



# American Society of Safety Engineers

## Southwestern Ohio Chapter

News & Meeting Announcement – March, 2016



*NOTE: For detailed news, job postings, resource materials and links feel free to visit our website at <http://swohio.asse.org>*

### March Chapter Meeting – Workers’ Compensation Fraud

On March 8 we held a Chapter meeting at The Sheakley featuring Jim Anderson of InfoQuest Information Services (below, center) on the subject of Workers’ Compensation (WC) fraud:



Also in attendance (L to R) were **Don Chapman, Kirk Smith, Donna Mingerink, Jason Newland, Dan Wormald, Mark Muse, Grace Haggard** and **Scott McAlpine** (not pictured). We learned about the role of surveillance in defending WC claims, how deep internet mining is used, and some proactive strategies (such as video job descriptions) that can make WC defense easier. Then we looked at some surveillance case studies, with pictures and video. Thanks to Mr. Anderson for an interesting topic!



Dan Wormald, a new member, attended his first Chapter meeting in March. Dan runs a power washing business and works with decorative concrete. Having seen firsthand the kinds of

preventable injuries that happen in the workplace, Dan was inspired to to change his career direction. He now is studying safety at Columbia Southern University and as of this month is an active student member of our Chapter. Welcome aboard!

### New Chapter Members

ASSE Southwestern Ohio is glad to welcome the following new members this month:



- **Justin Chard**
- **Donald Kremer**

### Upcoming Chapter Activities

Save these dates!

- **April 12** – Tour of U Pull & Pay self-service used auto parts store with focus on ergonomics- *see page 3 for details*
- **May 10** – OSHA Update at Sheakley
- **June 10** – **Member Appreciation Event** Florence Freedom baseball celebrates Great Outdoors Night, and we will have group seating and a buffet dinner at the ballpark. More details soon!
- **July** – No meeting this month – enjoy your summer!
- **August 9** – Combustible dust at Sheakley, speaker TBA
- **September 13** – Medical Marijuana/ Drugs in The Workplace @ Sheakley presented by Sheakley’s Brad Weber
- **October 11** – Plant tour of Miller/Coors brewery in Trenton OH, hosted by member Leah Spears
- **November 8** – Update of ANSI B11 Newland, Series presented by Stan Brubaker of Liberty Mutual
- **December** – Vendor Night, co-hosted with AIHA, date and details to come

**We always need member volunteers to greet monthly meeting attendees and help with meeting setup and sign-in. Available? Let me know at [scm@djj.com](mailto:scm@djj.com) – and thanks!**

## Chapter Officer Slate For 2016-2017

Each year the Chapter's Nominations Committee is charged with nominating candidates to serve in leadership positions for the following year. The list of candidates is finalized in March and the election held by voice vote at our May meeting.

Nominated for the term beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 are:

**Jonathan Zimmerman** – for President  
**Brad Weber** – for President-Elect  
**Don Chapman** – for Vice-President  
**Jason Newland** – for Treasurer  
**Scott McAlpine** – for Secretary

As you all know ASSE is designed as a member-driven organization, and a lot of work goes into staging meetings and events and performing the administrative functions needed to keep us going. Thanks to those listed above and to others who continue to offer their time and energy in service to the Chapter.

## UC Student Section Update

*The newly reorganized University of Cincinnati Student Section has been busy. Thanks to Matthew Owen and Christine Uebel for sharing the following about their activities and plans:*



The Student Section is actively promoting safety on campus as it also strives to educate students and faculty about the safety profession and build the base of support for ASSE. Here are a few things we are doing, or hope soon to do:

- Inspecting campus workplaces for safety in coordination with The Education and Research Center, which has programs for safety engineers, industrial hygienists, toxicologists and events to support safe workplaces

- Setting up a PPE loan program to provide needed safety gear for students to use during work or volunteer activity
- Attending ASSE Southwestern Ohio Chapter meetings for updates
- Establishing a small campus safety library and providing office hours so students can discuss safety-related issues
- Planning a bi-semester competition in which students propose and defend solutions to safety problems on campus. The aim of this is to involve students and the University in addressing real issues while at the same time raising awareness and involvement in safety across the University community.

As part of the Student Section's campus safety outreach effort we organize meetings and presentations which have included:

- Hosting a screening of the documentary "A Day's Work" which tells the story of Daquan 'Day' Davis, a temporary worker killed 90 minutes into his first job, followed by a panel discussion of issues raised in the film. The film highlighted the impact of the fast-growing temporary agency segment in which agencies lack any kind of safety culture and workers may receive little or no safety training before being assigned to hazardous jobs.
- Sponsoring a safety litigation presentation for students by Dr. Thomas Huston, Occupational Safety and Health Engineering professor. Students were presented case studies drawn from Dr. Huston's extensive experience which illustrated how the litigation process works and included insights into why industrial accidents happen.



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Tuesday, April 12, 2016

11:30 AM—1:00 PM

### U-Pull-&-Pay Plant Tour

This plant visit will begin with a review of basic body mechanics issues in industrial settings. We will then tour the facility's store and production areas. Basic operations of the site (car cleanout, fluids removal, tire processing, retail presentation and crushing) will be ongoing during the tour. U-Pull-&-Pay staff will discuss ergonomic issues they have dealt with and the training and process solutions they have implemented to improve on-job safety. Session participants will gain an understanding of how to distinguish employee poor understanding of ergonomic job factors and will improve their knowledge of proper body positioning and tool control.

Our speaker is Jeffrey Griffith. Jeff holds degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Industrial Engineering from Kent State University and is a Certified Massage Therapist. He worked as a trainer for the San Diego State University and San Diego Chargers football programs. As a safety professional over the past 30 years Jeff has specialized in body mechanics and applied ergonomics. Currently he is Safety Manager of U-Pull-&-Pay, a business unit of The David J. Joseph Company with self-serve auto parts facilities nationwide.

Won't you please join us!

Agenda:	Arrival and Registration	11:15 – 11:30 AM
	Chapter Business	11:30 – 11:45 AM
	Presentation and Tour	11:45 – 12:45 PM
	Q & A and Adjournment	12:45 – 1:00 PM

**Steel toe safety footwear, hard hats and safety glasses required.**

Location: 426 W. Seymour Avenue (park in customer lot)  
Cincinnati, OH 45216

Cost: No cost for Participating Chapter Members and Guests (lunch is *not* provided)

RSVP: Please register online at <http://swohio.asse.org>