

3) First Aid & 4) Safety Meetings – we have had no correspondence from members regarding these items – if you have a minute, please consider contacting Randy (harrys@telusplanet.net) and let him know how your shop is doing getting your first aid kits completed or how your safety meetings are going – we are very interested in hearing of your experiences and/or providing assistance.

5) Health & Safety Kit Update: Valerie reported on the status of the kit – most of the first draft of the Health & Safety Manual components have been completed, with only a few to finish. The Safe Work Plans that will be an addendum to the book have been started but there are still a large number of them to complete. Valerie will begin to compile the additional items that will be included in the kit between now and the next meeting – a number of items are available from Alberta Works and OH&S. It is Valeries' plans to have the Health & Safety manual portion completed and forwarded to the committee members for their perusal and input with discussion to take place at the next meeting.

New Business:

1) Provincial yard tour – Randy will be travelling around the province to provide assistance to anyone who would like it, regarding being oh&s compliant. If you are interested, please drop Randy a note. We have had a number of yards already inquiring about this.

2) The committee had a round table discussion about hoist inspection issues. It appears that it is not easy to find someone to do the inspections and they are extremely costly. At Harrys Auto Wrecking, we use Masko Cranes out of Nisku – which incurs travel time as well as costs. If you would like to share who you use, please contact Randy so we can compile a list of vendors by area. Raelene provided an excellent suggestion – they are in Whitecourt and coordinate with other businesses in town that have lifts to have the inspectors come and do 3 or 4 the same day – thus sharing travel expenses and costs.

The committee was informed about and discussed two incidents that occurred this week :

Worker killed in Pacific Steel chemical accident identified

The Pacific Steel and Recycling worker who died after being exposed to chlorine gas on August 12, 2015 was identified Monday as Edward K. Dumaw, 44.

Dumaw was one of eight workers hospitalized in critical condition following the accident at Pacific Steel. Several workers remained in the hospital in the days following the leak, but all others have now been released.

Workers at Pacific Steel punctured a 1-ton cylinder while crushing it for scrap metal, releasing the gas. The investigation into the incident is being handled by the Washington Department of Labor and Industries.

Crews battling blaze at auto recycling depot in Kelowna - August 5, 2015

Kelowna RCMP say the fire was sparked when an employee was removing a gas tank from the vehicle.

The three people working at the time escaped the burning building. One person was treated on scene for minor injuries.

Thick, black smoke can be seen billowing from an auto recycling business Wednesday morning.

Firefighters are battling the blaze at Apple Valley Auto Recycling & Service on Saucier Road, which is destroying the single-storey building and several vehicles.

Neighbours say they heard a series of loud explosions just before the fire ripped through the property.

They say they spoke to the man who started the blaze, who says he was working on a vehicle when the car caught fire.

Crews are concerned about the fuel stored on the site.

Next Meeting – November 17, 2015

Randy Montgomery. Chairperson

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