

AE-5 E-Newsletter

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Welcome!

This is the first issue of the SAE AE-5 Committee Chairman's E-newsletter. We will try to get this out quarterly to keep our members and interested parties better informed as to what the AE-5: AEROSPACE FUEL, OIL & OXIDIZER SYSTEMS Technical Committee is doing and what is coming up.

Since this our first E-newsletter issue and the topic of a "newsletter" had only been briefly discussed to our membership at previous meetings, you all might be asking "why an E-newsletter? Why now?" Both excellent questions - here's the answer: The AE-5 committee has new leadership and needs help to survive after 50 years of existence. AE-5 needs your help and the best way to ask for that help is by communicating with its members and interested parties in the most efficient means available.

Introduction of the Chairman



Sanford Fleishman Chairman AE-5

For those who don't know your new AE-5 Chairman, my name is Sanford Fleishman and I work for the Boeing Company. I'm a second generation aerospace "brat", my father started in 1950 at North American Aviation on the F-86 Sabre and retired in 1990 on the C-17 program. I started as an intern for McDonnell Douglas in 1987 and graduated from California State University Long Beach in 1989. I've been in the fuel system design world since 1990 and with great role models like the legendary Glenn Harper and Ted Tsue. I've been inspired to make my career in fuel systems. With good friends like Dennis Whitman and Phil Jones, I not only joined SAE AE-5 in the mid 1990's but took on leadership roles beginning as Committee Secretary under Larry Mittell and Phil Jones and finally moving up to Committee Vice Chairman under Phil Jones. With Phil retiring from the Chairman's role at the Spring 2006 meeting, I have assumed the Chairman's role and hope to successfully lead the committee for the next few years.

Your AE-5 Leadership Team Welcomes a New Vice Chair

Following my "promotion" from Committee Secretary to Vice Chair 2 years ago, Mike O'Hara joined the leadership team as the Committee Secretary where he has done an excellent job of capturing the meeting minutes and preparing the agendas for future meetings. With Mike remaining as Secretary (for now), the Steering Committee carefully considered the candidates for the Vice-Chairman role. We are proud to welcome Lonnie Richards, from Airbus, as our in-coming AE-5 Vice Chairman. Lonnie brings an extensive fuel system background and provides an excellent counter-balance to a North American perspective. With so much aerospace activities in the UK and Europe, Lonnie will help make the committee truly International. Even though Lonnie hasn't been with the committee long, he has already made excellent contributions including making presentations on Airbus fuel system designs and hosting a committee meeting in the UK. We know in his new role, he will continue to be active and enthusiastic member of the committee. *Welcome aboard, Lonnie!*

Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the SAE AE-5, Aerospace Fuel, Oil and Oxidizer Systems Committee will be held October 18-20, 2006 in Santa Fe, NM. The meeting will be held at the "La Fonda on the Plaza" – please see http://www.lafondasantafe.com for more information. You should have already received a meeting announcement from Donna Lutz, our SAE Aerospace Standards Specialist back in July. If you haven't, we need to add you to our distribution list – please contact Donna at: DONNAL@sae.org.

Following the regular meetings on Wednesday and Thursday in Santa Fe, there will be field trip to Albuquerque on Friday where the next Eclipse 500 is being built. We hope everyone can come. If we know ahead of time how many people are interested, we'll try arranging for transportation; otherwise everyone will be on their own.

In the SPRING of 2007, the committee will be meeting on April 18-19, 2007 at the Sheraton Studio City in Orlando, Florida. See the following website: http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1142 for more information. This looks like an exciting place, fun for the whole family and close for our East Coast members and not that far from Europe. We are really looking forward to having more participation from our European and South American colleagues at this meeting.

We are in the final stages of planning for the FALL 2007 meeting set for October 2007 and plans will be announced at our Santa Fe meeting. *Stay Tuned!*

Call for Presentations

For the past several meetings we have been asking members to make presentations as to what they have been working on or what may be of interest to the committee. We thank everyone including Conrad Roseburg and Lonnie Richards for their support, but we need more contributions and more suggestions in order for the committee to be exciting and interesting for all members. If you have any ideas or want to make a presentation, please contact either myself at sanford.c.fleishman@boeing.com or Mike O'Hara at mohara@shawaero.com. We'll be more than happy to add you to the agenda for the meeting you wish to present at (which doesn't have to be the next one).

Call for Guests from OEM's; Suppliers; Airlines and any customers of AE-5 FUEL, OIL & OXIDIZER SYSTEMS

We appreciate the wonderful support from our active members and from the companies that support and allow the members to participate at our technical committee meetings; however, we need to "cast a wider net" across the industry and across the globe for membership. There are so many "voices" not being heard from in our committee work including Lockheed; Embraer; most of the airlines; our UK and European suppliers and many smaller North American suppliers that would be greatly aided by the enormous experience and "brain" matter that this committee encompasses. I know I for one would be great interested in meeting and interacting with fuel system engineers from other countries and product lines that we normally don't deal with. Knowledge is power, but networking knowledge is ultimate power.

Please help spread the word, invite someone to come to a meeting, see if they like it (no obligation).

Sub-Committee Leadership

As most people know, there are two sub-committees within the umbrella of the AE-5 committee: AE-5B, Eng Related Comp/Airframe-Mounted Pumps under the leadership of Mike Hessling, from Argo-Tech in Costa Mesa, CA and AE-5C, Aviation Fuel Facilities and Equipment under the leadership of Vincent Benedetti, a senior associate at Austin Brockenbrough & Associates, L.L.P. in Chester, VA.

Mike can be reached at mhessling@argo-tech.com. Vince can be reached at whenedetti@brockenbrough.com. Both are excellent leaders and can provide more details about their sub-committee activities. Future E-newsletters will focus on both of their committees.