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March 2021 Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

What a year this has been from February 2020 through February 2021.

Memories have been made during these entire 12 months. Some memories are of things that were not planned, and even of things that did not happen. Memories of that may be less of people and places during this time, and more of what was going on. Memories of frustrations, inconveniences and even some memories of undesirable events. And yet we survived to tell the stories another day.

During this year there were undoubtedly many great memories of times spent together with family, etc... that although unplanned or even sometimes forced, are memories that you will keep throughout your lives. Memories of how creative you were for birthdays, gatherings, etc...

What were your greatest SAFETY memories during this time? What did you take the time to focus on or celebrate regarding your safety and the safety of your family and friends? What enhancements or changes were you able to make to help increase the Safety and wellbeing of yourself, your family, and your employees?

As I think over the past 12 months – I am happy to have been able to learn to impact people and conduct trainings virtually as well as in person. I have seen many efforts and enhancements to upgrade, change and modernize some safety practices, procedures and ways of thinking that have proved to be somewhat revolutionary for many.

My parents and foster parents have been a great influence in my life to try to look for the good and to make the best of situations. Even during trials and the so-called “bad times” I remember being encouraged to make the best memories of the time/situation. Not always my first thought or my first plans, yet as I have attempted to do this in my life, I have gained a great appreciation for this way of looking at things.

Many years ago when my family and I were on one of our greatest adventures of exploring Moab and Arches National Park, the engine in our van blew up. We were staying at a campground 3 miles from Moab in our tent trailer, and had no other means of transportation. Cell phones were not yet common, and it was hard to get with family to come and rescue us – 6 hours away. Yet my wife and 3 children remember fondly the great times we had, walking into Moab, walking to the closest diner a mile away, and enjoying time around the campsite and tent trailer. Family came through and was able to rescue us and our tent trailer 2.5 days later. Even with lack of funds, waiting for help, having to cancel business trips, and working with children at ages 4 to 10, it was and still is truly memorable.

As we go forward into the unknown pandemic, weather and political states in our world this year, please remember to make memories along the way. Memories that you are happy to recall, even if trials and hardships may abound. There will be memories, so how do you want to remember them?? Keeping ourselves, family and employees Safe for their memories is hopefully at the forefront of our plans.

Douglas R. Handy, CSP, Award of Excellence recipient

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members

Please welcome the following new members to the Utah Chapter:

- Daniel Hakanson
- Jill Howell
- Justin Jahn
- Mary Ludlow
- Maryann Hansen
- Mosiah Echeverria
- Talon Crowther
- Taylor Gowland
- Ryan Wilcox

In Memoriam: Ben Gerlach



Ben Gerlach, a 30-year member of the ASSP, passed away recently. Some of the words that have been used to describe Ben's legacy are highly competent, kind, caring, and dedicated. The symbol of a safety professional in word and deed. His continued efforts over various decades have saved innumerable lives and prevented countless injuries. He was a true safety professional and loved colleague within the ASSE/ASSP ranks and a formidable leader. He made a difference and impacted thousands. His legacy will live on. For more information on Ben's life, click on this link.

<https://utah.assp.org/news/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

March Chapter Meeting

Thursday, March 18, from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

NEWS & ARTICLES

ASP/CSP Question of the Month

When Joe started his new job as a computer analyst, several days passed before he showed any proficiency. As time progressed, Joe's ability to perform the essential portions of the job increased exponentially. What type of learning curve is associated with this type of performance?

- A. Diminishing returns learning curve
- B. Increasing returns learning curve
- C. Exponential learning curve
- D. Slow learner learning curve

ASSP Election: Deadline to Vote is 3/31

ASSP members should have received an email on 3/1 with login information to vote in this year's ASSP officer elections.

It would have come from "ASSP Election Coordinator" at noreply@directvote.net. We encourage you to take the time to vote.

Annual Silent Auction Scholarship Fundraiser a Success

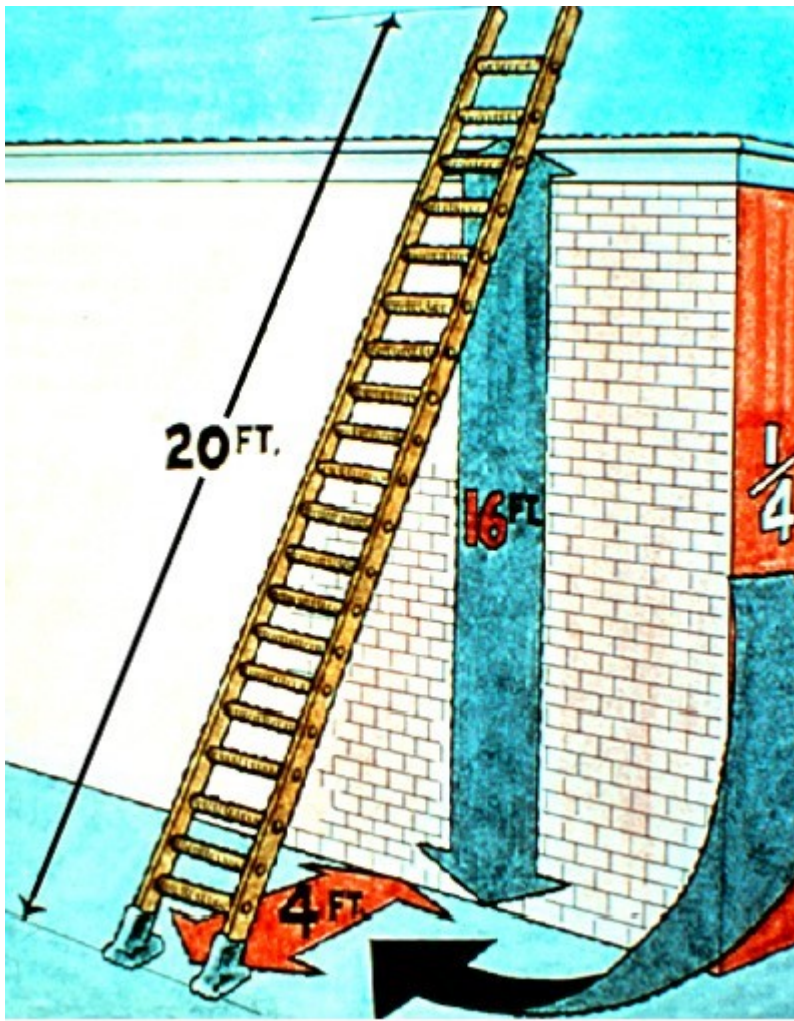
The Utah Chapter's annual scholarship fundraiser, on 2/18, was virtual this year. Fifty-one items were offered, and all were bid on and sold.

There were some out-of-state and out-of-chapter bidders and winning bidders. Over \$2,000 was raised for our Education and Scholarship funds. Our featured speaker, David Havens, gave an exciting presentation with many excellent take-aways, thoughts, ideas and quotes. The presentation was recorded, and is expected to be posted to the chapter website.

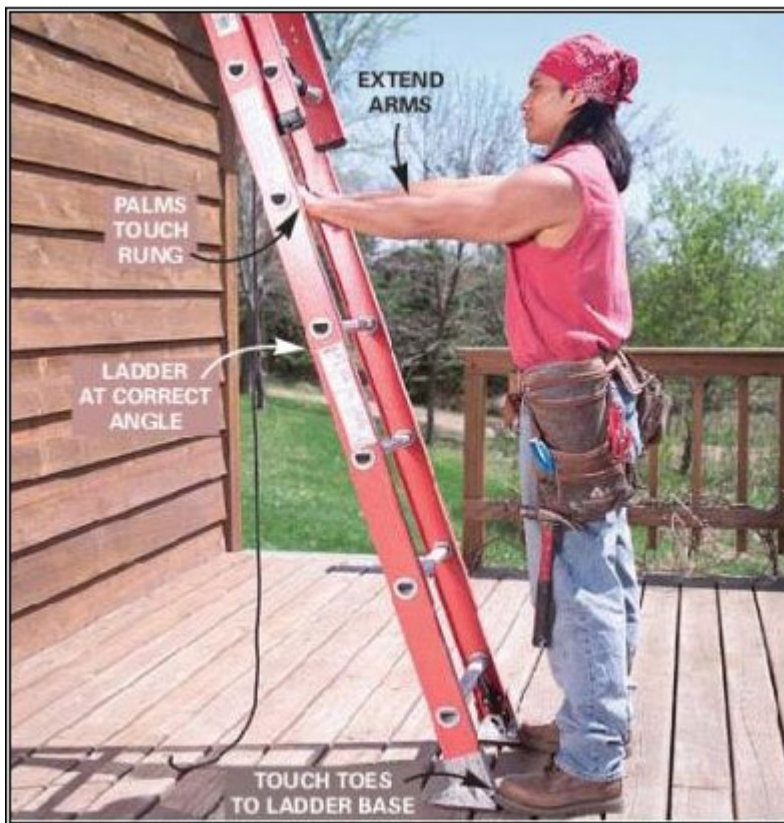
Topic of the month: Extension ladders

A proper angle is essential to safe use of extension ladders.

The diagram below shows the correct 1/4 ratio.



The photo below shows how a worker in the field can quickly verify that their extension ladder is at a safe angle.



Other ladder safety tips:

- Select the right ladder for the job -especially not too small.
- Inspect ladder before use.
- Secure ladder once in place.
- Extend ladder 3' above top landing.
- Keep belt buckle between side rails.

Job Opportunities

There are currently 4 jobs posted on our website. Please see attached link to view postings.

<https://utah.assp.org/current-openings/>

ASP/CSP Review Question: Solution

A diminishing returns learning curve increases quickly early then levels out to maximum proficiency at a slower pace. This type of learning curve is typically associated with manufacturing tasks such as operating a machine. An increasing returns learning curve is usually associated with more complex tasks where a relatively large amount of basic knowledge is initially required. The correct solution is B.

Newsletter Contributions

ASSP Utah Chapter Newsletter is published monthly. Contributions or comments regarding the newsletter can be sent to edhenkels401@gmail.com. Include "ASSP Newsletter" in the subject line. Deadline for contributions is the 15th of the month for publication in the next month's newsletter.

Thank You to all those who contributed to this month's newsletter.

Ed Henkels, Newsletter Editor



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