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Greetings to all,

It is hard to believe that it is already summer and that our Annual Meeting and Equipment Show is only 2 ½ months away. In the fleet world, the vehicle types and sizes in our fleets are different today than they were in years past and

will continue to vary in the future. To address the challenges we face in this constant transformation and advancement of technology and information, we have invited top speakers in their fields to provide informative technical sessions. The Equipment Show will offer additional answers to your challenges and will be as BIG as ever. If you have not registered yet, go to the website, www.sgfma.org, and register today. September 11 will be here before you know it.

As President of SGFMA, I continue to focus our leadership efforts on sharing practical ways to better utilize SGFMA resources and platform to make a difference – professionally and personally, regardless of how new or how seasoned we are. I believe the greatest value I have received from my membership is through involvement in SGFMA’s committees and Board. There are numerous opportunities within our organization to get involved and our committees invite you to share your talents and energy with your fellow SGFMA members.

VISIT US ON THE



<http://sgfma.org/>

We're only a click away!

Garland Veasey, President SGFMA
Clemson University

2016 Annual Meeting & Equipment Show

The SGFMA 24th Annual Meeting and Equipment Show will be held September 11 – 14, 2016 at the Myrtle Beach Sheraton & Convention Center.

This year's theme is "Are You Ready for Change?" In today's challenging times, you need to stay informed and on top of your game. The SGFMA Annual Meeting & Equipment Show will provide you with information and connect you with the people and programs that will help you achieve your fleet objectives.

You can register for the Annual Meeting and Equipment Show on our website, www.sgfma.org, or download a registration form.

Myrtle Beach Sheraton & Convention Center
Myrtle Beach, SC



We have a block of rooms reserved at the with a special group rate of \$109.00 per night. [Click here](#) to register for the Myrtle Beach Sheraton or call 843-918-5000. Use special promo code "SGFMA 2016" for group rate. Breakfast is included with hotel stay each day.

Exhibitors and Vendors

- Reserve your spot now!
- Vendor set-up will be on Monday, September 12.
- Exhibit Hall will open on Monday afternoon, September 12 and Tuesday morning, September 13.
- Sponsorships are still available.

Vendors: Contact Marty Burr, Vendor Chair for more information.
mburr923@aol.com or 803-448-2526.

In Memoriam: Mark Kostos



On March 20, SGFMA lost a very special member of our fleet family. Mark Kostos, SGFMA Vice President and Fleet Shop Supervisor for Charleston County, SC passed away unexpectedly.

Mark was an adoring father and loving husband who always put family first. Mark loved playing the Bass guitar and spent many hours writing and creating his own music. He was the Automotive Shop Supervisor for Charleston County Fleet Operations where he worked for 21 years. Mark held an ASE Master Technician Certification. Mark spearheaded the effort for Charleston County to be recognized as an ASE Blue Seal of Excellence Shop. He encouraged Fleet Operations staff to dedicate their efforts in learning all they can about all aspects of their job and seek certification as part of their skills.

Mark was a member of SGFMA since 1996. He served on the Board of Directors for many years, most recent as Vice President. Mark was committed to SGFMA and gave of himself whole heartedly whether it was taking pictures at the Annual Meetings, writing the newsletter or selecting training/workshops. Our President, Garland Veasey, sums it up best, "Mark was a very honest, trustworthy, professional, hardworking and Christian family man, Charleston County employee, SGFMA Board Member, VP and to many a great friend."

Mark is survived by his wife, Tamara, two children and two stepchildren.





TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION RATES FOR SOUTHEAST GOVERNMENTAL FLEET MANAGERS ASSOCIATION (SGFMA) MEMBERS!

As the nation's largest gathering of public fleet professionals, [Government Fleet Expo & Conference](#) continues to grow, and it's no wonder: GFX provides an exclusive opportunity to learn from and network with your peers about critical topics that concern public fleet professionals the most, including:

- How Connected Vehicles Will Affect the Fleets of Tomorrow
- Preparing for the Retirement Wave: How to Create a Succession Plan
- What Happens to Alt-Fuel Strategies When Gas Prices Drop to \$2?
- Vehicle Replacement Backlogs: You're Out of the Recession – Now What?
- And much more!

For more reasons why GFX will benefit your organization watch the [2015 event recap](#) and [read what attendees had to say](#).

Need help getting approval?

REGISTER BY MAY 27 AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE \$150* SAVINGS!

SOUTHEAST GOVERNMENTAL FLEET MANAGERS ASSOCIATION (SGFMA) MEMBERS:
Register by May 27 and save \$100. Get an additional \$50 off your Fleet Full Conference Pass

USE PROMO CODE: SGFMA16

[REGISTER NOW](#)

*After May 27, you can still save \$50 by using the promo code below.

** Promo code applies to new registrations only.

Visit www.GovFleetExpo.com and register with code SGFMA16.



City of Rock Hill Fleet Services Earns ASE Blue Seal Certification



The City of Rock Hill Fleet Services Division has encouraged ASE Certification for quite a few years now and about four years ago we made it mandatory for each employee to become certified in at least one area. New employees are not required to be certified when they gain employment, but have to become certified within a certain amount of time of their hire date. Promotions are not solely dependent on ASE credentials, but a certain number of certifications are required before a promotion can be granted.

We employ a wonderful group of guys who have worked hard and gained the ASE Blue Seal Certification in July of 2015. At the time we earned our award, we had 100 percent participation from our employees. Two new employees are currently working hard to become certified. We currently have 4 ASE Certified Master Technicians and several others that are very close.

We are very proud to have earned this award and plan to keep it for many years to come.



Congratulations to the City of Rock Hill Fleet Services!

Welcome New Members



Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Association is rolling out the red carpet to welcome our newest members since the last newsletter. More and more organizations and vendors have come to appreciate the benefits of networking with other fleet professionals through the medium of this excellent organization. Please welcome our newest fleet members. If we miss someone, just let us know, and we will include you in a future newsletter.

- Amsoil**
Adam Mosher
Diane Mosher
Jim Onos
- Accuride Corporation**
Michael Palladino
- Company Wrench**
Michael Hamm
Dick Mizell
Jerry Wells
- City of Lumberton, NC**
Larry Grissett

- Columbia County Fleet Services, GA**
Nick Hayes
- Dossier Systems**
Jack Boetefuer
Sidney Nice
Colleen Rees
- East Coast Equipment Consultants**
William A. Hicks
- UNC-Charlotte**
Bobby Robinson

- UNC-Charlotte**
Vince McNeil
Landon Martin

- Onslow County, NC**
Jeff Smith
Keith Lewis

- Southwestern Petroleum Corporation**
Alan Sine

- Wilkes County, NC**
Larry Elledge
Bonnie Crane

Our members are the fuel that power our organization!



SGFMA Awards & Scholarship Applications

Available Now!



Click here for application
WWW.SGFMA.ORG

Deadline for applications is August 15, 2016.

Mark Your Calendar

GFX—Government Fleet Expo & Conference
June 20—23, 2016
Music City Center, Nashville, TN

SGFMAMeeting and Equipment Show,
September 11—14, 2016
Myrtle Beach Sheraton & Convention Center

More one-day Training Sessions to come.....
Keep checking the website for updates



SGFMA Mission Statement

Our Mission Statement is:

- *To foster and promote the advancement of the fleet profession through membership, association, and assistance to fellow fleet managers.*
- *To provide an open forum for the exchange of ideas, experience, and information related to the fleet management profession.*
- *To develop and promote improved standards and methods for the good management of fleet operations and assets.*
- *To seek the improvement of laws and regulations pertaining to fleet administration.*
- *Provide the exchange of information on procurement, maintenance, operation, and disposition of fleet equipment.*
- *Promote the professional, social, and personal interaction between members of the fleet management profession.*
- *To promote improved intergovernmental profession.*

All our board members are actively working to achieve each of these goals to promote our profession as a top quality Fleet Manager Association. We are also working hard to keep our association dues, training, and conference expenses to the lowest possible cost to make it affordable for your education, training, and conference expenses to the lowest possible cost to make it affordable for your education and training needs.

Garland Veasey
President, SGFMA

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Region 2: Bamberg, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper, Orangeburg

Region 3: Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Saluda

Region 4: Anderson, Cherokee, Chester, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, Union, York

Region 5: Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Marlboro, Williamsburg

Region 6: All counties in the states of Georgia and Florida

Region 7: All counties in the states of North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee