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Newsletter



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HPS Annual- Call for Volunteers

Ninni Jacob

We're looking for volunteers for the Local Arrangements Committee. If you're interested in helping to plan the 2006 HPS Annual Meeting, please contact:

Ninni Jacob at ninni_jacob@brown.edu or (401) 863-1738, OR

Bob Scott at bscott@4scotts.net or (401) 322-0576.

Patient Triggers Radiation Monitor

ESCONDIDO, Calif. (AP) - A man who recently had received radiation treatment for a medical condition set off a nuclear alert detector on a fire engine, prompting police to close down a roadway in Escondido while authorities searched for a nuclear weapon.

The Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District engine crew's radiation monitor sounded Tuesday [3/1/05] when the man and his friend walked past the crew on their way to fill a gas can.

The Nuke Alert monitor sounded again as the men walked back to their vehicle.

Firefighters notified the San Diego County Sheriff's Department after they drove by the men's vehicle and the monitor sounded a third time.

Sheriff's deputies pulled over the driver and detained him and his passenger for about one hour while they confirmed that the man was not carrying a nuclear weapon and that he had received radiation treatment, according to Sgt. Robert Healey.

The man was described as a Valley Center resident in his late 40s or early 50s. His name and medical condition were not released.

The monitor was purchased with Homeland Defense Department grant money and is used 24 hours a day on each fire truck in the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District, according to Capt. Dale Mosby.

New Members

If you know anyone who wants to join NECHPS, tell him/her to visit the website (www.nechps.org) or contact Tara Medich at 617-724-4578. Student members are always welcome, and remember, student membership is free!

Membership Dues

Members are reminded that you should pay your dues *as soon as possible* to ensure that your membership status remains in good standing. Dues are \$10.00 per year, however, a payment of \$40.00 will earn you 5 years of Chapter membership.

ADDRESSES STILL NEEDED!

Our addresses and contact information are outdated for the people whose names are listed below. If you know any of them, please pass along the word that we need current listings.

Paul Black
Betsy Gilman
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Upcoming Meetings

ANS Meeting: Thursday, May 26th at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. David Drum will speak on *Radiation in Medicine, 2005*.

NECHPS Annual: June 7th at the Westford Regency.

Visit the NECHPS website at www.nechps.org for further details.

April Meeting

- Date:** April 27th, 2005
- Location:** The Harvard Faculty Club, 20 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA 02138
- Speaker:** *Dr. Douglas Shearer (Discussion of NCRP 147)*
- Time:** 5:00 PM Registration / Social Hour
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM Guest Speaker
- Cost:** \$45.00 Members / \$50.00 Guests / \$10.00 Students (*includes parking in Broadway Garage*)
- Menu:** oven roasted chicken breast, wild mushroom ravioli, sauteed spinach and mushroom jus - served w/ soup du jour; rolls and butter; desert du jour or fresh fruit; coffee and tea

To Register:

Call Chris Martel at: **(617) 638-7419 - OR**
E-mail him at: **cbmartel@bu.edu**

Please note, you can make payment up to and including the night of the event (pay "at the door"); however, no matter when you make payment, please register beforehand.

Directions: (*park in the Broadway Garage*)

From North of Boston (via Rte. 93): Take I-93 south to exit 26, Storrow Drive. Proceed about 4 miles to the Harvard Square exit. Turn right onto JFK Street. Continue through four lights to Harvard Square. You should see the Out of Town newsstand on your right. Continue following directions for Harvard Square (below)

From West of Boston (via Mass. Turnpike): Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90) east to exit 18 (a left exit), Cambridge/Allston. After the toll booth, bear right towards the Cambridge exit. At the second set of lights--just before the bridge--turn left onto Storrow Drive. Proceed about 1/2 mile to the Harvard Square exit. Turn right onto JFK Street. Continue through four lights to Harvard Square. You should see the Out of Town newsstand on your right. Continue following directions under Harvard Square.

From South of Boston (via Rte. 93): Take I-93 north to exit 26, Storrow Drive. Proceed about 4 miles to the Harvard Square exit. Turn right onto JFK Street. Continue through four lights to Harvard Square. You should see the Out of Town newsstand on your right. Continue following directions under Harvard Square.

From Northwest of Boston (via Rte. 2): Take Route 2 East until the highway portion ends. Bear right and continue through the lights, remaining on Route 2. You should pass the T station/garage on your right. Go over the bridge. At the rotary, continue on Route 2 East by taking the second exit. At the next rotary, take the first exit, continuing on Route 2. After the large intersection with Mt. Auburn Street, watch for signs to Memorial Drive. You will have to bear left to get onto Memorial Drive. At the first light, turn left onto JFK Street. Continue through three lights to Harvard Square. You should see the Out of Town newsstand on your right. Continue following directions under Harvard Square.

Harvard Square: After passing the Out of Town newsstand, stay to the right. After the next light, the road will fork. Bear right and go through the tunnel. The road will fork again; a fire station is located in the middle of this fork. Bear right*, then take the first right onto Quincy Street. The Faculty Club is located about halfway up the street on the left, set back from the road. It is the red brick building with white trim facing sideways at 20 Quincy Street. (**If parking at the Broadway Garage bear LEFT instead, and take the third right onto Felton*).

DOT TRAINING

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER OF THE HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY
Margaret E McCarthy, Ph.D.

NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER OF THE HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY
John Sowa, Ph.D.

On Friday, April 29th, there will be a one-day DOT training program delivered by *Roy Parker, Ph.D.* from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, including a one-hour break for lunch. Tuition is \$100.00, including coffee break and boxed lunch.

The course location is Building 2, 7th floor (Biology Building) at the Springfield Technical Community College (STCC), 1 Armory Square, Springfield MA (visit www.stcc.edu for directions and further details about STCC).

On-site parking will be provided for attendees who pre-register and arrive before 7:30 AM. Contact Margaret McCarthy to make arrangements for on-site parking (contact info below).

For those who wish to stay overnight to ease the commute, a block of rooms at the Springfield Marriott has been reserved. The room rate for the event is \$99/night, and the cost for overnight parking is ~\$5/night (Government employees need ID for their rate). Attendees are responsible for booking their rooms directly; the conference is "Health Physics". Call the Springfield Marriot direct at 413-781-7111 or toll-free at 1-800-228-9290 to make arrangements.

The on-site contact person is Margaret E McCarthy, 413-755-4624 (office phone Building 17 / Room 341), or mem@schooph.umass.edu. Her evening contact phone number (before 8:30 PM!) is 413-268-7863.

To Register:

Call Margaret McCarthy at 413-268-7863, OR e-mail her at mem@schoolph.umass.edu OR mail your registration information to: 30 North Farms Road, Haydenville, MA, 01039-9724 (please note that this is a rural route and takes at least two days longer than normal delivery!).

When registering, we will need: 1) your correct name for the certificate (this item will be checked at sign in); 2) your correct contact information (to contact you if there are last minute changes); 3) whether or not you'll need on-site parking (free if you pre-register and arrive on-site before 7:30 AM); and 4) any special meal considerations for lunch.

Payment:

The cost is one hundred US dollars (\$100) by check or cash; we do not have credit card ability. Payment can be made when you register with Margaret or on the day of the event. Make checks payable to the Northeastern New York Chapter and use the mailing address given above for registration.

There is an enrollment limit for this course, so register as soon as possible to get a spot! In case of overbooking a wait-list will be maintained.

Course Outline:

Visit the NECHPS website at www.nechps.org for a course outline.