

"The Pipeline" NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS

PRESIDENTS REPORT

November, 2018

With every passing year, they sure do seem to go quicker and quicker. Before heading into 2019, I would like to take just a moment and thank Chris Humbert for his leadership of NUCA of the Carolinas during 2018. Chris followed in the footsteps of the many respected past presidents and certainly lived up to the high bar that had been set before him. As your 2019 president, I will strive to do the same. As always, Linda did a fabulous job with our fall conference in Greenville, S.C. I am sure at times she feels like she is herding cattle with this group! We appreciate all those that were in attendance, as well as our many sponsors, vendors and speakers. It takes the dedication and resources of each member to have the truly great association that NUCA of the Carolinas has become.

So, the question: What's Next? First of all, mark your calendars for our next S&RM meeting on November 15, 2018. Wes Sells does a FANTASIC job with our various programs which provide a great value to our membership. Please plan to attend. Moving into 2019 we have tentatively rescheduled the clay-shoot for January (details coming out ASAP) and we have our spring conference April 11-14 at the Marriot Grande Dunes, Myrtle Beach and our fall conference at The Omni Homestead Resort, Hot Springs, VA in October. You will not want to miss these two great destinations and conferences.

In October of 2010 I had the opportunity to speak and attend my first NUCA conference. What I quickly observed was a very well-kept secret of a close, family oriented association, filled with like-minded utility contractors who continuously look to improve not only the overall utility industry, but also to improve safety on a daily basis. So, as your president for the coming year, I am challenging each of you to no longer keep NUCA of the Carolina's a secret. In the coming months, please reach out to fellow utility contractors and explain the benefits of being a member of NUCA of the Carolina's. With a booming economy, ever changing regulations, and the members we currently have, there is no reason we cannot recruit as many as 15 new contractor members that would truly benefit from the value of a NUCA of the Carolinas membership. If you are a member who is not participating in our S&RM meetings our conferences or our socials, I challenge you to do so. You will not be disappointed.

In the coming weeks, your executive board and board of directors will gather to plan the 2019 budget, conferences, meetings, socials and other NUCA events for 2019. We want and need your input to continue to increase the value of a NUCA membership. Please reach out to myself or Linda and let us know what you would like to see for "What's Next" for NUCA of the Carolinas. A great foundation has been laid, I look forward to working with each of you to build upon it in 2019!

As Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year approach, I hope each of you have time to spend with family and friends, taking a moment to simply stop and be thankful for the many blessings we each have. I look forward to working with you in 2019!

*Chris Sellman—Smith, Kesler & Company
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Thursday, November 15, 2018

11:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.

National Trench Safety

2039 Willow Spring Lane

Burlington, N.C.

PLEASE RSVP BY Tuesday, November 13th to:

Linda Goslee @ Lgoslee@nucacarolinas.org

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I know that all Contractor members and Associate members are extremely busy. This can also be a time that we may try to take a little shortcut. We as Contractors and NUCA members owe it to our employees to make sure that we keep our employees safe. The safety of our employees is more important than any job that you will do today.

With that being said, Trench fatalities are on the rise across the United States. These fatalities are preventable. Trenching has been a National Emphasis Program for many years, but the U.S. Department of Labor has issued an update to this Emphasis Program. On October 1st, 2018, the USDOL will run a three-month period of education and prevention training. Some Contractors may get education and prevention training through enforcement, so let's not receive these citations. We should be expecting an increase in inspections for the next few months. Dig Safe!!

Our committee has also been discussing Carbon Monoxide in trenches after the blaster has made a blast. As a Contractor, you need to find out the type of explosives the blaster is using or even have the blaster provide you with the Safety Data Sheet (SDS). There are some explosives that can produce higher concentrations of CO than others. The CO can remain in unexcavated soil/rock for weeks and once we start to excavate it shows up in our trench. You should test the atmosphere in these trenches with an air monitor. If a high concentration of CO is present, you will need to ventilate accordingly.

If you have any questions/concerns about any of the above mentioned, please feel free to contact a Safety and Risk Management Committee member or myself. We owe it to our employees to keep them safe at work.

Happy Digging,
Wes Sells

Chairman Safety and Risk Management Committee NUCA of the Carolinas



NUCA WEBINAR WEDNESDAY

About Webinar Wednesdays

To provide NUCA members expanded educational opportunities, NUCA, under the direction of the Education Committee and Education Chairman Bill Bocchino (Vogel Bros. Building Company, Lakeland, Florida), has developed a series of industry-focused webinars.

Upcoming Webinars

November 14th—3:00 P.M. EST—An Overview of OSHA’S New Crane Standard

December 12th—3:00 P.M. EST—OSHA’s New Focus on Trench Collapses—A Case Study
To Register—www.nuca.com (Learn/Webinars)

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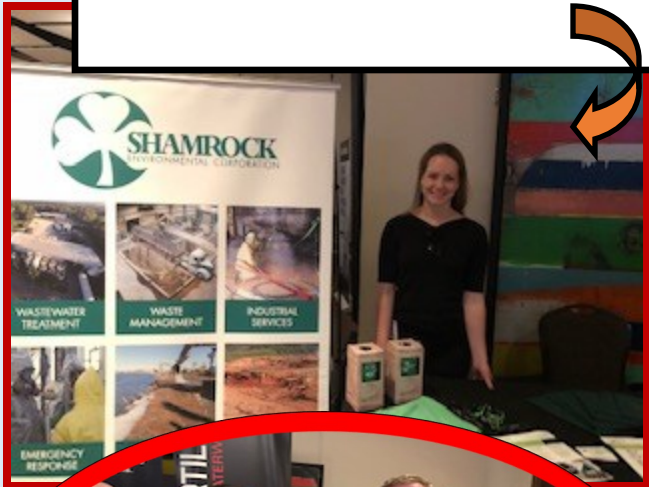
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**Fall Golf Tournament—First Place Team
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(Chris Humbert—Presenter)**

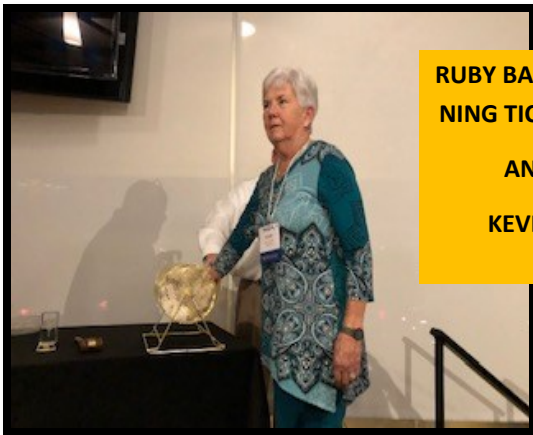


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Scott Thomas**



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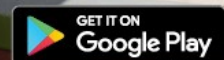


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A Word from Brad

Well the 2017 DIRT report is out and my opinion is in. DIRT is a blood brother to fake news. It appears to me that the report has lost sight of its original mission. I guess that actually started very early in the process when the report was named Damage Information Reporting Tool. The original reporting form was named Damage Prevention Reporting Information. The change from Damage Prevention to Damage Information was subtle but had a profound effect. The shift from reporting events that could have, or did, lead to a damaged underground facility to the indication that damages (as the name implies) were the thing to be reported. I think the name DIRT was a serious mistake and voiced that concern many times and to many people. Bob Kip understood the problem but to his credit he chose to manage the association rather than meddle in its work.

Certainly, I bare my share of the problem. I was almost overjoyed that the Roadbuilders and Excavators would finally have an place for telling the truth about damage prevention issues. I was disappointed that I could not convince the roadbuilders and excavators that their information was important and could influence change. They were quick to tell their horror stories but slow to follow up with documentation. I was never able get them fully involved but I haven't given up completely.

One thing that causes me great concern is the fact that the yearly DIRT report is compiled with no confirmation of the accuracy of the information submitted. That fact appears to have had a snowball effect over the last few years. Specifically, the information reported by the locators has grown to have major influence in the published report. I have personal reasons for making that statement, Personal reasons that I can substantiate.

Consider that most events are "investigated" by the locators and they have a vested interest in the outcome of their investigation. Our company has compiled quiet a file of claims made on the report from the locator which was clearly false. Also, the reports from the contract locators shifted the result of the report that once indicated that in house locators provided more accurate locates than did contract locators. That indicated change in the report is not believed by almost all stakeholders I have talked to.

The really big problem I see is that the DIRT report is seem as the authority on underground damage prevention when, in fact, it is based on false reporting and that false reporting continues to snowball. In the beginning the work done by the CGA in helping OPS resolve outstanding issues was accurate and valuable. That feeling of accomplishment in resolving a problem has morphed into a desire to shift responsibility and avoid liability. I don't think the regulators can have the respect for DIRT that they had in the beginning.

I was not party to the change to Green Analytical to produce the report and don't know what charge they were given but it appears there was a shift in focus in this report. New eyes with a new perspective can be a good thing but not if they come to the table with a slanted perspective or a lack of background. The glaring omission in this report is the lack of near miss information or any call for more near miss information. The original Best Practice study realized the importance of identifying near misses in order to eliminate them. I don't see that in this report.

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