"The Pipeline" NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS

PRESIDENTS REPORT

March, 2023

The spring conference is right around the corner, I hope all that wanted to attend were able to get a room. If you haven't, make sure to get your registration packages sent over to Linda as soon as possible so she knows who all is attending.

I would like to take this moment to recognize Linda for all that she does for our chapter and even National. Her hard work has not gone unnoticed. This year she was selected for the "Jeffrey Hanson Memorial Award – Outstanding Contribution by a Chapter Executive Director", at the annual meeting in Las Vegas on 3-13-23. Linda, you have always done a wonderful job keeping all of us straight. We cannot think of anyone that is more deserving of this award. Congratulations Linda



I would also like to recognize JF Wilkerson Contracting for winning the William H. Feather Safety Award.

Stay Safe, Scott Little President-NUCA of the Carolinas State Utility Contractors



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Update from the Young Leaders

Charlotte Young Leaders Social

Thank you to everyone who attended our Young Leaders Social at Bad Axe in Charlotte in February! Special thanks to our sponsors for the event: James River Equipment; United Rentals Trench Safety; American Cast Iron Pipe Company; and Xylem. Also thanks to Garney Construction for providing a Yeti cooler for our raffle! Congratulations to Sam Goodnight with United Rentals for winning the Yeti cooler.



Young Leaders Outreach Event

On February 28, 2023 NUCA of the Carolinas Young Leaders had the opportunity to return to Career Center High School in Winston-Salem, NC to be a part of their "Career Connections Fair". This event had approximately 80 different tables from various different industry groups as well as individual employers and higher education entities. Ryan Mack from **Park Construction of NC, Inc.** was able to set up a table at this event. We had many return students who had been in attendance during our presentation in the fall 2022 semester. We were able to educate students, soon to be working adults, on the opportunities available within the utility construction industry found throughout North Carolina and South



Carolina. A contact list was also made available for the students to reach out to whichever company within NUCA of the Carolinas that they felt would fit into their career goals and future endeavors.

The NUCA Young Leaders Outreach Committee is working diligently to complete more events like this to create industry change and develop awareness of a growing workforce shortage problem within all of construction. If you have open positions that you are actively looking to fill, please connect with our Outreach team to stay in the loop on our events.

NEXT NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS YOUNG LEADERS SOCIAL

DATE: March 29th, 2023 LOCATION: RUSH HOUR KARTING – 1021 WWC LANE, MORRISVILLE, NC 27560 TIME: 5:30PM – 7:30PM SPONSORS: PARK CONSTRUCTION OF NC XYLEM UNITED RENTALS FLUID SOLUTIONS H&E EQUIPMENT SERVICES ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

<u>The 2023 NUCA of the Carolinas</u> Young Leaders Board Members

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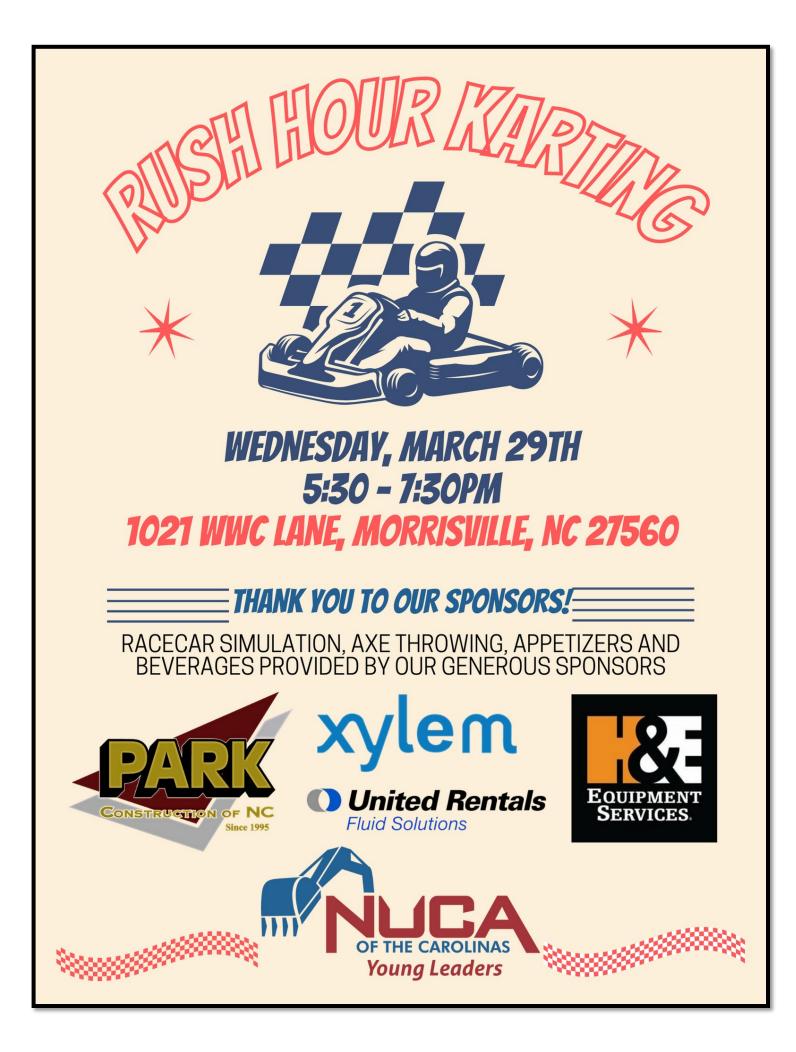
Josh Rogers, Park Const. of NC

Kyle Anderson, Garney Const.

MEMBERSHIP! We are always looking for great people to connect with and join us. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about becoming a member of NUCA of the Carolinas Young Leaders, please reach out to one of our Board Members.

2023 Engagement Event Calendar

March 29, 2023 – Engagement Event in Raleigh, NC August 2023 – Engagement Event in Charlotte, NC September 2023 – Engagement Event in Raleigh,



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NUCA ANNUAL MEETING - Las Vegas, NV MARCH 13, 2023 <u>NUCA of the Carolinas Attendees</u> Paul Hunter—TA Loving Co. Mike Hewitt— Garney Construction, Mike Evans and Matt Grano—Palmetto Rock, Michael Coates—JF Wilkerson Contracting Kevin Cripps—Gen3 Energy Services Will Crook, David Grubbs, Todd Price and Justin Rogers—Dellinger, Inc. Linda Goslee—Executive Director



Congratulations to

KEVIN CRIPPS/Gen3 Energy Services

Kevin was sworn in as "TREASURER" to the Executive Board for NUCA National <u>MIKE HEWITT/GARNEY CONSTRUCTION</u> Board of Directors for the Southeast Region

CONGRATUALTIONS TO JF WILKERSON CONTRACTING ON WINNING

THE WILLIAM H. FEATHER SAFETY AWARD FOR 100,000-2,000.00 MH CATAGORY

MICHAEL COATES, SAFETY DIRECTOR FOR JF WILKERSON CONTRACTING ACCEPTED THE AWARD FROM MIKE FLOWERS, NUCA'S DIRECTOR OF SAFETY.



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Safety & Risk Management

Message from the Chairman

Welcome to Spring! Daylight Savings Time is now in effect and the longer afternoons and evenings are here for the next several months. As we all enjoy the longer days, make sure you carve out some of that time to enjoy doing some things after work that you love to do that is away from work. Spring Sports Season is ramping up and if you like to garden, now is your time to shine! Jason and I and our Safety and Risk Management Committee want to stress to all of our members and your team members respectively that taking time out to do activities you enjoy keeps us mentally focused in a better way and is needed to keep our batteries charged and our focus on safe work practices. When we are on our A game... We are a force that can accomplish great things in our Utility Infrastructure world!

We have an exciting few months ahead of us as an association and as a committee. Jason Walker, Mike Coates, and I have been invited to perform a Podcast with the NC Department of Labor the week of March 20th. We will meet up in Raleigh and work with the IT Department at NCDOL to talk about Trench and Excavation Safety. We are excited and honored to have this opportunity to partner with our alliance agreement partners at the NCDOL and take time to address this critical measure of our work in utility infrastructure. Please, if you do not follow the NCDOL Podcast, please do so! It is an excellent opportunity to here what our Labor Department and their staff are focusing on. The Podcast we record will be coming out in conjunction with National Trench Safety Stand Down week later in June. Please watch for our Podcast!

In addition, we have our annual Spring NUCA Conference coming up and we will be performing our annual Safety Awards Presentations at the conference. This year we had some outstanding applications from our membership and the judges had a tough time selecting the top two candidates in both divisions to present at the conference. We are going to have four outstanding presentations and hope all of you who attend the conference will participate in those events and hear and learn about some good safety measures our membership has ongoing in their respective programs.

Finally, our Safety and Risk Committee will be hosting three important committee meetings around the state over the remainder of the year. Be on the look out for the times and locations of these events and meetings. Our focus this year is on Trench and Excavation Operations and we have some outstanding speakers lined up to share with us important aspects of this work operation in our industry. These meetings are planned to be action packed and we want to challenge our membership to bring "One Person or Crew" with you to these meetings. We want to use our influence and experience as an association to reach out to folks who need to hear this message. Please support these meetings and let's get the word out to protect our workers when doing Trench and Excavation Operations! And bring someone with you who has not been to our meetings before. Let's impact our industry. It's time!

Our Safety and Risk Committee is an excellent opportunity to network and help keep our industry strong and viable through Productive Safe Work! We are here for you!

Stay healthy! Stay focused! Stay SAFE! Greg Maready – NUCA Safety / Risk Committee Chair



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Re-scheduled for:

Friday, May 5, 2023

Please notify your team mates!

If changes need to be made on your team, please let me know!

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SAFETY TRAINING AWARENESS RECOGNITION

All NUCA members want to send its workers home safely every night. By participating in the NUCA STAR program you can reach those safety goals and raise the bar on safety best practices in the utility construction industry over time.

The STAR Program has been developed as a tool to aid NUCA members in evaluating, updating, and recognizing their safety program and practices. Companies who volunteer to participate in the evaluation process should see lower incident rates and accidents across the board.

KEY EVALUATION AREAS Leadership + Culture + Procedures + Records & Database Management

> For more information contact: Mike Flowers - Director of Safety, Education, & Training mike@nuca.com | #703.358.9300 www.nuca.com/nucastar

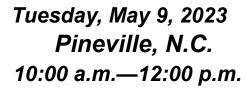
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Are You A Part Of The NUCA-STAR Company Safety Program?

Safety is the utility construction industry's first priority. It is also the top priority of NUCA. To help our members reach that goal, NUCA introduced this summer the NUCA Safety, Training, Awareness and Recognition (NUCA STAR) Program. The NUCA STAR Program was developed by the association's Safety Committee to help evaluate, update, and recognize a member company's safety program and practices. NUCA members who volunteer to participate should see lower incident rates

and accidents on their jobsites and in their company facilities. There is no cost to NUCA members. More at **nuca.com/nucastar.**





DETAILS COMING SOON!



The 2023 dig season is quickly approaching and South Carolina 811 wants everyone to Dig Safe. State law requires underground utilities must be marked to avoid injuries, outages, and property damages.

During January and February, excavation notifications increased significantly averaging over 95,000 notifications each month. Currently, Greenville, Richland, Horry, and Charleston counties are the top four in notices with fiber, cable, sewer work, electric, and telephone being the top five work types.



The Public Awareness team is traveling across our great state sharing vital statics and Exactix best practices during Utility Coordinating Committee (UCC) meetings <u>South Carolina UCC Meetings</u>.

Community events provide opportunities to engage the public. We look forward to you visiting our booth during these upcoming events: Palmetto Sportsman's Classic, SC Lineman's Rodeo, and Lexington Kid's Day.

Underground Simulated Emergency (**U.S.E.**) SC811, previously known as the Simulated Underground Emergency (SUE) training exercise, will cover a complete excavation lifecycle including the emergency of a natural gas line damage. Being an SC811 sponsor expands our mission of educating excavators and the public about the importance of utility damage prevention. Visit our website <u>SC811 Sponsorships</u> for more information.

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While still technically winter, you wouldn't know it from the call center. NC 811 is experiencing double digit increases month after month. We are making modifications to scheduling to accommodate the high volume of calls, encouraging call back options to those on hold and of course offering many electronic options as well (including Single Address Ticket, Remote Ticket Entry, Up-date Lite and Revise). Yet even as we approach 80% electronic entry we are still stretching our CSRs to the maximum. I share this to ask for patience when reaching out to us and, if you aren't doing so currently, please take advantage of the tools mentioned.

We have added as note to the bottom of all outbound emails to excavators including the positive response email. This note is a reminder of the requirement of excavators to check electronic positive response prior to beginning digging. I also want to take this chance to remind again about the importance of documenting your job site marks, following through with a 3 hour request when needed and proceeding with care. Should something happen, having documentation is critical to respond to damage claims.

On another note, we conducted a survey to determine "why" someone would fail to call. Is it lack of awareness? Is it a willful act of disregard?

After reaching out to over 600 people who had been identified as "no call damagers" the results show a wide range of reasons why someone might choose not to call.

Do you know that with 153 people responding, and the very first option available to select being "I had no knowledge of 811", not a single person chose that as a reason?

Awareness is there. Part of the issue is confusion about when someone must call. Another big issue is the question of depth. Although we educate that depth should not be a consideration, many people still believe if they aren't going very deep they are probably safe. Some admitted that they didn't believe the process would work in the three days because of previous experience.

These are all reasons why we need to continue to work to improve the process. This means excavators not abusing the system by calling in more work than they will do or before or after work takes place. This means locators completing work accurately and on time.

In the Carolinas I am proud of the relationships established between stakeholders, in no small part due to NUCA. Thank you for what you do and lets continue to work to improve the process every day.

Louis Panzer Executive Director North Carolina 811 Phone: 336-707-1736

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Joint State UCC Conference

May 3-5, 2023—Harrah's in Cherokee

For registration/information https://ncucc.org/joint-nc-sc-uccc/

Be sure to attend your local UCC meetings

Don't miss out on discussions regarding various issues that impact your projects! To view all meeting locations, visit https://ncucc.org/county-uccs/

NUCA OF THE CAROLINAS Calendar

Spring Conference - April 20-22 Marriott Grand Dunes, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Safety & Risk Management Meeting - May 9 Pineville, N.C.

Trench Safety Week - June 19-23

NUCA Open - July 21 Forest Oaks Country Club, Greensboro, N.C.

Safety & Risk Management Meeting - August 8 (TBD)

Fall Conference - October 12-14 Omni Grove Park Inn, Asheville, N.C.

Safety & Risk Management Meeting-Nov. 14 (TBD)

NUCA NATIONAL Calendar

Washington Summit - May 16-17 Holiday Inn Washington Capital

Trench Safety Week - June 19-23

NUCA National Convention - Oct. 25-28 Naples, Florida

Utility Expo - September 25-28 Louisville, KY



Scholarships

NUCA of the Carolinas Educational Foundation

Scholarship Award Application and Eligibility Requirements Who May Apply?

Any senior attending a North or South Carolina public or private high school, any college or university student who attended a North or South Carolina high school, or any high school, college or university student who is sponsored by a NUCA of the Carolinas Association member, who will be enrolling full time as an undergraduate in an academic institution. This may be a four -year college, university, or a community college. Scholarships will not exceed four years. Applicants should feel free to apply each year, including those who have been awarded in the past.

Go <u>HERE</u> for full application Deadline is March 31, 2023





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May 15-17, 2023

To Register go to www.nuca.com/summit

Washington Summit 2023 Highlights (Subject to Change):

- Capitol Hill Visits (May 17) Discuss What Matters to You with Your Senators and Representatives
- Federal Issues Presentations from Washington Insiders and Experts.
- Discuss In-depth Our Industry's Top Issues: Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Implementation, Workforce Development, Supply Issues, Private Activity Bond Reform, and Damage Prevention
- Legislative Briefing An In-Depth Look at the Key NUCA Issues Before Congress More Advocacy Activities to be announced!



May 14 - 16, 2023

Don't miss out on the Celebration of Construction Event on the National Mall, held a few days ahead of the Washington Summit! NUCA will be proudly participating in this event by hosting a pavillion dedicated to educating attendees on the workforce needs of the industry. For more information we encourage you to check out the <u>event's webpage</u>. This is a free event open to the public.

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