

# NEWSLINE



Central Ohio Chapter – ASSE  
October 2006 Newsletter

Join us for the  
October meeting:

## AVIAN FLU EPIDEMIC

*Are you prepared for an outbreak?*

When: **Don't forget about the time change!**

- Friday, October 20, 2006
- 8:30 a.m. – Networking Breakfast
- 9 to 10:30 a.m. – Presentation & Chapter Meeting

Where:

- City of Columbus Transportation Division  
1881 E. 25<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- For directions: [www.centralohioasse.org](http://www.centralohioasse.org).

Speaker:

- Susan Campbell, MS, RN  
Columbus Public Health, Infectious Diseases

Special Thanks:

- Meeting hosted by Tracy Thompson,  
City of Columbus Facilities Management  
Division, 614/645-0432
- Meeting sponsored by the ASSE Practice  
Specialty of Healthcare.

RSVP to John Principe:

- [www.centralohioasse.org](http://www.centralohioasse.org) or
- [principej@denison.edu](mailto:principej@denison.edu) or
- 740/587-5646

For more info about avian flu, visit:

- [www.pandemicflu.gov](http://www.pandemicflu.gov)
- [www.who.int/en/](http://www.who.int/en/)
- [www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/pandemicflu/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/pandemicflu/)

Let's have some Halloween Fun!



*Come to the meeting  
dressed in costume!  
The group will vote for the  
best costume, and the  
winner will receive an  
ASSE denim shirt.*

## September Meeting Summary

*"Cactus Rolling:  
Dealing with Life's  
Thorniest Problems"*

by Dr. Stephen Douglas



"Don't sweat the small stuff" was the main message of the humorous, yet serious, presentation by Dr. Stephen Douglas at the September Chapter meeting.

Although we've all heard this saying before, many of us had not really taken it to heart. Dr. Douglas challenged us to embrace this saying by telling personal stories.

Unfortunately, this presentation was not a typical "power point" technical discussion so it is difficult to capture his message in this brief column. Dr. Douglas used three of his own life-stories to deliver his speech, with the easiest one to summarize about 9-11.

He told us how on September 12, 2001, he ruined a new pair of pants with an overly hot iron. With a humorous and tender presentation, he made sure we understood that the burn was "small stuff" – especially considering that thousands of people had died in the terrorist attacks the day before.

Fortunately, for those of us in attendance at the meeting, we heard an excellent presentation that had us laughing and at times, remembering the pain of the past.

More than once, he repeated his message that

**We all experience storms in life.  
Only our responses are different.  
Live realistically and do not sweat  
the small stuff.**

P.S. What does any of this have to do with Cactus Rolling? That's a long story and one I can't adequately put into words! ☺



## A letter from the prez... Kirby N. Utt, Chapter President:

Well, the September meeting has come and gone. We set an all-time high for attendance with 58 members and guests enjoying the presentation from Dr. Stephen Douglas. The previous high was 52 attendees in February 2001. Our feedback was very positive. Some of the evaluation comments were:

- Dr. Douglas may have been the best speaker COASSE has ever had.
- EXCELLENT! Great meeting officers!
- Great Speaker!
- I appreciate the program, excellent speaker with great message.
- Excellent presentation.
- Absolutely wonderful speaker A++
- Good meeting. I appreciated the music and such.



We really want your feedback on the meetings – things you like – and things you don't. This tells us you are interested and involved and we thank you for that. We received a few comments on the evaluations that I would like to address:

- *“Have some more door prizes that represent ASSE”*  
Comment: We rely on the generosity of the host company to donate door prizes. We cannot dictate what they may provide. If a host company does not donate door prizes, then the Chapter will provide them. Other than the denim shirts with the Central Ohio Chapter logo and a few of the notepads, we do not have any ASSE – related door prizes. We have spent a significant amount of money over the last several years on door prizes. Considering the other Chapter activities, we are reluctant to spend much money on door prizes.
- *“Like the 8:00 AM time better, have a vote by the membership! Meeting should start at 8:00, I do not want to lose a half day of work.”*  
Comment: The Executive Committee made the decision to change to a later meeting time in an effort to make it more convenient for all members to attend – including those who live or work outside the Columbus metropolitan area. We are monitoring the attendance to see if this works. If not, we may return to the earlier time during this meeting year.
- *“Play music during registration and networking. We need to get the meeting done.”*  
Comment: I believe we ended the meeting around 10:40 AM. Considering everything that we accomplished during the Chapter Business portion, I think we did a pretty darn good job. We understand that many of our members have other things to accomplish during their workday. It is OK if you must leave before the meeting is adjourned.

I'd like to say thank you to those of you whom invited and brought your supervisors. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to experience the benefits of being a member of the Central Ohio Chapter – ASSE.

The Past-Presidents attending the meeting are dedicated safety and health professionals – including those who have retired. I know the ASSE organization is important to them and their careers because they were very excited when we invited them. Since the interest from the Past-Presidents who could not attend was so strong, we will continue this for the October meeting.

We want to continue having fun at the meetings so we have decided to award a denim shirt with the Central Ohio Chapter logo to the member with the best Halloween costume.



# NEWSLINE

Central Ohio Chapter – ASSE; October, 2006 Newsletter – Page Three

---

---

## September snapshots



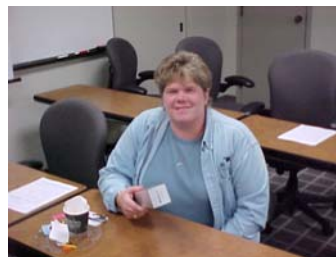
Registration



50/50 Raffle Winner  
Jim Nibert

## Door prize winners

*Let's Go Bucks!*





## We're growing!



Ohio University representatives at the September meeting

## Student Sections Established

Ohio University students and advisor, Helmut Paschold, attended the September meeting, where president Kirby Utt announced the addition of the OU Student Section.

Our Central Ohio ASSE Chapter is also in the process of establishing a student section with students from Columbus State Community College. Jeff Bates will service as the faculty advisor for CSCC.

Student Sections are designed to assist students who are pursuing degrees in the environmental, health and safety fields. The role of the Chapter is to provide students with the opportunity to learn more about their chosen areas of study and to promote interaction between students and industry professionals.

---

## Speaking of students and jobs...



**Visit our Chapter website for various job listings:**

**[www.centralohioasse.org](http://www.centralohioasse.org)**

---

## Welcome new members...

- Stephen A. Martin
- Mary Lou Rauch
- Jason M. Shope
- Catherine Taylor
- Charles H. Hickman
- Larry R. Jones
- John F. Bishop
- Robert R. Titter
- Larry W. Hutcheson
- Donald P. Moore
- Rick E. Davis
- Sedric B. Granger
- John F. Bishop
- Daniel I. Hammonds
- Paul T. Hammer
- Shanna M. Schmiesing
- Betsey L. Krause
- Curtis B. Moore





## Training, training, training!

### **Putting Ergonomics Into Practice**

- Wednesday, October 10 through Friday, October 13
- OSU Main Campus, Columbus, OH 43210
- For more information, contact Candi McCain at [mccain.3@osu.edu](mailto:mccain.3@osu.edu)

### **OSHA 30-Hour Course for Construction**

- Fridays, October 13, 20, 27 and November 3
- 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- The Builders Exchange, 1175 Dublin Rd., Columbus, OH 43215
- For more information, contact Mary Logan at [mlogan@bx.org](mailto:mlogan@bx.org)



### **Respirator Program Workshop**

- Thursday, October 19
- 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Safex Training Center, 140 N. Otterbein Ave., Westerville, OH 43082
- For more information, contact Michele Blaney at [mblaney@safex.us](mailto:mblaney@safex.us)

### **OSU/OSHA Safety Day**

- Wednesday, November 8
- 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- OSU Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, OH 43210
- For more information, contact Larry Jones at [jones.476@osu.edu](mailto:jones.476@osu.edu)

**For publication in the monthly newsletter, send your training opportunities to [mdewerth@continental-realestate.com](mailto:mdewerth@continental-realestate.com).**

---

**2006-2007  
Central Ohio  
ASSE Meetings**

#### Mark Your Calendars...

- **October 20** – Avian Flu Epidemic
- **November 17** – Health and Wellness Programs
- **December 21** – Joint meeting with Capital Area Safety Council
- **January 19** – Ethics and Liability for the Safety Professional
- **February 16** – Return to Work Strategies and Transitional Duty Programs
- **March 16** – ANSI Z10 Update
- **April 20** – (NFPA) 70-E
- **May 18** – Legal Update





## Are you a member of a Practice Specialty?

For just \$15 a year, you can join one of several practice specialties offered through ASSE. Membership in a Practice Specialty brings you:

- Information on important safety specialties.
- Opportunities to meet locally with specialists having similar interests.
- Additional opportunities for service and leadership.
- Small, homogeneous group focus and involvement.
- Supplementary, individualized, specialized educational opportunities.
- Additional technical information, contacts and referrals.
- Additional recognition and award opportunities.

Practice Specialty areas are:

- Academics
- Construction
- Consultants
- Engineering
- Environmental
- Healthcare
- Industrial Hygiene
- International
- Management
- Mining
- Public Sector
- Risk Management/Insurance
- Transportation



Sample newsletter for the Academics Practice Specialty

***Join one or join them all!***

---

## 2006-2007 Executive Committee

### Chapter Officers

- **President** – Kirby Utt (614/225-8335)
- **President Elect** – Dave Frey (614/921-0962)
- **Treasurer** – Tracy Thompson (614/645-0432)
- **Secretary** – Joe Cicero (937/645-8375)
- **Past President** – Nick Minto (614/781-8550)

### Committee Chairs

- **Program** – John Principe (740/587-5646)
- **Membership** – Bob Beck (614/439-3122)
- **Government Affairs** – Todd Smith (614/488-4000 x 1110)
- **Public Relations/BWC Safety Congress** – Nick Minto (614/781-8550)
- **Newsletter** – Meg DeWerth (614/883-1315)
- **House of Delegates/CoPS** – Amy Stewart (740/892-4226)
- **Webmaster** – Kirby Utt (614/225-8335)

**As of October 1, 2006,  
the Central Ohio Chapter  
treasury balance was \$1,662.88.**