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NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS

PRESIDENTS REPORT

December, 2018

2018 is quickly coming to a close! In the coming days I am hopeful that each one of you will have time to relax and reflect with your family the many blessings we each take for granted on a daily basis. You have all earned a break!

As we move in 2019 we are thankful for our 9 new members added in 2018. As I mentioned in the previous report, please get out and spread the word about NUCA of the Carolinas, and let's add at least 15 new members in 2019!

Expanding our contractor membership will be a large focus of 2019. In the coming weeks we have great events planned. Please invite folks that could benefit from being involved in NUCA! Mark your calendars:

January 11th – Clay Shoot. **GET REGISTERED NOW!**

February 12th – SRM Meeting and Member Social @ Triangle Shooting Academy

April 11-14th – Spring Conference – Marriot Grande Dunes, Myrtle Beach

As you take that much needed and earned vacation, please begin to consider what you can do to help expand and strengthen NUCA of the Carolinas. As the Board meets in January, a few items where we can use some help include:

1. Looking for speakers and ideas for our spring conference; any ideas, please share. We want the conferences to continue to improve and expand, making them a can't miss event.
2. A new leader from our Board for the membership committee.
3. Ideas for enhanced raffles and auction items.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please remember the true reason for the season, and have a safe and happy beginning to 2019.

Chris Sellman

NUCA of the Carolinas President

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!

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NUCA CLAY SHOOT

Sporting Clays Shoot

Friday - January 11, 2019—12:00 p.m.

Fuquay Varina, North Carolina

Please join NUCA of the Carolinas for our Sporting Clays shoot to benefit the NUCA of the Carolinas and NUCA of the Carolinas Educational Foundation Scholarship Program at the beautiful Drake Landing located in Fuquay Varina, North Carolina.

Participants will be provided with a full round of sporting clays (50), shotgun shells, lunch, water, sodas, and an event t-shirt

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S&RM Meeting



Thanks to PHILIP BOSWELL, National Trench Safety, for hosting our November meeting! And to COREY DUNPHY, NCDOL and KEVIN SMITH, NC811 for important industry updates!



**NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN RALEIGH ON FEBRUARY 12TH
DETAILS COMING SOON!!**

Well, it looks like ol' man winter has shown up early in the Carolinas by sending us early snow. This always makes the "Safety Department" send out a Tool Box Safety Talk about Cold Stress. As a company, we are required to train our employees to be able to recognize the symptoms of Hypothermia and Frostbite. Employee's should dress for the cold and should always dress in layers. Have you ever seen a "dry" pipe layer? If an employee is going to be exposed to water, make sure that they have a change of clothes.

How about your equipment? Is it ready for the cold? The operator should inspect their equipment daily. Have they tested the antifreeze in all equipment? Has the operator checked the batteries or are we waiting for the cold to test it for us? If a piece of equipment goes down, it can be costly and time consuming. We can avoid some of these issues with a little preventive maintenance.

I hope that you and your employee's have had a safe and productive 2018. I hope that you are ready for 2019 because it is right around the corner. With all the hustle and bustle that goes along with the season, I hope that everyone will slow down or even stop for a moment and remember what this season is all about. So from the Safety and Risk Management Committee, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!!

From the Trenches,
Wes Sells
Safety and Risk Management Committee Chairman

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A Word from Brad

Old Debt Finally Paid

We have some important stuff going on with revisions to the Underground Safety and Damage Prevention law but Justus is doing the heavy lifting there and I have a story I want to share.

A couple of years ago I was honored to present the Ditchdigger of the Year award to Leo Barbera. I told the story of him flying from Ohio to pick me up at the Stanley County Airport and flying me to Arkansas to meet some folks that might have a solution to my “job from hell” problem. Leo spoke up and said that he never got paid for that trip. My response was that all that blue equipment I bought from him should count for something.

Early this November I found out that Leo and his brother Jim were being honored by Louisiana Tech for their contribution to trenchless technology. Dr Tom Isley told me that he would like to get Leo to the event but that Leo would need some help. I learned that Leo had Dementia and could not travel alone. BRS bought tickets for Leo and I. I met Leo and his daughter at the Raleigh airport and accompanied Leo to Louisiana. He asked me several times if NUCA was still in business and told me what a good organization NUCA was. He remembered lots of the old names and had some good stories to tell. He asked me several times also if he bought a ticket. I told him that he bought his ticket 30 years ago.

It was an impressive ceremony and Leo’s son was in attendance as well as Jim and most of his family. Leo had a ball but at the end of the night he didn’t know my name or how he got there. No matter, I was more blessed than Leo. Past due for 30 years finally paid.

Brad

MEMBER NEWS!

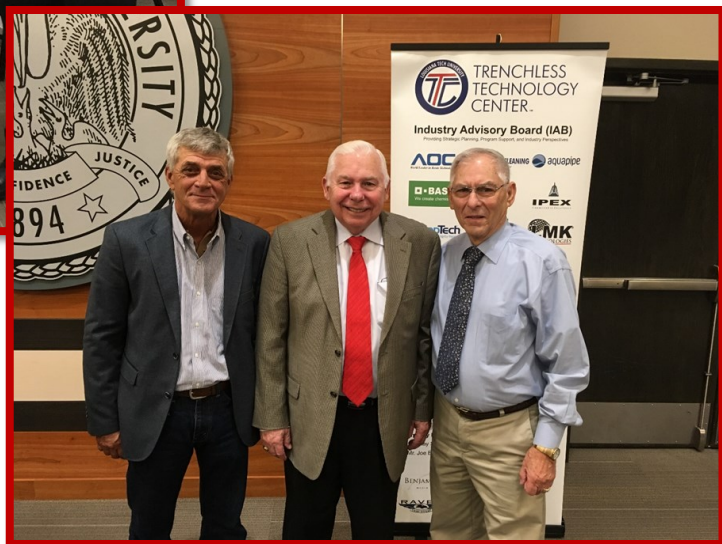
The 1st TTC Life-Time Achievement Award

On Nov 13, 2018 in conjunction with the 3rd TTC Auger Boring School, Dr. Tom Iseley and Dr. Les Guice presented the 1st TTC Life-Time Achievement Awards to Leo & Jim Barbera at the banquet. Dr. Les Guice, who was the department head of Civil Engineering in 1988 when he hired Dr. Iseley and assisted with the establishment of TTC, is now the president of Louisiana Tech University. He had the opportunity to work with Leo in several research projects. Leo served as the original TTC Industry Advisory Board which established in 1991. Leo Barbera was the founder of American Augers in 1970 and Jim (his brother) worked for him. Also, Leo developed the first rack and pinion HDD rig in the U.S. He is a pioneering leader in the Auger Boring and trenchless technology industry where his knowledge, vision, energy and passion have helped shape the industry today. In 1997, Leo was elected as the Trenchless Technology Person-of-the-Year.



Left to right: Dr. Tom Iseley, Leo and Jim Barbera, Dr. Les Guice

Left to right: Rick Barbera, Dr. Tom Iseley and, Brad Barringer





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Before You Make the Call To 811

Contributed by: Howard Corey, NC811 Education Liaison

Before you make the call to 811, pick up a shovel or start up a backhoe, there is something you can do to help the utility locators save time and relay exactly where you plan on digging. It's called white lining.

When an excavation site cannot be clearly and adequately identified when submitting a locate request to 811, you the excavator, are required per state statute to designate the route and/or area to be excavated using either white flags or water-soluble white paint. Both flags and paint can be obtained at most local hardware stores for a minimal cost. White lining or pre-marking must be done prior to calling 811 and before the utility locators arrive at your excavation site. This pre-marking allows you to properly communicate with the locators the exact area you plan on digging. This way they can focus on marking only that area and not an entire property or length of road or land that goes outside the scope of a jobsite. White lining is not just for professional excavators, it is for everyone.

A few guidelines to follow will help speed things along. Remember all markings whether they are paint or flags must be done in white. The American Public Works Association (APWA) designates white as the color for all proposed excavation sites.

You can delineate the proposed area of excavation using stakes or flags instead of spray paint to mark the corners of the project; or when outlining the excavation project. Stakes or flags should be white in color and display the excavator's company identifier (name, abbreviations, or initials).

It is recommended that you label your white lined area with something that indicates who the white lines are for. Due to the popularity of white lining in some areas, locators come across multiple white lines by different excavators in the same area. Also, it is recommended that you date the white lined area no more than 2 days prior to calling in your locate, to help the locator match up your white lined area to your locate ticket.

Using these methods of best practice when white lining will help speed up the process of having the utilities marked by the operator's locators and will help get your excavation project started on time. For more information and to view a video on white lining visit nc811.org.

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