

"The Pipeline" NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS

PRESIDENTS REPORT

September, 2018

Greetings NUCA of the Carolinas.

I am trying to remember the famous 80s song? Oh, yeah: Feeling Hot, Hot, Hot. Well that is the state of the weather right now. But, it is not slowing down business. We are just a little over a month away from the 2018 Fall Conference. Can you believe it! This year has flown by us. But, I digress. The conference will be held October 11-14, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency in Greenville, SC. Being that it is a new venue for NUCA of the Carolinas, I believe that it is going to be terrific. Greenville has had an amazing transformation over the past ten years. If you have not sent in your registration, please do so soon. The block of rooms for NUCA of the Carolinas will go quickly. I hope that each of you can make it!

Let's recap some past events:

Wednesday, August 8th – Safety & Risk Management Meeting - First, congratulation to Wes Sells and the S&RM Committee for another outstanding seminar hosted by Sanders Utility Construction. The rigging safety presentation had quite a few attendees buzzing. Many stated that they came away with a better understanding of rigging safely. What a great committee within our association!

Wednesday, August 8th – Membership Social – what great fellowship we had at the Sugar Crew Brewing Company for the membership social. Some special thanks go out to Chris Sellman for all the 2018 membership social events. He has always gone above and beyond to make these a success. Also, a warm greeting to our new members, Shamrock Environmental Corp, Triangle Risk Advisors, Public Works Equipment and Supply, Inc. and Allegiance Contracting Group, LLC. I encourage you to continue to invite others within our industry to our membership socials.

Thursday, August 16th - NUCA Open Golf Tournament – even the heat could not keep the golfers from the course at the NUCA Open. The Sedgefield Country Club – Dye Course has always been an excellent venue for our association. Thanks to all our members and friends that made this another success. Again, a special thank you to Chris Sellman and his efforts in organizing the event. First class!

Lastly, if you have not received your fall conference raffle tickets, I encourage you to contact Linda Goslee. The proceeds from this raffle help to fund association events throughout the year. Like previous raffles, we have a very nice firearm. This year, we are raffling a Stag 15 Limited Edition. Please help us make this raffle a success. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

As I close, I have been informed that this will be my last Pipeline message as your 2018 president. It has truly been an honor to represent NUCA of the Carolinas as your president. I appreciate the continued support and assistance from each of the members. NUCA of the Carolinas is and has always been an asset and leader within our industry. With your help, we will continue to mold and shape the standard of the utility industry. By collectively working together, WE have made a difference in the utility industry over the past 38 years in the Carolinas. I look forward too many more years ahead. See each of you at the fall conference,

Chris Humbert

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S&RM Meeting



Thanks to **SANDERS UTILITY CONSTRUCTION** for hosting our August S&RM Meeting! And to **ASHLEY SLING** for the great safety talk on Rigging! They had some eye opening examples of when things go wrong by not using the proper safety precautions!

Next Safety & Risk Management Meeting

NATIONAL TRENCH SAFETY

2039 Willow Spring Lane, Burlington, N.C.

Thursday, November 15, 2018—11:00—1:00

Lunch and Learn—Topic TBD

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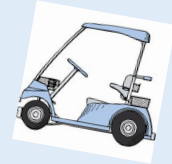
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SessionID	Start Date	Start Time	Name	Location
165738	9/11/2018	08:00:00 EST	Excavation Safety Training for Competent Persons (CPT) (EN)	NC-CHARLOTTE-K69
165742	9/12/2018	08:00:00 EST	Confined Spaces in Construction (CSE-C) (EN)	NC-CHARLOTTE-K69
165746	9/18/2018	08:00:00 EST	Excavation Safety Training for Competent Persons (CPT) (EN)	SC-COLUMBIA-67A
165751	9/19/2018	08:00:00 EST	Confined Spaces in Construction (CSE-C) (EN)	SC-COLUMBIA-67A
165755	9/20/2018	08:00:00 EST	Excavation Safety Training for Competent Persons (CPT) (EN)	SC-NORTH CHARLESTON-K68
165759	9/21/2018	08:00:00 EST	Confined Spaces in Construction (CSE-C) (EN)	SC-NORTH CHARLESTON-K68
165763	9/25/2018	08:00:00 EST	Excavation Safety Training for Competent Persons (CPT) (EN)	NC-WILMINGTON-K72
165767	9/26/2018	08:00:00 EST	Confined Spaces in Construction (CSE-C) (EN)	NC-WILMINGTON-K72
165771	9/27/2018	08:00:00 EST	Excavation Safety Training for Competent Persons (CPT) (EN)	NC-RALEIGH-K74
165774	9/28/2018	08:00:00 EST	Confined Spaces in Construction (CSE-C) (EN)	NC-RALEIGH-K74
165781	10/2/2018	08:00:00 EST	Excavation Safety Training for Competent Persons (CPT) (EN)	NC-GREENSBORO-K70
165817	10/3/2018	08:00:00 EST	Confined Spaces in Construction (CSE-C) (EN)	NC-GREENSBORO-K70
165739	10/9/2018	08:00:00 EST	Excavation Safety Training for Competent Persons (CPT) (EN)	NC-CHARLOTTE-K69
165743	10/10/2018	08:00:00 EST	Confined Spaces in Construction (CSE-C) (EN)	NC-CHARLOTTE-K69
165747	10/16/2018	08:00:00 EST	Excavation Safety Training for Competent Persons (CPT) (EN)	SC-COLUMBIA-67A
165752	10/17/2018	08:00:00 EST	Confined Spaces in Construction (CSE-C) (EN)	SC-COLUMBIA-67A
165756	10/18/2018	08:00:00 EST	Excavation Safety Training for Competent Persons (CPT) (EN)	SC-NORTH CHARLESTON-K68
165760	10/19/2018	08:00:00 EST	Confined Spaces in Construction (CSE-C) (EN)	SC-NORTH CHARLESTON-K68
165764	10/23/2018	08:00:00 EST	Excavation Safety Training for Competent Persons (CPT) (EN)	NC-WILMINGTON-K72
165768	10/24/2018	08:00:00 EST	Confined Spaces in Construction (CSE-C) (EN)	NC-WILMINGTON-K72
165772	10/25/2018	08:00:00 EST	Excavation Safety Training for Competent Persons (CPT) (EN)	NC-RALEIGH-K74
165775	10/26/2018	08:00:00 EST	Confined Spaces in Construction (CSE-C) (EN)	NC-RALEIGH-K74
165782	10/30/2018	08:00:00 EST	Excavation Safety Training for Competent Persons (CPT) (EN)	NC-GREENSBORO-K70
165819	10/31/2018	08:00:00 EST	Confined Spaces in Construction (CSE-C) (EN)	NC-GREENSBORO-K70

A Word from Brad

Ditch diggers,

Did you ever play Whack-A-Mole? If you answered no, you were wrong! I'm thinking of all the moles that keep popping up to take our money or accuse us of damages that aren't our fault. All the lies, false allegations, inflated bills and published propaganda seem to pop up somewhere almost daily. Just when you think you have knocked them down, they pop up somewhere new.

I'll start with the One Call System. The call before you dig was originally mandated by the *Office of Pipeline Safety* and applied to gas lines only. It didn't take very long for the other utilities to expand the system to place liability rather than promote safety. We had to whack a lot of moles to get shared responsibility to the forefront. I could name some names, but at this point it would serve no purpose. Today our NC 811 is not a tool of the moles.

I'll move along to the Fiber Optics Installation and Protection guidelines. Joe Wilkerson, Drew Pickens and I spent days in DC whacking telecommunications moles. They wanted to bury it and use it. We plowed in cable and blasted near and under it to refute the moles claim that vibration from blasting would interfere with the signal. We whacked a lot of moles over fiber optics issues. Some still pop up now and then, but not as often as when it was new technology.

In the interest of time I'll skip some stuff and get right along to collection agencies. *CMR, PRG, JNR*, you add your favorite and start whacking. We still have a lot of work to do on this front, but with unity and resolve we will render this enterprise unprofitable and out of its hole.

Sorry, one more. The Gold Shovel Standard and The National Excavator Initiative. Both moles are aimed directly at the Excavator and refuse to acknowledge problems with locates or other issues. The GSS seems to be tiring of being whacked, but it's certainly not dead and still deserves some hard whacks. The National Excavator Initiative, on the other hand, seems to intend to become the big mole in the circle. They have recruited Mike Rowe as their spokesman and Mike brings some clout. We need to educate Mike and whack the National Excavator Initiative as often as possible.

No one person, no one organization can do all the whacking needed so I certainly hope lots of whackers will join in on the fun. Let's wack some moles.

Thanks in advance,

Brad

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