available in early 2016.

Great Resources Available at the AIHA Member Center

If you are not familiar with the AIHA website, you are neglecting a great tool for keeping up on relevant IH topics and current issues. One of the most interesting sources is the Synergist Newswire. On the newswire now are articles on such as “Common Solvent Keeps Killing Workers & Consumers” about the continued death of workers due to Methylene Chloride and “How Modern Furniture Endangers Firefighters” about the increased flammability of home furnishings over the last couple decades. The links are commonly to articles not published by AIHA, but are very relevant to our profession. Check it out in the Member Center on www.aiha.org.
There is a wide variety of training and equipment deployed across the globe that help protect us on a daily basis that many may not know about.

This brief will share some of the unclassified projects and systems in place helping make the world a safer place.

Richard Shoaf, Sr. VP and founder of STCI (Safety Training & Consultations International) has spent his career assessing, planning, preparing and responding to international and national security events. A partial list of projects he has helped implement include: Urban Area Security Initiative (DHS) and National Preparedness Program (FBI) programs across the US as well as the International Counter Proliferation Program, Olympic Games Security and Cooperative Threat Reduction Program abroad. Please join us to hear more about this interesting aspect of Industrial Hygiene on November 12 at the Mandarin House.
Brush Up on Your Fall Protection & Confined Space Skills

Includes Lunch & Dinner (Courtesy of Wise Safety & Environmental)

Thursday October 29, 2015
at the
Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel
9801 Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis, MO 63134

10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Permit-Required Confined Space Equipment & Regulations*, including:
   a. Potential Confined Space Hazards
   b. Procedures for Atmospheric Testing
   c. Use of Mechanical Ventilation
   d. Types of Personal Protective Equipment
   e. Alternate Entry Procedures & Reclassification
   f. Confined Space Rescue

12:00–1:00 PM: Lunch at the hotel.

1:00–3:00 PM
Fall Protection Equipment & Regulations for the Construction, Maritime and General Industries*, including:
   a. OSHA Regulations and ANSI Standards
   b. Fall Arrest & Restraint Systems
   c. Vertical & Horizontal Lifeline Systems
   d. Suspension Trauma & Rescue Procedures
   e. Swing Fall & Estimation of Free Fall Distance
   f. Roll-Out verses Forced Roll-Out

1–6 PM
Vendor Table Top Trade Show featuring over 50 vendors and hundreds of Safety & Environmental products

6–8 PM Dinner at the hotel.

Please join Wise Safety & Environmental for our annual National Sales Meeting event. In addition to our trade show, this year we have included two solution-focused presentations tailored to our customers.

David Cook, Occupational Safety & Health Compliance Specialist & OSHA Authorized Instructor, will give two presentations: Permit-Required Confined Space Equipment & Regulations and Fall Protection Equipment & Regulations for the Construction, Maritime and General Industries.

If you are traveling from out of town to attend, please RSVP to your salesperson or Monica Wideman as soon as possible so we may arrange your travel. Anyone who requires an overnight stay must RSVP by the hotel’s deadline of October 1st.

The courses are offered at no charge.

To RSVP contact Monica Wideman at m.wideman@wisesafetyenv.com or 314-587-4112 as soon as possible.

You will receive a Certificate of Attendance upon completion of each course. Registration is required for these courses as space is limited to 40 attendees for each class.