

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, April 19, 2006, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Royal Fork (Columbia Mall)

"Compressed Gas Cylinders" (Todd Trebon, Airgas)

Payment Plan for guest meals – If you bring a guest to a NOSHA meeting, we ask that you pay NOSHA for the meal as you sign in at the NOSHA registration table. Please do not pay at the Royal Fork's cash register. Make checks payable to NOSHA in the amount of \$7. Thank you!

River Flooding: Flooding along rivers is a natural and inevitable part of life. Some floods occur seasonally when winter or spring rains, coupled with melting snow, fill river basins with too much water too quickly.

Before the Flood.....

What YOU can do:

- ✘ Know your flood risk and elevation above flood stage. Do your local streams or rivers flood easily? If so, be prepared to move to a place of safety. Know your evacuation routes.
- ✘ Keep your automobile fueled; if electric power is cut off, gas stations may not be able to operate pumps for several days. ✘ Store drinking water in clean bathtubs and in various containers. Water service may be interrupted. ✘ Keep a stock of food that requires little cooking and no refrigeration; electric power may be interrupted. ✘ Keep first aid supplies on hand. ✘ Keep a [NOAA Weather Radio](#), a battery-powered portable radio, emergency cooking equipment, and flashlights in working order. ✘ Install check valves in building sewer traps to prevent flood water from backing up into the drains of your home.
- ✘ Assemble a disaster supplies kit containing: first aid kit, canned food and can opener, bottled water, rubber boots, rubber gloves, NOAA Weather Radio, battery-powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries.

What YOUR community can do:

- ✘ Assist hospitals and other operations that are critically affected by power failure by arranging for auxiliary power supplies. ✘ River/rainfall readings are valuable to local emergency management agencies (EMA) and the National Weather Service (NWS) in assessing flood conditions and taking appropriate actions. Advanced warning provided by early detection is critical to saving lives. Automatic flood detection systems are available commercially for flood-prone communities. [Contact your local NWS office](#) or emergency management agency for further information on LOCAL FLOOD WARNING SYSTEMS.

During the Flood

- ✘ Get out of areas subject to flooding. This includes dips. Low spots, canyons, washes, etc.
- ✘ Avoid already flooded and high velocity flow areas. Do not attempt to cross flowing streams. ✘ If you come upon a flowing stream where water is above your ankles, STOP! Turn around and go another way. ✘ If driving, be aware that the road bed may not be intact under flood waters. Turn around and go another way. NEVER drive through flooded roadways! ✘ If the vehicle stalls, leave it immediately and seek higher ground. Rapidly rising water may engulf the vehicle and its occupants and sweep them away. Remember, it's better to be wet than dead! ✘ Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers. ✘ Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams and washes, particularly during dangerous conditions. ✘ Children should NEVER play around high water, storm drains, viaducts, or arroyos.

After the Flood

- ✘ If fresh food has come in contact with flood waters, throw it out. ✘ Boil drinking water before using. Wells should be pumped out and the water tested for purity before drinking. If in doubt, call your local public health authority. ✘ Seek necessary medical care at the nearest hospital. Food, clothing, shelter, and first aid are available from the Red Cross. ✘ Do not visit disaster areas. Your presence might hamper rescue and other emergency operations. ✘ Electrical equipment should be checked and dried before being returned to service. ✘ Use flashlights, not lanterns, torches or matches, to examine buildings. Flammables may be inside. ✘ Report broken utility lines to appropriate authorities.

[info found at www.srh.noaa.gov/lmrfc/education/safety.shtml]

BOARD MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH / 6:00 – 8:00 PM. / GRAND FORKS PARK DISTRICT / 1210 7TH AVE S, GF
NEXT MEETING → May 4th

- **We have a couple of Board positions that are still in need of replacement.** Please contact one of the Board members as soon as possible if you are interested – It's a great opportunity to become more involved in NOSHA! *Make your company proud!!!*
- **Coming September 21, 2006 → "Batteries Not Included: The Energized Approach for Achieving a Safe, Healthy and Productive Workplace"** by Michael Melnik, MS, OTR. An instrumental presentation to help companies create an environment where employees are motivated, receptive, and involved. Go to our website and look under [special events](#) to view a video excerpt of the presentation!

BOARD MEMBERS

*Steve Harken (President) ♦ Al Maloney (Vice President)
Joe Strang (Treasurer) ♦ Connie Mondry (Secretary)
Pat Balstad ♦ Rich Carl ♦ Kirk Douglas
Patty Hajostek ♦ Bonnie Knutson
Debbie Pierson ♦ Annette Shane*

COMMITTEES

Communication Committee

(Linda Wiley, Kirk Douglas, Bonnie Knutson, Al Maloney, Annette Shane)

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD THURSDAY THE WEEK BEFORE BOARD MEETING / 12:15 - 1:15 PM / CIRRUS DESIGN CORPORATION / 1400 48TH ST S, GF

NEXT MEETING → April 27th

- What's NOSHA all about – Check us out on the web at www.nosha.net or contact us at info@nosha.net

Education Committee

(Lyle Ross)

(Upcoming GM Meeting Presentations)

- **May 17, 2006**
– TBA
- **June 21, 2006**
– TBA

Membership Committee

(Davis Hoverson, Mike Lorenson)

- Do you know of a potential "New Member"? Invite them to our next general membership meeting and lunch is on us!

Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

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Watch> could happen, be alert! **Warning**> has been reported or is imminent, take necessary precautions at once! **Advisory**> is occurring!