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Take Care Lest You be Hurt!



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## Mike Thompson on the Deepwater Horizon Accident July 15th Chapter Meeting at Hale Ikena

By Les Onaka

Whenever we hike up to the Makapu'u Lighthouse, I gaze at the deep waters just offshore and wonder how far down it goes. Spying an occasional Humpback whale, I realize how quickly it gets deep to allow them so close to shore. With my concept of deep water being the 12-foot end of the swimming pool, the deep dive of the Humpback seems to me, well, unfathomable. The Deepwater Horizon floated a mile above the ocean floor where it was drilling. A mile deep? Humpbacks can only dive about 1/10th this distance.

Information and Technical Services Division, Mike knows a lot about the IT side of safety.

While Mike presented many interesting facts about the Deepwater Horizon and it's well named Macondo 252, he flew in from Houston to share some points about the safety lessons learned that safety professionals need to be aware of. When disaster strikes

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Members who came to the July Chapter meeting received an in-close and personal glimpse of the Deepwater Horizon accident from Chapter member **Mike Thompson**. Last month at the Society meeting in Baltimore, Mike received the Society's Edgar Monsanto Queeny Safety Professional of the Year award. The month before that he sat among us in the breakout sessions at our PacRim 2010 Conference and delivered a compelling talk on the use of social media in safety. As head of British Petroleum America Exploration and Production's



Society Past President Mike Thompson addresses the gathering at the Meet the Safety Leaders event at PacRim 2010.

## A Message from your Board...

Members of your Board of Directors met at J.W. Glover's training room on June 25th to plan another exciting year for the Hawai'i Chapter. The Board plans to have three—half-day training sessions

(note: this does not include the OSHA 2011 one-day conference (see details on page 4). The first session is planned for September at Hale Ikena on OSHA and DOT recordkeeping.

## Member Profile: Howard Hendricks, CSP

By Les Onaka

**Howard Hendricks** does so much for our Chapter that I get tired just thinking about it. Our current Chapter secretary, Howard also served as Chairperson for the Speakers Committee for PacRim 2008. For PacRim 2010 Howard teamed with Mary Browne as co-Chairpersons of the Speaker Committee. Howard not only served as the primary contact for all the speakers who came, but he also served as the Master of Ceremony for the conference. He also had a presentation ready to fill in as a back-up speaker if something happened and we needed another breakout session. During the planning of Pac-Rim 2010, our meetings were usually held in the quiet and comfort of the training room at G. W. Glover, Ltd. where he is employed as the safety director.

Howard started in safety while flying as a fighter pilot for the United States Air Force. In an effort to curb his aggressive flying tactics, his operations officer named Howard the squadron flight safety officer. The appointment bothered him at the time because he was a fighter pilot and the extra duty seemed to detract from that.



Once back in the civilian world, Howard's experience as flight safety officer brought him into a fruitful safety consulting partnership with Paul Williams. Paul helped Howard in the ideological and practical transition from a military to a civilian safety professional.

Howard later worked for Flatiron Constructors, where Chris Peck, the Corporate Safety Director, gave him the opportunity to lead the safety team for several major bridge contracts. Chris also encouraged Howard to become a CSP, which he did. This launched him well on his way as the leader in the safety profession that he is today.

It comes as no surprise that Howard advises anyone starting out in the safety profession to "Never stop trying to learn something new. You can best serve your company, fellow employees, and self by expanding your knowledge and skills."

To Howard, the real reward comes from seeing the change in people and their attitude towards safety. His most rewarding moment as a safety professional came on seeing a crusty old fore-

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### Riddle of the Month: What has been missing in our Chapter for almost 60 years but no one has ever looked for or ever seen?

If your answer is the next Malama O Pa! issue shame on you, but please read on. Hint: it was first missing in 1951, but could not be found even if members knew to look for it.

The answer can be found in a recent e-mail from **Neil Yamamoto** and is...our Chapter logo. Design the winning logo and your name could answer the trivia question sixty years from now:

Who designed the Chapter logo in 2010?

If lasting fame does not appeal to you, how about fortune? The winning logo scores a \$100 Ala Moana/General Growth gift card.

The logo must contain the ASSE logo and the words "Hawai'i Chapter." Entry is open to members, their families and extended families and must be either e-mailed to [mary.silva@maryl.com](mailto:mary.silva@maryl.com) or mailed to:

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The deadline is Tuesday, August 3, 2010 so start now. All entries become property of the ASSE Hawai'i Chapter and cannot be returned.

## The Hawai'i Chapter Establishes its Professional Development Grant

At Safety 2010 in Baltimore, Maryland, your Hawai'i Chapter officers presented a check for \$23,000 to establish its Professional Development Grant in the Society Foundation. This money will be available for Hawai'i Chapter members only to further their professional development. Applicants need to apply to the Society for a professional development grant.



From left to right: Society Foundation Chairperson Eddie Greer; Chapter treasurer Mary Silva, Chapter webmaster Jim Newberry, Chapter president-elect Craig Shoji, Chapter president Neil Yamamoto, Chapter past president Joanna Clark, Judy Thompson (spouse of Chapter member Mike Thompson) and Chapter membership chairperson, John Ramos.

## OSHA Update

### Injury and Illness Prevention Program.

Through a series of stakeholder meetings, OSHA has been developing a proposed rule on Injury and Illness Prevention Programs. With it, they intend to help employers reduce workplace injuries and illnesses by using systematic processes to address workplace safety and health hazards before they cause damage or harm. The first three stakeholder meetings drew capacity participation and so two more meetings were added. The last is scheduled to be held on August 3, 2010 in Sacramento, California.

The deadline for registration for this is July 20th.

### Severe Violator Enforcement Program (SVEP)

Launched on June 18, 2010, this program examines the circumstances of employers with willful, repetitive or failure to abate violations. Depending on the findings, employers may face increased inspections, mandatory follow-up inspections and inspections of other sites of the same company.

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### Deepwater Horizon (cont'd)

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and our company finds itself in the public eye, some things need to take priority and be in place. Mike's list of lessons:

- ◆ Adhere to policies and procedures but consider people first;
- ◆ Employee Assistance Programs need to be in place for traumatized workers;
- ◆ Compliance and conformance to the company's written policies and procedures;
- ◆ Security—who will be permitted on the worksite and how will this be controlled; and
- ◆ Safety orientation, education and training of all individuals (employees, volunteers, other organizations, etc.) who come onto the worksite.

Companies need to have many other things in place such as monitoring and timely response to comments and information on social media sites, information and communication modes and channels with their employees, establishing of command centers and an incident management plan that transitions from a crisis mode to a project mode for the longer term.

Safety professionals need to be there to keep people safe and fight the urge to be another pair of hands to help with the aftermath. Job Safety Analyses need to be done before any task begins.

### Mark your Calendars...

#### OSHA 2011

#### One-day Conference set for May 4th

In 2009, we had to turn away many who wanted to register for the OSHA One-Day conference at Hale Ikena. Next year's conference will again be held at Hale Ikena so if you missed the Tongue-Fu, 16-pound box of standards and conference CD courtesy of HI-OSH, plan early for next year because enrollment will again be limited. Members who really want to get in on the action and help plan the event are encouraged to contact Neil Yamamoto (523-6221 or [neyamamo@ksbe.edu](mailto:neyamamo@ksbe.edu)).

#### ASSE Executive Program Seminars Scheduled for August 23-27

To be held at the ASSE headquarters in Des Plaines, Illinois, two seminars have been planned:

- ◆ Reducing Losses for Occupational Health Risks and Environmental Exposures—August 23-24
- ◆ Managing the Business Aspects of Safety—August 25-27

### Howard Hendricks (cont'd)

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man preaching safety to a new hire when the foreman previously had the worst safety record in the company .