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Save the Date!

May Chapter Meeting

Thursday, May 18, 2017
1760 Pub~n~Grille
1176 Trexlertown Road, Trexlertown, PA 18087

2017 Blasters' Training

Thursday, June 22, 2017
Hollywood Casino
777 Hollywood Blvd, Grantville, PA 17028

Clay Shoot

Friday, August 11, 2017
Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays
2750 Limestone St. Coplay PA 18037

The Eighteenth Pennsylvania Drilling and Blasting Conference

November 16 and 17, 2017
The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel
State College, Pennsylvania



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Letter from The President

Dear Chapter,

I hope everyone's 2017 is off to a great start! We have an exciting and busy year ahead for the Chapter. To help us reach our Chapter goal, I am happy to announce our new line up of Executive and Board of Directors. Rusty Taft has accepted the Vice President role. Joining him on the executive committee will be Ethan Huff who will serve as Treasurer and Danny Ray Leach who will act as Chapter Secretary. Serving as Board of Directors will be John Benedict, Don Haney, Dave Harrison, Jerome Kostantewicz, Douglas Rudenko, Justin Smith, Matt Tomlin and Brian Wise. Thank you again to everyone for volunteering your time to serve on the board.



Our next Chapter meeting will be held on May 18 at the 1760 Pub~n~Grille in Trexlertown, PA. Our guest speaker will be John W. Eloranta, ISEE Board of Directors President.

On June 22nd we will again offer our Blasters Training at the Hollywood Casino in Grantville, PA. Please pass along the registration form featured on page 5 to anyone who may need to renew their license. And we also have sponsorship opportunities!

This year is the PA Drilling and Blasting Conference, so save the date for Thursday, November 16th and 17th at The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College, PA. You can check out the conference website for additional details including exhibit space, registration and hotel rooms.

In August we are planning a Sporting Clays event. We will have more details soon, so keep a look out on our website or in the next newsletter.

Best regards,

Scott



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May Chapter Meeting

Thursday, May 18, 2017

1760 Pub~n~Grille

1176 Trexlertown Road, Trexlertown, PA 18087
Located at the corner of 222 & Trexlertown Road

5:30pm - Registration/Meet and Greet

6:00pm - Dinner

6:30pm - Guest Speaker

7:30pm - General Meeting

Bring a friend to the meeting! If they join as a member, your \$30 meeting dues are waived and you attend for free!

John W. Eloranta
ISEE Board of Directors President

Please RSVP to Dan Leach
443-655-9986 or daniel.leach@us.atlascopco.com

The cost is \$30.00 per person.
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2017 Blasters' Training

Thursday, June 22, 2017

Hollywood Casino in the Hall of Champions

777 Hollywood Blvd, Grantville, PA 17028

7:00am - 4:00pm

(Registration begins at 6:00am)

\$175 per person (register by June 16th)

\$225 per person (register after June 16th or day of training)

Your registration fee includes the training, lunch buffet and two breaks.

**This training has been approved by the
Pennsylvania DEP to satisfy the
8-hour continuing education credits
required for license renewal.**

Please complete a registration form for each person attending.

**Please note, the photo procedure for your explosives renewal application has changed.
An up to date, passport size, color photo is required. You must not be wearing a hat or bandana
and no desk area or background can be visible. Photos can be emailed to
RA-EPBMRPHOTO@state.pa.us in tiff, jpeg or bitmap format.**

**For more information, please contact Dave Harrison
dave.harrison@terra-mechanics.com or 724-449-6250**



2017 Blasters' Training Registration Form

Thursday, June 22, 2017 * Hollywood Casino, Grantville, PA

Only one person per registration form. Please print clearly.

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Registration Fee: \$175 per person (by June 16th)

\$225 per person (after June 16th)

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Dale Ramsey Memorial Scholarship

Written by Kirk Whitaker



The International Society of Explosives Engineers and the entire explosives industry have lost a true leader with the passing of Dale Ramsey this past April. Dale was an industry leader, and highly respected throughout the explosive, mining and construction industries. Known by hundreds of members, he will truly be missed.

Several members and senior industry leaders have expressed an interest in recognizing the great work – the real impact Dale had on so many of us. Collectively we are proposing that we establish a scholarship in Dale's name.

Dale was a tireless advocate for educating the young people who will become our future in the industry. He was the founding advisor for the Penn State student chapter of ISEE, and a frequent speaker in Penn State's classes. He served as a mentor to many students and some faculty over the past twenty-five years. We can think of no better way to honor his memory, and continue his legacy, than to create an endowed scholarship at Penn State

University – a scholarship for a mining engineering student who demonstrates a strong interest in our industry.

Our goal is lofty -- \$50,000 to create a fund in perpetuity—awarding an annual scholarship for future generations of young engineers. To date, we have \$11,000 and are anxious to raise the remaining \$39,000 with your support. If we are unable to reach the required endowment level, the head of the Mining Engineering Program will make annual awards until the balance is spent.

As all of us in the Society have agreed, we need to educate and recruit the finest engineers, and this is one more way to accomplish that goal. Imagine how thrilling it will be to announce this scholarship at our annual meeting in February and to acknowledge the generous donors who helped make this happen; and imagine how proud Dale would be to know that his lifetime of commitment to this industry and its people will live on through this scholarship. Please join us in this effort with your gift today.



Checks can be made payable to Penn State Mining Scholarship in Memory of Dale Ramsey. Or, go to www.GiveTo.psu.edu/DaleRamseyMining, where you can make your gift using a credit or debit card or using the electronic funds transfer option. Please mail checks to Penn State, 204 Deike Bldg, University Park, PA 16802.



CVSA's 2017 International Roadcheck Enforcement Event to Take Place June 6-8 with Special Emphasis on Cargo Securement

MARCH 13, 2017

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) 30th annual International Roadcheck will take place **June 6-8, 2017**. Over a 72-hour period, CVSA-certified commercial motor vehicle inspectors in jurisdictions throughout North America will conduct inspections of commercial motor vehicles and their drivers.

Each year, International Roadcheck places special emphasis on a category of violations. This year's focus is cargo securement. While checking for compliance with safe cargo securement regulations is always part of roadside inspections, CVSA is **highlighting cargo securement safety this year as a reminder of its importance to highway safety.**

CVSA Roadcheck
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CVSA Roadcheck Continued

Inspectors will primarily be conducting the North American Standard Level I Inspection, which is the most thorough roadside inspection. It is a 37-step procedure that includes an examination of both driver operating requirements and vehicle mechanical fitness. **Drivers are required to provide items such as their driver's license, hours-of-service documentation, motor carrier registration and shipping documentation, and inspectors will be checking drivers for seat belt usage and the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.** The vehicle inspection includes checking items such as the brake systems, cargo securement, coupling devices, driveline/driveshaft, exhaust systems, frames, fuel systems, lighting devices (required lamps), steering mechanisms, suspensions, tires, van and open-top trailer bodies, wheels, rims and hubs, windshield wipers, and emergency exits (on buses).

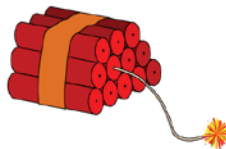
International Roadcheck is the largest targeted enforcement program on commercial motor vehicles in the world, with nearly 17 trucks or buses inspected, on average, every minute in Canada, the United States and Mexico during a 72-hour period. Since its inception, more than 1.5 million roadside inspections have been conducted during International Roadcheck campaigns.

International Roadcheck is a CVSA program with participation by the U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators, Transport Canada, and the Secretariat of Communications and Transportation (Mexico).

Learn more about International Roadcheck. Go to cvsa.org/news (source of article).

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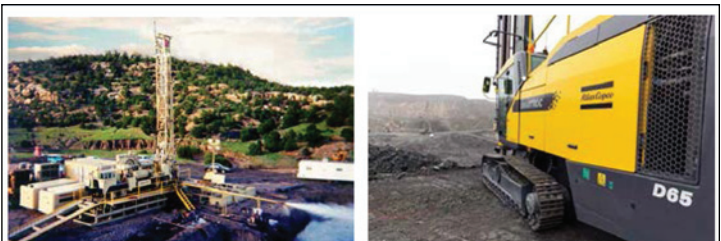
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November Chapter Meeting Recap

The Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the ISEE had their Fall meeting on Thursday, November 3 at the 1760 Pub n Grille in Trexlertown, PA. Twenty three members attended the meeting that featured guest speaker Kelly Henry, Principal and Co-Founder, Henry & Germann Public Affairs, LLC. Kelly Henry shared ways to maximize communication effectiveness and discussed common traps to avoid.



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Congratulations Nate Shultz!

At this year's 43rd Annual Conference on Explosives and Blasting Technique in Orlando, Florida, Nate Shultz was recognized with the Chapter Volunteer Service Award. Pictured is Danny Ray Leach, Nate Shultz, and Mike Kohler, International Society of Explosives Engineers Past President.





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