

NEWSLETTER



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October 12 th , Monday, 11:30-1 PM	Boy Scouts of America, Irving
November 9 th , Monday, 11:30-1 PM	Boy Scouts of America, Irving
December 14 th , Saturday, Evening Reception	Past Presidents / Chapter Social
January 11 th , Monday, 11:30-1 PM	Boy Scouts of America, Irving
February 8 th , Monday	Scottish Rite Hospital
March 8 th , Monday, 11:30-1 PM	Boy Scouts of America, Irving
April 12 th , Monday, 11:30-1 PM	Boy Scouts of America, Irving
May 10 th , Monday, 11:30-1 PM	Boy Scouts of America, Irving
June 14 th , Monday, 11:30-1 PM	Boy Scouts of America, Irving



New location this year! More centrally located! Meetings will be located at the Boy Scouts of America, 1325 W Walnut Hill Ln, Irving, TX 75038, except when stated otherwise.

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If you have something that needs to be mailed to the chapter, please send to:

SW-ASSE
6505 W. Park Blvd., Ste. 306 #115
Plano, TX 75093

New Meeting Location: Boy Scouts of America National Council Office
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas
972-580-2000

Due to new meeting location:

Reservations are required no later than midnight on October 6 to guarantee your box lunch

*** Building access is secured, so please arrive promptly between 11:30 and 11:50**

*** Park in employee lot at rear (north side) of building**

*** Sign-in at ASSE table in lobby & obtain your required name tag**

Please park in this terraced parking lot **at the rear** of the building. The official building address is 1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane, Irving.

ASSE's registration table will be inside the employee entrance at the top of the terraced parking lots.

Directions

From Dallas on I-635:

Take I-635 West to MacArthur; take MacArthur South (left) approximately 4 miles to Walnut Hill Lane; turn West (right) on Walnut Hill Lane. Office is approximately 6 buildings on the right. The address is 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane; our facility has two flags out front and one in back.

From Dallas on Hwy 114:

Take Hwy 114 Northwest (towards Grapevine) to MacArthur; take MacArthur South (left) to Walnut Hill Lane; turn West (right) on Walnut Hill Lane. Office is approximately 6 buildings on the right. The address is 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane; our facility has two flags out front and one in back.

Boy Scouts of America National Council is at the southeast corner of Corporate Drive and High Point. This is the employee entrance; please park here.



From Dallas on Hwy 183:

Take Hwy 183 West (towards Fort Worth) to MacArthur; take MacArthur North (right) approximately 3.4 miles to Walnut Hill Lane; take Walnut Hill Lane West (left). Office is approximately 6 buildings on the right. The address is 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane; our facility has two flags out front and one in back.

From Dallas on I-20:

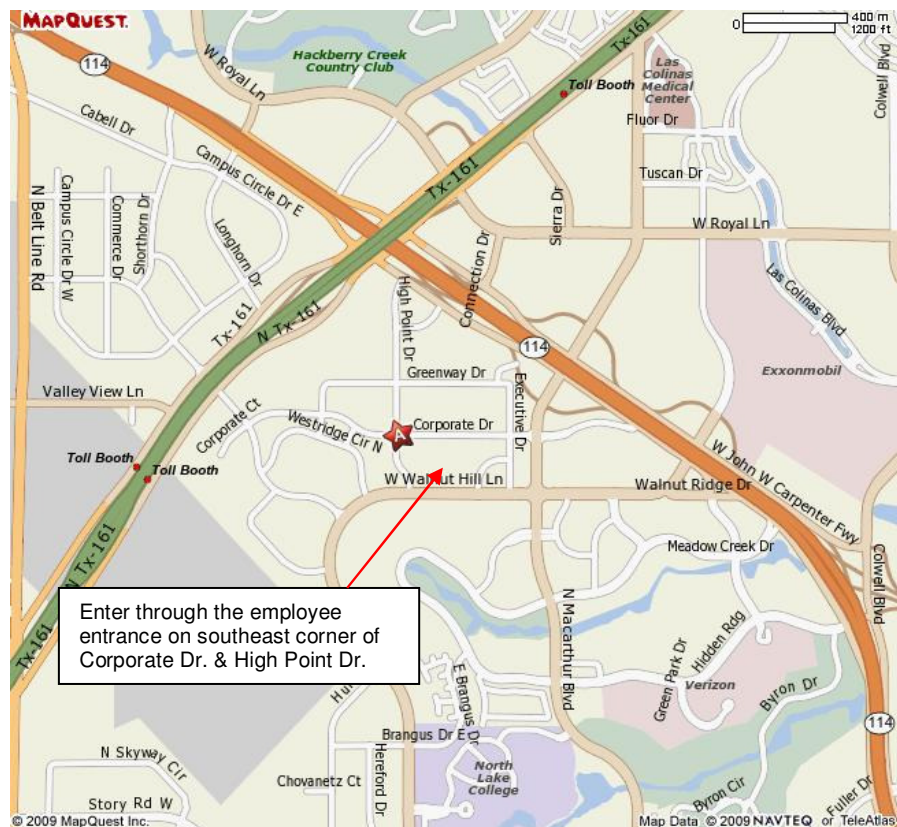
Take I-20 West (towards Fort Worth) to Loop 12; take Loop 12 North to Hwy 183; take Hwy 183 West (towards Fort Worth) to MacArthur; take MacArthur North (right) approximately 3.4 miles to Walnut Hill Lane; take Walnut Hill Lane West (left). Office is approximately 6 buildings on the right. The address is 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane; our facility has two flags out front and one in back.

From D/FW Airport:

Take North Airport Exit to Hwy 114; take Hwy 114 East (right) to MacArthur; take MacArthur South (left) to Walnut Hill Lane; turn West (right) on Walnut Hill Lane. Office is approximately 6 buildings on the right. The address is 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane; our facility has two flags out front and one in back.

From Fort Worth on Hwy 183:

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ASSE Southwest Chapter Scholarship Update September 25, 2009

In this challenging economic climate, the Southwest chapter's Scholarship & Foundation program is perhaps more important than ever in promoting student and professional development within the safety profession. In recognition of this, a new committee has been formed with the responsibility of enhancing the scholarship program.

The committee members include Vance Lee - chairperson, and Ken Bentley with special contributors Phil Bunker, Russell Payton, Karl Osborn, and Roy Winslow. The committee's emphasis will be on the following:

- Program Promotion
- Candidate(s) Review & Selection

- Funding & Contribution
- Scholarship Expansion

In recent weeks the committee and its contributors have had a series of conference calls and exchange of email correspondence to discuss the historical and prospective scholarship function. The committee has a meeting scheduled for September 28, 2009.

Additional committee members will be considered and anyone interested in serving on the committee is encouraged to contact Vance Lee @ vlee@higginbotham.net or 214-346-4122. Stay tuned for more developments regarding the Southwest' chapter Scholarship activities.

Vance Lee, Foundation Committee, Chairperson

Student Chapter News

The Southeastern Oklahoma State University ASSE Student Chapter met, September 8th and elected the following officers for the 2009-2010 academic year:

President: Ray Stephens
Vice President: Greg Cart
Secretary: Billy Robertson
Treasurer: Kristen Bowers

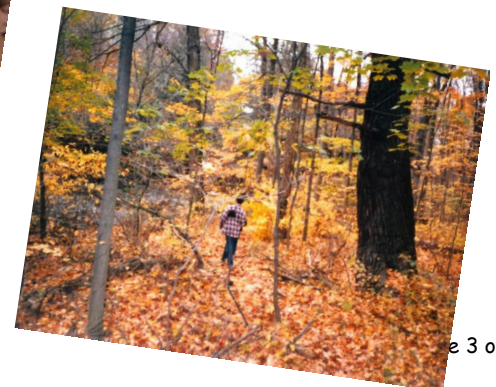
Attendance for the meeting was a new record at 66 students and 3 sponsors for a total of **69**.

Topics covered included the upcoming 10-hour General Industry and Construction classes, the 20-hour Construction class, and the ASSE Foundation Scholarships!



**Officers L to R:
Greg Cart, Billy Robertson,
Kristen Bowers, Ray Stephens**

The student section.



Check out the website!
<http://www.sw-asse.org/>

What's New in Governmental Affair?

Tim Hayden, Chair – Governmental Affairs

OSHA (www.osha.gov)

OSHA announced their Site-Specific Targeting 2009 Program earlier this month. Worksites identified for focused enforcement includes:

- 3,100 manufacturing establishments with a DART rate of 9 or more or a DAFWII rate of 6 or more
- 500 non-manufacturing establishments with a DART rate of 15 or more, or a DAFWII rate of 13 or more
- 300 nursing homes and personal care facilities with DART of 17 or more, or a DAFWII rate of 14 or more
- Additional visits are planned to employers who did not respond to the OSHA Data Initiative survey with the intent of deterring non-response in the future.

For more information see

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=16338

Texas Department of Transportation (www.txdot.gov)

Texas Intrastate Motor Carriers are required to have a USDOT number effective 9/1/09 (81st Texas Legislature, HB 2985). Motor carriers that are required to have Texas motor carrier registration will continue to be issued a TXDOT certificate number in addition to the USDOT number.

Are you a Motor Carrier? Operators of commercial motor vehicles that meet the following criteria must register with TxDOT as motor carriers:

- Vehicle (or combination of vehicles) with a gross weight, registered weight, or gross weight rating exceeding 26,000 pounds, that is designed or used for transportation of cargo in furtherance of any commercial enterprise
- For-hire vehicle used to transport household goods, regardless of gross weight rating
- Vehicle, including a bus, designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver
- Vehicle used to transport hazardous materials in a quantity requiring placarding under the regulations issued under the Federal Hazardous Materials Transportation Act

- Vehicle defined by 49 CFR 390.5, owned or controlled by someone domiciled in, or a citizen of, a country other than the United States

Registration not required. For motor carrier registration purposes, operators of the following types of vehicles are not required to register with TxDOT:

- Farm vehicle with a gross weight, registered weight, and gross weight rating of less than 48,000 pounds
- Cotton vehicle registered under Texas Transportation Code (TRC), 502.277
- Vehicle registered with the Texas Railroad Commission under Texas Natural Resources Code, 113.131 and 116.072
- Vehicle used to transport liquor under a private carrier permit issued under Alcoholic Beverage Code, Chapter 42
- Vehicle used to transport passengers and operated by an entity whose primary function is not to transport passengers, such as a vehicle operated by a hotel, day-care center, nursing home, etc.

For more information see

ftp://ftp.dot.state.tx.us/pub/txdot-info/library/pubs/bus/mcd/mcd_notice_090109_hb2985.pdf

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Contributions to the newsletter are encouraged and welcome.

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