



November, 2017

"The Pipeline"

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greetings NUCA Members:

Wow! You can say it. What a great fall conference at the Grove Park Inn! It is only fitting for such a great association as NUCA of the Carolinas to hold their conference at such a historic site. I sincerely appreciate everyone that took time out of their busy schedules to make this conference a success. A big "Thank You" goes out to Linda Goslee for ANOTHER fantastic conference. She does a tremendous job at juggling the logistics of these events, which is harder than it appears. However, it could not happen without the support of all our members. You are all truly the reason that we have such a nationally recognized association.

A special thank you to Kenneth Smith. His leadership and stewardship over the years has helped mold our association into one of the best in the country. We are looking forward to his continued involvement in NUCA.

Thank you to all of those who bought or sold tickets for this year's gun raffle. As with the previous raffles, it was a huge success and the funds will assist the association with future endeavors. A shout goes out to Scott Thomas with Gregory Poole on winning the Benelli SBE3 shotgun! Congratulations, Scott!

Our next association event will be our Safety & Risk Management meeting being held at the Caterpillar Plant in Clayton on November 14th. I would encourage you to attend this informative meeting. Wes Sells, our S&RM Chairman, has done a fantastic job with this committee and has provided timely training classes and safety seminars. He is a true asset to NUCA of the Carolinas!

Also, we have started preparing for the spring conference to be held at the Wild Dunes Resort in Isle of Palms, S.C. April 19-21, 2018. This is absolutely a beautiful venue with many great places to eat and only minutes from the beach and downtown Charleston. I would highly recommend that you plan to attend and enjoy the fellowship with others in our industry.

Lastly, if I do not see you before the upcoming holidays, I sincerely pray that each one of our members and their families has a safe and happy holiday season. I am looking forward to a great and prosperous 2018 for all.

Chris Humbert, President

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Safety & Risk Management

TUESDAY, November 14, 2017

Caterpillar Plant

954 Hwy NC42

Clayton, N.C.

11:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.

**Lunch & Learn with
Ronnie Vaughn
Gregory Poole Equipment**



****Reminders****

Compliance Date for Injury & Illness Reporting—December 1, 2017

New I-9 Forms—Make sure your HR Dept. knows about it!

New Silica Standards—Compliance Date: September 23, 2017



Thanks to Wes Sells, B.R.S., Inc. for holding the Chair position with the Safety & Risk Management Committee for the past 5 years! Wes will continue to Chair the committee through 2018!

The 2018 Safety Award Applications will be available soon!

All Contractor members are encouraged to participate!

The top 2 companies from each category will be asked to make presentations at the Spring Conference in April and the winners will be announced at the Spring Conference Banquet.

Safety Ambassadors Club

NUCA National invites all members to be a member of the NUCA Safety Ambassadors club!

NUCA's Safety program is one of the best. It provides comprehensive safety services to all members!

The Safety Ambassadors Club has been around for 25 years to create a strong safety culture among the NUCA members. The program provides programs, services and information our contractors need to ensure that they stay in compliance with safety requirements and assure the safety of all employees. The Safety Ambassadors Club has demonstrated that NUCA maintains its credibility with Federal Agencies that regulate the industry and has access to policy makers when new regulations are proposed.

To become a member of the Safety Ambassadors Club go to www.nuca.com/sac

For information on Safety Training and Safety Instructors to:

2017 Fall Conference

The Omni Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N.C.

**WELCOME RECEPTION
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Phil Morris with Xylem, Inc—Garner, N.C. Raffled off 2 Xylem/NUCA Shirts—Winners were—Michael Barr, United Rentals Trench Safety and Rick Cuozzi, Company Wrench

Congrats guys!!



COMPANY WRENCH



KBS Construction



BRS, Inc.



**First conference Registrant!
Chris Humbert**



**THANKS TO ALL OF OUR CONFERENCE
SPEAKERS!**

MICHAEL BARR—UNITED RENTALS TRENCH SAFETY

PAUL SULLIVAN—NCDOL

WILL BROWN—NUCA NATIONAL

JASON RITCHEY—CAROLINA CAT

BRAD BARRINGER—B.R.S., INC.

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Associate of the Year!

SCOTT THOMAS

GREGORY POOLE EQUIPMENT COMPANY



2017 DITCH DIGGER OF THE YEAR!

ROB GOSLEE



BREWERY TOUR!



GOLFERS



FIRST PLACE TEAM—Justin Cabe, Eric Morgan, Kevin Cripps & Chris



Longest Drive—Dale Schmidt



Closest to the Pin—Eric Morgan

A Special recognition went to Brad Barringer, B.R.S., Inc. and Ken Malonson, Garney Construction at the 2017 Fall Conference for their many years of supporting NUCA of the Carolinas and their invaluable contributions to the Utility Construction Industry over the years! Their expertise within the industry is highly valued by everyone!

NUCA looks forward to their continued participation with the Association



**CONGRATULATIONS TO SCOTT THOMAS, GREGORY POOLE EQUIPMENT
WINNER OF THE 2017
GUN RAFFLE**



A Word from Brad!

Asheville and the Grove Park! What a place to congregate! The attendance was excellent at every event and we had lots of informative speakers. It makes me wonder why anyone in our business would pass up such an opportunity. I was especially pleased at the response to my call for volunteers to join the battle against false underground facility damage claims. Several of our key players, including me, myself, and I, are aging out and we need to bring some new blood up to speed. I can't help but be proud of how much we have accomplished since the battle began in 1979. The first proposed one call law was so one sided in favor of the facility owners that a call to arms went out and Frank Carpenter and I answered that call. We didn't get nearly everything we wanted in the first law but we did get a lot of our wants. Oh how I wish we had had a few more warriors then. Our lot would have been much easier over the last 40 years.

When fiber optics came on the scene and there was a need for a national instillation and protection standard, the first proposals were outrageously against us excavators. I met with the AGCA Utility Division leadership and explained what was about to happen. Some of that group didn't feel we should get involved in "the fiber optic industry business". My arguments prevailed and Joe Wilkerson, Drew Pickens and I headed to D.C. to stick our nose in where it wasn't wanted. A time or two we actually headed to the door saying that if what they proposed was what they wanted we would withdraw and fight them to the end. They gave in and we came home with what we thought was a good standard. In fact, it was so good that they said nobody would ever follow it. They were close to being right.

Back to Asheville; the battles aren't over. The CGA and the GSS are the new battleground. We have clout with the CGA and we need to protect it. In fact, the GSS was organized to try to draw our shared responsibility concept from the CGA and place all responsibility on the Excavator. The Asheville meeting encouraged me that many excavators have recognized the situation and are ready to take a stand. There are lots of opportunities at the Local UCCs, the Regional partnerships, the Common Ground Alliance and even at the Gold Shovel Standards. I know for a fact that if folks don't get involved, bad things will come their way. The facility owners will show no mercy if we don't have folks at the table. Thanks in advance.

And that's how Brad feels about that!

Brad Barringer
B.R.S., Inc.

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Member News

United Rentals Completes Acquisition of Neff Corporation

STAMFORD, Conn. – October 2, 2017 – United Rentals, Inc. (NYSE: URI) (“United Rentals” or “the company”) today announced that it has completed its previously announced acquisition of Neff Corporation (“Neff”) for a total purchase price of approximately \$1.3 billion. The purchase was funded primarily through newly issued unsecured debt.

The acquisition will augment the company’s earthmoving capabilities and efficiencies of scale in key market areas, particularly fast-growing southern geographies, and is expected to lead to attractive revenue synergies through the cross-selling of United Rentals’ broader fleet, including its specialty offerings. The assets acquired with Neff include approximately \$867 million of fleet based on original equipment cost, and 69 branch facilities serving end markets in the infrastructure, non-residential, energy, municipal and residential construction sectors.



Billy Campbell, CEO/President of Southeast Connections, LLC (SEC) announced that the merger between Distribution Construction, LLC and Southeast Connections, LLC has been completed. November 1, 2017, marked Day 1 of an exciting and proud combination of teams that have become a Powerhouse in the Natural Gas Construction business! It is rare that two very reputable and well run companies join hands and have the customer footprint as this one. SEC will cover 12 states in the Natural Gas Industry with a combined average of 1600 + employees making the unified company one of the largest in the country and combined sales of approximately 250 million.

Educational Foundation Scholarship Winners!

Congratulations to the 2017 Scholarship Winners

First Place - Tie

Allison Shingleton - University of Mt. Olive

Emily Williams - UNC Wilmington

Second Place

McKenna White - UNC Chapel Hill

Simon Everett/Community Service Award

Curtis Carr - Campbell University



Applications for the 2018 Scholarships will be available February, 2018

Thanks go out to Gina Thomas for serving the past 5 years on The Educational Foundation Committee with the past 3 years Serving as the Committee Chair—GREAT JOB GINA!



2017 Committee—Susan Lewis, Traci Sells, Gina Thomas, Paige Humbert (Not shown—Christie Sondergard)



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12/7/2017	12/14/2017	12/21/2017	12/28/2017	12/7/2017

**Confined Space for Construction, Confined Space for General Industry, OSHA 10 Hour and additional course offerings can be provided upon request.*

UNITED RENTALS UPCOMING CLASSES

Session ID	Start Date	Start Time	Name	Location
123380	11/15/2017	08:00:00 EST	Confined Spaces in Construction (CSE-C) (EN)	SC-COLUMBIA-67A
123386	11/16/2017	08:00:00 EST	Excavation Safety Training for Competent Persons (CPT) (EN)	SC-NORTH CHARLESTON-K68
123387	11/17/2017	08:00:00 EST	Confined Spaces in Construction (CSE-C) (EN)	SC-NORTH CHARLESTON-K68
123388	11/21/2017	08:00:00 EST	Excavation Safety Training for Competent Persons (CPT) (EN)	NC-CHARLOTTE-K69
123389	11/22/2017	08:00:00 EST	Confined Spaces in Construction (CSE-C) (EN)	NC-CHARLOTTE-K69
123390	11/28/2017	08:00:00 EST	Excavation Safety Training for Competent Persons (CPT) (EN)	NC-WILMINGTON-K72
123391	11/29/2017	08:00:00 EST	Confined Spaces in Construction (CSE-C) (EN)	NC-WILMINGTON-K72
123392	11/30/2017	08:00:00 EST	Excavation Safety Training for Competent Persons (CPT) (EN)	NC-RALEIGH-K74
123393	12/1/2017	08:00:00 EST	Confined Spaces in Construction (CSE-C) (EN)	NC-RALEIGH-K74

TOP JOBS

IF YOUR COMPANY HAD AN OUTSTANDING PROJECT THAT EXHIBITED INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO CHALLENGING OBSTACLES TO PRODUCE THE HIGHEST QUALITY RESULTS PLEASE FILL OUT A TOP JOBS APPLICATION. [FOR APPLICATION GO TO WWW.NUCA.COM](http://WWW.NUCA.COM)



NUCA 2017 Top Jobs Competition Now Open

APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15, 2017

NUCA's Top Jobs competition recognizes outstanding projects that exhibit innovative solutions to challenging obstacles and produce the highest quality results. The competition is open to all NUCA contractor members in good standing. Nonmember contractors who join NUCA by December 1, 2017, may enter the competition.

Projects may be entered in one or more of the following categories:

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| ★ Communications | ★ Water or treatment plants |
| ★ Electrical power | ★ Sanitary sewer collection/storm drains |
| ★ Gas distribution | ★ Water distribution |
| ★ Oil and gas pipelines | ★ Trenchless technologies |
| ★ Shale gas play | ★ Excavation/site development |

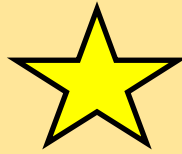
- All projects must have been completed between November 1, 2016, and November 30, 2017.
- Projects that involved serious injuries or fatalities are not eligible for this competition.
- A group of independent non-member judges will select three finalists from each category.
- Finalists' applications will be on display at NUCA's 2018 Convention for attendees to review, vote on, and select category winners, as well as an overall winner.
- All category finalists are encouraged to attend the NUCA 2018 Convention and Exhibit, March 6-9 in San Antonio to discuss their projects with voting attendees.

Visit nuca.com/topjobs for submission and eligibility requirements, awards, profiles for past winners, and other details.

Photo courtesy Vogel Bros. Building Co., a 2016 Top Jobs winner for its Krause Street Master Pump Station project. Photo by Chad Baumer Photography



Save the Dates



Nov. 14

**S&RM MEETING—RALEIGH, NC
CAT Plant—Clayton, NC**

Dec. 12

**TOP JOBS Application Deadline
For application go to www.nuca.com**

March 6-8

**2018 NUCA Convention
San Antonio, Texas**

April 19-21

**Spring Conference/NUCA of the Carolinas
Grand Dunes Resort/Isle of Palms, SC**

May 22-24

2018 Washington Summit