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. The topics selected by the 20 member planning committee provide a strategic road map of the key areas innovative companies are investing time in to improve their operations. See the topics selected under “Upcoming Events” below.

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)

GAS MEASUREMENT TRAINING COUNCIL

The GMTC held their Winter Meetings at Atmos' Charles K. Vaughan Training facility in Dallas on January 14 through 17. Two 2-day Gas Measurement Workshops designed for "hands on training" for gas professionals were led by instructors from our GMTC Partner, Barton Community College. The GMTC Board, Users Group, and Annual Meetings also met at the Atmos Facility. Read more

JONI PULLEN JOINS THE SGA STAFF

We are excited to add Joni to our team. Joni comes to us from Enosco, so she knows the energy business. Joni will be supporting Pat Downey, Sr. Vice President and Jane Butler, Sr. Director. Read more
SGA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS
It's time to submit your application for the 2013 SGA Community Service Award. [Learn more]

UTILITY BEST PRACTICES WEBINAR
Thursday, January 31, 2013 (9:30-10 am CT/10:30-11:30 am ET)

Featured Presentation: Atmos Energy's Realtor Program presented by Marsha Barber, Manager of Sales, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mississippi Division
Join us for a presentation on Atmos Energy's successful realtor program they provide to any residential or commercial real estate professional. The program is designed to educate realtors on natural gas to help expand the real estate professional's market and also allow him/her to provide better service to their prospects. The real estate professional will increase credibility when handling questions and/or objections about particular energy or equipment uses. The webinar is free of charge to SGA and APGA members. Take advantage of this opportunity and register now -- it's simple and fast! [Click here to register].

SGA TRAINING, LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT - RESTRUCTURED
In 2012, the Human Resources Section Managing Committee reinvented their Section to provide even more value to SGA members. This "new structure" connects professionals in the training, learning and development space, providing opportunities to share and learn at SGA conferences/events and even from a distance through web conferences/meetings and quarterly best practices webinars (beginning in 2013). [Learn more]

WE APPRECIATE OUR SPONSORS !!
We would like to thank our Associate Member-Partners who support and contribute to the success of Southern Gas Association events throughout the year. Sponsorships enhance your company's exposure at SGA events and helps facilitate connections with key customers and decision-makers. If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact Jane Butler for more information, or visit our website. [Click here to view our 2013 sponsors (so far)].

UPCOMING EVENTS

TECHNICAL CONFERENCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING & CONSTRUCTION
February 4-6, 2013 - Four Seasons - Houston, TX

SGA SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
February 20-22, 2013 - Marriott Sawgrass - Jacksonville, FL
[Click here for an update for this meeting]

SPRING GAS CONFERENCE & EXPO
March 11-13, 2013 - Charlotte, NC

THE LEVEL HEADED LEADER: UNDERSTANDING YOURSELF BEFORE LEADING OTHERS
This course will be offered at SGA's Spring Gas Conference & Expo, March 12, 2013 (facilitated by Judy Cook, PSNC).

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

INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT WEB SERIES
April 1 - May 13, 2013 – Online
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

ADVANCED COMMERCIAL MARKETING FOODSERVICE WORKSHOP
April 9-11, 2013 - Birmingham, AL

PRACTICAL IN-LINE INSPECTION WORKSHOP
May 7-9, 2013 - Tulsa, OK

MUTUAL ASSISTANCE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP
May 8-10, 2013 - Clearwater Beach Marriott, - Clearwater, FL

TRAINING WEEK
May 14-16, 2013 - Atmos’ Charles K. Vaughan Training Center - Plano, TX

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

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

ADVANCED IN-LINE INSPECTION WORKSHOP
June 4-6, 2013 - Dublin (Columbus), OH

SGA NETWORK

NETWORK NEWS - JANUARY ISSUE
Click here to access the January issue, full of ideas on ways to use the Network in your organization, as well as information about upcoming events.
Click here to access the most recent issue, full of information about upcoming meetings and events, as well as news about research projects.

GMRC CHAIRMAN CRAIG LINN'S MESSAGE TO MEMBERSHIP

GMRC/SGA TRAINING WEEK - April 16-19 - 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

BLOG HIGHLIGHTS

The SGA Blog is a great way to keep up with everything going on at Southern Gas Association:

- Gas Distribution Infrastructure - Pipeline Replacement and Upgrade
- Gas Distribution Pipeline Integrity Management Enforcement Guidance
- Learn About Social Media at SGA Events

The Week of January 14 in Review

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