SPRING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Operator, Safety, and Purchasing committees met in Roseville, CA on March 14th & 15th, 2018.

Rula Silva of Bridgestone Tires detailed tire inspection procedures, offered knowledge of proper servicing, and tire safety. Michael Alvarez of Cal-Osha encouraged the committees to utilize the Osha prevention program and thoroughly detailed the most common citations, the OSHA website, and the importance of reducing occupational injuries.

The host of this meeting, Kenco Engineering, provided the pathway for a sensational spring meeting and graciously allowed the committee members to experience an incredible tour of their facility.

The Marketing, Technical, and Environmental committees met at Edward C Levy in Dearborn, MI on April 4th and 5th, 2018.

The committee chairs reviewed the 2018 objectives, discussed progress related to each year end goal, and held open discussions on ways to improve the industry as a whole.
The NSA is proud to announce the 100th Annual Meeting and Centennial Celebration at the Gaylord National Resort Convention Center in Oxon Hill, MD.

The first NSA meeting was held in 1918, and the organization has since helped to bring all members together to improve the industry standards for safety, operations, and slag as a product.

The Centennial event will take place on September 4th - September 7th, 2018.

The formal invitation and registration information will follow.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH:**
CHECK IN AND RECEPTION

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH:**
MEETINGS & PRESENTATIONS

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH:**
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BOARD MEETING, FORMAL DINNER, & AWARDS CEREMONY

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH:**
GOLF OUTING & NETWORKING
HELPING TO BUILD THE 1ST ANNUAL JOHNNY CASH HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Harsco Metals and Minerals in Blytheville, AR received a call from Arkansas State University one afternoon in late summer 2017 and was asked if they could help with an important project. A visit was made to the site and a plan was developed to build a concert venue in the middle of a cotton field in the tiny community of Dyess, AR.

The former Dyess Colony was one of the nation’s earliest and largest agricultural resettlement communities under the New Deal. Three-year-old Johnny Cash and his family were among the 500 destitute farm families given the chance for a new start in life through this federal program. Each of the colony families recruited to Dyess was provided with approximately 20 acres, along with a house, barn, smokehouse, chicken coop and privy. All that remains today of the Cash farmstead is the home, with plans to re-create the outbuildings. (Information courtesy of Arkansas State University Website)

Dyess was preparing for an annual festival commemorating the childhood home of Johnny Cash. The grounds next to the house would host a large concert venue and parking area. However, the challenge was how to construct a stable parking lot and concert area on this swampy ground.

Arkansas State University identified Steel Furnace Slag as the best option due to its durability and cost-effectiveness. With a few visits and site inspections, a plan was hatched to build the entire area with slag. The project was started with the leveling of the site. It was determined that the area would be constructed with 2 1/2” x 0 slag for the base layer and then topped with 1” x 0 slag to make a nice smooth area for patrons.

The original lot with Johnny Cash’s childhood home. (right)

The slag is in place with the home shown in the background.
There was a lot of rain and bad weather during the construction but it was completed 2 weeks before the start of the three day festival. The festival was a complete success as people came from all over the United States as well as a few other countries. This is another successful project using a manufactured product therefore “saving our natural resources”.

The 2nd Annual festival already has the dates set for October 2018.
UPCOMING MEETINGS

Marketing, Technical, & Environmental Committee
Summer Meeting

The Marketing, Technical, and Environmental committee’s will hold their summer meeting at Harsco Metals & Minerals in Seven Fields, PA.

The meeting will be held on June 12 - June 13, 2018.

If you wish to attend, please contact
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Plant Operators, Purchasing, and Safety Committee
Summer Meeting

The Plant Operators, Purchasing, and Safety committee’s will hold their summer meeting at American Chemical Technologies Inc. in Howell, MI.

The meeting will be held on June 20 - June 21, 2018.

The meeting will be held at Crystal Gardens. Following the meeting, there will be an optional plant tour at their facility in Fowlerville, MI. Please kindly RSVP to both the meeting and plant tour so our host can plan accordingly.

If you wish to attend, please contact
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