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2010 National Technical Conference

- **June 7, 2010:**
CGE Exam, Las Vegas, Nevada
- **June 7, 2010:** ASGE National Golf Outing, Las Vegas, Nevada
- **June 7, 2010:** ASGE Board of Directors Meeting, Las Vegas, NV
- **June 8, 2010:** ASGE Technical Conference & President's Dinner, Las Vegas, NV
- **June 9, 2010:** Optional Field Trip



Make your travel plans today! The annual technical conference will be held at the fabulous MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada on June 7-9, 2010. See the "Early Bird" discount offer insert for details. Please direct questions regarding the conference to asgecge@aol.com.

CGE Recipients resulting from the Nov. 2008 & 2009 exams...

Robert Young, U.S. Boiler Co.
Ayman Youssef, Viessmann Mfg. Co.
Gregory Baker, Beckett Gas
Raymond Maddock, A.O. Smith Water Prod.
Sam Halasa, Beckett Gas
Rupesh Savadekar, Beckett Gas

Congratulations to each of you for achieving such a high honor among your peers!

The President's Message - Dave Wonnacott



To Members and Guests: Welcome from the American Society of Gas Engineers. We have all just traveled in time through a recession that was more serious than most of us have experienced in our lifetimes. Although it is not over, there are some signs of hope and most people are optimistic about the future.

I just attended the ASHRAE/AHR Show in Orlando, Florida and came away feeling good about our upcoming ASGE Technical Conference in Las Vegas on June 7, 8, and 9. Many people were inquiring about it and there was a great deal of interest. Sham Kassab, Vice President, is in charge of the technical program this year.

We had a terrific conference in 2008. We had to cancel in 2009 due to economic conditions, and everyone is excited to get back together at the 2010 conference. I sincerely hope you will attend and share a great experience with us. My wife, Royanne, and I will host the President's Dinner on Tuesday evening and we will look forward to talking with you. This is also a great networking event for the

industry. Please check out the details on our website at www.asge-national.org.

By the way, we are always interested in what you are most interested in at this time, so please do not hesitate to suggest topics of discussion at our conferences or just ask a question seeking an answer. We will do our best to respond appropriately.

The American Society of Gas Engineers is a teaching and certifying society that strives to bring its members shared knowledge, updated technology, and certification for those who desire it. Our biggest problem is that we are a well kept secret and we need to get the word out to all interested in gas technology. Please help us spread the word and share our contact information with all others you work with and interact with. We truly would like to do the best job possible for the most people possible.

We have professional and pertinent materials for sale for your continued education as well as an active and informative website. Also, please take a look at our Corporate Sponsors as listed on our website. These are companies deeply involved in some aspect of the business of gas technology and they are willing to work with you on your next project. They are also working with ASGE to further the knowledge and experience of those in the field of gas technology.

So, my request of you is to become more active in ASGE and to become involved in helping find new members. If you are interested in working on a committee or becoming a future board member or officer, please contact our Executive Director, Jerry Moore, or me, and we will be glad to discuss the possibilities and the requirements. We are a national and international organization that is interactive and we will only be as good as your participation. I'll see you at the ASGE Technical Conference in Las Vegas in June. Here's hoping you have a great 2010!

Best Regards, Dave

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L.J. Swift



LJ SWIFT

March 19, 1922 - November 1, 2009

ASGE Life Member and former National President (1977-1978) L.J. Swift died on November 1, 2009 at the age of 87. Before his retirement in 1990, L.J. served the gas industry for 40 years in various engineering and management positions for the American Gas Association Laboratories in Los Angeles, California.

The following biography of L.J. Swift was presented to guests at the memorial ceremony :

“LJ Swift was born in Mexia, Texas on March 19, 1922. His mom raised him, along with his two younger brothers (Dean and Merle) in Whittier, California. He grew up through the Depression years, but that never stopped him from enjoying life and having fun. At the age of 20 he became a Naval Aviator and went off to serve in both the Pacific and Atlantic during WWII. After WWII and after serving 22 years as a reserve officer, he retired from the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander US Naval Aviator. LJ held his commercial pilot’s license and worked for Eastern Airlines for a short time after WWII. Four years later after leaving Eastern Airlines he graduated from USC with a Mechanical Engineering Degree.

“LJ was introduced to Phyllis (the love of his life) in 1950, and they were married two years later in 1952 and spent a lifetime building a family together. He would then spend

the next 40 years working for one company, American Gas Association. He built a career dedicated to the industry. LJ led the AGA as Director and General Manager of the Pacific Coast Branch until his retirement in 1990. During these 40 years he had many accomplishments and received many awards such as: President of the West Coast Chapter and was elected National President of the American Society of Gas Engineers, was awarded the highly honored Art Theobald Award, served on the National Technical Advisory Committee, was Chapter of Education Chairman, helped administer the Gas Commercial and Industrial Equipment Training School, and was given the lifetime honor of being a Fellow in engineering (one of the most distinguished honors in the engineering field).

“In addition to his professional career, LJ also held a Real Estate Broker’s license which he used from time to time. He was also very active in all four of his children’s activities including the YMCA Indian Guides, the Boy Scouts, the Explorers, Pop Warner, and Little League baseball. While LJ had many professional accomplishments and was awarded many honors throughout his career in the Navy and with the American Gas Association, what really defined LJ was his love for his family. LJ’s greatest accomplishment was being a loving husband and father with faith, love and values which he taught and shared with his entire family.”

ASGE Welcomes New Members

Ayman Youssef, Viessmann Mfg. Co. (Waterloo, Ontario, Canada)
Peter Poggi, Burner Systems International (Chattanooga, Tennessee)
Joseph Apollonio, CSA Onspex (Akron, Ohio)
Thomas Hardy, Burner Systems International (Chattanooga, Tennessee)
Richard Nelson, CSA Onspex (Cleveland, Ohio)
Judd Smith, CSA Onspex (Cleveland, Ohio)
Rebecca Searcy, OMNI-Test Inc. (Portland, Oregon)
Ian Brown, Surfaceigniter LLC (Chagrin Falls, Ohio)
Mark Mulcahy, SEA Ltd. (Columbus, Ohio)
Jason Arcibal, The Montague Company (Hayward, California)
Sam Halasa, Beckett Gas (North Ridgeville, Ohio)
Raymond Maddock, A.O. Smith Water Products Co. (McBee, South Carolina)
George Markulin, Beckett Gas (North Ridgeville, Ohio)
Patrick Riedlinger, OMNI-Test Inc. (Portland, Oregon)
Rupesh Savadekar, Beckett Gas (North Ridgeville, Ohio)
Ryan Mao, SGS (Shanghai, China)
Gregory Baker, Beckett Gas (North Ridgeville, Ohio)
Charles Keith, Crane Engineering and Forensic Services (Plymouth, Minnesota)

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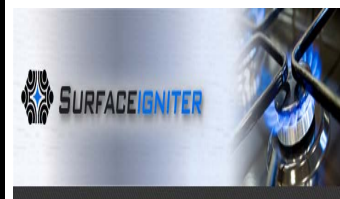
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ASGE Certified Gas Engineer Program

Since 2002, The American Society of Gas Engineers has evaluated 150 applicants for Certified Gas Engineer (C.G.E.). Currently, there are 132 individuals who are in good standing with the C.G.E. designation. Exams for certification are given annually at various locations in the U.S. The next exam will be given in Las Vegas on Monday, June 7, 2010. Exams are administered by the ASGE Certified Gas Engineer Committee chaired by Nancy Wilson, C.G.E. Application fee for the exam is \$150.

To assist in preparation for the exam, ASGE has prepared the Certified Gas Engineer Study Guide and Reference Manual. The Guide contains basic information about chemistry, ignition, technology, application and safety. This publication may be used for reference during the exam. The fee for the Guide is \$150. It may be ordered from ASGE, P.O. Box 66, Artesia, CA 90702.

ASGE has also recently obtained permission from Mr. Ralph Jennings to make copies on CD of his ASGE CGE Test Review. This is a PowerPoint program that covers all of the topics contained within the C.G.E. exam. The CD, as well as computing and photographic devices, may not be used during the exam. ASGE is currently taking orders for Mr Jennings' CD at \$150 each. This is an excellent training tool for companies and industry groups.

The C.G.E. designation is available to members and non-members. The certification is maintained by ASGE with an annual fee of \$20 for ASGE members and \$70 for non-members. The ASGE Board of Directors invites non-member Certified Gas Engineers to become voting members by completing and application form and sending the \$20 application fee to the ASGE post office box. Members are eligible to access the "Members Only" section of the website (www.asge-national.org) and to participate in elections. The annual membership fee is \$50 (\$10 for retired members).

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