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Before I conclude this month's message I would like to highlight ASSE's Council on Professional Affairs (CoPA) which is committed to ensuring that any decision by federal or state government impacting the safety, health and environment of workplaces is based on good science and sound technology. Currently serving as our chapter's CoPA liaison is Van Johnson, who is also the chapter secretary. With the anticipated volume of legislative issues that could impact our profession, I strongly believe that we need to establish a CoPA committee to serve as the communication network between the Triad Chapter and ASSE Headquarters regarding governmental affairs and activities. This committee will also be responsible for coordinating legislative actions involving local, state, regional and national issues impacting the safety profession and provide input to our membership on federal laws and regulations on which ASSE is proposing to comment. We are seeking at least two additional members to serve with Van on this important committee. If you are interested please contact Van or any of the Executive Committee members.

I look forward to seeing you at the November meeting and the December social. As always, I'm interested in receiving feedback on how well the society and the chapter are serving your needs and ways we increase the overall value of your membership. Feel free to contact me any time at 336.407.0169 or at rgraves3@triad.rr.com.

Sincerely,

Ron Graves

CoPs Update

The Council on Practice Standards continues to be very active to provide beneficial information for safety and health professionals consistently. Some of the products now available include:

- A10 Crane Safety Standards Package, including safety requirements for scaffolding, work platforms suspended from Cranes or Derricks, requirements, definitions, & specifications for Digger Derricks, and Rigging qualifications and responsibilities.
- Slips, Trips & Falls Compendium, including 8 ANSI/ASSE and ASTM standards, all addressing serious issues and requirements relative to slips, trips, and falls prevention.
- Reduction of Musculoskeletal Problems in Construction (ANSI/ASSE A10.40-2007). This standard applies to construction environments where there may be risk factors that could lead to musculoskeletal problems for construction workers, but does not apply to office or administrative work performed by construction companies.
- Safety Requirements for Tunnels, Shafts, and Caissons draft standard. An upcoming public review of this draft standard is underway through January 9, 2009.

For more information on any of these topics, check out www.asse.org.

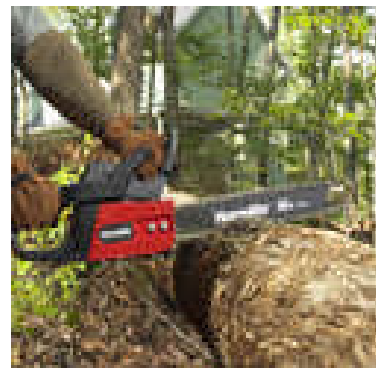
Triad ASSE/LEPC Golf Tournament

Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate with our second effort to conduct this year's tournament to benefit the Clarice Garrett Scholarship Fund. This can be the one of the first things you put on your "2009 Planning List". Stay tuned for more details—we are planning to reschedule it for the spring.



Homelite Chain Saw Safety Recall Information

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has announced a voluntary recall of approximately 370,000 Homelite Chain Saws due to chain brake failure. The chain brake on specified models can fail to stop the chain on the first application, reportedly posing a risk of laceration to consumers. These chain saws were sold exclusively at Home Depot stores nationwide between December, 2007 and October 2008 for between \$110 and \$200. They were manufactured in China. This recall includes the following model numbers: UT10514, UT10516, UT10517, UT 10518, UT10520, UT10540, UT10560, and UT10918. Users are instructed to stop using these models immediately and contact Homelite Consumer Products to locate the nearest authorized service center to schedule a free repair. For additional information, contact Homelite Consumer Products, Inc. at (800) 242-4672 or visit their website at www.homelite.com.



Thank you, Debbie Muers for sharing this information with all of us.

Local Career Opportunities

- Skansa USA Building, Inc. EHS Director Durham, NC
- Weyerhaeuser Lumber Site Safety Manager Plymouth, NC
- (Blind Ad) Industrial Hygiene
 Coordinator

This space is reserved for career opportunities related to safety and risk management within a 100 mile radius of Greensboro, NC. If you would like to submit information to be included in the next newsletter, contact Elesa Hurley at ehurley@keyrisk or Javonn Peaks at jpeaks@sennedunn.com. Listings will run for 2 months unless you extend them by advising Elesa or Javonn the position is still open. More detailed information on these positions can be found at www.triadasse.org or www.asse.org.

Mark your calendar now for these upcoming events!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
11/18	November Meeting	5:30 PM	American Express
12/3	Holiday Social	4-6 PM	Natty Greene's
1/13/09	January Meeting	11:30 AM	Logan's Roadhouse
2/17/09	Joint Meeting with Student Chapter	11:30 AM	A&T—details TBA
3/17/08	March Meeting	11:30 AM	Steelcase of High Pont

Watch your e-mail and our website for more information.



Lunch meetings—Networking at 11:30, Lunch at 12:00.

Evening Meetings—Networking at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

Cost for Members—\$15

Students—\$7.50 (half price)

Visitors are welcome. No charge for the first meeting.

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Professional Development Opportunities

Solutions in Construction Safety Symposium, November 20-21, Scottsdale, AZ

Building a Successful Safety Culture Symposium, January 22-23, 2009, Costa Mesa, CA

Seminarfest 2009, February 8-14, 2009, Las Vegas, NV

NAOSH Week 2009, May 3-9

Occupational Safety & Health Professional Day, May 6

Safety 2009, June 28-July 1, San Antonio, TX

Check out www.ASSE.org and
www.TriadASSE.org for more details!

