

AUSTIN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Bet you all didn't think you would hear from me so soon again!! Our next get together is rather quick this time as it is time once again to round up our sweeties and bring them to the annual sweetheart's dinner. The dinner will once again be held at Cannoli Joe's on highway 290 West by the Toney Burger Complex. We will be starting at 6pm on Thursday February 11th. Hope to see you all there.

The national executive committee of ASCET will be meeting at the Drury Inn on 290 east and IH 35 on Saturday February 20th. Guests are welcome to attend. We will be meeting from 8am to 5pm.

I can't believe it is February already!! Where does the time go? I hope everyone has a great Valentine's Day!!!! Make sure you do not forget about your sweetie's this Valentine's Day!!!!

Take care and have a great week!!! Leo.

JANUARY MEETING NOTES

Our January meeting was held on the 28th at the Red Robin restaurant. All attendees were introduced and supper was served. Old and new business items were discussed and then our guest speaker for the night was introduced, Mr. Michael Dixon of Troxler.

Michael spoke at length about the new enforcement policies of the DOT. In the past we have only really been concerned with the health department in Texas. The NRC is putting more pressure on the agreement states like Texas to provide more field inspections ever since 9/11. Michael warned us that we would be seeing more of the DOT in the coming years. We have noticed that the health department in Texas has stepped up its inspections and the DOT will be doing the same. The DOT has hired more personnel to provide field inspections. The DOT will be cracking down more on the plastic no tamper tie which should be on every nuke gauge case, the way gauges are locked down in the truck beds, and shipping papers. The DOT and NRC are really pushing for metal carriers such as tool boxes or metal framed containers to be placed in every vehicle carrying a nuke gauge. So make sure you always have your gauges locked up when not in use, watch out for those who might want to steal your gauges, and keep your eye on your gauge at all times.

Michael also demonstrated Troxler's latest non nuke gauge for hot mix. Michael says it is the wave of the future. Whoever can finally put on the market a non nuke gauge for soils

that is as reliable as a nuke gauge will be rich and then we will finally have the feds and state off our backs!!

We adjourned our meeting at 8 pm and reminded everyone of our next meeting.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

ACI meets on February 11th at Antonio's Mexican restaurant in Round Rock for lunch. If you are interested in going to the meetings, finding out about exams for your techs, or if you want email notices about their happenings/events, please contact either Dave Mason with Fugro or Arnie Hammock with PSI. For information on Ft. Hood events please contact Arnie or Ron Harris with the Corp of Engineers.

If you are interested on doing on line courses for radiation safety and training, you can contact either The American Portable Nuclear Gauge Association (APNGA) at apnga.com for more info. Or you can contact Troxler at www.troxlerlabs.com for their information. This way you never have to leave the office and you can do it at your own self pace.

ASCET's national executive committee meeting will be held on Saturday February 20th from 8am to 5pm at the Drury Inn at 290 East and IH 35.

On a sad note, I forgot to mention the passing of Rodney Davies who worked for Lauren Concrete in our last newsletter. Most of us knew Rodney through his association with ACI. Rodney will be greatly missed. Rodney passed away late last year. We want to pass on our heart felt sympathies to his wife and family. Rodney was only 45 years of age.

ASCET's next electronic version of the national magazine is out for review. Make sure to look at it and tell us what you think of it. Larry Killer has done a great job of putting it together!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 11th ACI meets at Antonio's for lunch

February 11th-Annual Sweetheart's dinner

February 20th-National Executive Committee Meeting at Drury Inn in Austin

March 25th-Monthly meeting-Topic TBA