

Mark Your Calendars-October 23, 2012



CSRA Chapter

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 23, 2012

PDH Stamp

Speaker: *Ryan Lundy*
AnvilStar
Topic: "Seismic hangers"
Location: Grecian Gardens, Columbia, 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: Dinner will be individual's responsibility. Order from menu. You can view the menu at:

http://www.greciangardenssc.com/Grecian_Gardens/Menu.html

Directions:
Grecian Gardens

From Aiken/Augusta Area: Take I-20 toward Columbia. Take Exit 61 (US-378) towards West Columbia. Turn Right onto Sunset Blvd. (US-378). The restaurant is on the left side of the road after crossing I-26.

Happy Halloween!



RSVP:
PLEASE RESPOND to
Mark LeGrand
By 5:00 on Thursday, October 18
at
803-502-0657 (work) or
mark@legrandengineering.com

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

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News Flash

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

Members Present: Thomas Allison, Sal Amendola, Barry Beasley, Denny Bennett, Jason Butler, Ralph Foster, Kent Gilbreath, Kirk Gunter, Steve Jenkins, Mark LeGrand, Stan Maciaszek, Steve Miller, Dana Moseley, Alan Porter, Sam Putnam, Gene Row, 3, Don Shelley, Bernie Till, John Travis, three guests (of Gene Row), Rey Ramundo, Brian Boucher and Will Cosey, and Speaker Billy Morrill from Victaulic.

- The meeting was called to order by President Stan Maciaszek. Stan recognized International members of SFPE and the guests of Gene Row.
- The May 15 meeting minutes were approved as they appeared in the September newsletter.
- The Treasurer's report was approved as listed in the newsletter. The balance was \$4,445.19. Tom reported that 23 members had renewed their chapter dues. Don

Shelley won \$11 in the 50/50 split.

- In old business, Stan reported that the October meeting would be held on the fourth Thursday (Oct. 23) to avoid the International SFPE Annual Meeting in Savannah, GA during the third week. The October meeting will be at Grecian Gardens restaurant in West Columbia, SC.
- Kent Gilbreath reported that there was no news on installing the sprinkler system in the Silver Bluff Volunteer Fire Department.
- Stan encouraged attendance at the International SFPE meeting in Savannah. Also, our chapter participated in the College night in Augusta, GA in early September. Our chapter will also be participating in a College and Career Night at Aiken High School at the end of October.
- In new business, Stan reported that the Executive committee had met and had several proposals to make.

The Committee proposes that the chapter increase the annual dues from \$20 to \$25 per year. It also recommends that the chapter use Wild Apricot to host our website. This company is used by the New England chapter for their website. Also, the Committee proposes that the terms of the officers change from a calendar year term to a fiscal year term from August to July. This coincides better with the operating times of the chapter since we take the summer off and it will assist in submitting paperwork for the Chapter Excellence Award. Motions will be made on these proposals at the next meeting.

- The meeting was adjourned and the speaker was introduced.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Mark LeGrand

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

We started out the new fiscal year very well with 25 memberships already and four of them were first time members. Please continue to invite your friends and co-workers, or even your spouse and earn a free 50/50 ticket for each first time guest you bring. September 30 is past and the dues are now \$25, if you have not already sent it in. Please include a completed membership form (Attached to the newsletter) with your dues so we can keep our records current. Please consider indicating on the form any committee, task team or Chapter position you may be interested in since we really need to have help, even if it is just to participate and not lead a committee.

At the last meeting we collected \$1,029.00 (mostly dues and dinner) and had

expenses of \$958.02 (\$90.82 for a new banner, \$367.20 to Houndslake, and \$500 to the SFPE Educational & Scientific Foundation). The gift to the foundation is a contribution we make each year and we will present the check during the Annual Meeting in Savannah. Check out their website to find out the wonderful things they have done this year alone. The current balance is \$4,516.17. Don Shelley won \$11.00 from the 50/50 and LeGrand Engineering extended their advertising for another year.

Respectfully and humbly submitted;

Thomas L. Allison, Treasurer

President's Corner

Fall is upon us and cooler weather is approaching. The CSRA chapter held its first meeting of the new year on September 18th at Houndslake Country Club in Aiken, SC. Thanks to everyone who attended. Several guests were in attendance. The executive committee continues to plan for the rest of the year. I'll highlight just some of what's going on.

- The CSRA Chapter has received the Gold Chapter Excellence Award from the SFPE Board of Directors for the 8th consecutive year. No other chapter has accomplished this. This award speaks to the dedication of our members in advancing the goals of the society. Thanks to each of you for your continued support and participation in the success of our chapter.
- The new chapter website is under construction. Steve Jenkins and I will be working on it in the coming weeks. As part of this we now have our own domain name, www.CSRA-SFPE.org. This will ultimately allow us to

automate many of the tasks which are currently done manually. Meeting notices/reminders will be sent out automatically. You will be able to maintain/update your personal profile. You will be able to make reservations for meetings. Other available features will be added as the website is developed.

- The chapter's executive committee is proposing to change the time for election of officers. Traditionally, the chapter held elections in November and officers served from January through December. The executive committee is proposing to hold elections in May with officers serving from August through July.
- The SFPE annual meeting is this month in Savannah, GA. I hope some of you will attend. plan now for next year meeting which will be in Austin, Texas October 27 - November 1.
- Previous webinars sponsored by SFPE over the last 12 months on a

variety of fire protection subjects are available for viewing online. The good news is they are FREE. Check them out at <http://hpac.com/webinars/#fpe>.

- SFPE also offers a number of distance learning courses in a web based format. Cost is \$99 to \$149 for each course. CEUs are awarded for completing the entire course. These courses give you the opportunity to work at your own pace when it is convenient for you. Check them out at <http://www.sfpe.org/SharpenYourExpertise/Education/SFPEOnlineLearning.aspx>. You can experience an SFPE demo on sprinklers.
- The chapter continues to seek opportunities to move the chapter and the society forward.

In closing I look forward to seeing you in Savannah and at the next chapter meeting.

Stan Maciaszek

Executive Committee Proposes Change for Election of Officers

The chapter's executive committee is proposing to change the time for election of officers. Traditionally, the nominating committee presented a slate of officers at the October meeting, elections were held in November, and officers served from January through December. The executive committee is proposing to change the time for elections to align more closely with our fiscal year and meeting schedule. The executive committee will propose that the nominating committee present its slate of officers in April, hold elections in May, and have officers serve from August through July. To make the transition, if the chapter approves the change, the

current officers will serve through July, 2013. This change will allow a single slate of officers to handle the chapter's Annual Report, the Chapter Excellence Award application, and more closely align with the start of our year. If you have any questions please contact any of the members of the executive committee.

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 David Evans 301- 718-2910 ext. 103. To view the Corporate 100 Program brochure and application, please type the website below in your internet browser *without spaces* for a quick reference: http://sfpe.org/upload/corporate_100_application_2006c_001.pdf

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2012-2013 Membership Invoice

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THIS IS MY HOME BUSINESS OTHER _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS*THE E-MAIL ADDRESS PROVIDED WILL BE USED FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AND OTHER CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS.*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 SPONSOR^{1 & 2} \$250.00 CORPORATE OR INDIVIDUAL ADVERTISEMENT² \$50.00¹ 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: # _____

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