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SURVEY OF THE MONTH

Are you interested in attending or sending employees to attend a workshop in which engineers would gain hands-on experience and learn about designing for constructability?

Yes
No

Your feedback is crucial as we evaluate the need for this type of workshop and what the content to include. Click here to provide feedback for this potential workshop. We appreciate your feedback!

UPDATES & INFORMATION

Accelerated Main Replacement Programs
Based on interest, the Distribution Construction Operations & Maintenance Committee is sponsoring a one-day workshop in St. Louis, July 19th, hosted by Laclede Gas Company (see more details below). The Committee sees accelerated main replacement programs as an on-going topic of interest and will include this topic in the agenda for their roundtable at the Operating Conference. As lessons learned and best practices are identified, webinars to share information may be scheduled this fall. Contact: Randy Randolph or Kent Hobart.

NGV Operations Interest Group Update
The purpose of this Interest Group is to focus on natural gas fleet operations. Areas of focus include dedicated vs. duel fueled, outsourcing, integration with traditional fleet, tank design, CNG operations/maintenance, service life, operating costs, and
cylinder/tank inspectors. The Interest Group has scheduled their next open meeting to be held September 20-21, 2012 in Tulsa. Contact Randy Randolph for more information and for a link to the archive of the recent roundtable.

Celebrating Our Volunteers
Southern Gas Association has 375 volunteers serving on approximately 50 committees and interest groups. The goals and objectives of SGA are advanced by these volunteers. Each year, SGA bestows Service Awards to its volunteers. The following individuals were recognized at the 2012 Management Conference:

- Chris Akers, EQT Midstream - Midstream Committee and Transmission Operations & Engineering Section Managing Committee
- Michael Davidson, NiSource, Inc. - Customer Experience Section Managing Committee
- Chris Drescher, Southern Union Company - Engineering Management Committee
- Loree Elswick, Piedmont Natural Gas - Integrated Communications Committee
- Richard Gius, Atmos Energy Corporation - Information Technology Committee
- Gary Gregory, Atmos Energy, West Texas Division - 2012 Management Conference Planning Committee
- Kelley Grimes, Atmos Energy, West Texas Division - Sales & Marketing Section Managing Committee
- John McDill, Atmos Energy, Mississippi Division - Distribution Operations & Engineering Section Managing Committee
- Phillip Murdock, Atmos Energy, Mid-Texas Division - Distribution Integrity Management Committee
- Jon Noland, American Steel Pipe Division - Associate Members Committee
- Allen Nuttall, Piedmont Natural Gas - Spring Gas Conference & Expo Planning Committee
- John Paris, Atmos Energy Mid-Texas Division - 2012 Management Conference Planning Committee
- Mary Simon, Southern Union Company - Accounting and Finance Committee
- Jesus Soto, Jr., El Paso Corporation - Transmission Operations & Engineering Section Managing Committee
- Mark Waltermire, The Laclede Group - SGA Executive Council
- Ranelle Warfield, Piedmont Natural Gas - Customer Experience Section Managing Committee
- Bill Williams, Piedmont Natural Gas - Gas Supply Marketing and Transportation Services Section Managing Committee

Click here to see photos of the recipients.

Executive Newsletter
The purpose of the Executive Newsletter is to provide SGA Official Delegates, Accredited Representatives and other executives from member companies with a high level SGA update. Click here to read the most recent Executive Newsletter.

Test You Knowledge
SGA recently hosted its Introduction to the Natural Gas Industry course and encouraged attendees to submit questions. Gary Hines, SGA, answered the questions. We thought SGA members might have a bit of fun testing their knowledge, so look for questions in upcoming SGA communications.

Question: If pipeline companies don’t buy and sell natural gas, how do they make money? Is it mostly on long term contracts? Click here to see the answer and look for more questions soon!

Damage Prevention Live Web Chat
The Texas Pipeline Awareness Alliance (TPAA) sponsors one of the nation’s largest pipeline safety and public awareness media campaigns. As part of its efforts, TPAA representatives recently hosted a live web chat on ABC 13 in Houston to discuss pipeline safety and damage prevention. Participants were able to send in questions about natural gas pipelines and receive immediate answers from the TPAA panelists. Click here to view images from the live web chat and to download the transcript. Contact Nicole Reilley for more information.

Safety Culture Session Recorded
Subject matter experts gathered at the Management Conference to discuss safety culture in the natural gas industry:

- Airline Industry - David Prewitt, retired CEO from Rotorcraft – safety culture in the airline industry and how that can apply to the natural gas industry
• PHMSA - Alan Mayberry, Deputy Associate Administrator, PHMSA – what are the key messages that PHMSA has for our industry, particularly related to safety culture
• National Transportation Safety Board - Chris Hart, Vice Chairman, NTSB - what are the key messages that NTSB has for our industry, particularly related to safety culture

This session was video-taped. View the trailer on the SGA homepage. To view the entire video, contact Farlene Powell in Member Services.

**LNG-17 Update**
In 2013, LNG 17 will be the largest global gas event in the world, and it will be the largest gas industry event in the United States since 1988. Some 5,000 attendees are expected for LNG 17, and the 200,000 square foot record setting exhibition will attract thousands more. Delegate sales for this event are being launched on June 4, at the World Gas Conference in Kuala Lumpur. SGA is a member of the LNG 17 National Advisory Committee. For more information about LNG 17 contact Jay Copan, AGA. Click here to download the May newsletter.

**Codes & Standards Interest Group**
The purpose of this Group is to provide a forum where codes & standards professionals can share ideas and exchange information. Contact Reggie Johnson or Nadine Fred for more information. Mark your calendars for this Codes & Standards Interest Group's quarterly conference calls (1-866-613-5223; Access code = 750-3421):

• July 16 (1:30 to 2:30 CT)
• October 15 (1:30 to 2:30 CT)

**SGA Blog Highlights**
The SGA Blog is a great way to stay up-to-date on the latest industry information. Below are some of the most recent postings:

• GTI & SGA Visit Atmos
• SGA Visits MGAG
• Damage Prevention Live Chat on ABC
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**EVENT CALENDAR**

**Integrity Management for Gas Transmission Pipelines: Safely Managing the Lifecycle of Pipelines**
June 5 - 7, 2012
Houston, TX - El Paso’s Offices
More Information

**Offshore Gas Operations Conference and Exhibits**
June 13 - 15, 2012
Galveston, TX - Moody Gardens
More Information

**Environmental, Safety & Health, and Training Conference**
June 27 - 29, 2012
New Orleans, LA - Hyatt Regency
More Information
Accelerated Main Replacement Programs
July 19, 2012
Berkeley, MO - Laclede Gas Company
More information

Operating Conference & Exhibits
July 23 - 25, 2012
Fort Worth, TX - Omni Hotel
More Information

The Operating Conference format is focused roundtable discussion. Attendees learn smart practices and lessons learned from their peers through 15 concurrent facilitated sessions. Breakout sessions with presentations from subject matter experts open the conference. Make plans to visit the exhibit hall, which will include 100+ suppliers showcasing the latest products and services available to the industry. Look forward to a business mixer at the Rangers vs. Red Sox game at the Rangers Ballpark. Questions: Member Services

2012 Breakouts

- Distribution Regulatory Compliance
- Transmission Integrity Management & Pipeline Construction, Operations & Maintenance
- Right of Way
- Safety Smart Practices
- Midstream
- Environmental Layman's Guide
- Underground Storage
- Chesapeake Barnett Shale Facility Tour
- Cross Bores

2012 Roundtables

- Distribution Construction, Operations and Maintenance
- Distribution Engineering
- Distribution Integrity Management
- Gas Control
- Legal
- LNG Operations
- Midstream
- Pipeline Construction, Operations & Maintenance
- Project Management
- Public Awareness and Damage Prevention
- Right of Way
- Supply Chain Management
- Transmission Integrity Management
- Transmission Measurement
- Underground Storage

MAOP Validation Roundtable: Part of the AGA/SGA Transmission Best Practices Program
July 25 - 26, 2012
Fort Worth, TX - Omni Hotel
More Information

Communication for Leaders
July 25 - 26, 2012
SGA NETWORK

Hundreds of videos are available for SGA Network members at www.sganetwork.org. Simply log in, click on “Video Library” and enter the title you want to watch in the search bar. For assistance, contact Farlene Powell.

SGA Safety Awards Videos
Click on a video to login to the SGA Network and begin viewing submissions from the 2012 SGA Safety Awards.

- Ergonomics - Williams
- Take Safety Home - Williams
- 360 Walk Around - Williams
- Vehicle Ergonomics - Dominion
- Snap Decisions, Short Cuts & Compliance - Dominion
- Abnormal Operating Conditions - Dominion
- Driving School: Ask Ken - Dominion
- Natural Gas Properties - CenterPoint
- Race to Zero Incidents - LG&E and KU
- Top 10 in Safety - PSNC
- Always Safe - Washington Gas
- Safe Driving 1 - SU (ETE)
- Safety Short 2 - SU (ETE)

Overview of Control Room Management (No Login Required)
Click here to view the Overview of Control Room Management video. There is no login required.

GAS MACHINERY RESEARCH COUNCIL TRAINING

GMRC is a subsidiary of SGA. View all GMRC events.

New Foundation Design and Analysis & Existing Foundation Repair, Upgrading and Regrouting
June 14-15, 2012
Houston, TX
More information

Applied Principles of Engines and Compressors
June 11-15, 2012
Houston, TX
More information
Engine Analyzer and Reliability Workshop
July 17-19, 2012
Fort Worth, TX
More information

Gas Machinery Conference
September 30 - October 3, 2012
Austin, TX
More information