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*Happy Holidays*

## Chapter Executive Committee

For information on the Chapter you can visit <http://alaska.asse.org/> or you can email [Alaska.Safety.Engineers@gmail.com](mailto:Alaska.Safety.Engineers@gmail.com) to reach any of our CEC Officers or Chairpersons.

### The AK-ASSE Chapter Executive Committee Officers (CEC):

- President: Jeff Kolean
- President Elect: Joireen Cohen
- Vice President: Tim Bogowith
- Treasurer: Phillip Galloway, CSP, CHST, CET, ARM
- Secretary: Jill Gaylard, MS, CIH, CSP
- Delegate: David Leonard, CSP
- Delegate: Lynne Seville, CSP

### Chairpersons and Volunteers:

- ~ Membership: Jonathan Johanson
- ~ Program: Tim Bogowith
- ~ PDC Volunteers: Leischen Bauke
- ~ Public Relations: Mary Snare
- ~ Newsletter/Website: Jill Gaylard
- ~ Government Affairs: Scott Ketcham
- ~ Awards & Honors: Nick Danger

## Chapter Meetings

Alaska Chapter meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Credit cards, cash, or check is accepted at the door. **For the December luncheon we are planning some Professional Holiday Fun with Prizes!** RSVPs are sent via email to the Chapter Secretary, Jill Gaylard at [jill.gaylard@gmail.com](mailto:jill.gaylard@gmail.com).

*The next Chapter Meeting is being held*

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December 16, 2014  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Coast International Inn  
3450 Aviation Ave  
Anchorage AK 99502

## Member Milestones Recognized

The following Members are being recognized for their continued dedication and service to the Profession and our Chapter. On behalf of our Membership, Thank You!

- Don Enslow: 35 Yrs
- David Hamner: 15 Yrs
- Christopher Warner: 5 Yrs
- Ralph Mingo: 30 Yrs
- Samuel Cunard: 5 Yrs

## New Members Welcome

The Alaska Chapter continues to grow! The following individuals recently joined the Alaska Chapter. On behalf of our Membership, Welcome!

- Richard Baker
- Josh Binning
- Casey Chatwell
- Jeff Turner
- Dennis Smedley
- William Majors



## Government Affairs



Scott Ketcham

**Updates to OSHA's Recordkeeping and Reporting Rule:** OSHA has expanded the list of severe injuries and illnesses that employers must report & updated the list of industries that are partially exempt from routinely keeping OSHA records. Employers must report the following to OSHA: a.) All work-related fatalities within 8 hours; b.) All work-related in-patient hospitalizations of one or more employees within 24 hours; c.) All work-related amputations within 24 hours; and d.) All work related losses of an eye within 24 hours. For workplaces under Federal OSHA jurisdiction the final rule becomes effective **January 1, 2015**. For workplaces in State Plan States, the States are encouraged to implement the new coverage provisions on January 1, 2015, or as soon after as possible. Check with your State Plan for their implementation date of the new requirements.

## Luncheon Pre-Pay Cards

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| 5                                      |  |   |   |   |  |
| ~Alaska ASSE Chapter Luncheon Pre-Pay~ |   |   |   |   |  |
| Member:                                |   |   |   |   |  |
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| 10                                     |  |   |   |    |  |
| ~Alaska ASSE Chapter Luncheon Pre-Pay~ |   |   |   |    |  |
| Member:                                |   |   |   |    |  |
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| 6                                      | 7   | 8 | 9 | 10 |  |

5-Lunch and 10-Lunch pre-pay cards will be available for purchase at Chapter Luncheons starting Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to RSVP. Checks are welcome; however, cash or credit cards are also accepted. These make great gift ideas for your fellow Safety Professionals!

## Student Section



UAA-KPC Jessica Smith  
Student Section President

The Students cancelled their December meeting in order to prepare for their Final Exams. Student Section meetings are tentatively scheduled to resume January 2015. **To get involved with the Student Section please contact the Student Section President, Jessica Smith, or any of the Student Officers at [asse.student.section@hotmail.com](mailto:asse.student.section@hotmail.com).**

## Meet One of Our Members

### Craig Bledsoe, P.E., CSP AK ASSE Chapter Member 37 Years

In the summer following graduation before I started as a college freshman at Sewanee, I spent many hours as a communications volunteer for the City of Atlanta in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The **Cold War** was lukewarm headed for hot, and ham radio operators were a valuable commodity in a city that was only a couple of years beyond the **Cuban Missile Crisis**. When I arrived on campus that fall, I enrolled in the "three-two" program - a joint degree course of study between Sewanee (liberal arts) and Georgia Tech (engineering) that would take five years to complete. I also signed up for **Air Force ROTC** and volunteered at Sewanee's on-campus airfield repairing aircraft avionics while taking flying lessons from two very famous flight instructors (though I certainly wasn't aware of their reputation back then.) The irony of the situation was that when I graduated from Sewanee I was immediately commissioned into Uncle Sam's Flying Club since there was a war going on at the time. Thus I didn't get that fifth year at Georgia Tech and receive the anticipated **Electrical Engineering degree**. Rather that had to wait until some ten years later when I picked up my Professional Engineer (P.E.) registration after graduating from the **University of Southern California (USC)**. The tale of how I convinced USC's selection committee to admit me into their graduate engineering program with credentials consisting mainly of a B.A. in English Literature from Sewanee is an interesting story in itself.

In the meantime there was quite a bit of military and civil flying going on in my career, and it continued throughout grad school and up to the present day. I have flown for three airlines: **Southern Airways, Flying Tigers, and Federal Express**, and four subsets of the Air Force: **Active Duty, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, and Alaska State Defense Force** (the state portion of the Alaska National Guard.) I have flown aircraft ranging in size from the **Boeing 747 and McDonnell Douglas MD-11 down to the PQ-13** (the military version of the Ercoupe) with operating airspeeds ranging from 65 knots to more than 1000 knots. We ended up in Alaska - first in Fairbanks and presently in Eagle River - as a result of being furloughed (laid off) from Flying Tigers and accepting a position as **Chief Pilot for the Alaska Fire Service**, the BLM's fire bombing operation in interior Alaska featuring C-119s and B-17 warbirds. **I drove a used school bus towing a two-axle trailer up the Alcan** filled with our household goods and totaling 28,000 pounds GVW while dodging assorted bears and moose en route to the Last Frontier. We thoroughly enjoyed Fairbanks for over ten years while I was commuting to my Flying Tiger trips once I was recalled, but we eventually moved down to the suburbs of Anchorage when I accepted an offer to become the **Director of Operations for the Alaska Air National Guard** in 1993, and we've been here ever since. I flew full-time for FedEx until 2004 when I was rather severely injured (three surgeries required) in an anti-terrorism training exercise. Two years after I retired from commercial flying, I went to work for the **Bristol Bay Native Corporation** as a P.E. - first on a major new hospital construction project on Fort Richardson and then in Bristol's corporate headquarters as a project safety engineer. That grad school diploma and the engineering registration finally demonstrated their worth some three decades after they were issued!

As you might expect my wife of many years has a strong aviation background as well. Both Ruth Ann and I have worked within the flight safety and accident investigation arena since the 1980s. We run the **Alaska Regional Chapter office of the International Society of Air Safety Investigators** - the professional organization for aircraft accident investigators - and we will be attending this year's international conference in Adelaide, Australia in just a few weeks

For recreation we enjoy all of the traditional Alaskan outdoor activities, primarily those involving flying and/or shooting. I'm on the board of directors for the **Alaska Machine Gun Association (AMGA)** and assist with training activities including their annual Youth Day Shoot and the Statewide Machine Gun Shoot at Anderson, Alaska every Memorial Day. I belong to several **Alaskan ham radio clubs** and am currently active in extraterrestrial communications (moonbounce) and large dish antenna construction. I am a past president of two Rotary Clubs and work extensively with the **Rotary Youth Exchange Program**. Over the years our family has hosted five international exchange students coming to our home from locations ranging from Denmark to Siberia. Several years ago when the real estate market bottomed out we bought a nice one-owner vacation home in Pahrump, Nevada. This suburb of Las Vegas features a famous shooting school (FrontSight), **several excellent wineries** (Ruth Ann's hobby is wine collecting), and advertises itself as the "Gateway to Area 51." We haven't seen any little green men or UFOs yet, but a few more trips to the wineries should do the trick.

## Continuing Education

### The University of Washington Pacific Northwest



The University of Washington Pacific Northwest OSHA Education Center is offering Alaska Chapter members a \$100.00 discount for semester courses. The registration form can be downloaded at <http://alaska.asse.org>.

### SeminarFest 2015



**SeminarFest 2015** is an unmatched education experience for OSH professionals. **Early bird pricing ends January 4, 2015!** Don't miss an excellent opportunity to earn up to 5.1 CEUs in one week and in one location, the Rio All Suite Hotel and Casino. It is the best source for continuing education and training. Instructors lead concentrated seminars and exam preparation workshops over 7 days.