



## Gearing Up for the 2013 ASGE Technical Conference

### ASGE Calendar

#### June 3 & 4, 2013

ASGE Technical  
Conference  
Green Valley Ranch  
Resort  
Las Vegas, NV

#### October 24, 2013

C.G.E. Exam  
Cleveland, OH

#### February 27, 2014

C.G.E. Exam

### ASGE

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Cleveland, OH

The American Society of Gas Engineers will hold their annual technical conference on June 3 and 4, 2013 at the Green Valley Ranch Resort in Henderson, NV. The 2012 technical conference was attended by 37 industry professionals, and the organization hopes for an even larger turn out in 2013.

The conference agenda is:

June 3 at 9AM	Golf Tournament
June 3 at 10AM	Certified Gas Engineer Review
June 3 1PM	Certified Gas Engineer Exam
June 3 7:00PM	Board Meeting
June 4 8 to 4	Technical Presentations
June 4 6PM	President's Awards Dinner Installation of Officers

The registration form for the 2013 conference can be found at [www.asge-national.org](http://www.asge-national.org).

Don't forget to register for the golf outing to be held at the Tuscany Golf Club on June 3 at 9AM.

EARLY BIRD: Register for the conference by April 30 and save \$50.

The Green Valley Ranch Resort has generously established a dedicated web site for conference attendees to use in order to make their hotel reservations. Reserve your room at [https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_ei\\_new&eventID=10293871](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=10293871)

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Green Valley Ranch Resort



Tuscany Golf Club



## Certified Gas Engineer Highlights

Congratulations to the following individuals who successfully completed the Certified Gas Engineer Exam at the ASGE Technical conference.

- Randy Johnson



## ASGE Gold Sponsors



## The President's Message—Nancy Wilson



Spring is in the air and the 2013 ASGE Technical Conference is just a few months away!

The conference will be held at Green Valley Ranch Resort in Henderson, Nevada on June 3 & 4 and early bird pricing expires April 30, 2013 so hurry and secure your reservations today!

I saw many of you at the Hearth, Patio and BBQ Expo last week in Orlando Florida as I walked the floor and handed out copies of our new brochure. Thank you to the Planning and Policy Committee led by Committee Chairman Mike Odonnell (with special shout out to Ellora Larson) who worked diligently to create the terrific brochure which details who should join, the certified gas engineers program, the benefits of

Corporate Sponsorship and our mission which is "promoting education and professional advancement of its members while providing technical and scientific information to the public.

Speaking of Corporate Sponsorship here is the current list (as of 3-18-13) of our 2013 Corporate Members. Thank you for your continued support, without you our technical conference could not happen.

### Platinum Level:

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I ask you to keep ASGE in your thoughts when you attend conferences, trade shows and industry meetings. Be proud of us and what we do. Share us with your colleagues. Your commitment and involvement is essential to our growth and or future.

I hope to see you in June at the conference.

Working for the betterment of the industry.....  
Nancy

## ASGE Technical Conference Speaker Agenda

Name	Company	Topic
Mark Morris	Surface Igniter Co.	Hot Surface Ignition Application
Steve Thompson	Taco	State of Circulator
Alex Spataru	Adept Science & Technologies	Pressure Vessels Diagnostic Using Acoustic Emissions
Paul Cabot	AGA	National Gas Codes Update
Dr. John Tartaglia	Element Material Technology Co.	Advanced Topics in Metallurgy
Tom Ganfield	Maxitrol	Gas Regulators Application Technology



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## ASGE Member Profile



ASGE member, Gary W. Liljenberg, C.G.E., was encouraged to join ASGE by George Gruss and Nancy Wilson. Gary has been an ASGE member since 2000. Gary has acted as Vice President of the Central Chapter of ASGE, as President of the Central Chapter of ASGE, and, has acted as assistant to Nancy Wilson while Nancy Chaired the Certified Gas Engineer Committee. Gary is the current Chairman of the Certified Gas Engineer Committee.

Gary's career in the Gas Appliance Industry began in 1972 at the American Gas Association Laboratories (AGAL). AGAL subsequently became International Approval Services (IAS) then CSA International. While at AGAL/IAS/CSA, Gary worked in the Inspection Department, the Research Department, and the Certification Department.

Gary was involved in atmospheric and power burner application, infrared burner application, and pulse combustion burner application to various types of gas-fired appliances. Along with work on-site at the Cleveland, Ohio Laboratory, Gary performed Field Certification, Field Inspection, and Field Evaluation. Gary assisted in building the Plumbing Certification Laboratory at the CSA Cleveland location and performed Plumbing product Certification and Plumbing Laboratory Audits under ISO/IEC 17025.

Gary has a B.S. degree in Aerospace Technology from Kent State University. He served in the U.S. Army in Southeast Asia. Gary is currently a Flight Instructor at Burke Lakefront Airport in Cleveland, Ohio.

Gary retired from CSA in February of 2010 and is currently the President of Gary W Liljenberg Consulting LLC and the President of Gary W Liljenberg Aviation LLC.

## ASGE Member News



Martin Abalos, 84, passed away Wednesday morning March 6, 2013 at Hospice of Arizona - Greenfield House in Mesa, Arizona. He was surrounded by family and friends. Born April 22, 1928 he was the son of the late Martin Abalos and Frances Marquez Abalos of Los Angeles, California.

Martin attended Roosevelt High School and College in East Los Angeles. He built a rewarding and prosperous career as a Professional Engineer in California. Martin holds a certificate from the State of California in Manufacturing Engineering. He was trained in the Arts and Science of Fuel Gas Engineering and was certified by the American Society of Gas Engineers. He also holds several active patents at the US Patents Office in Washington DC. Martin held prominent positions at Dean Industries, Weber Showcase and Teledyne-Laars. Most recently he was a consultant for several firms.

Martin is survived by his beloved "Jannie" Janice Abalos of Queen Creek AZ, son David Abalos (wife Sonya) of Westminster CO, daughter Laura Hofstatter (husband John) of Queen Creek AZ and daughter Virginia Garcia (husband Andy) of Oakdale CA, brothers Miguel "Henry" Abalos (wife Lindy) of Cerritos CA, Daniel Abalos (wife Gloria) of Laguna Nigel CA, and sister Esther Acosta of Los Angeles CA. Martin has nine Grand Children: Brian Abalos, Aaron Abalos, Andrew Abalos, Paulette Hofstatter, Amy Jacobson, Cassie Rinne, Trissa Chavez, Eric Garcia, and Joshua Garcia. He also has eight great grandsons and six great granddaughters, all of whom he adored.



## ASGE Certified Gas Engineer Program

Since 2002, The American Society of Gas Engineers has evaluated applicants for Certified Gas Engineer (C.G.E.). Exams for certification are given annually at various locations in the United States. Exams are administered by the ASGE Certified Gas Engineer Committee chaired by Gary Liljenberg, C.G.E. The 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.

An ASGE Test Review is also available on CD. This Microsoft PowerPoint presentation was developed by Mr. Ralph Jennings, and it covers the topics contained in the C.G.E. exam. This excellent training tool for individuals, companies and industry groups is available from ASGE for \$150. The ASGE Test Review, computing devices and photographic devices may not be used during the C.G.E. exam.

The C.G.E. designation is available to ASGE 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 an application form and submitting 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](http://www.asge-national.org)) and to participate in elections. The annual membership fee is \$50 (only \$10 for retired members).

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