



Health and Safety Minute

Winter is here and the cold weather can add another physical hazard to the surface areas of mine sites. Accumulation of ice, snow and frost on the ground and equipment pose slipping hazards for miners. Driving on slick roads can lead to fatal accidents. Freeze/thaw action can loosen rocks on highwalls and cause rockpiles to become less stable.

Tips for Winter Operations:

- Check highwalls, benches, and roadways.
- Remove snow and ice
- Allow ample space between vehicles
- Slow down and be patient
- Keep clear of ice and snow
- Apply sand to maintain traction
- Wear foot gear that grips

Section Chair Report

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We at SME take a break for the holidays, but we do cohost the St. Barbara's Day Luncheon being held on December 12. Our January event is a co-sponsored Happy Hour with Mining 4 Beer. This will be more casual than our normal events and should be an enjoyable change of pace. We will then return to our traditional meetings moving forward for the months of February, March, April and May. We hope to see many of you!

We are still trying to hone our invites for our meetings and have been in constant contact with SME National. The Colorado Section Board is here to serve you, so please provide us feedback! We are always trying to get better.

Have a very happy holiday and New Year!

Jessica

St. Barbara Luncheon

The Ritz-Carlton, Denver
1881 Curtis Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

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St. Barbara Luncheon
Tuesday December 12th
11:30am - 1:30pm

Please join us as we recognize Marc LeVier with K. Marc LeVier & Associates, Inc., for his long tenure in the mining industry, his tireless devotion to all types of industry organizations holding a multitude of positions and his knowledge and expertise that have led to improved technology and safety in the community.

Registration and cocktail reception: 11:30am-12:00pm
Luncheon and awards presentation: 12:00-1:30pm

UPCOMING MINING 4 BEER EVENT JANUARY 18, 2018



We began as a Wednesday social thing, only once a month and then like all dramatic relationships, we developed commitment issues.

A very small group of like-minded mining types decided to meet for a beer. We like beer and beer happens to like us. Remember, life is all about the balance.

So we thought why not spread this good cheer to those we work with? We put out the word and before we knew it this thing went viral. It's not the first time an infection hit the Mining industry.

Mining4Beer is an industry-related social event for those of us in the mining industry. We meet monthly, quarterly and whenever the thirst strikes us.

We put out announcements on dates/locations. Social networks spread the word, the beer brings us all together.

We meet throughout Australia, Canada, the US, Africa....and if we dig hard enough we may be able to open "meetings" in other countries.

We build regional committees that help spread the word, we'll message dates on Twitter (@mining4beer) and LinkedIn.

Swapping business cards - that's okay. Other than beer there's no selling, and no more fun than the stories we share.

Join the club, build a thirst, spread the word and always remember:

You're not a Miner unless you are Mining 4 Beer.



We want to hear from the Colorado SME Members!

The Colorado SME chapter will be seeking the feedback from those who attended the event via an on-line survey. The feedback will be used to evaluate the experiences of our members and direct the future of the meetings.

SME Colorado Section Membership Renewal Reminder

If you have not done so already, please take this opportunity to sign-up for or renew your SME Colorado Section membership for the 2017-2018 year.

How to join or renew:

Online: Credit card payments can be made online by visiting our website and selecting the 2017-2018 SME Colorado Section Dues link under the Our Events heading.

<http://community.smenet.org/colorado/events/>

Mail: Check payments of \$25 payable to *SME Colorado Section* mailed to Tem Tumurbat – SME Colorado Section Treasurer, 1400 16th St Suite 200, Denver, CO 80202-1471.

Why you should renew:

The section dues that we collect are vital to our ability to continue our programs. Our Section's focus is on advocating for our profession and industry here in our region. Some of the things that your Colorado Section dues help us to provide are scholarships for college students, majoring in mining disciplines; support for the Colorado State Science & Engineering Fair; provide teaching materials and perform outreach to Colorado science teachers through their State association, sponsorship for K-12 teachers participating in the *All About Mining – A Total Concept of the Mining Industry* course, and help support the Colorado Mining Museum and the National Mining Hall of Fame. So, by supporting the SME Colorado Section, you are directly supporting and advocating for your profession.

Upcoming Meetings

Section meetings are typically planned for the third Thursday of the month. Tentative dates and locations for 2016-2017 meetings are:

January 18, 2018 – Happy Hour in DTC

February 15, 2018 – Lunch at Rock Bottom Brewery, Denver

March 15, 2018 – Lunch at Landry's in DTC

April 19, 2018 – TBD Dinner in Golden

May 17, 2018 – TBD Dinner in Denver

Monthly Meeting RSVP

Lunch Cost: \$35 per person. Students welcome at \$15 per person with reservation.

Dinner Cost: \$50 per person. Students welcome at \$20 per person with reservation

RSVP and online payments can be made through the Colorado Section SME Community Events page:

<http://community.smenet.org/colorado/events/>

Select the event you would like to attend from the Colorado Section Events page and then select "Register Now". You will be asked to log in if you have not already done so, using your SME national login credentials. There is also an option to register for a new account if you are a non-member of SME.

Credit card payments can be made online for an additional processing fee. If you plan to pay by check or cash, select the option to generate an invoice. This invoice will serve as your RSVP, with check or cash payment due at the meeting.

Please contact Laura Fletcher, lfletcher@dowl.com or Richard Schwering, rschwering@hardrock-consulting.com, with any questions regarding the meetings

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