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December 6, 2002 LUNCH MEETING

12 Noon

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December Speaker

Mr. Patrick Moffett is with Environmental Management & Engineering, Inc. His topic will be "Mold Awareness in the Work Environment. Since 1980, Mr. Moffett has been in the forefront of the water damage remediation and indoor air quality industry. He serves on many committees and task forces on guidelines and industry standards-of-care in the US and now in the UK. Mr. Moffett lectures on water damage and mold contamination across the US, Canada and Europe; he is well published in this area with over 40 articles in industry magazines and lectures about this subject alone; and Moffett is qualified as an expert witness. Bring a friend to this important and upcoming concern for many buildings.

October's Speaker

Ms. Chris M. Wright, President and CEO of the Wright Group spoke on pre-employment screening, hiring to prevent violence and pre-employment screening.

New Members

Sonia Smalley	Edward Fernandez
Thomas Hawks	Art Pedroza
Col. James R. Grove	Crist R. Wagner
Brian Henry Wilson	Simon Ricks
Sherri Gayle Venegas	

RSSP Recipients

Byron M. Jamerson	Crist R. Wagner
Col. James R. Grove	

President's Message

The holiday season is upon us once again. As we just enjoyed Thanksgiving, we now turn our attention the Christmas and New Year celebration. Let's keep it safe with our holiday decorations and don't take short cuts that can lead to injury or accident in our own homes. Used only approved extension cords for lights and check the water levels on live trees for the home.

Have a spirit filled Christmas and a safe New Year party. See you all next year in February 2003.

Please call me at (213) 689 – 4203 or email me at: petergin@earthlink.net with your ideas and suggestions you have to enhance our organization.

Peter Gin
President

Corporate Membership

To be a Corporate member, your Company can be a sponsor to the scholarship fund for a minimum \$50.00 donation. Contact Carleton Cronin, Associate Director of CSSSP Training Institute at (323) 258 - 2771

Prize Winners

Vincent Takas art painting – Charles Garcia
Pierre Cardin Pen & Pencil Set – Bob Marinella, Jr.

Fast & Furious video – Chris Wright
The Mummy video – Richard Sams
The Grinch video – Charles Garcia

CSU, Dominguez Hills

The new class schedule for the upcoming quarter is posted on our website. Please visit the website and find out more about the classes, cost and location of the classes. Our website is: www.gegoux.com/csssp/.

Joshua Casey

Joshua Casey – one of our Corporate Sponsors has the following courses available. Call (714) 245 – 9440 for additional information, registration and pricing information.

Classes are available for on-site training. These include Environmental Health & Safety Topics, Human Resources Topics, and Professional Development Topics.

Safety Dynamics Group

Safety Dynamics Group (formerly COMCO Safety) is a full-service occupational safety and health consulting and training firm with over 23 years experience in the field of OSHA regulatory compliance. We are experts in assisting companies in the development and implementation of comprehensive safety programs, policies and workplace procedures. Our programs include, HAZWOPER (CSTI), CPR/FA, Forklift, Confined Space, Site Safety Audits, Written Programs and Compliance Consultation. Call (562) 981-5335 or visit them at: www.safetydynamicsgroup.com

National Safety Council

The Greater Los Angeles Chapter National Safety Council Training Institute will be offering the following courses over the next two months. You can sign-up by calling (213) 385-6461.

Attention All Members

If you currently receive this in the mail, please send an e-mail to: petergin@earthlink.net. I will add you to our electronic mailing. Our organization appreciates your consideration to help save postage expenses.

Prepare yourself for winter driving

It is quickly getting to be the time of year when weather conditions in many areas of the country can turn a relatively easy trip on the road into a treacherous one. But you can take precautions to make winter traveling safer.

Pace yourself

Autumn and winter are times of change, and change can be hazardous on the road. Rain can quickly lead to sleet or snow in northern or mountainous regions, making roads icy. Perhaps the most important advice is to pace yourself – allow extra time for everything, from starting the engine to braking to turning a corner. On a slippery road, sudden movements can be extremely dangerous.

One of the major winter driving hazards is reduced visibility, so *before* pulling away, clean all windows and mirrors completely. You may have to stop frequently to clean the rearview mirrors and side windows so that you can see in all directions. Reduce your speed to compensate for limited visibility, turn on your headlights (low beams work best, especially in fog), and get off the road altogether if visibility is cut to near zero.

Another hallmark of winter is reduced traction. Stay alert to changing conditions, and remember that more traction is needed (to accelerate, turn, and brake) as your speed increases. As a general rule, you can drive at about half your normal speed on packed snow. A steady speed is best. When you first start out, get a feel for the road. Make turns gently, don't brake any harder than necessary, and avoid using the engine brake and speed retarder, which can cause skids. In general, follow the braking recommendations of your vehicle manufacturer.

Your traction will be at its worst on ice, so be alert for freezing rain and other changing conditions. Feel for ice on the front of your outside mirror, which indicates that there may soon be ice on the road.

Another indication is the spray thrown from other vehicles – if the spray suddenly stops, ice may be forming. Be especially careful on and underneath bridges and in shaded areas where ice forms first.

Mechanical preparations

Before bad weather hits, have the following items on your vehicle checked:

- Tread depth of tires.
- Level and condition of antifreeze.
- Battery.
- Thermostat.
- Brakes.
- Windshield wipers and fluid.
- Heating system, including defroster.
- Headlights, tail lights, and hazard lights.

In case of emergency

Make sure you have a survival kit in your vehicle that includes the following items:

- Extra clothing, including caps and gloves, and blankets.
- Non-perishable food, such as nuts or dried fruit.
- Bottled water.
- A cellular phone.
- A flashlight and flares.
- Jumper cables.
- A small shovel.
- A sand bag, which provides weight in rear-wheel drive vehicles and can also be used to provide traction if you get stuck.

The pre-trip inspection

Preparation for winter roadway hazards should start before you get into your truck – put extra emphasis on doing a thorough pre-inspection, paying special attention to the following items.

- Check the heating and defrosting systems, including fans, to make sure they're heating the cab and clearing the windshield.
- Brush any snow off the windshield, and clear the intake in front of the windshield as well.
- Make sure your headlights and reflectors are clean – road spray can decrease their light output.
- Remove ice and snow from wiring and airlines, and also from handholds, steps, and deck plates to reduce the danger of slipping and falling.
- Inspect your tire chains for broken hooks, worn or broken cross-links, and bent or broken side chains.

Make regular checks for ice on the brake linings.

- Keep air tanks as moisture-free as possible by draining both tractor and trailer tanks daily.
- Keep your fuel tank full, and drain water from the tank bottom to help prevent frozen lines and filters.
- Pack an emergency survival kit and include other winter gear including a scraper, a brush, and sand or kitty litter for traction.

If you're stuck

In the winter it's easy to get stuck, and vehicle breakdowns are common. If you do get stuck, avoid spinning your wheels, which will only make the situation worse. Instead, dig out from in front of the tires, put something (sand, kitty litter, chains) under the drive wheels to increase traction, straighten out the wheels, put the engine in second gear, if possible, and accelerate out smoothly. If you're still stuck, it may be best to stop trying and to call for assistance.

If you have prepared well, you should have an emergency survival kit with extra clothing to wear. Stay in the cab and use your food and water supply cautiously until help arrives. Run the engine occasionally to warm it. If you absolutely must leave the cab, leave a note stating where you went and the direction you traveled.

Excerpted from JJ Keller