



March 7, 2022

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Next Meeting – Monday, March 14

The next meeting of the 2021/2022 session is scheduled for **Monday, March 14, 2022, at 11:30 am** at **Maggiano's Restaurant** at Perimeter Mall on Ashford-Dunwoody Road in the Capri and Bellagio Rooms (downstairs — as you enter Maggiano's).

If you plan to attend, please **RSVP** on the Club's website at www.atlantapipeliners.com by **COB Wednesday, March 9.**

Our topic and speaker for the meeting will be:

Topic: Supply Chain Disruptions

Speaker: Robert Hofto, Demand Planning Engineer, Southern Company

Background:

Robert has over 10 years of experience working in the energy industry with Southern Company. He currently works in Supply Chain as a Demand Planning Engineer. Prior to joining Supply Chain, Robert worked in Power Generation with Georgia Power. He started his career working on large capital projects with Southern Company Services.

Robert earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Alabama and an MBA from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.



Lunch will be provided at a cost of \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members (cash or check, no credit cards). Please note that members typically start arriving at or shortly after 11am and lunch will start promptly at 11:35am. The presentation will start around 12pm, or shortly thereafter, and end at about 1pm. **Again, if you plan to attend, please RSVP on the Club's website at www.atlantapipeliners.com by COB Wednesday, March 9.**

As a note to our members who have ongoing professional training requirements, attendance at our monthly meeting presentations may be able to be counted towards your continuing education requirements. You will likely need to use this documentation, the continuing education certificate provided for the meeting and potentially the presentation materials (to be located on the Club's website at www.atlantapipeliners.com).

February Meeting Information

The February meeting was well attended. The topic was “**Steep Slope Pipeline Construction, Design, Safety, and Integrity Considerations**” presented by **Flynt Barksdale and Kenn Ussery with Pond**. Flynt has worked on numerous linear infrastructure projects serving as ecological field lead, erosion control plan reviewer, and environmental inspector. Flynt's experience leading pre-construction activities and providing construction oversight offers the project team a unique ability to communicate necessary field changes and respond to possible regulatory requirements. Kenn has over thirty years of design, engineering, and construction experience in many areas that include commercial and Department of Defense fueling, oil and gas, and industrial and institutional developments. Past and present responsibilities include department and project management, design and engineering quality control and assurance, subject matter expert, construction consultation, client relations, and jurisdictional coordination with federal, state, and local governing agencies.

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

During the February meeting it was announced that the incumbent Club Officers had all run unopposed and will remain in their positions with the exception of Vice President and President. Todd Cape, our current Vice President ran for President unopposed. Todd will begin his roll as President for the upcoming 2022-2023 season. The chair for Vice President remains open at this time. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please reach out to Kim Lawson or Todd Cape.

Club Meetings 2021/2022 Session

Please mark your calendars for the meetings anticipated to be held during the 2021/2022 session. The Club meets the **second Monday** of the following months.

August 9

September 13

October 11

November 8

No December Meeting

January 10

February 14

March 14

April 18 – Golf Tournament (Please note date change – typically held in May)

May 9 - (Joint Meeting w/ NACE – Hosted by the Pipeliners Club this year)



Meeting Presentations

To remain as relevant as possible to our Membership, we are always interested in your feedback regarding our presentations or your suggestions for speakers or program content. If you have someone or some topic in mind that would be of interest to you, please drop a note to Todd Cape/Southern Company Gas the Club's Vice President and Program Chair. You can reach Todd at 404-584-4518 or at tcape@southernco.com.

Membership Drive - Important – Please Read

Since the pandemic, it seems the Club will need to revitalize our membership given the many changes that have occurred. Much is still changing, but we are hopeful and planning to have in-person meetings through the 2021/2022 meeting session. We will let you know as soon as we can if any in-person meetings are to be cancelled or there will be special measures that will need to be implemented.

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, and provide any input that could make our Club more useful to our membership. A larger Club makes for more networking opportunities.

Membership for students and interns are ***FREE***. However, you must register on the Club's website and must register to attend the lunches. Lunch for our student and intern members will cost \$30.

Consistent with the last few years to offset increasing event meal costs, beginning in **September the cost of lunch for non-members will be \$40, and the cost of lunch for members will remain \$30.**

If you wish to join or continue your membership in the Club, please mail a check for \$55 for your membership dues to the Club's treasurer as noted below. You can also bring a check or cash to the next meeting (sorry we do not accept credit cards). If mailing your check(s), please send to:

Club Treasurer, Stan Pitts
Southeast Connections, LLC
2720 Dogwood Drive
Conyers, Georgia 30013

If you are a new member, or your contact information has changed, you will need to register again on the Club's website at www.atlantapipeliners.com to update your information.

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/Stantec at 678-327-2963.

Club Scholarships

The Club has had a long-term successful scholarship program. We are again planning to award scholarships for this fall season (2022). Scholarship awards will be given out at the October meeting. If you have questions about the scholarship program, please look at the website at www.atlantapipeliners.com/events/golf-tournament, and if you need more information contact Greg Dempsey/Kinder Morgan, the Scholarship Chair, via email at greg_dempsey@kindermorgan.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:

Kim Lawson, Southern Company Gas
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Treasurer:

Stan Pitts, Southeast Connections, LLC,
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Membership Chair:

Ben Grove, Stantec
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Jerry Brown
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Todd Cape, Southern Gas Company
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Todd Cape, Southern Company Gas
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Secretary:

Andy Morecraft, Kleinfelder
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Scholarship Chair:

Greg Dempsey, Kinder Morgan
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