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Message from President

Jim Hearn

I have been honored to serve as your 2022-2023 State MCASC President this past year and wish to thank all of you for this opportunity. I will always remember and appreciate the experience and knowledge I gained during this time.

This year, all our chapters came together face to face at local meetings for the first time since COVID. We held our first Summer Convention in over three years at Hammock Beach Resort. I was able to attend the Pee Dee Blast in Georgetown, the Oyster Roast in Charleston, and the Clays for Education in Greenville this past year where I saw many old friends. It was a memorable time as we all came back together, stronger than ever.

Also, this year, we sold our original MCASC State office building on Morninghill Drive in Columbia, where the MCASC resided for over 50 years, and relocated to 120 Cromer Road in Lexington. A big shout out to former President Tom Brock for his assistance with this sale and move. This was a very significant event for our association and an important move for Mona.

Dream big, stay positive, work hard and enjoy the journey.



1. Apple pie has been a staple American dessert since the 1700's.
2. Bristol, Rhode Island has the longest running 4th of July parade.
3. John Adams predicted that Independence Day would be a huge celebration for many generations to come.
4. Three U.S Presidents have died on July 4th: James Monroe, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson (Adams and Jefferson passed in 1826 and Monroe passed in 1831)
5. The 50th star was added to the American flag on July 4, 1960.
6. Americans consume a lot of hotdogs on July 4th, about 150 million to be exact.
7. When we look at the costs, Americans spend over \$1 billion on fireworks every July 4th.
8. July 4th wasn't an official holiday until almost 100 years after the Declaration of Independence was signed. The holiday was officially established in 1870.
9. There were only about 2.5 million people living in the United States in 1776.
10. Our national anthem wasn't "The Star Spangled Banner" until 1931. It took 117 years for the words written in 1814 by Francis Scott Key to gain federal recognition.
11. One World Trade Center in New York was designed to be 1,776 feet tall—which is also the year America gained its independence from Great Britain.
12. George Washington celebrated the 4th of July in 1778 even though he was at war—he treated U.S. soldiers to a double ration of rum and a cannon salute.
13. There are 31 towns in the U.S. that contain the word "liberty." The largest town is Liberty, Missouri with a population of 32,865.
14. The White House did not have a 4th of July party until 1801.
15. Only one US President was born on July 4th: Calvin Coolidge July 4, 1872 in Plymouth Notch, Vermont.

Father's Day Trivia Answers

1. Necktie
2. The third Sunday of June
3. In the 1500's
4. Father's Day of course!
5. The rose
6. A white rose
7. A red rose
8. 72 million
9. George Washington
10. Mother's Day, Valentine's Day & Christmas
11. Having a BBQ or grilling out
12. 888 children
13. 69 children
14. The Seahorse
15. Catfish
16. The wolf





In 1925 with a \$250 loan, K.B. Hill founded Hill Plumbing Company in Sumter, SC. Almost a century later, Hill Plumbing has grown to become one of South Carolina's largest and leading plumbing contractors. With only a bicycle and a few tools, K.B. Hill built the company from the ground up; even installing Sumter's first built in tub.

K.B. believed in his craft and took a grass roots effort in building relationships and working with the local community. He took exception in helping others who were less fortunate, even supporting a disabled and terminally ill employee by keeping him on payroll until he passed. Surviving the great depression, KB eventually passed the torch on to his son, Leverne Hill, in 1957.

Leverne broadened the company's interest in commercial plumbing, eventually expanding Hill Plumbing's footprint throughout the state. He took great strides in providing the best service for the best price giving clients and contractors a reason to choose Hill Plumbing Company. By improving its services, the company was able to create an environment that stimulated growth.

In 1994, Leverne Hill's son, Frank Hill, took control of the company. Under new leadership, Hill Plumbing further expanded its commercial division while tripling its income. Hill Plumbing serves as an example of one of South Carolinas leading plumbing contractors. While managing Hill Plumbing, Frank Hill also took pride in the local community; serving on several boards. In early 2000, Frank Hill was appointed to serve on South Carolina Building Code Council representing plumbing for the state of South Carolina. Along with new growth, Frank Hill still embraces the principles of loyalty and compassion refusing to lay off a single employee during the 2008 recession.

CARRYING ON THE TRADITION : After more than 95 years of service, Hill Plumbing has grown to over 60 employees with an annual income over 12 million. In 2021, Hill Plumbing's services grew to include a brand new heating and air division servicing the Sumter and Florence area. As the company continues to grow, the goal hasn't changed. Now doing business as "Hill Plumbing and Air," our goal is still to carry on K.B.'s proud tradition of building successful longstanding relationships while also working closely with the community. Becoming a fourth generation company, Frank's children, Trey Hill and Lauren Hill, continue the lineage in different management capacities as the company continues to evolve over time.

Associate Member



An electrical supplier with roots in Coventry, England, now serves the greater Charleston area through seven branches. City Electric Supply (CES) opened its first Charleston-area branches in Mount Pleasant and North Charleston in 1996.

In recent years, CES has rapidly expanded its presence in the region, opening additional branches to accommodate the Charleston area's growth. More than 30 people move to the Charleston region every day, according to Charleston County Economic Development.

Customers can visit the following CES branches: North Charleston, Charleston Downtown, West Ashley, Charleston Cross County, Mount Pleasant, Summerville, and Moncks Corner. Twelve delivery vehicles also service the area, and more than \$1 million in switchgear inventory is available through the One Line Service - Panel Shop.

CES Moncks Corner became South Carolina's 31st branch when it opened in December 2021. The area's CES branch managers offer an average of 15 years of service. And customers appreciate the expertise.

"I go back years with Scott [Lawson]—when he worked at the counter. He was always available to deliver material, and it's great to see him as a branch manager now. His team stays ahead of the game, always looking out for new products for us," said Chuck Bessinger, the owner of Bessinger Electric, who has worked with CES for 28 years.

"We've been doing business with CES for years. They have everything we need: wire, pipe, even hard hats," Kendrick Singleton, an electrician with Construction Professionals Incorporated, said during the North Charleston branch's 25th-anniversary celebration in 2022.

Material Handling and Storage - Inspecting Alloy Steel Chain Slings

[Reference: 1910.184 / 1926.251]

Alloy steel chain slings are used in many different industries for lifting, hoisting, and moving heavy loads. It is crucial for the safety of workers that alloy steel chain slings be inspected regularly to ensure that they remain in good condition and safe to use. Here is a list of 10 things you should look for before using an alloy steel chain sling:

1. Begin by visually inspecting the entire sling assembly before use for any obvious signs of damage, such as cracks, nicks, gouges, or other deformities that could weaken the chain, master link, and coupling links and make them more prone to breaking.
2. Examine the chain and all other components for any rust or corrosion, which can weaken the chain and make it more likely to break.
3. Inspect the chain for signs of twisted or bent links, which could affect the slings strength and cause it to fail.
4. Inspect the sling carefully for any signs of melting, discoloration, or other damage caused by it being exposed to flames or high heat.
5. Look for any elongation or stretch in the chain links, which can be a sign of fatigue and may indicate that the sling is no longer safe to use.
6. Check hooks and rings on the chain for signs of twisting or stretching due to overloading.
7. Make certain there are no bolts and other make-shift connectors or sub-standard repairs present in the chain sling assembly.
8. Ensure the manufacturer's tag is attached to the sling, and inspect it to make sure the serial number, sling length, and rated capacities for various rigging methods are legible.
9. Also, make sure to follow any specific inspection guidelines provided by the manufacturer of the chain sling. These guidelines may include additional steps or procedures for evaluating the condition of the chain sling.
10. Finally, if you do find a damaged chain sling, immediately take it out of service and tag it out or locking it up so it cannot be used by anyone else.

In conclusion, inspecting an alloy steel chain sling requires a thorough visual inspection before each day's use, checking for any signs of wear, damage, or other issues that could affect its strength and safety. By following these steps, you help ensure chain slings are in good condition.

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing

Greg Berry	7/2	Perigson Enterprises, Inc.	
Al Simpson	7/3	Honorary Life Member	
Margaret Allen	7/8	H. R. Allen, Inc.	Wife of Rod
Glenn Greer	7/9	Gregory Electric Company, Inc.	
Caitlin Heyward	7/19	W. B. Guimarin & Company, Inc.	Wife of Carroll, Jr.
Anne Campbell	7/21	Gateway Supply Company	
Wayne Kimball	7/21	Kimball's Plumbing, Heating & Electrical	
Leslie Whitehurst	7/21	JMP Equipment Company	
Kim Richardson	7/22	Atlantic Electric Company	Wife of Mike
Josh Ridgill	7/23	Carolina Insulation Contractors	
Darrell Durham, Sr.	7/27	Honorary Life Member	
Michael "Scat" Scaturro	7/28	Eastern Industrial Supplies, Inc.	
Tim Whitehurst	7/28	JMP Equipment Company	Husband of Leslie
Ray Merrit	7/31	Honorary Life Member	

We would like to announce your Birthday too! If you would like to be listed, please call 803-772-7834.

Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Richardson	7/1	Atlantic Electric Company	Susan
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Brewer	7/8		Eve
Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Hendrix	7/8		Laura
Mr. & Mrs. John Minor	7/20		Mary Pat
Mr. & Mrs. Coleman Boyd	7/21		Heather
Mr. & Mrs. Coles Dwight	7/21		Susanne
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Jacques	7/23		Tami
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Hunter	7/25	Carolina Insulation/Cayce Company	Billie Jean

Condolences

Deborah Belt and family in the loss of
Bobby Belt (Bobby Belt Plumbing Co., Inc.)
June 9, 2023

Welcome New Members



State Board Meeting



MCASC 178th Annual Summer Convention – August 10-13, 2023

The Henderson Beach Resort & Spa – Destin, Florida

By becoming a sponsor, your presence will be seen and known to all members and associate members through our "Tool Box", website, upcoming meetings, convention materials and events. And your Presents will allow the MCASC Summer Convention to be memorable. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for you and your company to be promoted during the next couple of months.

DON'T DELAY BECOME A SPONSOR TODAY!

Sponsorship Packages Include the following opportunities. Please choose the one(s) you wish to sponsor, complete the form and email or fax to Mona at mflowers@mcasc.com or (803) 731-0390.

THURSDAY:

Hospitality Suite	\$2,500.00
Surcies & Prizes	\$500.00

FRIDAY:

Associate Member's Breakfast Meeting	\$3,500.00
Past President's Breakfast Meeting	\$2,000.00
Member's Breakfast	\$6,000.00
Educational Workshops (2)	\$5,000.00
Hospitality Suite	\$2,000.00
Surcies & Prizes	\$500.00
Children's Program & Dinner (Ages 0-3)	\$500.00
Children's Program & Dinner (Ages 4 & Up)	\$500.00
Cocktail Reception Honoring Past Presidents	\$3,500.00
Pool Party Dinner Honoring Past Presidents	\$7,000.00
Entertainment	\$6,000.00
Awards & Prizes	\$1,000.00

SATURDAY:

Board Of Directors Meeting	\$2,500.00
Ladies / Spouse Surcies	\$2,000.00
Golf Tournament (4 Sponsors - 2 For Front Nine & 2 For Back Nine)	\$500.00
Fishing Tournament	\$500.00
Hospitality Suite	\$2,000.00
Surcies & Prizes	\$500.00

Yes, I Would Be Happy To Sponsor The _____

Please Invoice My Company For: \$ _____ Phone No. _____

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The 178th Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina Summer Convention

August 10-13, 2023

MCASC Registration Form

Please complete form *By Friday, July 10, 2023*

and email to mflowers@mcasc.com, fax to

(803) 731-0390 or mail to

P. O. Box 384, Columbia, SC 29202



**The Henderson Beach Resort & Spa
Destin, Florida**

Please List Names of All Attendees (Including Children / Friends, Their Age & Gender)

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Please List Any Food Allergies: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

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Phone No.: () _____

Billing Information:

Please Invoice Company: _____ My Check Is Enclosed: _____

Hotel Information:

MCASC attendees will receive a group discounted rate if reservations are made by Monday, July 10th

The Resort Service Fee is \$20.00 Per Night & Includes: Henderson Beach Resort's Private Beach Access, Beach Bikes, Select Water Sport Activities: Paddle Board, Kayak, & Kick Boards, Henderson Fitness Classes, Daily Family Pass To Henderson State Park, Morning Coffee & Afternoon Tea Station In the Living Room, Afternoon Infused Water Station, Chilled Towels & Water After Your Walk Or Run, 24 Hour Business Center Offering A Dedicated Concierge (Weekdays) To attend To All Your Business Needs. Reservations can be made after the deadline date at regular prices & depending on availability. Confirm your reservations by Calling: **850-424-4430** during the hours of 8:30 AM To

Cost: \$500.00 per person, which includes the following:

Daily Social Gatherings at The Hospitality Suite
(hors d'oeuvres and your favorite adult beverages)

Let's Make A Deal Games At The Hospitality Suite

Breakfast Meetings Friday Morning

Members' Breakfast Friday Morning

Educational Workshops (2), Friday Morning

Chuck Gallagher "Effective Communication: What's Your Strong Suit"

Chuck Gallagher "The AI Revolution: Unlocking The Future Of Business"

Past Presidents' Pool Party Reception, Dinner, Awards & Entertainment Friday Evening

Note To Parents: *Everyone (Including Children All Ages & Young Adults) Will Be Included Friday Evening at The Past Presidents' Pool Party Reception, Dinner, Awards & Entertainment. We Will Need Their Age & Gender If Participating!*

Optional Activities:

Golf Options:

1. **Regatta Bay - Ranked #1 Golf Course on The NW Coast of Florida**
Call (850) 337-8080

Rates Range From \$149.00 To \$249.00 Based on AM Or PM Tee Times

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The Henderson Spa – Services Inspired by Nature – Rejuvenate In 10,000 Sq. Ft. of Bliss!

Guests Should Make Their Own Reservations by Calling (850) 424-4482

Members Will Receive A 10% Discount!

Poppy's Kids Club Programs for Ages 4-12 – Reservations Are Required At Least 24 Hours In Advance. For More Details Call 1-850-424-4421 [Poppy's Club - Henderson Beach Resort](#)

The Resort Has Five (5) Options for Dining. Check Them Out at The Link Below.

You May Want to Consider Making Reservations!

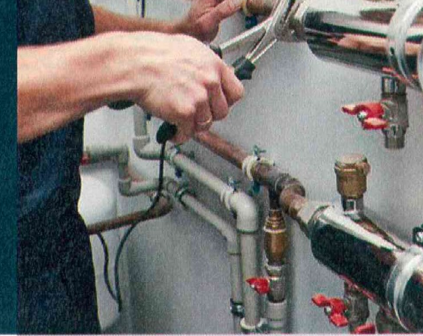
[Dine - Explore Our Dining Options - Henderson Beach Resort](#)

Shopping – Silver Sands Premium Outlets – Located 5.3 miles from the hotel with 110 stores

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Area Meetings & Upcoming Events

Piedmont Area

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Hosted by: Trane U.S., Inc.

Location: TBA

Speaker: TBA

Program: TBA



Midlands Area

Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Hosted by: Murray Supply Company, 1222 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC 29201

Speaker: TBA

Program: TBA



Pee Dee Area

16th Annual Pee Dee Blast Sporting Clays Event
Friday, September 15, 2023 from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm
Back Woods Quail Club, 647 Hemingway Lane, Georgetown, SC



Next scheduled meeting will be October 12, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Hosted by: Carolina Insulation Contractors

Location: Roger's BBQ, 2004 W. 2nd Loop Road, Florence, SC

Speaker: TBA

Program: TBA

Coastal Area

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 5:30 pm



Hosted by: Hahn-Mason Air Systems, 4115 Dorchester Rd., Ste. 200, N. Charleston, SC

Speaker: TBA

Program: TBA

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Associate Member



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Update Your Outlook

Let us know if we need to
update your Outlook or if
you know someone who
does!

MCASC Vision Statement

The Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina (MCASC) will be the leading construction association in South Carolina for specialty contractors and suppliers in the electrical, mechanical (HVAC), and plumbing fields by serving its membership, the industry, and the Community in a vibrant and harmonious fashion.

MCASC Mission Statement

The Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina (MCASC) will provide its membership with:

- current business/technical information and support
- a proactive political/legislative agenda
- a joint industry collaboration to improve relative business practices
- an ongoing effort to offer training opportunities for both professional and craft personnel
- educational scholarships for deserving students