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## Managing Your Automobile Fleet Exposure By John Babson - BB&T/Boyle-Vaughan Insurance

One of the largest exposures you have for your company is the use of automobiles for your business. More employees are fatally injured on the job due to vehicle accidents than any other single cause. The injury cost associated with employees in vehicle crashes are generally three times the cost of other workplace accidents. Accordingly, the attention needed by top management on the monitoring of an active fleet/vehicle program is mandatory.

The management of your company should direct a great deal of attention to fleet management practices. Several items that you should consider in the management of your automobile exposure are:

1. A written program that clearly defines who is eligible to drive on behalf of your company. The minimum requirements should be established internally with your company and reviewed by your insurance agent. This list of minimum qualifications should include the driver's age, experience and an acceptable driving record. It is important that you consistently follow the self-imposed standards.
2. You should develop a system to be sure all drivers meet these qualifications prior to hiring an employee and periodically check these requirements during the course of employment. Simply looking at an applicant's drivers license is not good enough – you should require all drivers provide you with a current Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) at the time of the interview. The candidate's possession of a drivers license does not verify he/she is an acceptable driver, nor does it indicate past performance as a driver.
3. You should develop a system that identifies accountability and consequences for failure to comply with your management program.
4. The MVR's on each driver should be reviewed at least annually. If you have drivers who have been on probation due to their driving performance, more frequent reviews of the MVR should be conducted.

In obtaining MVR's on your drivers, you should consult the advice and guidance of your insurance agent to determine if a three year MVR or a broader picture, such as a 10 year MVR, is needed. You should obtain a three year MVR on drivers who typically operate light automobiles such as private passengers or pickup trucks. If the driver is operating a tri-axle dump truck, a more in depth MVR, such as a 10 year, would be needed.

Plaintiffs can sue you for negligent hiring and negligent entrustment of vehicles – do not give the plaintiff ammunition by ignoring your auto fleet exposure.

For additional safety suggestions, please contact John A. Babson at BB&T/Boyle-Vaughan. His contact data is (803) 231-6173 or jbabson@bbandt.com.

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**Piedmont Area  
Sporting Clay Event  
Tuesday, April 24th**  
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**19th Annual  
George W. Bryce, Jr.  
Memorial Golf  
Tournament  
Friday, May 4th**  
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**MCASC  
16th Annual  
Scholarship  
Tournament  
Santee  
See Pages 5 & 6  
To Register**

**Mechanical Member:  
BARWICK PLUMBING COMPANY, LLC**

Barwick Plumbing Co., LLC was formed in August 1976 by Steve Barwick. His office was a small single wide located behind his home until he purchased and restored a 100 year old building in the town of Pinewood, SC. Steve's wife Debbie holds a journeymans card in plumbing and assisted Steve in his business for a number of years. His son Adam, son-in-law Whit Jordan and nephew Chad Wilsey work for him today, completing his family owned business.

Steve is a master plumber holding an unlimited general contractors license in building, water and sewer lines and water and sewer plants as well as a mechanical license for plumbing in South Carolina and holds an unlimited mechanical license for plumbing in North Carolina. Steve's business has grown from a one man operation to approximately 50 employees and a fleet of 25 work vehicles. His company specializes in new plumbing installations, renovations and underground utilities for such facilities as schools, churches, hotels, shopping centers, medical facilities, detention centers and multi-family housing as well as repair service. Most recently his company completed the plumbing work at The Spur at Williams Brice Stadium in Columbia, SC.

Steve's business continues to be successful each year and wishes the same for all members of the Mechanical Contractors Association.

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***APRIL BIRTHDAYS***

<b>Benny Waldrop</b>	<b>4/2</b>	<b>Waldrop, Inc.</b>	
<b>Jean Roth</b>	<b>4/9</b>	<b>Freeman Mechanical, Inc.</b>	
<b>Tom Minor</b>	<b>4/9</b>	<b>G-M Mechanical Corporation</b>	
<b>Bill Caldwell</b>	<b>4/10</b>	<b>Waldrop, Inc.</b>	
<b>Tom Deer</b>	<b>4/12</b>	<b>B &amp; W Mechanical Contractors</b>	
<b>Jayne Johnson</b>	<b>4/17</b>	<b>Jerry's Plumbing, LLC</b>	<b>Wife of Jerry</b>
<b>Fred Gibbs</b>	<b>4/22</b>	<b>Bear Mechanical Services, LLC</b>	
<b>Sylvia Jacobs</b>	<b>4/22</b>	<b>R. C. Jacobs, Inc.</b>	<b>Wife of Duwayne</b>
<b>Bucky Cole</b>	<b>4/23</b>	<b>AAA Supply, Inc.</b>	
<b>Joe Clarey</b>	<b>4/29</b>	<b>Bradford Sales Company, Inc.</b>	

***Happy Birthday Members! We Would Like To Announce Yours.***  
***Please call the Birthday Hotline at 803-772-7834 or Email to [mflowers@mcasc.com](mailto:mflowers@mcasc.com)***

# PROJECTS FOR BID & BID FORECAST

MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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<b>MIDLANDS AREA</b>	<b>NO JOBS LISTED</b>	CHAIRMAN DESIGNATING COMMITTEE
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<b>COASTAL AREA</b>	<b>NO JOBS LISTED</b>	CHAIRMAN DESIGNATING COMMITTEE RON RUNYON TEL: (843) 556-5636 FAX: 763-3091
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## *Winter Retreat*

MARCH 15-18, 2007

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April, 2007 - May, 2007

DAY      JOB NO.    4/HR    LOCATION NAME      BID DATE      TIME

No Jobs Listed

**“Tool Box Talks” - Safety Tip**  
**Barricades and Warning Devices**

Safety planning calls for first things first. The first step in construction is the planning of traffic flow through or around the work areas. Many sources of injuries involving the public and the workers during Highway Construction are:

- **Collision with construction equipment**
- **Pedestrians falling into open excavation work**
- **Driving into open excavation work**
- **Driving into work areas**
- **Entering danger zones such as the swing area of a crane or track hoe**

Barricades and other warning devices will reduce the chances of such accidents. Barricades are usually of two types, the fence type and the horse type. The fence type barricade is recommended for use as a roadblock and around heavy equipment. The horse type is used for all other purposes.

Barricades should be properly striped for visibility. It is recommended that stripes be six inches wide and inclined at an angle of 45 degrees from the horizontal. Equip barricades with lights for night visibility. Signs should conform in shape, size and color to the recommended specifications. Signs should be used freely to designate work operations, approach to the operation, warnings, speed limits, etc.

Flagpersons are important in controlling the safe flow of traffic. Flagpersons should place themselves where they will be visible to oncoming traffic for at least 500 feet and must be visible to traffic at all times. High visibility vests should be worn by all flagpersons. They should stand on the shoulder opposite the roadblock or in the blocked lane, never in the traffic lane, and should face traffic at all times. Flagpersons must use their traffic control devices correctly and not haphazardly.

Remember, Barricades, Signs and Lights are important to the safety of the traveling public through the jobsite. Never move a barricade unless necessary and remember to replace it when finished with your work. If you see a problem with a barricade, light or sign, fix it or report it to your supervisor.

**Always remember...Safety is first!**

**RSS Safety now sells safety supplies and products, including barricades and warning devices. Call for your catalog today.**

**By: Mel Rosas – RSS Safety, LLC**

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**Mark Your Calendars For The  
Nineteenth Annual  
George W. Bryce, Jr.  
Memorial Golf Tournament  
Friday, May 4th  
Oakdale Country Club, Florence  
Stay Tuned For More Details!**

**Welcome New Members**

**Ron Palmer - Lennox Industries  
Fort Mill, SC  
Jack Puckett - Capstone Insurance Services, LLC  
Greenville, SC  
Eddie Melton, Jr. - Premier Lighting of Charleston  
Charleston, SC  
Jim Hendricks - Critical Components, Inc.  
Charleston, SC**

**Happy Anniversary**

**Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Cullum - 4/16  
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Haynes - 4/30**

**Birth Announcement**

**Henry Mason Vyskocil  
Born February 16, 2007 - Weight 7 lbs. 3 ozs.  
Proud Grandparents: Calvin & Charlene Meetze**



**Get Your Gun And Target  
Tuesday, April 24th  
For An Afternoon Of Clays, Cocktails and  
Low Country Boil  
Sporting Clay Event To Be Held At  
Harris Springs Sportsman's Preserve, Waterloo  
To Raise Money For The  
Piedmont Area and  
MCASC Scholarship Funds  
Contact Jean Roth at (864) 277-6710**

# How would you like to win



**IF SO, THEN MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE...**

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual  
 MCASC Scholarship Tournament  
 Swatter-Snagger-Shagger Weekend  
 June 1, 2, 3, 2007 - Santee - Ramada Inn**

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**FRIDAY:**

Check In - Ramada Inn  
 GOLF: LAKE MARION (Play Your Own Ball)  
 Hospitality Suite  
 Poker  
 Prime Rib Dinner

10:00 AM\* - UNTIL  
 11:30 AM - Tee Times Begin  
 4:00 PM - MIDNIGHT  
 IT'S YOUR DEAL  
 7:00 PM

\*Provided room is ready  
 (Tee Times Will Be Published)  
 Room 124  
 Room 220  
 Hotel Pool Side

**SATURDAY:**

Buffet Breakfast  
 FISHING  
 GOLF: SANTEE-COOPER COUNTRY CLUB  
 Hospitality Suite  
 Poker  
 Swatter-Snagger Awards & Door Prizes  
 Seafood Dinner  
 Shagging

6:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
 5:30 AM - UNTIL  
 10:00 AM - SHOTGUN START  
 4:00 PM - MIDNIGHT  
 IT'S YOUR DEAL  
 6:00 PM  
 6:30 PM  
 After Dinner

Garden Dining Room  
 Billups Landing  
 Captain's Choice Format  
 Room 124  
 Room 220  
 Hotel Pool Side  
 Hotel Pool Side  
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**SUNDAY:**

Buffet Breakfast  
 Check Out - Ramada Inn

6:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
 12:00 NOON

Garden Dining Room  
 Have A Safe Trip Home!!

\$500- Hole-In-One Contest

\$500 will be awarded for each hole-in-one made on Hole #8 (150 yds).

\$500 Angler Contest

\$500 will be awarded to the angler that captures the largest fish (weighed in ounces)  
 IF their lucky number matches the winning number.



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**REGISTRATION FORM AND INFORMATION**

**COST:**

**Swatter/Snagger - \$225.00/person (double occupancy)  
Non-Sportster - \$175.00/person (double occupancy)**

**NOTES:**

- Any singles add \$45.00
- Lounge cover charge waived with room key
- If you choose to go down on Thursday, there will be an additional room cost of \$56.00
  - Please indicate below so we can make the necessary accommodations
  - Cancellations and/or Substitutions Accepted Thru May 18<sup>th</sup>

**Hole Sponsor - \$125.00  
Boat Sponsor - \$125.00**

**\*\*Make checks payable to: MCASC Scholarship Fund\*\***

***REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 4, 2007***

Below, indicate activities with a ✓ mark

Complete registration form & fax to (803) 731-0390 or email to: [mflowers@mcasc.com](mailto:mflowers@mcasc.com)

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**IMPORTANT NOTE: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, Pre-arranged foursomes will be accepted both days provided you have contacted the MCASC State Office & submitted your team by no later than May 4, 2007. If you do not pre-arrange your foursome, & would like to play with a particular individual, please note on form. Otherwise, the Golf Committee will assign teams.**

**Associate Member:  
FAULKNER / HAYNES & ASSOCIATES**

Faulkner/Haynes & Associates has been around a long time. We began in 1971 and over the past 36 years have watched and adapted as the landscape of the commercial HVAC and quality power industries has changed.

One thing that hasn't changed during this time is our commitment to you -- our customers, our partners and our friends. At Faulkner/Haynes there are several things that we value, but none more than these....

1. Excellence in customer service
2. Sales associates who value the relationship as much as the margin and
3. Superior products designed, engineered and constructed by superior manufacturers.

These are the principles that guide our daily decisions and that have helped us to become and will allow us to continue to be a consistent and enduring presence in this industry.

No matter where you're located in South Carolina, or perhaps North Carolina, we have an office nearby with a team that's ready to serve you.



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**Congratulations to our next Associate & Mechanical Members who will be highlighted in the upcoming issue of "The Tool Box":  
First Carolina Insurance Associates - Associate Member  
Walkup Electrical Construction, LLC - Mechanical Member**

**APRIL 2007 MONTHLY AREA MEETINGS**

**MIDLANDS AREA**

Thursday, April 5, 2007  
Location: MCASC State Office, 1504 Morninghill Dr., Columbia  
Sponsored By: Robinson McFadden

**Annual Legal Workshop  
Presented By: Robinson McFadden  
Election of 2007-2008 Officers**

**PIEDMONT AREA**

Tuesday, April 10, 2007  
Location: 720 Mauldin Road, Greenville  
Sponsored By: G-M Mechanical Corporation

**Election of 2007-2008 Officers**

**PEE DEE AREA**

Thursday, April 19, 2007  
Location: Red Bone Alley, Florence Mall  
Sponsored By: Cayce Company, Eastern Industrial Supply and Lasko Fittings

**Topic: "The PVC Market"  
Speaker: Jason Heffner  
Lasko Fittings  
Election of 2007-2008 Officers**

**COASTAL AREA**

Friday, April 27, 2007 @ 7:00 PM Boarding 7:30 Departing  
Location: The Beauregard, Patriot's Point, Mt. Pleasant  
Sponsored By: Sunbelt Rentals

**Annual Coastal Area Harbor Cruise  
Election of 2007-2008 Officers**



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**NEW MCASC HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

Congratulations to Bert King, Al Simpson and Brian Smith for being named MCASC Honorary Life Members by the Board of Directors for their longtime dedication and service to MCASC.

**MCASC YEAR-END STATEWIDE RALLY & BBQ**

Plans are underway for the MCASC Year-End Statewide Rally & BBQ in May. Stay Tuned For Further Details!!!

**MCASC 152nd SUMMER CONVENTION**

The 152nd MCASC Summer Convention Will Be Held July 19-22, 2007  
At Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Georgia.

Mark Your Calendars Now & Make Plans To Bring The Entire Family!!!

**MCASC Vision Statement**

The Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina will be the leading construction association in South Carolina for specialty contractors and suppliers in the mechanical, electrical, 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 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
- the development of industry related career opportunities

The association's objective for this mission is to enhance the future of the construction industry in South Carolina.