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Letter from The President



Dear Members,

On November 4th we will host the sixth annual Clay Shoot & BBQ. We have a great lineup of generous sponsors and with just 2 weeks before the event our team rosters are filling up fast. Please get your registrations in today!

I'd also like to invite all of our members to help me brainstorm ideas for upcoming events. Chapter leadership is eager to bring back our normal line up of quarterly events, but we want to plan events our members are interested in attending. So who do you want to hear speak? What topics are important to you? What social events can you round up your co-workers to attend? Or are you interested in a family friendly event? Please bring your

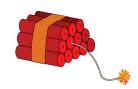
ideas to the Clay Shoot & BBQ, or call or email either myself, Danny Ray Leach or Kristin Klemish and share your ideas.

Best regards,

Scott

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On Friday, November 4th the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter will host it's sixth annual Clay

Shoot and BBQ. Join us at 11:30am for a BBQ lunch followed by a mandatory 12:30pm safety class and 1pm start at the Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays course in Coplay, PA.

The event is FREE for members. Non-members will be charged \$35 for a Chapter Membership. Registration includes a BBQ lunch, 8 station course with 50 rounds, and friendly competition. Ear protection is provided. You are encouraged to bring eye protection or purchase glasses for \$10.00. Prizes will be awarded for the top three shooters as well as Lewis class shooter placements. We will also be raffling off a Mossberg Silver Reserve 20 gauge over/under shotgun.

If you are interested in registering, please complete the attached form on page 4.

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Letter from The Chief

Dear Eastern PA ISEE Newsletter readers,

We live in an age where instant communication is easier than at any other time in history. At any time, we can pick up an assortment of devices to make a call, send a message, or communicate an important idea to a team of individuals all working toward a common goal. Historically however, DEP has not communicated clearly and consistently with the dedicated professionals in the blasting and explosives industry.

I have thought for a long time that we would benefit from having short (2-4 pages) routine newsletters that would communicate new ideas, regulatory changes, safety notes, policy changes, and more, both to our explosives program field staff and our industry clients, with the hope of creating and maintaining a higher level of consistency and cooperative interaction. My vision for this is to use it as a sort of message board that informs on important changes and issues, and as resource that will sharpen our skills and perspectives with regard to the job we each do on both sides of the industry, from the day-to-day mundane tasks to technique to incident handling.

Initially, I am hoping that this will be a monthly circular beginning around the middle of this month (October). Each issue will actually be a set of two newsletters: one written for staff consumption, and a parallel issue for our industry clients. The hope is that by doing so we are communicating similar sets of information both internally and externally but keeping in mind that the audience is different, creating consistency in the way in which we regulate and relate to the explosives industry. It is my hope that this will ultimately foster a spirit of openness and cooperation between the industry and our staff. If you are a licensed blaster with your email address in our records you should already be on the list to receive the initial newsletter. There will be a link to opt out if you so choose. If you do not receive the newsletter by the end of the month but you wish to, please go to https://forms.office.com/g/B68GijdX9M to sign up.

This project is a work in progress, and I am sure it will continue to evolve as necessary, so please feel free to let me know what you think and how it can be made better.

Work safe!

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Mine Safety and Health Administration

Powered Haulage Safety

So far this year, nine miners have been killed and 185 have been injured in accidents involving powered haulage equipment such as shuttle cars, scoops, locomotives, front end loaders and more. Year to date, this is the highest number of powered haulage fatalities since 2006. The safety of mining's most precious resource – the miner – is a critical mission at the Mine Safety and Health Administration. That's why we are hosting a national Stand Down for Safety Day on July 20 focused on powered haulage and vehicle rollovers to help educate miners, save lives and prevent injuries. On July 20, all levels of MSHA enforcement staff will visit mines to meet with miners and operators to emphasize the need for adhering to best safety practices for powered haulage, vehicle rollovers, and miner training to reduce fatalities and injuries.

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MSHA has also developed guidance intended to help miners, mine operators, and contractors prevent accidents caused by working with, on, or near powered haulage equipment. The guidance contains best practices, links to videos and training resources, including other additional materials.

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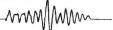
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Seat Belt Usage

MSHA engineers estimate that three to four miners' lives could be saved each year if adequate seat belts were provided and worn. Warning systems such as chimes can remind drivers to buckle up, while interlock systems can prevent the vehicle from moving if the belt is unbuckled.

Conveyor Safety

Belt conveyors and their components pose serious risks to miners working on or around them. It's important to install adequate guarding to prevent contact, provide and use crossovers and cross unders, and lock out energy sources and block motion whenever performing maintenance.











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Space Telescopes Capture NASA's Asteroid Slam With Striking Clarity

Written by Marcia Dunn, Associated Press Los Angeles Times, September 30, 2022

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The world now has stunning new photos of this week's asteroid strike, the first planetary defense test of its kind.

NASA released pictures Thursday of the dramatic event, taken by the Hubble and Webb space telescopes.

A few hours later, SpaceX and NASA announced that they're studying the feasibility of sending a private mission to Hubble — potentially led by a billionaire space tourist — to raise the aging telescope's orbit and extend its life.

Telescopes on all seven continents watched Monday as NASA's DART spacecraft slammed into the harmless space rock 7 million miles from Earth in hopes of altering its orbit.

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Scientists won't know the precise change in the asteroid's orbit until November, but hope the experiment's results instill confidence in using the technique if a killer asteroid heads toward Earth one day.

"This is an unprecedented view of an unprecedented event," Johns Hopkins University planetary astronomer and mission leader Andy Rivkin said in a statement.

The photos will help scientists learn more about the little asteroid Dimorphos, which took the punch and ended up with a sizable crater.

The impact sent streams of rock and dirt hurtling into space, appearing in the latest photos as bright rays emanating from the asteroid.

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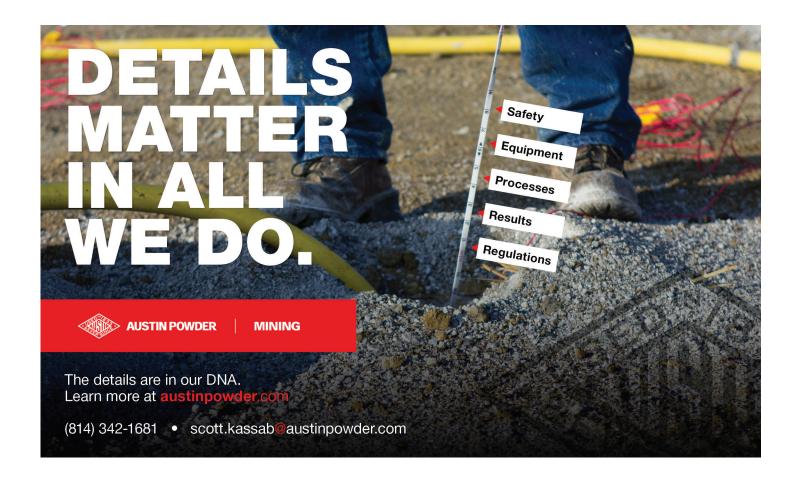
The brightness of this double asteroid system — the 525-foot Dimorphos is actually a moonlet circling around a bigger asteroid — tripled in the Hubble images after the impact, according to NASA.

Hubble and Webb will keep observing Dimorphos and its larger companion, Didymos, for several weeks. The \$325-million DART mission was launched last year. The spacecraft was built and managed by Johns Hopkins' Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Md.

As for Hubble, NASA officials emphasized Thursday that the observatory, launched 32 years ago, is in good shape and might have another decade of life left.

Hubble's orbit is constantly shrinking, moving closer to Earth, but the telescope could have even more years ahead if it were boosted from its current 335 miles above Earth to 375 miles or more, scientists say. The sixmonth technical feasibility study by NASA and SpaceX also will consider whether any of Hubble's parts could be replaced, presumably by a crew.

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Jared Isaacman, a Pennsylvania tech entrepreneur who paid for his own SpaceX flight last year, said a Hubble mission, if approved, would fit nicely into his plan to take more spaceflights. But he stopped short of saying whether he was volunteering for the mission.

"We're working on crazy ideas all the time," Thomas Zurbuchen, NASA's science mission chief, told reporters. "Frankly, that's what we're supposed to do."



A close-up view of Dimorphos, left, as seen by the NASA spacecraft DART before it crashed into the asteroid. The impact was viewed by the Hubble and James Webb space telescopes. (NASA via Associated Press)



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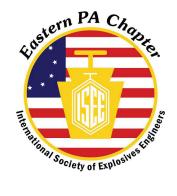
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