



September 3, 2019

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Start of the 2019/2020 Meeting Session Next Meeting – Monday, September 9

The next Club first meeting of this session is scheduled for **Monday, September 9, 2019 at 11:30 am at Maggiano's Restaurant at Perimeter Mall on Ashford-Dunwoody Road** in the Capri and Bellagio Rooms (downstairs—first and second rooms on the right as you enter Maggiano's). Our topic and speaker for the August meeting will be:

TOPIC

Focus on a Pipeline Contractor's Business Model: decisions on staffing sizes (permanent/temporary), equipment (own, lease, rent), regions they choose to work in, governmental compliance as a business (labor, taxes, etc.), as a pipeliner (OSHA, PHMSA, USACOE, etc.), biggest headaches, biggest rewards.

SPEAKER

TK Kim of Progressive Pipeline:



TK Kim, P.E. has over 20 years of professional experience in engineering, project management, construction and business development roles in the pipeline industry. His project experience consists of domestic and international, from 2 inch gathering lines to a 1200-miles 56-inch diameter cross country project. He has bachelor's degrees in environmental science and civil engineering at Yonsei University in Korea, and master's degree in civil engineering focused in geotechnical engineering at University of Houston.

In addition, the scholarship awards for the 2019/2020 Club session will be announced at the September meeting. You do not need to be present to win.

Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$30 for members or \$40 for non-members. Please note that members typically start arriving at 11am and lunch will start promptly at 11:30am. If you plan to attend, please **RSVP** to the Club's website at www.atlantapipeliners.com by **COB Wednesday, September 4.**



As a note to our members who are Professional Engineers, attendance at our monthly meeting presentations can be counted towards your continuing education requirements.

August Meeting Information

The August meeting was well attended. The topic was “**THE CHANGING TIMES IN PIPELINE SECURITY**” presented by **Tommy Sipsy the Chief Fire & Explosion Investigator for Corporate Security Southern Company Gas**. Tommy worked most of his time in the field performing service work, managing operations, and Managing Construction, before moving over to his current role. Tommy is in his final year of working on a bachelor’s Degree in Fire Science, with a major in Fire, Arson, and Explosion from Eastern Kentucky University. In his current role as Chief Investigator he spends much of his time investigating fires and explosions with public sector and private sector investigators, along with assisting with the testing of the natural gas systems in or around a premise. Over the last 34 years he has been able to obtain valuable knowledge on NFPA 54 and CFR 49.192 fuel gas codes & regulations. Tommy has obtained Georgia Certified Arson Investigator Level I & II, National Association of Fire Investigators CFEI, International Association of Arson Investigators CFI, FIT, & ECT certifications and is currently a Fannin County Volunteer Firefighter. Mr. Sipsy teaches a 4-hour block on Fuel Gas Investigations at Arson Level II conducted at The Georgia Public Service Training Center in Forsyth Georgia.

A copy of their presentation can be found on the Club’s website at www.atlantapipeliners.com.

What’s New? - Important Changes – Please Read

In November the Club will raffle two (2) \$50 prizes to current members of the Pipeliners Club! All you have to do is become/renew your membership on or before the November 11th meeting to have your name entered into the drawing.

Membership for students and interns are now ***FREE***. You must register to attend the lunches. Lunch for our student and intern members will cost \$30.

As last couple of years, beginning in **September** the cost of lunch for non-members will be \$40, and the cost of lunch for members will remain \$30.

Club Meetings 2019/2020 Session

Please mark your calendars for the meetings to be held during the 2019/2020 session. The Club meets the **second Monday** of the following months.

August 12
September 9
October 14
November 11
No December Meeting
January 13
February 10
March 9

April 13 (Joint Meeting w/ NACE – Hosted by NACE this year)

Membership Drive

We continue to make good progress improving our membership and want to continue to improve the Club's value to its members. So please, talk it up to your colleagues and business associates. A larger Club makes for more networking opportunities. As mentioned above, in September our non-members will be required to pay \$40 for lunch each month. We would like for this increase to be an incentive for non-members to join to increase membership, keep our member's luncheon at \$30 and compensate for what the Club has to pay in addition to the \$30 for member's each month.

Please note that we will be using our modified membership process again this year. We no longer are requiring an annual enrollment. Instead, if you were a member last year, or the previous year, you will receive a notice for payment of dues (\$55) via e-mail. If your contact information has changed you will need to register again on the Club's website at www.atlantapipeliners.com to update your information.

For new members, please register online at www.atlantapipeliners.com and either bring to the next meeting or mail a check with your membership dues to the:

Club Treasurer, Stan Pitts
Southeast Connections, LLC
2384 Georgian Terrace
Snellville, Ga 30078

Please invite your co-workers, clients, vendors, suppliers and contractors to participate. If you have any questions about membership, please contact the Club's Membership Chair, Ben Grove at 678-327-2963.

Meeting Presentations

In an effort to remain as relevant as possible to our Membership, we are always interested in your comments regarding our presentations or your suggestions for future speakers. If you have someone or some topic in mind that would be of interest to you, please drop a note to Kim Lawson/Southern Company Gas the Club's Vice President and Program Chair. You can reach Kimberly at 404-584-3246 or at klawson@southernco.com.

Club Officers

For anyone with questions about Club activities or who is interested in serving as an officer in the Club, please contact one of the Club's current officers. The current officers for the Club include:

President: Ralph McCollum/Southern Company Gas, rmccollu@southernco.com, 404-584-3733

Vice President/Program Chair: Kim Lawson/Southern Company Gas, Klawson@southernco.com, 404-584-3246

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