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# Newsletter

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SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN POWER PLANT ENGINEERS SOCIETY

## Dear Members,

*By Brad Burns*

Thank you to Don Schmit from Rockwell Automation. Don did a great job on informing the guests about the aspects of Arc flash. His presentation offered insight into several practical aspects of procuring and applying arc resistant equipment including NFPA 70E and NEC highlights, arc flash basics, a review of IEEE arc resistant equipment.

This month we will be honoring all the Past Presidents of SEMPPE along with ITC educating us on our nation's utility grid.

In closing, as many of you know, our friend Donald Tishler passed away on January 14th, 2015 at the age of 85. Don is survived by his wife Lorraine, two sons Mark and David, two daughters Kim and Val; 11 grandchildren; two great grandchildren and a brother. Don was one of the founding members of W.J. O'Neil Company. He was a valuable member of the organization and will be missed. His cheerful nature always brought joy to everyone's lives. Please continue to honor Don's memory and keep the family in your prayers. If you would like to send a card or contribution to the family, they may be sent to:

The Family of Donald Tishler  
9925 St. Joe  
Leo-Cedarville IN 46765

## Next Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2015

O'Kelly Banquet Hall  
23663 Park St., Dearborn MI 48124  
Phone: 313-278-5855

Social Hour: 5:30-6:30  
Dinner: 6:30-7:15  
Presentation: 7:15-8:00

\$5.00 - Engineer Members  
\$25.00 - Vendors

Please RSVP to Dennis Insley@[dinsley@semppe.com](mailto:dinsley@semppe.com)

## Presentation By: Jeff Dorr



### Topic:

Jeff Dorr, head of our Stakeholder Relations department. Jeff works directly with major industrial customers & other large customers, and with generation & distribution utilities, and independent power producers who connect to the grid.



America's electric transmission grid is operating closer to the edge than ever before. As our our lifestyles become increasingly dependent on electricity, we need to make a major investment in a modernized grid to maintain the existing capacity and reliability of the system and to plan for the future.

### SEMPPEs Jacket Winner

Michael Norman - Chrysler

### November 50/50 WINNERS

- 1: Tim Murphy - Oakwood Hospital
- 2: Victor Carabott - Detroit Zoo
- 3: Alex Streberger - Tower Service & Maintenance

Attendance award draw for attending 7 or more of the regular meetings during 2014. Three engineers and three suppliers were awarded \$50 each.

Engineers: Jim Olson – Ford; Al Preis – Ford; Fred Reddig - Detroit Lions

Suppliers: Joe Genaw - Spina Electric; Kelley Jettie - Eldon Water; Bob "Rocky" Thompson - Atomic Cleaning

An early renewal draw will be held at the March meeting, three engineers and three suppliers will be awarded \$25 each. To be eligible, your membership renewal must be received by March 1.

## Membership Dues, Payment and Forms

### DUES

Engineering Members - \$20 Annual Membership  
Supplier Members - \$50 Annual Membership

### FORM

- Membership Dues Form is posted on website at:
- [http://semppes.com/2015\\_DuesWebForm.pdf](http://semppes.com/2015_DuesWebForm.pdf)
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### PAYMENT

Payment may be submitted in person at the monthly meetings, or US Mail:

SEMPPEs  
Patrick Racine, Treasurer  
P.O. Box 2770  
Dearborn, MI 48123

Please be sure to include your current address, email address, web site, and two (2) business cards with your membership form.

SEMPPEs is offering fleece jackets. We are proud to announce, these products are **Made in USA**. Material is polyester and weight is 11 1/2 ounces. SEMPPEs logo is proudly displayed on left chest. Cost of jackets is \$60.00. Contact Brad Burns for more details.

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## **Call for Presentations – 2016**

### **Thank you for the 2015 Presentations schedule**

The highlight of each SEMPPEs meeting is the thirty to forty minute after dinner presentation on a topic of interest to not only the Power Plant Engineers but also the Supplier and Supplier Engineers present. The best talks are educational in nature: Emerging technology trends; how to fix/extend the life of an asset more efficiently or at a lower cost; pending code/legal changes and their impact to our occupations, and emerging technology trends. Tours of engineering member plants and/or supplier facilities are also encouraged and we will make the special arrangements to accommodate the facility tour. If the facility is remote from Dearborn, SEMPPEs officers will work with the presenter to make the required dinner arrangements. Tours are very much appreciated by the members and it has been over two years since we have received a tour offer.

The best presentations are those that use Power Point slide shows with appropriate video interspersed. Related product samples and/or literature are also welcome. Literature loaded to a jump or removable computer drive are portable and useful to the membership. Thirty or less minutes should be allotted to the presentation which will allow time for audience questions. The meeting slots that we are filling are for the 2016 year. Meetings are held generally the third Thursday evening of each month January to May and September to November. Of the eight meetings, one month is devoted to the State of Michigan Chief Boiler Inspector update of code related changes and trends. This leaves seven spots per year for other speakers. Speakers are not charged for the privilege of giving a presentation. The only requirement is that they pay the current dinner charge if they partake in the dinner before the talk.

For 2016, please contact Brett Irick by email at [xr7gt@prodigy.net](mailto:xr7gt@prodigy.net) or call 313-207-3562. As we accept your presentations, we will add your topic to our website [www.semppes.com](http://www.semppes.com)

Thank you.

Brett Irick  
Vice President