



# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Mountain Valley Chapter

**June is National Safety Month! Check out these FREE resources to promote safety all year.**

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## TIME CAPSULE

### THE CASE OF THE MYSTERIOUS PACKAGE

At a recent ASSP event former ASSP Secretary Bob Calhoun arrived with a mysterious package. It was to be delivered to Jesse Phillips, current Secretary. According to Bob, the package had been overlooked somehow when the transition was made and had sat un-opened for years.. [Continued on Page 4]



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### REGISTER AT [MOUNTAINVALLEY.ASSP.ORG/EVENT](http://MOUNTAINVALLEY.ASSP.ORG/EVENT)

July 8	July Chapter Meeting
August	Summer Break: No Chapter Meeting
August 7-9	ASSP Safety24
Sep 9	September Chapter Meeting
Sep 18-20	Region VI PDC

## Chapter Recognition



**GOLD LEVEL CHAPTER**  
2022-2023

# MONTHLY MEETING

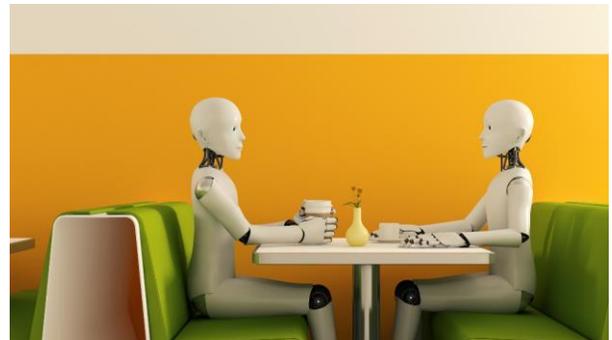
## JUNE: A NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK!



**June 20, 2024: 7:00pm – 9:00pm**

The hometown Salem Red Sox beat out the Augusta Greenjackets 7-1 but we were the real champs that night! The Mountain Valley ASSP Night at The Ballpark included comradery, family fun, and an opportunity to let loose with the local chapter. While everyone came away a winner there were some all stars of note who were awarded the inaugural Mountain Valley ASSP Robert Paul Calhoun Service Award. Congratulations and a mountain of thank you to:

- Bob Calhoun
- Carlton Davis
- David McCrumb



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### JULY CHAPTER MEETING

**July 8, 2024: 11:30am – 1:00pm**

**Topic:** A Turning Point For PFAS

**Speaker:** Lindsay Boone, M.Sc

This presentation will cover EPA 1633 both, its pros, and its limitations, focusing on elevated total suspended solids (TSS) content and how results can be impacted.

**Address:** 15 Salem Ave SE, Suite 301, Roanoke, Virginia, 24011, United States

Register at <https://mountainvalley.assp.org/event/>





## UPCOMING EDUCATION

### EQUIPPED FOR SAFETY: COMPETENCY-BASED DRIVER TRAINING IN OIL & GAS

Date: July 17, 2024, Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

Format: Webinar FREE

Credits: 0.10 Continuing Education Units

Register at <https://store.assp.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Events/ASSPEducationalEventsCalendar>

Sponsored by Veriforce

According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of fatalities in the oil and gas industry. In the U.S. alone, more than 4,000 work-related vehicle fatalities occurred between 2016 and 2019.

Experts from Veriforce will explain the importance of competency-based driver training programs for oil and gas workers. Discover how hands-on training can help workers develop essential skills and be better prepared to navigate the unique challenges of operating vehicles in complex oil and gas environments. Learn practical strategies to enhance safety and reduce risks on the job.

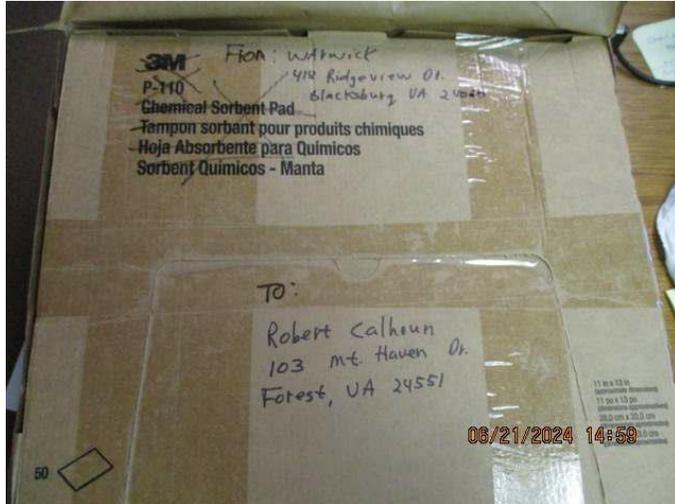
### What You Will Learn

- Explain the importance of competency-based driver training programs for oil and gas workers
- Discuss how competency-based driver training can reduce serious injuries and fatalities and improve worker safety and well-being
- Discuss how to enhance operational efficiency and improve driver safety in high-risk industries

# SAFETY MINUTE

## THE ASSP (ASSE) TIME CAPSULE

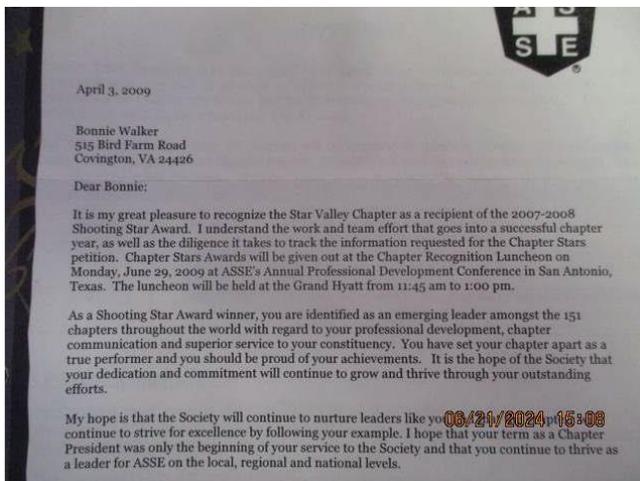
[Continued from Page 1] The package was transported to a nearby office where it was treated with the reverence of a time capsule-from a bygone era. The first outer layer was removed revealing:



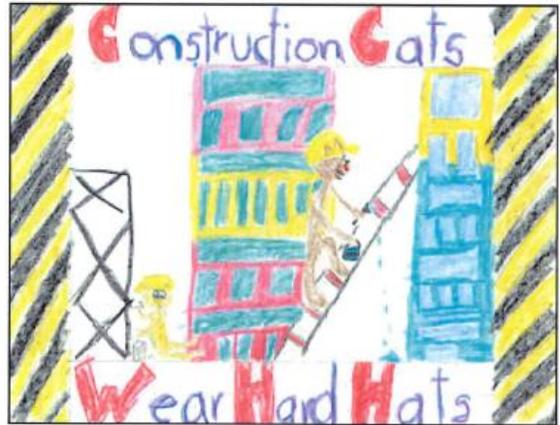
Another box! With the same addressee and addresser-the mysterious and unknown Warwick-and appropriately enough the box had once been used to ship Chemical Sorbent Pads! The box was carefully opened to reveal:

A book-an ancient tome encased in bubble wrap full of who knows what? The book is carefully opened, and the contents are revealed:

By Laws of the Star Valley Chapter-back when the national organization was referred to as the ASSE! And almost 20 years old. The binder contained many ancient treasures-like this one naming the local chapter the recipient of the 2007-2008 Shooting Star Award-a national recognition.



However, nothing was more adorable than these safety posters created by kids in a national contest for cash prizes-some of them are quite good-enjoy and thank you Bob for sharing!!



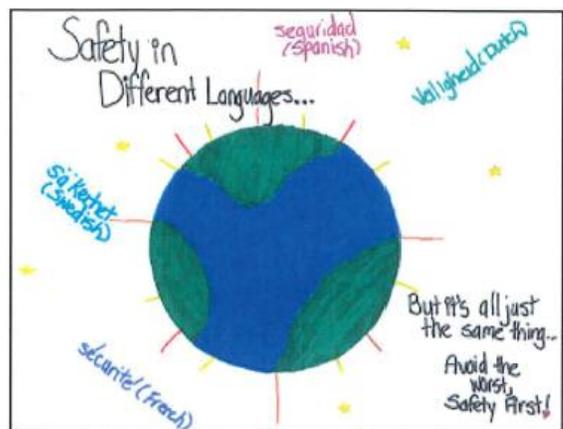
**Grand Prize Winner**

Victoria M. Benigno, 6 - Cherry Hill, NJ



**Grand Prize Winner**

Tiffany Jade Heishman, 7 - Strasburg, VA



**Grand Prize Winner**

Robin Newman, 11 - Madison, AL

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## WE WANT TO SEE YOU HERE!

As we continue through the year and into the next, we want to keep highlighting the careers and experiences of the Mountain Valley chapter members. If you would like to nominate someone to be featured or would be interested in telling us a bit more about yourself, please reach out to Eric Cureton at [mountainvalleyASSPcomm@outlook.com](mailto:mountainvalleyASSPcomm@outlook.com)



## 2024 REGION VI PDC

### REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024 PDC IS NOW OPEN!

Join us in beautiful Virginia Beach, Virginia for our 2024 ASSP Region VI PDC! The “Biggest Little PDC” around is moving from its long time host in Myrtle Beach to Virginia for next year.

Are you passionate about Safety and Health? Are you an experienced and dynamic speaker who can help SH&E professionals develop skills, strategies, and a mindset that enhances safety and health? If so, we invite you to submit a speaking proposal. Speakers should be able to inspire, entertain, engage, and educate our attendees through interactive presentations or workshop that provide PRACTICAL takeaways.

This Annual Conference provides one of the most sought after events in the region for attendees to learn the profession’s best practices focusing on Safety, Health, Industrial Hygiene & Environmental Issues. The Conference is attended by over 350+ attendees annually and features an Exhibit Hall of over 35+ Sponsors and Exhibitors. The three day event features 3 keynote speakers, 30 breakout sessions with 3 concurrent tracks.

If you’re ready to join our conference as a speaker, submit your proposal before 1/31/24. Contact Amy Wangdahl at [asspreregionvipprograms@gmail.com](mailto:asspreregionvipprograms@gmail.com) for questions or submission issues.



# SAFETY24

ASSP'S PREMIER EDUCATION EVENT FOR SAFETY PROFESSIONALS



For more than 60 years, the ASSP Professional Development Conference (PDC) has been and will continue to be the direct reflection of what is taking place in the occupational, safety and health industry. Each year, safety professionals gather to learn from both experts in the field and each other. The conference is a tradition for many, but the community is always ready to welcome those who are new to the experience. Now known as Safety Conference and Expo, the annual event presents an unparalleled opportunity for education, networking and community.

- Who? Occupational safety and health (OSH) professionals from around the globe
- What? Three days of education sessions and an industry-leading, education-focused exhibit hall
- Where? Each year, we select a new location. See below for past and future locations.
- When? Traditionally the event is held in the summer months.
- Why? To bring innovation, education and connection to the safety profession, with the goal improving workplace safety

**REGISTER NOW!** <https://safety.assp.org/registration/>

