Greater Fort Worth ASQ Section 1416

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Chair's Message

Fort Worth Members,

June means Tour Time! Please see all details below. Registration is required.

The summer months are upon us, so that means the June Tour PDM will be the last until September. During the summer months, the leadership committee gets together and plans for the upcoming year of ASQ programs and goals. If you are interested in providing input or volunteering for a leadership position, please reach out to Michelle Locke, John Breckline, or Jennifer Smith and we can help arrange for your participation. We would love to hear your ideas and thoughts on what you'd like to see and learn during our monthly meetings!

Jennifer Smith
ASQ Fort Worth 1416, Section Chair

Contact us

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Have a great Memorial Day weekend!

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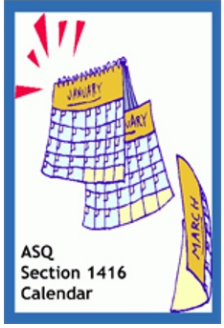
Upcoming Events

June 8, 2023 Thursday – Facility Tour

Note shift – NOT the first Thursday – NOT 6/01

As the facility requires a list of attendees prior to the event for security purposes, all reservations **must be made by Monday, 6/05 EOB**

Please do not ask for an exception as we cannot honor one, per our commitment to the host. They must secure sufficient tour guides for our counts. Should the host require an earlier cut-off date, or the specific maximum be reached, registration will close.



Kulas Firearms

Tour Scope:
Kulas is a small gun manufacturing shop (30 guns a month), owned and operated by a female Engineer. She designs, engineers, fabricates, and fully manufactures the guns in her shop. She moved from Florida to Texas and is expanding her capabilities and staffing. Time permitting, she has a great "back-story".

What made in the U.S.A. means to Kulas

- Local raw material
- Assembled in our shop
- All machined in our shop in Texas
- Tested and inspected in our shop
- Boxed and distributed direct from our shop

About Kulas Fabrication

- Starting with local sourced billet blocks
- Our CAD drawings are designed and updated in our shop by Julia our owner
- We work with the latest technology to achieve unique, and purpose driven designs, cut from the best stock available
- Machined in one of our CNC machines… ever expanding we are running 7 VMCs and 3 lathes
- Our 5 step process in machining allows inspecting critical areas throughout the process
- After manufacturing, inspection is completed on each part, for size, finish and superior accuracy achieving 100% quality control
- Process moves on to de-burring, blasting, washing and final inspection prior to final assembly

Preview of operations:
…. Kulas Customs LLC | Manufacturer| Home (kulasfirearms.com)

Guidelines & Notable Restrictions:

- Minimum participant age: 16
- 100% walking/standing for 1-1.5 hour (no mobility assistance / limited seating)
- Business casual dress preferred
- Camera use not expected to be restricted
- No shooting range – BRING **NO** GUNS

Max # of Participants: 30 members and guests

Tour Schedule:

- Arrive between 5:30-6:00 (no indoor AC available)
- 6:00 Tour starts – planning waling tour groups of 6-8
- 7:30-8:00 – expected completions – dismissal

Location: Haslet Tx – About 30 min north of downtown Ft Worth

- 636 County Road, 4841, Haslet TX 76052
  - North on I-35W
  - NE on US 81/287

    - Easy off/on fast/food/pizza intersection available before/after tour
- The GPS address takes you 100 feet past the dirt assess road to the shop
    - Pictures will be provided for shop access
    - Parking available near the shop (end of dirt access road)

GOOGLE MAP

Click to register your choice: 2023 Tour Registration
https://asq.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bORO4ahle6wf8Vg

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

REGISTRATION CLOSES WHEN ALLOCATED SPOTS HAVE BEEN FILLED OR ON JUN 05 by EOB … WHICHEVER IS SOONER

Group registrations are available – ALL individuals must be registered note criteria and restrictions

Link: Full PD Meeting Information & Registration
Link: Tour Registration Only
... REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR PARTICPATION ...

ASQ Texas Cruise LAST CALL --- Sep 2023

Sun, Sep 17 to Sun, Sep 24
Royal Caribbean – Allure of the Seas
Roundtrip Port of Galveston, TX

Itinerary:
Sun depart Galveston
– 3 Days at sea – conference session
– 3 Days in port – excursions on your own
Sun return to Galveston

The Costs:
Conference Fees:
$150 Conference participant
$ 50 all non-seminar guests
$ 25 youth / senior guests

Comparative Pricing: (estimates of an ASQ 3.0 RU conference)
Cost Item - - - - - - - Other - - Cruise ... Cruise Notes ...
-- Conf Fee (3 day) - - 1095 -- -- 150 -- receive shipboard credits ~$50
-- Hotel (4 nights) - - - - 800 -- -1210 -- 7 nights (Balcony cabin)
-- Meals (3.5 days) - - - 125 -- -- -- 0 -- 7 days – included in total cost
---------- **Total - $2020 - $1360 - plus the fun factor**

Signup Deadline is June 10 to assure the ASQ cabin block/pricing

Click for Information / Reservation:

Ft Worth Member-Leader Profile

Roy Weidig – Senior ASQ Member
Joined ASQ: November 3, 1992
Joined Section 1416: July 1, 2007
CSQE: April 20, 1996, # 53

Roy was born in New York, near Buffalo; moved to Grosse Pointe Michigan in the 60's.

Education: Went to Michigan Tech University, in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Graduating with a BSEE in 1976. Gained MBA at Florida Atlantic University in 1988.

Job Experience:
Went to work for Armco Steel in Ohio as a Process Engineer; Used 16 bit (64k Memory) Computers for Control of O2 Mixed gasses. Then on to Sperry Flight Systems of Phoenix, AZ, developing AHRS (Attitude, Heading, Reference Systems) for Air Bus. (4 years)

Worked in Security Systems Management for 5 years, became Engineering VP. Then for Coulter Medical Equipment as Product Verification, Validation Engineer, Product was an Automated Blood Count/Blood Analysis device.

Worked for Motorola Pager in Florida for 10 Years. Worked with Paging Databases and Electronic Ballasts for Motorola Lighting. Moved on to Osram Lighting Components/Electronics: Worked on Part Number Taxonomy.

His final employment was at Lockheed Martin, Fort Worth. Reliability & Maintainability Engineer, EOTS (Electronic Optical Targeting Systems). Skunkworks in both Fort Worth and Palmdale, CA.

Roy is now Retired

Best Place Worked: Motorola was the most Enjoyable, Lockheed was the Most Relevant.

Hobbies: Interests in Photography and Airplanes (Aviation Photography), Traveling, Hiking, Reading.

Lessons on Quality:
Best Problem-Solving Tools: First best – Fishbone, Second best – Pareto, Third best – 5-Whys.

Best Error Prevention Tool: D/P FMECA (C=Criticality)

Definition of Quality: Meet All Customer Requirements

Interviewed and prepared by **Bob Mitchell**, 20+ Leadership Committee

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Down the Road

2023-2024

As we're wrapping up our 2022-2023 Program Year with the FACILITY TOUR noted above, let's look Down the Road to the 2023-2024 Calendar.

Summer – The Leadership Committee (LC) conducts Annual Planning in Jul & Aug, and starts the 2024 Office Nominations process in late Aug. Then the LC resumes monthly committee meetings (virtually) for the balance of 2023-2024 and working on our Annual Section Goals due in Dec. The door is open for any member to participate anytime.

Fall 2023 – the Section resumes F2F Professional Developed Meetings (PDM) Sep to Dec. NOTE... due to conflicts at Diamond Oaks (DOCC) all will be held on the SECOND THURSDAYS of each month, continuing at DOCC. Buffet meal will be available, but not required to participate.

Winter Community Outreach – In Nov we conduct our annual Food Drive. Outreach continues with our Toys for Tots collections in Dec. Both of these will be conducted F2F at our PDMs. In Feb, we judge the Ft Worth Regional Science and Engineering Fair, and then host the top “winners” from Jr Hi and High School projects at the April PDM... focused on their accomplishments.

Spring 2024 – we continue our PDMs, but moving back to our traditional FIRST THURSDAYS at DOCC. We expect to offer dual 30-minute tutorials (General and Specialty) along with our 45 minute Program Speaker. Buffet meals will be served.

Certification Classes – the CQE, CQA, CSQP will be planned to start in mid-Feb starts... all virtual. We are also trying to find other sections offering virtual courses and plan to steer you to them if our local offering fail to “GO” (minimum 4 participants). We want to serve you in pursuit of ASQ Certification to meet your personal professional development goals.

Cowtown Quality Roundup Conference – of course we are already planning it for Apr 5, 2024. It will be filled with the topics and speakers you’ve expected from past experiences. Save the Date?

June Wrap-up Tour – perhaps it is time to seek alternatives to a factory tour as many companies no longer permit them. What else can we do.... a unexplored museum, a family picnic, a sports event? We’ve a year to consider the possibilities!

The next newsletter distribution is planned for 9/07/23

General Information

Leadership Help Wanted

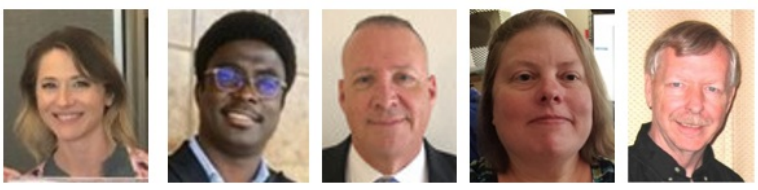
An evolving need is to expand our **Program Team**... This is truly a team effort, dividing the work among several committee members to assure our PDM speakers are well prepared to put on outstanding presentations. Join us now to help determine what topics we offer members and prepare for our continuing F2F meetings in 2023.

We have most current critical needs fulfilled, however, please use the contact link below if you have interest in serving on the Leadership Committee... worth 1.5 RU per year! We can match your interests, time and skills within various committee functions. Most require no F2F meetings now.

Contact Chair

ASQ Greater Fort Worth Section Leadership

Section Chair - Jennifer Smith - first term
Treasurer - Paul Amira - second term
Secretary - Paul Cummings - first term
Vice Chair - Michelle Locke - first term
Vice Chair - John Breckline - past terms



We're ALWAYS open to your comments and suggestions.

Email Chair

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