



# SEMPPEs Newsletter

## South East Michigan Power Plant Engineer's Society

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Dear SEMPPES Members,

Hope everyone has been enjoying their summer! A lot of great stuff has taken place since the last newsletter in early May. Before we jump into "moving forward", let's do a quick recap of what has transpired:

- William R. Bauer – Industry Engineering Consultant – In our May meeting, we had a great turnout to learn about energy management, green initiatives, etc. As those of you who were in attendance know, about 10 minutes into the presentation we each began to realize that William R. Bauer was rather clever, witty, and even possibly a bit brash. Around that time we learned, our Industry Consultant was actually comedian Billy Ray Bauer. Needless to say, the evening contained tons of laughter....a great way to depart for our summer meeting break.
- Summer Boat Cruise – In June about 70 cruisers, consisting of members, spouses, friends and families departed Portofino's dock in Wyandotte for an evening on the Detroit River. The cruise turned out to be a relaxing way to spend the evening. Following the cruise, the group was treated to an excellent dinner at Portofino's overlooking the river. All in all, an enjoyable evening and thanks to all that took part!
- Golf Outing – In August, we had roughly 140 golfers take part in the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual SEMPPES Golf Outing. This years' event was held at the beautiful Western Golf Club. The day was filled with great weather, great food, great fun, and great golf. Well, moreso a great golf course, and not so much great golf (from what was observed). Thanks to all that took part, the sponsors, and those who supported the outing!

Wow, what an awesome line up of events since last time we were all "formally" together. To keep up the momentum, we are looking forward to our September meeting! Our guest speaker will be Jeremy Whiddon, the Director of Emergency Fuel Solutions for Atlas Oil Company. Atlas Oil is a great local success story centered in Taylor, Michigan. Jeremy will be discussing content surrounding emergency preparedness as it relates to fuel oil and back up power generation. This will certainly be a topic that applies to many of the SEMPPES plants.

As you read further into the newsletter you will learn more about this months' presentation. There are some other good tidbits throughout, hope you enjoy and hope to see you at the September meeting!

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### SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
5:30 – 6:30 Social Hour  
6:30 – 7:15 Dinner  
7:15 – 8:00 Presentation

O'Kelly Banquet Hall  
23663 Park Street  
Dearborn, MI 48124  
(313) 278-5855

Cost  
\$0 – Engineer Members  
\$25 – Vendors

Please R.S.V.P. to Dennis Insley at [dinsley@advnet.net](mailto:dinsley@advnet.net) or fax to (810) 367-2154

Topic: Top 7 Ways to Safeguard your Facility from Going Dark during Power Outages

Hosted by: Atlas Oil Company

Atlas Oil Company is a premier national distributor of petroleum products and related services. Our home office and logistics command center is located in Taylor, Michigan. Atlas manages supply and delivers fuel in 23 states with true 24 hour delivery service, seven days a week to its customers.



Presented by: Jeremy Whiddon – Director of Emergency Fuel Solutions at Atlas Oil Company

Jeremy has 9 years of petroleum industry experience working in product development, research, sales and marketing. His team of Emergency Specialists has expertise in fuel supply management for emergency situations. They also specialize in emergency and disaster planning from a back-up power perspective. In 2009, Jeremy helped Atlas develop the Generator Assurance Plan® -- a turn-key solution for emergency fueling used by dozens of SE Michigan's largest companies and hospitals.

Jeremy has an undergraduate degree from Grand Valley State University and a Master's from Oregon State University.



#### Presentation Highlights:

Atlas Oil Company is a leader at providing emergency fuel to generators that power businesses, fire pumps, boilers, and fleets. Learn about the 7 ways to safeguard your facility from going dark during power outages, plus...

- Facts and figures on Michigan power outages
- Fuel Supply Vulnerabilities – how “just in time” fuel could leave your business in the dark
- Fuel Quality Control – testing for problems in the tanks and preventing problems with premium diesel
- Pitfalls of “spot market” fuel purchasing vs. contracted back-up fuel supply
- Does your facility have an emergency fueling plan? Learn how to develop one
- Details on the Generator Assurance Plan®





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### SUMMER BOAT CRUISE

The summer boat cruise took place on June 23<sup>rd</sup> departing from Portofino Restaurant in Wyandotte, MI. We had a great turn out with over 70 people ready to set sail on the Detroit River. As Michigan would have it, the weather during the day was a bit touch and go. However, with the exception of a 5 minute rain storm during the cruise, the weather turned out to be FABULOUS. Cruisers enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and the great scenery provided by our own local waterway. We cruised past the beautiful homes along Grosse Ile all the way down to Boblo Island. After a couple hours of enjoyable cruising, the group returned to Portofino's for a great dinner overlooking the Detroit River. The widespread feedback confirmed this was an absolutely great evening providing the opportunity to enjoy some of the local "treats" of Detroit along with a great group of SEMPPES members and their families. A special thank you to all the members who took part, and to Tim Turner for putting it together.

### GOLF OUTING INFO

We had a great turn out for the 21st Annual SEMPPES Golf Outing on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The Western Golf Club turned out to be a special treat to those that took part. As you would expect from any top notch country club, the SEMPPES members and their guests were treated to a golf course with little complaints to be had. It turned out to be a true test for the golfers, as the frequently heard golf phrases of: "the fairways were patchy", "the greens did not roll true", "the sand traps were hard", etc. excuses could not be used. Rather, the teams were treated to a round of golf on an exceptional course. With the "track" set, the teams were off to the races. The completion yielded the following notable achievements:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place – The Macomb Group (10 under par)	Closest To Pin – Ish Pickelsmier
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Trane (9 under par)	Closest to Pin – Pat Sheehan
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – Oakwood Hospital (7 under par)	Skins 1 of 2 – Hone Engineering
36 <sup>th</sup> Place – DJ Conley (13 over)	Skins 2 of 2 – Hone Engineering
Mens Long / Straight Drive – Jack Krieger	Women's Long / Straight Drive – Lisa Riachi

Upon conclusion of the golf, the participants gathered in the historic Western Golf Club ball room overlooking the golf course. A great meal was enjoyed while the winners were recognized. Lastly, nobody walked out empty handed as the raffle prizes were overflowing on the prize table.

Once again, the golf outing turned out to be a fun day had by all. We would like to thank all the golfers that took part in the fun, the sponsors who drove the fundraising, and to the many volunteers who help make this event happen. While there are so many to mention individually, there are two that require a special note: Dan Dwyer is a long time SEMPPES member and member of Western Golf Club. It is with Dan's support that allowed us the opportunity to hold our outing at Western...thank you! Lastly, to an individual who has never been to a golf outing, does not play golf, and may never play golf...Judy Wagganer headed up the golf outing this year. This is a tremendous undertaking for anyone, let alone someone not familiar with the in's and out's of the game. Judy did a great job from inception all the way thru execution. A special thank you for her work!



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements Page on Website – We are pleased to post announcements for members of our organization on the SEMPPEs Website. If you visit the site, you will find upcoming events. As your time permits, “check in” at the Announcements page to see what’s new.

### MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

In order to have some fun while encouraging good habits, two “incentives” for engineers and suppliers are being offered in 2011.

Membership Renewal Incentive – Thank you to all our members who renewed on time. This timely renewal helps the organization by minimizing our efforts / costs to activate / deactivate memberships. As a fun reward for this, we raffled off \$50 gift certificates during the March meeting, the winners included:

#### Engineers

Dave Deptula – W.J. O’Neil  
Frank Muth – Linc Group @ AAA  
William Cramblet – Linc Group @ AAA

#### Suppliers

James Winslow – Winslow A/C  
Ken Siwa – Turner Electric  
Jeremy Whidden – Atlas Oil Company

Attendance Incentive – This incentive is an attempt to reward those members that contribute to the organization via regularly meeting attendance. For members that attend 7 of our 8 monthly meetings your names will be entered into a drawing for six prizes of \$50 each (three for engineers and three for suppliers).

These incentives are intended to be fun rewards for members that exemplify good habits in supporting the administrative and attendance subtleties of the organization. Good luck!



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### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As a resource for our membership, companies and individuals may post career opportunities on the SEMPPEs website. For the purpose of the newsletter, the current job opportunities on the website are included as follows (most current information may be found on the website and of course thru direct communication with the employer):

- Blackstone Group (Southfield, MI) – Part Time Stationary Engineer
- Solar Turbine (Toledo, OH) – O&M Lead Technician
- Eastland Mall (Harper Woods, MI) – Part Time Boiler / Refrigeration Operator
- Mead Johnson Nutrition (Zeeland, MI) – Steam Plant Operator

If you are aware of any career opportunities or looking for a new opportunity please contact the webmaster to post these on the SEMPPEs's website.

### WEBSITE INFORMATION

The SEMPPEs Website at [www.SEMPPEs.com](http://www.SEMPPEs.com) contains a myriad of information related to the SEMPPEs organization. The website is intended to provide network contact information for the membership as well as provide a location for industry related resources and links.

In regards to the directory information please note the following:

- All engineering and supplier members are invited to complete and submit their membership information to be included in our club directory and database.
- The membership roster for both engineers and suppliers is available on the website. Please note the three headings to search by:
  - individual name
  - subject
  - company
- Updates and Corrections
  - If there are any mistakes on your email address/mailling label please email corrections to [dinsley@advnet.net](mailto:dinsley@advnet.net)
  - Please communicate changes (address, phone, email, etc.) to help us keep our files current.

To ensure your information is best utilized please check the website to assure that your name and company is listed under the "members" heading. If not, please email our Webmaster at [dinsley@advnet.net](mailto:dinsley@advnet.net) to discuss your listing.



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### MEMBERSHIP INFO

#### BACKGROUND

Members of SEMPPES manage, supervise or supply products and services for many power generating facilities located in southeast Michigan. These include, but are not limited to, the automotive industry, hospitals, schools, utilities and industry.

Our group is comprised of engineers and suppliers. Engineers include any person in the advisory group of plant operations or maintenance. Suppliers are individuals providing products and/or services used in plant operations or maintenance.

Whether engineer or supplier, SEMPPES extends an invitation to you to join our organization. Your membership includes monthly newsletters and dinner meetings, plant tours, special events, employment referral services and valuable advertising for suppliers.

#### NEW MEMBERS

- Brandon Clark - Ecolab/GCS
- Kevin dickey - Power Engineering
- David Azzopardi - Dearborn Schools

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Engineering Members \$20 Annual Membership

Supplier Members \$50 Annual Membership

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM

Membership Dues Form is posted on website at:

[http://www.semppes.com/2011\\_DuesWebForm1.htm](http://www.semppes.com/2011_DuesWebForm1.htm)

#### MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT

Payment may be submitted at:

- In person at the monthly meetings, or
- By mail to:  
SEMPPEs  
% Mark Fine, Treasurer  
P.O. Box 2770  
Dearborn, MI 48128

When turning in your membership application please be sure to include your current address, email address, web site, and two (2) business cards.



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### SEMPPE APPAREL

SEMPPE Hats and Shirts are a great way to advertise our club to both vendors and suppliers. They make excellent gift items also. There are now hats and golf shirts available with the SEMPPE logo. The hats are \$20.00 and the shirts are \$35.00. Long sleeve shirts (denim and others) with the SEMPPE logo, are available for \$40.00. If you're looking for other ideas, visit the [www.designedstitches.com](http://www.designedstitches.com) website to see available items. Most items can have the SEMPPE logo applied.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Vendors and Engineers are welcome to submit suggestions for future Presentations or Tours. Presentations and tours are a great way to introduce the club membership to new technologies, new products or ideas, and to help educate and update us with "what's new" in our industry. They are a truly valuable benefit of SEMPPE membership.