HEARTLAND NEWS

THE HEARTLAND CHAPTER OF THE ACADEMY OF CERTIFIED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGERS

September Meeting

Date:
September 20, 2005

Location:
Paisano’s Restaurant
2112 W. 25th Street
Lawrence, KS

Cost:
$20.00/person

Program:
BNSF Presentation on Railroad Emergency Response

Time:
5:30 pm board meeting
6:30 p.m. social
7:00 p.m. meal/program

RSVP:
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3rd Annual Golf Tournament

The Heartland Chapter is asking for everyone’s support for the third annual golf tournament scholarship fundraiser. The event is scheduled for October 7th, and will be held at Falcon Valley Golf Course in Lenexa, Kansas. The cost is $65/golfer. This includes green fee and golf cart, $5 gift shop allowance, participation gift, bag drop service, and awards dinner afterwards.

We are in need of sponsors of the event so we are asking that all the members solicit a pledge from their respective firms for $100 for sponsorship of one of the 128 holes of the tournament course. Sponsorship will be highlighted at each hole with a sign indicating the name of the company sponsor for the hole and support of the Heartland Chapter’s scholarship program. We are also seeking gift donations such as a company logo shirt, hats, golf putter, golf tees, and other such merchandise that can be provided as prizes (closest to pin, longest drive, etc.)

Please contact Phil Dula (913) 317-2631 or Philip.dula@shawgrp.com or Brian Dalby at brian.dalby@ashgrove.com for additional information, or to reserve your spot to play, and/or to volunteer to help or to provide sponsorship. Participants DO NOT need to be CHMM members in order to participate! We thank everyone again who supported us last year, and thanks in advance for the continued support!

ACHMM National Conference, St. Louis, Sept 25-29

“Gateway to the Future of EHS Management” is the theme of the 19th Annual ACHMM National Conference. Hopefully, everyone has already made plans to attend. If not, there is still time to get your reservations in!

Hear Richard Preston, best-selling author and investigative journalist, as the conference keynote speaker. Richard is in the forefront of the emerging diseases and biotechnology arenas.

Learn and hear at the technical sessions the latest developments in hazardous materials management, safety, EMS, emergency response, homeland security, and hazardous materials transportation.

Meet your Academy leadership, and network with your peers. See the newest innovations and services available from the many exhibitors. See fellow CHMMs recognized for their contributions to the credential. And last, but not least, experience all the sights and attractions of St. Louis. Visit the Arch, the Science Center and City Museum, and see the mighty Mississippi River. Taste a bit of history at the Anheuser-Busch brewery, and afterwards, enjoy a Cardinal’s baseball game!

For more information, or to register, visit the ACHMM website at www.achmm.org, or call The University of Kansas, Continuing Education Registrations at 877-404-5823 or 785-864-5823.

See you in St. Louis!
**Do You Know...**

**The significance of September 22, 2005?**

It is the 10th anniversary of the merger between The Burlington Northern Railroad and The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, thus forming The BNSF.

**In the United States, the standard width between railroad tracks is 4 feet, 8⅛ inches.**

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**Overland Park Proposes Stormwater Ordinance**

Rainwater runoff from lawns and streets can become polluted with oil, grease, pesticides, fertilizers, chemical wastes, animal droppings and much more. Sometimes these materials are carelessly dumped directly into a storm drain. All that pollution gets carried untreated into the nearest river or creek. The City of Overland Park, Kansas, in an attempt to protect the health of our streams and to meet state and federal mandates under the Clean Water Act, is seeking to adopt stricter rules regarding what is allowed to run into city storm drains.

A new ordinance has been proposed that would prohibit the dumping or spilling of most items into storm drains. For example, it would require restaurants to ensure that grease is not spilled to storm drains, limit the use of soaps and detergents in outdoor power-washing, and require swimming pool owners to dechlorinate their pools before draining them. Also included is a better enforcement mechanism to deal with problem situations. An ongoing goal is to educate the public and business community about the changes.

Two information and discussion sessions on the proposed ordinance will be held Wednesday, September 28, at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Overland Park Convention Center, 6000 College Boulevard. The sessions will be on the Courtyard (Lower) level in Room #3. Residents and business owners need only attend one session to learn about the ordinance. Comments gathered at the sessions will be considered before the final ordinance is adopted.

To learn more about the proposed ordinance or the informational sessions, visit the City’s Web site www.opkansas.org. You may also contact Bill Heatherman, Stormwater Engineer, at 913-895-6050 or bill.heatherman@opkansas.org.

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**Get WISER**

WISER is a chemical database that was designed to assist first responders in hazardous material incidents. WISER provides a wide range of information on hazardous substances, including substance identification support, physical characteristics, human health information, and containment and suppression advice. The operational version of WISER for Palm OS and PC is now available for download free at http://wiser.nim.nih.gov/

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**Cyber Pollution Prevention**

If you are no longer in need of your computer, printer or scanner, and if they are less than 5 years old, consider donating them to the National Cristina Foundation and when you do, you can qualify for a tax break. Simply complete their online form by going to (www.cristina.org), and they will arrange to pick up the items in two weeks or less.

If your items are older than 5 years, consider the Surplus Exchange in Kansas City, or go online to www.eiae.org to find other recycling programs (for a fee). HP will send a delivery service to your home or business; as will Dell, if you first register on their website. And Gateway will dispose of an old PC and send you a voucher based on its trade-in value that you can apply towards the purchase of a new Gateway.
Upcoming Events

September 2, 2005 – Business & Technology College, Kansas City, MO
Homeland Security Briefing – MARC
RSVP to Beverly Werdon at 816-701-8234. To learn more, visit MARC’s website at www.marc.org.

September 8 & 17, 2005 – Bannister Community Recycling Center, KCMO
Rain Barrel Workshops – Sponsored by BTG
For registration or inquiries, contact Jackie at 816-561-1061 ext 123, or e-mail Jackie@bridgingthegap.org.

September 28, 2005 – Overland Park Convention Center, Overland Park, KS
Public Meetings – Proposed Stormwater Ordinance
To learn more, visit the City’s website at www.opkansas.org or contact Bill Heatherman, Stormwater Engineer, at 913-895-6050, or bill.heatherman@opkansas.org.

September 29, 2005 – Holiday Inn, Lincoln, Nebraska
Nebraska Reduction & Recycling Conference
Sponsored by WasteCap and Nebraska State Recycling Assoc. For more information, contact Tonya Bernadt at 402-436-2383 or tbernadt@wastecapne.org.

October 7, 2005 – Falcon Valley Golf Course, Lenexa, Kansas
Heartland ACHMM Golf Tournament
To volunteer to help, or to sign up to play, contact Phil Dula at 913-317-2631.

October 11-14, 2005 – Hilton Wichita Airport Exec. Conf. Center, Wichita, Kansas
56th Annual Kansas Safety & Health Conference
To register, go to www.dol.ks.gov/wc/html/shconfer_DBR.html

October 13-15, 2005 – Airport Hilton, Wichita, Kansas
ASP Prep Course (in conjunction with the Kansas Safety & Health Conference)
This course will prepare you to take the ASP exam. For more information, contact Curt Riggs at 316-266-6521, or curt.riggs@imacorp.com

October 21, 2005 – Kansas City, Missouri
EEBN Event – Local LEED Certified Buildings
Contact Leslie Barland at 816-561-1087 or leslie@bridgingthegap.org to register or for more information.

November 4-5, 2005 – Hutchinson, Kansas
Kansas Environmental Education Conference
Visit the KACEE website www.kacee.org/Resources/Conference.php.

Reminder:
The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2005 BTG Environmental Excellence Awards is September 16!

For more information or for a nomination form, go to www.bridgingthegap.org

Did you know??
A frog is a device at the intersection of two railroad tracks to permit the wheels and flanges on one track to cross or branch for the other.

Help Wanted

ENVision Group, L.L.C., a progressive full-service environmental company has immediate career opportunities for professionals including staff geologist/engineer/scientist and Project/Senior Project Manager for our Kansas City Operations to support local projects. Compensation commensurate with experience. Benefits included. Please fax your resume to 816-842-7708, Attention L. McVay.
July Meeting
Lidia’s Italian Restaurant
Kansas City, Missouri

Richard Cartwright, PE, CHMM, Vice President of MEC™, and Director, National ACHMM, gave an informative and entertaining presentation entitled “Professional Ethics for the CHMM and Chapter Growth Strategies”. Scholarship recipients (not pictured) were also recognized at the meeting.

Following Richard’s presentation, President Ken Grist presented Phil Dula, Past President (opposite photo), with an appreciation plaque for his service and many contributions. Not the least of which, the annual golf tournament, which has been a tremendous success.

Thanks Phil!
Advertise your company here. And don’t forget to visit the Chapter website:
www.kumc.edu/hcachmm