SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

Conferences
The Environmental, Safety & Health, and Training Conference is scheduled for June 4-6 in St. Louis. Three hundred professionals attend this annual meeting. The format includes a general session, focused roundtable breakouts, exhibits and networking opportunities (a Cardinals baseball game and a sponsored off-site dinner are planned).

The Offshore Gas Operations Conference will take place June 12-14 at Lauberge Resort in Lake Charles LA. Updates from the GOM Diving Safety Group, BSEE and PHMSA are scheduled. Exhibits enhance this meeting experience.

The SGA Operating Conference includes breakouts on the first afternoon, followed by 1.5 days of focused roundtable discussions in 16 topical areas. Over 100 product and service providers will exhibit. Seven hundred attendees are expected July 22-24 in Houston.

Workshops
The following are part of the SGA Safely Managing the Lifecycle of Pipelines program.

- Practical In-Line Inspection Workshop, Tulsa OK, May 7-9
  - Instructors include Bruce Nestleroth, Battelle, and Tom Bubenik, DNV, and Experts from service providers including TDW, Rosen, NDT Systems and Services, N-Spec.
- Pipeline Repair Methods Workshop, Houston TX, May 21-24
  - Instruction provided by recognized subject matter experts such as Stress Engineering; P-PIC; TD Williamson; Rosen.
- Integrity Management for Gas Transmission Pipelines, Houston TX, May 29-31
  - Instructors
    - Keith Lewis, PhD, PEng; P-PIC; member of ASME B31.8 & B31.8S
    - Bernie Selig, P-PIC; co-technical editor of B31.8S
- Advanced In-Line Inspection Workshop, Columbus OH, June 4-6
  - Because of the advanced nature of this workshop, the instructor list is extensive. Please view the agenda for more information.
ACCELERATED REPLACEMENT PROGRAMS - WEBINAR SERIES
If you missed session 2 of the Accelerated Replacement Programs web series you missed a lively discussion on Maximizing the Return on Your Capital Expenditures. Our presenters were Jennifer Ries, Atmos Energy and Gary Hebbeler, Duke Energy. Topics covered included:

- Why do gas companies have rates?
- Regulatory goals
- What is included in rate design?
- Determining cost of service
- Return on investment
- O&M expenses and depreciation

In session 3, Mike Baugher, Laclede Gas and Beth McKern, Alagasco, talked about the importance of effective external communications. Replacement programs impact communities and customers. There are several methods to communicate effectively to these stakeholders. Don't miss session 4 when Nazie Walker, Washington Gas, Roger Hoffhein, CenterPoint Energy, and Buddy Powell, Atmos Energy, will discuss Managing Resources.

We are averaging 75 connections through session 3. If you have not registered to participate, it's not too late - all sessions are recorded so you can catch up on your schedule.

INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT WEB SERIES
Safely Managing the Lifecycle of Pipelines
This series began April 1 and continues through May 13. Sessions are recorded you can still register and join the conversation.

In session 1, Andy Drake, Spectra Energy, and Pete Kirsch, CenterPoint Energy, provided an over-view of INGAA's IMCI initiatives and discussed extending integrity management principles through B31.8S.

In session 2, Joe Neave, Williams Gas Pipeline, and Susan Waller, Spectra Energy, discussed the role of valve automation and interacting with emergency responders.

In session 3, Mark Hereth discussed Fitness for Service for pre-regulation pipelines and the use of ILI as well as hydro-test to establish MAOP.

Session 4 will focus on Management Systems.
ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST GROUP UPDATE
Check out this Interest Group's latest communication - click here. Below is a summary:

- Environmental, Safety & Health, and Training Conference
- Environmental Excellence Awards
- Environmental Regulations in the Natural Gas Industry - a Layman's Guide
- Other Workshops of Interest to this Interest Group

CYBER SECURITY - WHAT SGA IS DOING IN THIS SPACE
Several associations are spending time discussing this important topic to our industry and the SGA is no different. We have highlighted this topic at a couple of our recent conferences; the most recent being our Management Conference that was held in New Orleans in April. During this conference, Dean Fox, URS, provided an overview during a conference general session to all conference attendees but then participated in a roundtable session with IT and Operations & Engineering executives. Based on discussions during this session and feedback from others, the SGA is currently looking to form an "Enterprise Security" Interest Group to be able to share information and look at developing focused discussion sessions on both physical and cyber related security issues. For more information or to engage in this effort, please contact Gary Hines.

METHANE GAS DISCOVERY SURVEY
This survey contains the following questions. All respondents will receive the survey results:

1. When you find evidence of methane gas (swamp/sewer gas, not natural gas) during your leak survey process, who takes responsibility and what does that responsibility entail?
2. Do you notify the customer?
3. Do you notify other entities (i.e. fire department, EPA, others)?
4. If you do notify the customer or another entity, do you provide written documentation of your findings?
5. Do you set any parameters or expectations on getting the issue resolved?
6. Are there follow up visits to make sure the issue has been rectified prior to the next scheduled leak survey?
7. Do you have access to a testing facility that can handle samples 24/7?
8. Do you have a contract with a designated testing facility?
9. What do you consider your company's best practices in this area?

Take the survey

MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE WRAP-UP
Thanks to all who participated in the recent SGA Management Conference in New Orleans. Attendance this year was the largest in several years, with well over 300 industry executives participating in 9 roundtables. A special Thank You to Conference Chairman Mike Frey of Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia and the Conference Planning Committee for putting together an outstanding program.
Mark your calendars for next year's Management Conference, April 2-4, 2014 - Disney's Yacht & Beach Club, Orlando FL.

BENCHMARKING AND BEST PRACTICE PROGRAM
We will talk more about this program in future newsletters. Until then you can familiarize yourself more by reviewing this webpage. As always, you can let the SGA staff know if there are topics you feel should be discussed that are currently not being addressed.
CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION BEST PRACTICE WORKSHOP

This roundtable is sponsored by the Distribution Construction O & M Committee and is scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, May 29. The session will be delivered via WebEx, with roundtable content structured around 4 questions:

- What are your inspectors required to inspect and document, and when during the construction process are you inspecting?
- Who is doing the inspecting?
  - Are you using internal resources, if so what skill sets are you requiring?
  - If you are using external resources, who are they and how are you making sure they are qualified?
  - How are you training? Are you using different processes to train internal and external inspectors?
  - How do you see regulatory changes impacting your inspection practices?

Participation is limited to the first 10 companies to register. For more information visit the roundtable webpage or contact Kent Hobart.

NEW INTEREST GROUP FORMING - REVENUE PROTECTION

Would your company like to share ideas and best practices with other SGA members in an interest group focused on Revenue Protection or minimizing the theft of gas service? Contact Kent Hobart.

COMING SOON: CONNECT @ SGA

In the coming weeks, SGA will be launching an exciting new space called Connect@SGA. This social media tool will provide our members with new ways to connect with each other and allow SGA to serve its membership in an exciting new way. Our goal is to expand the collaborative aspects of SGA by extending the social interaction and networking that happens at our conferences, workshops and roundtables beyond the events themselves. This new tool provides individuals the opportunity to:

- Connect with others
- Learn from each other
- Extend event participation
- Congregate into communities of like interests
- Communicate available resources (policies, procedures, white papers, smart practices)
- Share Ideas

Expect more information about Connect@SGA in the next few weeks. SGA contact: Doug Hinkle.

CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS AT THE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

The following volunteers received their service awards at the April 3-5 Management Conference in New Orleans. These individuals have provided leadership for their respective Committees for the past year. SGA has over 300 volunteers serving on approximately 50 committees and task forces.

- Tommy Kilpatrick, NiSource - Transmission Operations & Engineering Section Managing Committee
- Doug Staebler, Washington Gas - Distribution Operations & Engineering Section Managing Committee
- Mark Widaski, Enogex - Midstream Operating Executives Committee
- Larry Hoelscher, Williams Gas Pipeline - Engineering Management Committee

These are the volunteers serving on Operating Section committees. Read about all service award recipients in our blog.
SGA PRESENTS AT THE SOUTHERN NAPSR MEETING
SGA Vice President Kent Hobart addressed the Southern National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives meeting held in April at Myrtle Beach SC. Kent's presentation focused on:

- SGA DIM Efforts
- Accelerated Replacement Programs
- Construction Inspection
- Texas Pipeline Awareness Alliance (TPAA)
- DOT Compliance Activities
- Pipeline Safety Culture

For a copy of the slides or for questions, contact Kent Hobart.

SGA PRESENTS AT THE APGA SECURITY & INTEGRITY FOUNDATION (SIF) OPERATIONS CONFERENCE
SGA Vice-President Gary Hines participated in several panel discussions centered on crisis planning, disaster recovery, and mutual assistance programs at this year's APGA SIF Operations Conference in Pensacola, FL. The APGA's focus on these topics this year was in response to several events over the last several years including flooding, forest fires, tornadoes, and hurricanes. Gary spent the large portion of his time discussing and highlighting the SGA Mutual Assistance Program and the benefits it provides to all SGA membership. For more information on this program or the material reviewed at the APGA conference, please contact Gary Hines.

MUTUAL ASSISTANCE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP - A WRAP-UP
The SGA just wrapped up its annual Mutual Assistance & Emergency Management Workshop in Clearwater, FL the last week of April. This workshop has been held just before hurricane season gets underway to allow companies an opportunity to better prepare for crisis events in our industry. Topics covered at this year's workshop include:

- An overview of the American Gas Association Mutual Assistance Program by Andrew Lu, AGA
- An overview of the SGA Mutual Assistance Program
- Understanding the Incident Command System (ICS) & Working with Emergency Responders
- Dealing With the Media During a Pipeline Event
- An Overview of the INGAA Incident Mitigation Management Program
- Conducting Effective Mock Emergency Drills
- Roundtable Discussion on Comparing & Contrasting Emergency Response Plans
- Performing Effective Accident Investigations

A majority of this workshop content is also available to bring in-house to member companies. Contact Gary Hines for additional information.

EVENT CALENDAR

ACCELERATED REPLACEMENT PROGRAMS - WEB SERIES
March 28th - June 6th, 2013

INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT - WEB SERIES
April 1st - May 13th, 2013
PRACTICAL IN-LINE INSPECTION WORKSHOP
May 7-9, 2013; Tulsa, OK

TRAINING WEEK I
May 14-16, 2013; Plano, TX

PIPELINE REPAIR METHODS WORKSHOP
May 21-24, 2013; Houston, TX

INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT FOR GAS TRANSMISSION PIPELINES WORKSHOP
May 29-31, 2013; Houston, TX

ADVANCED IN-LINE INSPECTION WORKSHOP
June 4-6, 2013; Dublin, OH

ENVIRONMENTAL, SAFETY & HEALTH, AND TRAINING CONFERENCE
June 4-6, 2013; St. Louis, MO

OFFSHORE GAS OPERATIONS CONFERENCE & EXHIBITS
June 12-14, 2013; Lake Charles, LA

OPERATING CONFERENCE
July 22-24, 2013; Houston, TX

TRANSMISSION PIPELINE DESIGN WORKSHOP
August 26-29; Plano, TX

DOT COMPLIANCE WORKSHOP - TRANSMISSION & MIDSTREAM PIPELINES
September 27-29, 2013; Williams Tower - Houston, TX (Galleria Area)

Many of our workshops are available to bring to your location. Some of our workshops are scheduled based on demand. Check out our full list of onsite workshops to indicate your interests. Or contact Member Services.

SGA NETWORK

DOCUMENTARY "SWITCH" A BIG SUCCESS!
On April 19, the SGA Network partnered with the Switch Energy Project to deliver a program that included the 90 minute documentary, "Switch" followed by a live question & answer session with the producer, Harry Lynch, and author, Dr. Scott Tinker. The Stats:
- 34 Number of member companies participated
- 10.8 Average number of persons at each connection (one company had 5 connections with 115 total viewers)
- 65 Largest number of participants at one location
- 110 Number of connections
- 4.75 Satisfaction rating (on a 5 scale)

**NETWORK NEWS - MAY ISSUE**

Click here to access the May issue, full of ideas on ways to use the Network in your organization, as well as information about upcoming events.

**GAS MACHINERY RESEARCH COUNCIL**

**COMBUSTION CHARACTERISTICS**
June 18-21, 2013 - Williams Tower - Houston TX

**FACTORS IN COMPRESSOR STATION DESIGN WORKSHOP**
June 19 - 21, 2013 - Williams Tower - Houston TX

**NEW FOUNDATION DESIGN AND ANALYSIS & EXISTING FOUNDATION REPAIR, UPGRADING AND REGROUTING**
June 20-21, 2013 - Williams Tower -- Houston TX

**BLOG HIGHLIGHTS**

The SGA Blog is a great way to keep up with everything going on at Southern Gas Association:
- SGA Presents at the APGA Security and Integrity Foundation Operations Conference
- SGA Presents at the Southern NAPSR Meeting
- LNG 17 Conference
- SGA Executive Newsletter
- Presidents Message
- Thank You to our Management Conference Sponsors
- SGA Staff Photo

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