

DELTA SAFETY SOCIETY

GENERAL MEETINGS 11:30 AM AT:

<i>Smilie's</i>	04/26
<i>Andrea's</i>	05/31
<i>Don's Seafood</i>	06/28
<i>TBA</i>	07/26
<i>TBA</i>	08/30
<i>TBA</i>	09/27
<i>TBA</i>	10/25

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HOW SAD

As I laid in my bed this morning I thought about what I wanted to write in this month's newsletter. Something great and life changing would be wonderful, but not likely. Maybe I have been known to pass on some helpful information from time to time—but not what I would call life changing. Then it hit me, why not? That's why I am in this profession, that's why I am in Delta.

The members of Delta have always been there to help one another when an employee's life was on the line. That's what

Delta is all about. It wasn't founded as a social club. It was founded by men and women who were all concerned about job health and safety and the value of preserving lives.

Then I started thinking about my early years in Delta and when I first started in this profession. If I had a high risk job or just a simple question I would pull out my Delta Safety Society Directory and call on one of the 100 + members to help me out. I never called one of them to be told, sorry I am too busy or sorry I don't know the answer.

If they didn't have the answer, they found it or someone who did know the answer. It didn't matter who's employee was on the line - that employee represented a life. That's how much the situation mattered.

How sad it is that since Katrina we are all just too busy. We can't find time to return a call, to stop by for lunch once a month or bring a guest if we do attend the meetings that now sit 15 - 20 instead of 45 - 50. How sad we can't seem to find that \$20.00 for our annual dues. How sad Delta won't last through the year if it doesn't start to matter.

WANTED: MORE SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS

Everyone could use a few more slips, trips or falls. You may be asking, then why is the company safety rep always fussing about housekeeping, safety shoes and fall protection, if their not trying to reduce slips, trips and falls?

Have you ever noticed all three terms have homonyms? Homonyms are one of two or more words spelled and pronounced alike but different in meaning. So lets all have more *slips*, *trips* and *falls*, but change the meaning.

Slip your child a note of encouragement in their lunch box or put a *slip* of paper under your wife's pillow and tell her you think she's pretty. Take a *trip* to visit old friends and make new memories or plan that *trip* you have always wanted to go on and never took the time to take. Think about your health and let a few pounds *fall* away. Sent a card to a coworker who's birthday *falls* on Saturday. Sit back and enjoy some soft jazz as it *falls* on your ear or my personal favorite - *fall* in love.



INSECTS - It is that time of year again and they are out to get you. Firstly, prevention: don't use perfumed or scented products when in highly bug populated environments. Use bug repellants, but not directly on flame retardant clothing-FRC. Place citronella candles in safe areas away from other flammable materials and small children. Secondly, treatment: an insect bite left untreated can become infected and if it is work related — it can be a recordable. So always report insect bites and remember just because you weren't allergic to it yesterday doesn't mean you can't have a life threatening allergic reaction today.

OSHA-10 Hour Construction Course

Sponsored by
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Hosted by
Trane Gulf South Region

Friday, May 11, 2007
7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Cost \$100.00
\$125.00 after April 27, 2007

For more information contact:
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- **Next Meeting:**
Thursday, April 26th
- **Time:** 11:30 a.m.
- **Location:** *Smilie's*
5725 Jefferson Hwy in Harahan
- **Cost:** \$25.00
- **Guest Speakers:**
Lenny Lyons with MSA
- **Topic:**
Fall Protection Demonstration

April Birthdays



Wishing you Health & Prosperity in the coming year.

Joseph Baroni
Paul Breaux
Rick Cormier
Glenn Felio
Rickey Harrison
Dr. Michael Kotler
Lynn Morrison

Remember, a smile is contagious; be a carrier.



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WELCOME NEW / RENEWED MEMBERS

Mark Dunn	Boland Marine
Chris Fox	River Parish Maintenance
Carton Gibbons	American Red Cross
Ray Hogan	Ergonomic Accessories
Pam Street	JRJ Alum-Fab
David Wirges	Aker Kvaerner Metals

Compliance Corner



FEMA—The name itself brings back some not so fond memories. But have you taken the time to check out their website? As Safety Professionals fema.gov can be a wonderful resource.

The *Disaster Information* page has statistical data and information about flood insurance with maps and explanations on how to determine what your Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) is for your property.

Odd as it may sound, they also

have some really good information on their *Planning Ahead* page. It covers all types of natural disasters, such as thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes and flood, and industrial disasters, such as chemical or nuclear accidents. They also have a section on terrorism, which in and of itself is very informative. You can review plans for biological, nuclear and radiation threats.

Everyone should establish an emergency preparedness kit and emergency plan for themselves and their family... So take a minute, assess the risks of your family, friends and co-workers and see what is available online from FEMA