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August Speaker

Mr. Hal D. Lindsey, Executive Director of Corporate Health & Safety Services, with the Department of Water & Power, City of Los Angeles.

His topic is: Achieving Safety Excellence through Joint Labor Management Participation in a Public Utilities Setting.

June Speaker

Crist R. Wagner spoke on "Workers Compensation Fraud Investigations".

Prize Winners

Richard Sams — Joshua Casey CD case
Robert Pulh - Bourne Identity DVD
Jerry Napolillo — About A Boy DVD and set of note cards
Mike Nicholas — Plan-a-head day planner
Lee Pfeffer — 3 piece business accessory kit and Outlaws of Comedy CD
Dennis Green — set of note cards
Jaime Chavoya — Frog stuff animal
Rethena Flowers — set of note cards

New Members

Jaime Chavoya

RSSP Recipients

Jaime Chavoya

President's Message

This marks my first President's message since taking office two months ago and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Fred Garcia and I work for Walt Disney Imagineering in the Production and Design area of the Walt Disney Company. It has been my work 'home' for the past 14 years.

It is a fun job with more than enough challenges. It is because of some of those challenges that I became familiar with John O'Toole, a special person that is probably responsible for you being introduced to the C.S.S.S.P. in the first place.

I was an early member of our organization and ascended up the ladder one rung per year, making nearly every meeting, and learning more and more from each monthly speaker.

There was months that, at the time, I didn't think I would have use for the information being delivered. Sooner or later, the information, and the people and resources doing the delivering, all come in handy. Keep coming to the monthly meetings. I will make every attempt to make sure the speakers and topics are timely and specific to our needs.

Please go out of your way to introduce yourself if you feel comfortable. I would like to serve you on a first name basis. Call me at with you ideas at (818)754-4021.

Fred Garcia
President

Computer use not a major risk for developing CTS

Using a computer does not appear to create a severe occupational hazard for developing symptoms of carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS), according to a study in the June 11 issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*.

Computer use is increasingly common among many working populations, and concern exists about possible adverse effects of computer use, such as CTS. Use of the keyboard and the mouse as key interface devices to the computer has led to much debate concerning their role in development of injuries to the nerves in the upper limbs. There is evidence that repetitive work is a contributing factor in CTS, but the role of computer use, which mainly consists of repetitive, non-forceful movements, is less clear.

There were three outcome measures of interest: tingling/numbness in the right hand once a week or more as reported in the questionnaire; tingling, numbness, and pain in the median nerve (the nerve involved in CTS) in the right hand confirmed by clinical interview; and tingling, numbness, and pain in the median nerve in the right hand confirmed by clinical interview with the addition of symptoms at night. At one year of follow-up, the main outcome of interest was onset of symptoms among participants who had no or minor symptoms at baseline.

“There were strong contributions to the onset of new symptoms by an accident prior to symptom onset, other medical disorders, and smoking-risk factors that have been found in other studies.

Tingling/numbness are related to nerve entrapment, but most people who experience tingling/numbness do so because of reasons other than nerve entrapment. It is probable

that tingling and numbness are common symptoms of either specific medical conditions other than CTS or are part of a large burden of medically unexplained symptoms that reflect the stresses and strains of everyday life,” the researchers conclude.

Excerpted from JJ Keller.

OSHA sets targeted inspection plan for 2003

OSHA has announced the new site-specific targeting (SST) plan that will target approximately 3,200 high-hazard worksites for unannounced comprehensive safety and health inspections over the coming year. “The purpose of our targeted inspection program is to more effectively allocate our inspection resources to those workplaces of highest safety and health risk,” said OSHA Administrator John Henshaw.

For five successive years, OSHA has used a site-specific targeting inspection program based on injury and illness data. This year’s program stems from OSHA’s Data Initiative for 2002, which surveyed approximately 95,000 employers to attain their injury and illness data for 2001. (The construction industry was included in the survey for the first time; however, it is not included in the SST).

This year’s program is effective June 16 and will initially cover about 3,200 individual worksites on the primary list that reported 14.0 or more injuries or illnesses resulting in lost work days or restricted activity for every 100 full-time workers (known as the LWDH rate). For the first time, sites will also be targeted based on a “Days Away from Work Injury and Illness” (DAFWII) rate of nine or higher (nine or more cases that involve days away from work per 100 full-time employees).

Employers who reported LWDII rates of between 8.0 and 14.0, or DAFWII rates of between 4.0 and 9.0, will be placed on a secondary list for possible inspection. The average LWDII rate in 2001 for private industry in the nation was 2.8; the average DAFWII rate was 1.7.

Excerpted from JJ Keller.

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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.csssp.com.

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Los Angeles Safety Council

The Los Angeles Safety Council offers a variety of safety related courses during the year. Call (213) 385-6461 for further details on registering for classes.

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.

NTSB: Prohibit new drivers from using cell phones

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said recently that the nation's driver education courses should include warnings about the dangers of distracted driving, and novice drivers should be prohibited from using cell phones while at the wheel. These were two of the recommendations contained in the NTSB's final report on its investigation into a highway crash last year that took the lives of five persons, including a driver who was using a wireless phone at the moment she lost control of her vehicle.

NTSB has long been concerned with the issues of distracted driving and novice drivers. NTSB recommended to all states — except New Jersey, which already has such a proscription — to prohibit holders of learner's permits and intermediate licenses from using interactive wireless communication devices while driving. "Learning how to drive and getting comfortable in traffic requires all the concentration a novice driver can muster," NTSB Chair Ellen Engleman said. "Adding a distracting element like a cell phone is placing too many demands on a young driver's skills."

NTSB also urged the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to develop a media campaign stressing the dangers of distracted driving and that it works with the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association to develop driver - training curricula that emphasize the risks of distracted driving. NTSB cited a study showing that drivers engaged in phone conversations were unaware of traffic movements around them. In addition, NTSB said that NHTSA should determine the magnitude and impact of driver-controlled, in-vehicle distractions, including the use of interactive wireless communication devices, on highway safety and report its findings to the U.S. Congress and the states. The NTSB noted that the extent of wireless phone use in car crashes is unknown because most jurisdictions don't have driver distraction codes on their accident report forms. NTSB recommended that those 34 states change their forms to add driver distraction codes and include wireless phone use in those codes.

A summary of the report is available on the NTSB website at:
www.nts.gov/publicntnI2003/HARO3O2.html.

Excerpted from JJ Keller.