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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

School's out and summer is almost here. The Houston Chapter has a lot going on as well as important dates to remember.

In the education arena, at the July meeting we plan to start displaying educational materials related to the many risk management designations. We will also have ribbons available showing the different designations and we encourage you to pick one up for any designation(s) you have earned and display it/them on your name badge.

Applications are now available for scholarships for children of our members so if you have an eligible child, be sure and have them apply. Classes for ARM 54 start in August. Jim Drew will be teaching the classes on Tuesday nights beginning August 14th.

Fall Conference planning has begun. It will be at The Woodlands Resort on Friday, October 19th, so please save the date. Also, think about volunteering for a committee. We will have many opportunities for volunteers and it is a great way to get involved in your chapter. If you're interested, contact any of the Board members.

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for June 20th at the University of Houston Hilton and the topic is Workers' Compensation – Current Issues Related to HB-7 and the Impact of New Legislation. Please join us and learn more about this timely subject. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cindi Vickers

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Topic for the JUNE Meeting: Workers' Compensation Current Issues related to HB-7 and the impact of new legislation

Speaker: Tommy L. Smith

Update on hot topic: Workers' Compensation issues related to on-going implementation of HB-7 and the impact of possible new legislation.

Tommy L. Smith is Board Certified in Workers' Compensation Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and a founding shareholder of Dean G. Pappas & Associates. He brings a wealth of experience from more than a decade as a claims manager for a Texas insurer and almost 20 years of legal practice in the area of workers' compensation law.

Mr. Smith's practice is largely comprised of the defense of workers' compensation claims and he has participated in hundreds of Benefit Review Conferences, Contested Case Hearings and disputes before the Appeals Panel at the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (formerly the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission). In the early 1990s, Mr. Smith was among the first attorneys to participate in Contested Case Hearings under the newly created Texas Workers' Compensation Act.

Mr. Smith frequently conducts seminars for the insurance industry and has written papers for and participated in the Advanced Workers' Compensation Seminar presented by the Texas State Bar. He is a co-author of "Administrative Penalties and Sanctions" – Chapter 44 of Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.'s Texas Workers' Compensation Law, Volume II.

Mr. Smith was born in Pocahontas, Arkansas, and earned a B.A. in sociology and pre-med, as well as an M.A. in sociology from Baylor University. Mr. Smith received his J.D. from South Texas College of Law in 1988. He is a member of the Texas State Bar.

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Meeting Dates

June 20, 2007

Workers' Compensation

July 18, 2007

August 15, 2007

September 19, 2007

Education

October-Fall Conference

October 19, 20-07

November 14, 2007

December 12, 2007

January 16, 2008

February 20, 2008

The ARM 54 REGISTRATION FORM is an attachment to the email sending this newsletter and also is available on the chapter web site.

Deputy Member's Children's Scholarships. See the Chapter web site. **June 30, 2007 is the deadline for application submission.**

Educational News!

The Houston RIMS Chapter will begin exhibiting at each monthly luncheon meeting, information on various professional designations for your consideration in furthering your career. We highly encourage all members to continually pursue educational objectives as a means of enhancing their knowledge in the evolving world of insurance and risk management. To that end, we endeavor to assist you by providing information for your perusal. The Designations represented include:

RF – RIMS Fellow

CPCU – Certified Property and Casualty Underwriter

ARM – Associate in Risk Management

CIC – Certified Insurance Counselor

CRM – Certified Risk Manager

CSRSM – Certified School Risk Manager

CRIS – Construction Risk and Insurance Specialist

Any RIMS member having one of the above designations is encouraged to pick up a ribbon for each designation obtained to permanently attach to their name badge to be worn at each meeting. (Ribbons will be found on the display table.)

Any member attaining one of these designations should advise a Chapter officer and that person will be recognized at the following meeting for their achievement. Corporate (Deputy) members will also be eligible for a \$100 cash award for each future designation earned. Associate Members will be recognized but do not qualify for the cash award.

You are encouraged to browse through the material on display at each meeting and ask any member wearing a designation ribbon about the respective designation you

may have interest in.

The September 19 Monthly Luncheon Meeting will focus on Education and will include representatives from each of the designation programs listed above who will speak about their respective designations to be followed by a Q&A period. You are encouraged to attend that meeting and learn more about the continuing educational options available to you.

Houston Job Postings

Safety Representative
Claims Administrator
Risk & Life Safety Manager
Risk Control Consultant
Treasury Consultant -Risk Management
Risk Generalist/CSR

[See chapter web site at RIMS.org for details.](#)

Property & Casualty Claims Supervisor
[See RIMS.org Jobs Listing for details.](#)

Welcome New/Renewed Members

DEPUTIES

Newfield Exploration Co., Michelle Gilcrest
N. Harris Montgomery Comm. College Dist.,
Joanie Murdoch
Vopak North American, Inc., Peggy Lucas
Universal Compression, Lee Sumrall
Baker Hughes, Inc., Wendy Harris and Torrey McGowan
Qunitana Minerals Corp., Debbie Liess and
Robert Sturdivant
Landry's Restaurants, Inc., Jeanette McKay
B. J. Services Company, Randall Collins
Consolidated Graphics, Inc., David Leslie IV

ASSOCIATES – Local Chapter Only

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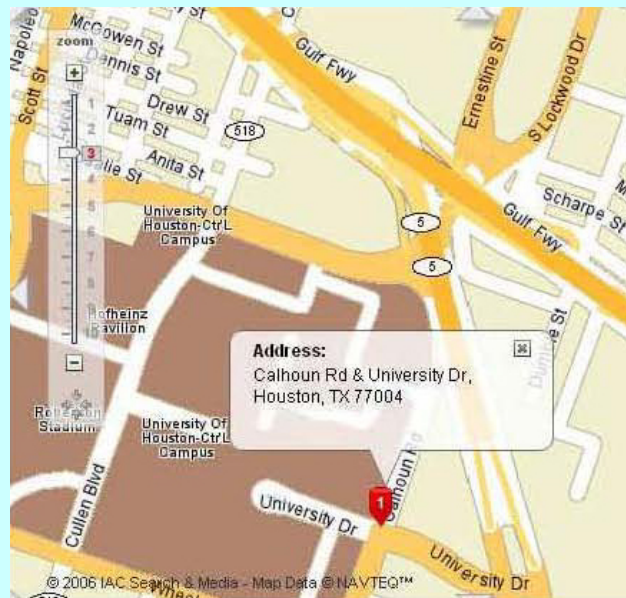
Hurricane Season is Upon Us Are you Prepared?

This month's VK, provided by Act Restoration, is so great that we didn't want to shorten it to squeeze it into the newsletter so it is an attachment to the email.

If printed it would make a great checklist of things to do in case that storm roars into the area this year. Remember please DON'T clog the highways if you don't have to and GET out TO Dodge* if you need to. Don't be washed across the gulf to the resorts "cruising is better"!

* Find it on the map – with your travel trailer it "could" be a great/safe place to head to!

Meeting Location University Hilton



For the map go to: <http://maps.ask.com/maps>

Please see our Chapter Website
for additional information:

[RIMS.org](http://www.rims.org)
Chapters - Houston

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<http://www.rims.org/ChapterWebsite/RIMSChapter.cfm?CWID=665>

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