



Southern Exposure

JANUARY 2010 MEETING
CEMENT PLANT PLANS FOR REUSE OF SALVAGED TIRES

Tuesday, January 9, 2010
Giacomo's Restaurant

910 U.S. Highway 50 West, Pueblo
 (Southwest Corner of Hwy 50 and Club Manor Blvd.)

Vern Stuessy, Plant Manager of GCC Cement will be with us to tell us about their cement plant and their plans for the beneficial reuse of salvaged tires in a cement kiln to augment the use of coal. The firm has purchased Midway Tire north of Pueblo to facilitate this project. For your choice of seating, arrive at 6 p.m. – for cocktails and conversation arrive at 6:30 p.m. or before. Order your meal by 7 p.m. and enjoy our brief business meeting. Guest speakers are scheduled immediately thereafter. Enjoy your meal during and after our guest's presentation. Speakers will often take questions until all are answered, but we must remember to give them a chance to eat as well!

We look forward to seeing everyone as our meeting schedule resumes after the holidays!

For seat count purposes, if you have not been contacted via telephone by Monday, November 2nd at Noon, please call Val Henderson at (719)543-7722.

HOLIDAY PARTY WELL ATTENDED AND LOTS OF FUN!

Kudos to Kim and Christy Koch for hosting our Holiday Party at the Pueblo Country Club on December 16th. The event was well attended, the food was wonderful, and everyone had a great time during the festive meal and gift exchange. A very special thank you goes to Harvey Smith for the wonderful presentation he made to Val Henderson of a plaque complete with an actual model of the TV tuner which her father, Edwin P. Thias, invented, complete with the dates and pertinent patent numbers and a folder full of his drawings and details surrounding the 1951 invention.

COPE MEMBERSHIP LIST AS OF 10/01/09

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If your name is not on this list, be sure to fill in the enclosed application and mail it with your \$30 dues to COPE, P.O. Box 1841, Pueblo, CO 81002, ASAP or call Hector Carrasco, Treasurer, to confirm your membership.

CREDIT CARD THEFT

SCENE 1

This is a new one. People sure stay busy trying to cheat us, don't they? A friend went to the local gym and placed his belongings in the locker. After the workout and a shower, he came out, saw the locker open, and thought to himself, 'Funny, I thought I locked the locker. Hmm, 'He dressed and just flipped the wallet to make sure all was in order. Everything looked okay - all cards were in place. A few weeks later his credit card bill came - a whopping bill of \$14,000! He called the credit card company and started yelling at them, saying that he did not make the transactions. Customer care personnel verified that there was no mistake in the system and asked if his card had been stolen. 'No,' he said, but then took out his wallet, pulled out the credit card, and yep - you guessed it - a switch had been made. An expired similar credit card from the same bank was in the wallet. The thief broke into his locker at the gym and switched cards.

Verdict: The credit card issuer said since he did not report the card missing earlier, he would have to pay the amount owed to them. How much did he have to pay for items he did not buy? \$9,000! Why were there no calls made to verify the amount swiped? Small amounts rarely trigger a 'warning bell' with some credit card companies. It just so happens that all the small amounts added up to a big one!

SCENE 2

A man at a local restaurant paid for his meal with his credit card. The bill for the meal came, he signed it, and the waitress folded the receipt and passed the credit card along. Usually, he would just take it and place it in his wallet or pocket. Funny enough though, he actually took a look at the card and, lo and behold, it was the expired card of another person. He called the waitress and she looked perplexed. She took it back, apologized, and hurried back to the counter under the watchful eye of the man. All the waitress did while walking to the counter was wave the wrong expired card to the counter cashier, and the counter cashier immediately looked down and took out the real card. No exchange of words --- nothing! She took it and came back to the man with an apology.

Verdict: Make sure the credit cards in your wallet are yours. Check the name on the card every time you sign for something and/or the card is taken away for even a short period of time. Many people just take back the credit card without even looking at it, 'assuming' that it has to be theirs.

FOR YOUR OWN SAKE, DEVELOP THE HABIT OF CHECKING YOUR CREDIT CARD EACH TIME IT IS RETURNED TO YOU AFTER A TRANSACTION!

SCENE 3

Yesterday I went into a pizza restaurant to pick up an order that I had called in. I paid by using my Visa Check Card which, of course, is linked directly to my checking account. The young man behind the counter took my card, swiped it, then laid it on the counter as he waited for the approval, which is pretty standard procedure. While he waited, he picked up his cell phone and started dialing. I noticed the phone because it is the same model I have, but nothing seemed out of the ordinary. Then I heard a click that sounded like my phone sounds when I take a picture. He then gave me back my card but kept the phone in his hand as if he was still pressing buttons. Meanwhile, I'm thinking: I wonder what he is taking a picture of, oblivious to what was really going on. It then dawned on me: the only thing there was my credit card, so now I'm paying close attention to what he is doing. He set his phone on the counter, leaving it open. About five seconds later, I heard the chime that tells you that the picture has been saved. Now I'm standing there struggling with the fact that this boy just took a picture of my credit card.

Yes, he played it off well, because had we not had the same kind of phone, I probably would never have known what happened. Needless to say, I immediately canceled that card as I was walking out of the pizza parlor. All I am saying is, be aware of your surroundings at all times. Whenever you are using your credit card take caution and don't be careless. Notice who is standing near you and what they are doing when you use your card. Be aware of phones, because many have a camera phone these days. Never let your card out of your sight - check and check again!

COPE ANNUAL DUES PAYABLE

As we start our 2009-2010 Coalition of Pueblo Engineers (COPE) year, the Executive Committee is asking all members and prospective members to fill out the attached slightly revised form --- "COALITION OF PUEBLO ENGINEERS (COPE) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION". Even if you have recently provided us with a completed form, we would like to have your cooperation in helping us be sure we have the very latest data on all members and current prospects. Unless you have very recently joined COPE and have already paid them, your annual COPE Dues of \$30.00 for the current administrative year of July 2009 through June 2010 are now due. Make checks payable to the "Coalition of Pueblo Engineers". Dues can be paid at our January dinner meeting or mailed to the following address: COPE, P.O. Box 1841, Pueblo, CO 81002. Remember to include the completed revised membership form.

MATHCOUNTS

**on Saturday
February 27th
CSU-Pueblo
PLEASE
VOLUNTEER!!
for more info
Call Paige Lee
at 543-7722**



**Treasury Report
2009/10
Date Submitted: December 29, 2009**

Date	Description	Income	Expenses	Balance
12/01/09	Balance November, 2009		20.24	\$5,548.34
12/17/09	Dues Income	30.00		5,578.34
	Note: Christmas Party Cost Summary Pending Bill from Country Club			
	MathCounts Funding	Income	Expenses	Balance
12/01/09	Balance November, 2009			978.99
	Scholarship Funding			
12/01/09	Balance November, 2009			1,500.00
12/29/09	Balance in Checking Account			\$8,057.33
9/30/09	Balance in Savings Account			\$2,749.20
9/30/09	Balance in Scholarship Account			\$38,138.55
12/23/09	Brad Mullans Memorial Fund in PEC Foundation			\$27,077.91

2009-2010 COPE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 5, 2010	6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	COPE Meeting at Giacomo's Restaurant
Monday, January 11, 2010	5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.	COPE Executive Committee Meeting @ ESI
Tuesday, February 2, 2010	6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	COPE Meeting at Giacomo's Restaurant
Monday, February 8, 2010	5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.	COPE Executive Committee Meeting @ ESI
Saturday, February 27, 2010	7:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	COPE MATHCOUNTS
Tuesday, March 2, 2010	6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	COPE Meeting at Giacomo's Restaurant
Monday, March 8, 2010	5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m..	COPE Executive Committee Meeting @ ESI
Tuesday, April 6, 2010	6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	COPE Meeting at Giacomo's Restaurant
Monday, April 12, 2010	5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.	COPE Executive Committee Meeting @ ESI
Saturday May 1, 2010	To Be Announced	COPE Golf Tournament
Tuesday, May 4, 2010	6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Joint Meeting with Pikes Peak Chapter in Pueblo

Check info @ pec.org for additional information on state, regional and national events.

INVITATION to an EVENING of FUN

An evening to celebrate MOTOWN

Pueblo African-American Concern Organization (**PAACO**) is having their annual Dinner-Theater to raise funds for minority college students from Pueblo. **PAACO** has provided scholarships for nearly 300 college students from Pueblo since 1992. They are providing scholarships for thirteen minority college students for the academic year – 2009-2010. These Pueblo minority college students have attended colleges and universities in Colorado and from California to institutions of higher learning on the East Coast. A current **COPE** scholarship winner, Megan Archuleta, is also a **PAACO** scholarship winner at the Colorado School of Mines.

On Saturday, February 6, 2010, **PAACO** will have their 2010 Dinner-Dance at the Occhiato Ballroom on the campus of the Colorado State University – Pueblo to raise funds for scholarships for more minority college students from Pueblo. This 2010 Dinner-Dance will celebrate **MOTOWN**. There will be a silent auction, the dinner and a dance. During the dance there will be a **MOTOWN** trivia contest.

Florence Hunt (the wife of Fred Zook) is currently the president of **PAACO**. Fred and Florence would love to have ten persons (five couples?) fill a table for this event. The cost for the dinner and dance is \$50.00 per person (\$100.00 per couple). We would identify this table as a “Corporate Table” sponsored by **COPE**. If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return to **PAACO** or let Florence know at the January 5, 2010, **COPE** meeting.

Think Valentine's Day, Guys!!

PAACO – Celebrate **MOTOWN** – February 6, 2010

Name(s) of attendees _____

Address of attendees _____

Amount enclosed - \$50.00 per person (\$100.00 per couple) _____

COALITION OF PUEBLO ENGINEERS (COPE)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____

Name _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Preferred E-Mail Address for Meeting Notices _____

Birth Date ____/____/____
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Employer _____ Job Title _____

MAILING ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER _____

HOME ADDRESS OF APPLICANT _____

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Professional Licensure (circle one) PE EI / EIT Graduate Engineer Other N/A

Are you a current member of a State or National Engineering / Surveying Society? _____
Yes No

If so, which one(s)? _____

COPE DUES - \$30.00 annually (Administrative year – July through June)

The following is a list of COPE activities. Please check the ones in which you would be interested and/or would like more information.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> MathCounts (annual middle school math competition) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Fundraising Area Golf Tournament |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guest Speaker Suggestions | <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado Engineering Scholarship Awards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (open to suggestions) | |

Please return Membership Application Form to:

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