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President's Message



I'd like to encourage all NUCA of NM members to attend the upcoming NMRCGA EXPO May 3rd and 4th. The Association was instrumental in establishing a charter here in New Mexico and will continue to support the Common Ground Alliance in the spirit of Damage Prevention for our industry. Walk-Ins are welcome if you have not registered. Not only will there be a plethora of industry related exhibitors

participating at the vendor showcase but there are many industry related classes as well. See more information below in this month's newsletter.

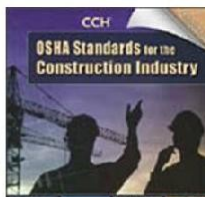
As the summer months approach, the industry gets even busier for everyone. Don't forget the safety precautions to keep you and your worker's safe. NUCA of NM has several ToolBox Talks in English and Spanish with topics such as:

- | Be Careful of the Sun
- | Heat Exhaustion and Heatstroke
- | Keep your Cool when the Weather is Hot
- | Protecting Yourself from the sun

Contact the Association office for more information.

If you're not familiar with ToolBox Talks, [Click here to read "How To Give a Toolbox Talk"](#)

Featured Product



NUCA's Guide to Safety Kit

- 1- Revised English NUCA Pocket Safety Guide
- 1- Confined Space in Construction DVD
- 1- OSHA Standards for the Construction

\$100 for NUCA Members

Can't order this product right now? NO PROBLEM! You can borrow it from the NUCA of NM Safety Library.

Also recently ordered for the NUCA of NM Safety Library:

- | Rigging and Lifting with Small Hydraulic Cranes
 - | Tips from the Pros - Crawler Excavator
 - | Auger Boring Operations
 - | General Construction Site Orientation
 - | Hazardous Materials Safety
 - | Heavy Equipment Operations
 - | Pipe Handling
 - | Safety in Flagging
 - | Trench Shoring and Tunneling Safety

Order Here

Member Buzz

Congratulations to **ZIA Concrete and Supply** on their 10th year anniversary this past week. They held an open house and customer appreciation day on Thursday, April 26th. NUCA of NM wishes ZIA even more success in its future!

Congratulation to **Sundance Mechanical and Utility** for wining the William H. Feather Safety Award in their categorie.

Congratulations to **AUI INC** for their National AGC Safety Award.

Wagner Equipment invites NUCA of NM members to attend its open house on May 4th, 2007. [Click Here to see the Wagner Equipment Open House Flyer](#)

Eye on New Mexico



By Carla J. Sonntag

The dust has finally settled from the legislative session and the industry has not missed a beat in getting up and running again. The Business and Labor Coalition (BLC) met on Monday, 4/23/07, and is requesting an updated analysis of the Workers Compensation system analysis that was completed in 2002 by NMSU professor, Al Berryman. If Dean Carruthers agrees to have the analysis completed by the NMSU insurance department, it will be used to determine future endeavors of the BLC. A forward thinking proposal for your consideration: Bills proposed during the session that dealt with wage rates and fringe benefits had the usual division between union and nonunion construction companies,

organizations and lobbyists. Always trying to find resolution rather than battles, I recommended during a committee hearing that all interested parties meet outside of the session to discuss the real crux of the issue - the Labor and Industry Department (LID). Many of the proposed solutions are merely "band aids" to the real problem.

Within the New Mexico construction industry, we should consider if our needs are being met by the LID. When asked this specific question, there was not a single positive response from any party - regardless of whether they had a union or nonunion affiliation.

So why do we continue to pursue a "band aid" approach? Historically, our industry has taken a battle approach to fixing the problems. But do we truly understand the problem? And has this been communicated - in a unified voice - to the LID? Maybe it's time to organize a meeting between all parties for a frank discussion of the issues and possible solutions. Because I am fortunate to have a strong relationship with both groups - union and nonunion - I am willing to take that step, if NUCANM members are interested in participating.

When queried during the session about participation in this type of meeting, there was initial agreement from several other construction organizations, union representatives as well as a state legislator. We will probably never see complete agreement between the opposing sides, but wouldn't it be nice to take the lead in finding common ground in the problem identification as well as potential solution(s)?

If you would support this approach and/or be interested in participating in this type of meeting, please let Jane* know and we will extend the invitation to all construction industry parties. NUCANM has a voice and recognition as a participant in construction industry issues. Why not take on the role as industry leader in making a difference?

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Cell Phone Policies

Are you running into problems with your employees and their cell phones?
Do you have a cell phone policy that your employees are aware of?
Talking on a hand held cell phone in Albuquerque while driving is not only dangerous but could be costly -\$100 for the 1st offense and \$200 for subsequent offenses.

With the dangers of driving while using a cell phone and the new laws prohibiting hand-held cell phones in Albuquerque, you should have some rules in place.

NUCA of NM, courtesy of AON Risk Services, has two sample cell phone policies.

[Click here to View Sample Cell Phone Policies](#)

Member Benefits



The ZIA Alliance

Most of you have heard of the NUCA of NM OSHA Alliance and all Contractor Members automatically belong through their 2007 Dues, but do you know the benefits?

In 2006 NUCA of NM trained hundreds of employees in the OSHA 10 Certification Class free through the NUCA of NM/OSHA Alliance. In 2007, we are well on our way to training hundreds more!

FAQs about the OSHA Alliance

What is the Alliance?

The Alliance enables NUCA of NM members committed to workplace safety and health to collaborate with NM OSHA to prevent injuries and illnesses in the workplace by participating in quality safety training. The Alliance works to educate and lead New Mexico's employers and their employees in improving and advancing workplace safety and health.

Why Participate in an Alliance?

There are many benefits to participating in an Alliance with OSHA:

- | Build trusting, cooperative relationships with NM OSHA
- | Network with others committed to workplace safety and health
- | Leverage resources to maximize worker safety and health protection
- | Gain recognition as a proactive leader in safety and health
- | Quality NMOSHA and NUCA authorized safety training at low or no cost to the employer.

How does the Alliance Work?

There are few formal requirements for the Alliance. It is less structured than other cooperative

agreements, and does not include an enforcement component. The four major goals of the NUCA of NM/OSHA Alliance are Training, Education, Outreach, and Communication.

Who are the Instructors?

Alliance instructors include NUCA of NM Members and OSHA instructors: L.D. Alexander, RMCI Inc.; Bill Devinney, AON of NM; James North; Rick Pope, CCM Inc.; Herminio Chavez, AUI Inc.; Del Caudle, Sundance Mechanical and Utility; and Howard Gentry, NMOSHB. Other instructors teach classes for the Alliance as well as Spanish Instructors, and Laura Lynch, who does the interpretation at bilingual classes.

What kind of Training is available?

Training is available in bilingual, English, and Spanish formats.

The Alliance is a member benefit available to all members of NUCA of NM. Most instructors are members of the NUCA of NM Safety Committee. If you are interested in your company involvement in the Safety Committee, please contact the Association office for details. The NUCA of NM Safety Committee is open to ALL member employees, and meets the second Wednesday of the month at 8am (with few exceptions) at the Association office.

Need Toolbox Talks?

As an Alliance member you can have dozens on CD ROM in English and Spanish. Contact the NUCA of NM office today to get your copy - 505 888 0752

AUI 2007 Platinum Sponsor



Thank you AUI Inc. for your 2007 Platinum Sponsorship.

2007 Sponsors

2007 Sponsors:

- | Cone Construction
- | Hydro-Systems Inc.
- | New Concepts
- | Tom Growney Equipment
- | Western Summit of NM
- | AMEC
- | Albuquerque Asphalt
- | HD Supply
- | PCL Construction of NM
- | Wagner Equipment

May Dates

- | 05/03/07 -05/04/07 NMRCGA EXPO
- | 05/09/07 Safety Committee 8am
- | 05/10/07 Planning Committee 8am
- | 05/10/07 Last Ditch Open Committee 8:30am
- | 05/10/07 Education Committee 11:30
- | 05/13/07 Mother's Day - Don't Forget Mom!
- | 05/16/07 -05/18/07 NUCA Washington Summit
- | 05/19/07 Armed Forces Day
- | 05/24/07 Membership Meeting [Register Online](#)
- | 05/28/07 Memorial Day

If you would like more information on the Committees please call the Association office at 505 888 0752 or email nuc_anm@nucanm.org

NUCA Risk Management Manual



FIRST CHAPTER OF NUCA CONTRACTS RISK MANAGEMENT MANUAL AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

For several years, NUCA's Contract Documents and Specifications Committee has envisioned the creation of a Contracts Risk Management Manual that will help utility contractors evaluate the risks associated with different contract provisions. It was announced at Utility Construction EXPO '07 in February that Chapter 1-Differing Site Conditions is now complete and available for use by NUCA members only. The information contained in Chapter 1 was compiled and written by Construction Attorney Forum member Charles W. Surasky of Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP of Atlanta, Georgia. Surasky anticipates that Chapter 2 will cover indemnification provisions. As many as 10 chapters are contemplated.

To use NUCA's Members Only Web Page you need a user name and password. If you don't have one, simply call 1 703 358 9300 and NUCA will issue one to each member company.

[Click here for Chapter 1-Differing Site Conditions](#)

April Committees

NUCA of NM

April 2007 Committee Summary

Planning:

- | May Membership meeting - May 24, 2007 at Gardunos on the Green
 - Board Meeting at 10am
 - Member Meeting at 11:30am
 - Speaker -TBD
- | Reconfiguration of Call Tree for NMRCGA
- | The committee discussed different locations for membership meetings.

Last Ditch Open Committee

- | Reviewed contract for Isleta Eagle
- | Made decisions regarding special services during play
- | Discussed Sponsor levels and deadlines
- | Reviewed LDO Checklist
- | Committee members will utilize call tree for sponsorship opportunities

Safety:

- | Discussion regarding Las Cruces meeting. Had a list of potential members/contacts that Woody Norwood will make initial contact. Letters with brochures will be sent asking if there is any interest in training and meetings in the Las Cruces area.
- | NUCA Zero Accidents Award
- | NUCA Safety News is available free online for NUCA members
- | Discussed the NUCA web page resources
- | Next NUCA Safety Meeting - May 18th at the Washington Summit
- | Discussed NMRCGA Instructor attendance
- | OSHA 10 in Spanish - Still have some room but it is getting full.
- | NMOSHB Consultation Program
- | AUI was recognized for receiving a national safety award
- | Sundance Mechanical was recognized for receiving William H. Feather Award.

Legislative:

- | The Legislative Committee met with Carla Sonntag to review the Legislative Session and review the bills that we were watching.
- | No bills that NUCA of NM were opposing passed

NMRCGA:

- | Attended Planning for NMRCGA Expo -May 3-4th.
- | Attended Regular CGA meeting and reviewed Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.
- | Would like strong showing of NUCA of NM Members this year to keep the momentum of the EXPO moving forward.

NMRCGA -Walk Ins Welcome



The New Mexico Regional Common Ground Alliance was established in 2005 to promote public safety, environmental protection and the integrity of underground infrastructure and facilities by promoting effective damage prevention as a shared responsibility.

Common Ground Alliance EXPO is scheduled for May 3- 4th at the Albuquerque Convention Center.

The 2nd Annual New Mexico Regional

WALK INS WELCOME

If you dig in New Mexico then you need to attend this event!

The Expo kicks off with a golf tournament at Isleta Eagle Golf Course on May 2nd from noon to 5pm.

Classes and scheduled events include:

- | Keynote speaker at breakfast on May 3 - Ben R. Lujan, Jr. Chairman, Public Regulation Commission
- | WMD Awareness
- | Master Meter
- | Pipeline Group Systems
- | NTSB Session
- | Keynote Speaker at lunch, Gary Tonjes, Albuquerque Economic Development
- | Marking Standards
- | DMP
- | Exhibit Hall activities
- | NUCA of NM's Next Step Program
- | Liability Insurance
- | Emergency Response Planning
- | CGA Best Practices
- | Excavation Law
- | Highway Watch

Follow these links for more information:

- [NMRCGA Home Page](#)
- [Conference Brochure](#)
- [Registration Form](#)
- [Exhibitor Registration](#)

Visit the NMRCGA Web Page for online Registration

The NUCA Washington Summit will be held May 16- May 18, 2007

President Kari Biernacki will proudly accept the **NUCA Chapter Award of Excellence for Educational Programming** for Bilingual OSHA Training at the awards dinner on Wednesday, May 16th in Arlington, VA.

Last Ditch Open



It's not too early to start thinking about Last Ditch Open, especially if you would like to be a sponsor this year.

We have a committee working on the tournament right now to make this year's golf outing one of the best ever for you!

Sign up for sponsorship now so that you can get your name on all outgoing marketing materials for the event.

Last Ditch Open 2007
September 21, 2007
Isleta Eagle Golf Course

Sponsorship Opportunities

Corporate Sponsor - \$5000

- | Logo and company name included on ALL advertising and marketing for event (if commitment made by no later than June 15, 2007)
- | Provide company giveaways with your logo/info to be contributed to players at check-in.
- | Hole in One Sponsor (valued at no less than \$20,000 insured by association)
- | 4 Players
- | Sign on prize hole (Closest to Pin/Longest Drive)
- | Recognition presentation at post tournament reception
- | Check-in/Reception area banner
- | Recognition in newsletter, web-page, and program

Post Tournament Reception Sponsor - \$2500

- | Logo and company name included on ALL advertising and marketing for event (if commitment made by no later than June 15, 2007)
- | Check-in/Reception area banner
- | 4 players
- | Sign on prize hole (Closest to Pin/Longest Drive)
- | Recognition presentation at post tournament reception.
- | Recognition in newsletter, web-page, and program

Shirt or Hat Sponsor \$2500 --

Shirt Sponsor SOLD - Thank you Tom Growney Equipment Inc

- | Company logo on shirt or hat with association logo
- | Recognition at post tournament reception.
- | Recognition in newsletter, web-page, and program

On-Course Beverage and boxed Lunch Sponsor - \$1500

- | Logo and company name on drink tickets distributed at check in.
- | Recognition at post tournament reception
- | Sponsor sign at check-in/reception area
- | Business size compliments card on boxed lunch with logo and company info.

Hole Sponsor \$500

- | Name on one of 18 holes on professionally designed sign.
- | Recognition at post tournament reception
- | Recognition in newsletter, web-page, and program

Door Prize --Value of \$250 and above no logos please but will receive recognition of donation.

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