UPDATES AND INFORMATION

SPRING GAS CONFERENCE & EXPO

This technical conference being held March 11-13 in Charlotte, NC, has a lot to offer distribution engineers and operating technicians. The return on investment for this meeting is high. Details are available under "Upcoming Events."

A sampling of the many offerings available at the Conference include:

Everything Distribution Integrity Management Workshop;
Inspecting the Installation of Pipelines;

Training for Engineers - A learning track targeting engineering professionals added this year to include full day classes in Distribution System Design and Meter & Regulator Station Design.

More later ...

ACCELERATED REPLACEMENT PROGRAMS (ARP)

Registration is open for the six-part webinar series designed for companies considering or who have already begun their accelerated replacement programs. The series, kicking off on Thursday, March 28 will feature subject matter expert presentations and opportunities for Q&A. Individual sessions include:

- Planning and Prioritizing Your Projects
- Effective External Communications
- Maximizing the Return on Your Capital Expenditures
- Managing Resources
- Engineering
- DIMP and Lessons Learned

To register or for more information, visit the [series website](#) or contact Kent Hobart. Interested in sponsoring one of the sessions, contact Jane Butler.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE

The [Emergency Management Interest Group](#) has several training and education opportunities scheduled for 2013. For more details: [Continue reading →](#)

MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

This unique conference is developed and attended by approximately 300 executives (director - vice president) from a wide range of functions. The two general sessions will focus on the hot topics impacting our industry. Break-out roundtables allow attendees to deep-dive in peer-to-peer discussions on topics relevant to them. See the topics selected under "Upcoming Events".
DOT COMPLIANCE TRAINING
2012 was a good year for DOT Compliance Training at SGA. Our Content Guidance Committee ("CGC") consisting of Garry Tripp, Energy Transfer, Clifton Phillips, Memphis Light Gas & Water, and Don McCoy, Chesapeake, helped us stay on top of the ever changing DOT regulations. With their guidance, we are updating the modules and should have them available by the end of the first quarter. Thanks to Garry Tripp for his leadership in 2012 and welcome Clifton Phillips as the 2013 Chair. Continue reading →

CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION PROCESS SURVEY AND ROUNDTABLE
Your Distribution Construction, Operations and Maintenance Committee (DCOM) is sponsoring an SGA Info-Share Survey focusing on Construction Inspection Processes. Respondents to the survey will receive a copy of the final survey results, and an invitation to a roundtable conference call scheduled for Monday, February 11 from 3:30-4:30 EST. You can participate by following this link.

YEAR END REPORTS TO MEMBERS - NOW AVAILABLE
Southern Gas Association (link to report)
Gas Machinery Research Council (link to report)
SGA Network (link to report)

JONI PULLEN JOINS THE SGA STAFF
We are excited to add Joni to our team. Joni comes to us from Ensco, so she knows the energy business. Joni will be supporting Pat Downey, Sr. Vice President and Jane Butler, Sr. Director. Learn more...

WORKSHOPS
The following popular workshops are scheduled based on demand. It appears we have enough interest to schedule the following:

- Practical In-Line Inspection
- Pipeline Repair Methods
- Integrity Management for Gas Transmission Pipelines
- Advanced In-Line Inspection

On the Drawing Board:
- Advanced Transmission Pipeline Design
- Technical Conference for Midstream Operators - in Pittsburgh
- Environmental Compliance During Pipeline Construction - Regional Workshops

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
February 20-22, 2013 - Marriott Sawgrass

SPRING GAS CONFERENCE & EXPO
March 11-13, 2013 - Charlotte, NC
This technical conference features a variety of workshops targeting distribution operating professionals. Contact: Kent Hobart

TRANSMISSION PIPELINE DESIGN
March 12-15, 2013 - Charlotte, NC

ACCELERATED REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (ARP)
Web Conference Series
March 28-June 6, 2013

INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT WEB SERIES
April 1 - May 13, 2013 - Online
**MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**  
April 3-5, 2013 - New Orleans, LA  
Conference Chairman: Mike Frey, Vice President, Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia  
The Conference dinner/special event that has traditionally been held on Thursday evening of the conference is now confirmed for Wednesday evening this year at the new Freedom Pavilion section of the WWII Museum. Please plan customer dinners and other functions accordingly. Click here for General Sessions information.

**2013 Roundtable Links:**
- Accounting and Finance
- Associate Members
- Customer Experience
- Distribution Operating
- Engineering Management
- Gas Supply Marketing
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Marketing
- Midstream Operations
- Transmission (Pipeline) Operations

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**Natural Gas Fundamentals & Leadership Program - Workshops**
- Introduction to the Natural Gas Industry
- The Ratemaking Process
- How Natural Gas Is Bought and Sold
- The Level Headed Leader: Understanding Yourself before Leading Others
- Introduction to Regulated Natural Gas Accounting

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Not seeing a workshop you are interested in or maybe want to bring one of our workshops to your location? Check out our full list of onsite workshops to indicate your interests.

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<th>The Gas Measurement Training Council held their Winter Meetings at Atmos' Charles K. Vaughan Training facility in Dallas, January 14-17. Read more</th>
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"FACILITATION SKILLS" - FEBRUARY VIDEO
Available 24/7 beginning February 14 - www.sganetwork.org
Whether it's a meeting, round table discussion, or a training session, someone has to shape and guide the process of working together so that you meet your goals and accomplish what you've set out to do. Watch this 3-part video program by Frank Starkey, a Dale Carnegie Master Trainer, as he demonstrates how to develop facilitation skills so that you can help people collaborate, innovate and work productively together.

NETWORK NEWS - FEBRUARY ISSUE
This latest issue of the Network News is full of ideas on ways to use the Network in your organization, and contains all the upcoming events.

GAS MACHINERY RESEARCH COUNCIL

GMRC/SGA TRAINING WEEK- April 16-19, 2013 - Pittsburgh, PA
Click on a class for information and registration:
Project Planning and Management (NEW) - April 16-17
Field Operations Maintenance Training (NEW) - April 16-19
Factors in Compressor Station Design - April 17-19
Compressor Station Vibration: Impact on Cost, Performance, & Reliability - April 17-19

TSBA NEWS RELEASE
The Southern Gas Association Gas Machinery Research Council (GMRC) and ACI Services, Inc. (ACI) have completed a license agreement that authorizes ACI to develop and market products that incorporate GMRC’s patented tunable side branch absorber (TSBA) technology. Read more...

BLOG HIGHLIGHTS
The SGA Blog is a great way to keep up with everything going on at Southern Gas Association:
- The Week of January 14 in Review
- PHMSA State One-Call Exemption Forum
- Learning & Development - Best Practices Webinar Launch
- SGA at the 2013 NAHB International Builders Show

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