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FROM THE EDITOR

Newsletter

We welcome contributions from everyone for inclusion in the *NEWSLETTER*, and please feel free to make any suggestions as to how it can be improved. Contact information is at the end of every *NEWSLETTER*, and you can email the editor (david@appliedinspection.co.uk).

Ideas and Suggestions

Ideas or suggestions that would benefit the company and/or staff are welcome. Please contact any director directly, by phone, or by e-mail.

Communications

It is a Company requirement that all communications are fully understood by all employees. Communication methods include telephone calls, written (formal and informal), facsimile, electronic, memoranda and newsletters. If any item of any communication is not fully understood, clarification must be sought from the author of the communication.

Joke of the Month

A drunk phoned police to report that thieves had been in his car.

"They've stolen the dashboard, the steering wheel, the brake pedal, even the accelerator!" he cried out.

However, before the police investigation could start, the phone rang a second time and the same voice came over the line.

"Never mind," he said with a hiccup, "I got in the back seat by mistake."

PERSONNEL

Congratulations

To Mathew Seedhouse and Paul Nixon who both passed PCN Level II Visual Inspection.

The National Lottery

Dawn Andrews at Chesterfield and Keith Dashper at Ossett run the Applied Inspection lottery syndicate. There are currently 27 members who each pay £1.00 per week (stopped at source), which is put on the Saturday lottery.

Anyone who is not a member and who would like to join should contact Dawn or Keith.

Our *winnings* to date are as follows:

1995-2006	-	£3355.00 (615 weeks)
2007	-	£200.00 (52 weeks)
2008	-	£514.00 (52 weeks)
2009	-	£330.00 (52 weeks)
January 2010	-	£10.00 (5 weeks)
February 2010	-	£0.00 (4 weeks)
March 2010	-	£40.00 (4 weeks)
April 2010	-	£40.00 (4 weeks)
May 2010	-	£20.00 (5 weeks)
June 2010	-	£30.00 (4 weeks)
July 2010	-	£187.00 (5 weeks)
August 2010	-	£0.00 (4 weeks)
4 September 2010	-	£0.00
11 September 2010	-	£0.00
18 September 2010	-	£0.00
25 September 2010	-	£0.00
2 October 2010	-	£0.00
9 October 2010	-	£10.00
16 October 2010	-	£10.00
23 October 2010	-	£0.00

Any errors in the above list will be corrected as soon as possible.

QUALITY & TRAINING

Standards and Specifications

BS EN ISO 7963: 2010, Non-destructive testing – Ultrasonic testing – Specification for calibration block No. 2 (ISO 7963: 2006), has superseded BS EN 27963: 1992, which is now withdrawn.

Quality at Applied Inspection

Applied Inspection has a number of statements relating to its position on that subject, and objectives. They relate to Vision, Mission, Quality, Training, Health & Safety, Environmental, Equal Opportunities, Alcohol & Drugs and Smoking.

The statements are contained in the Company Rules booklet, available at each site on the Notice Board, and the Health & Safety booklet, issued to all employees. In addition, from time to time we also publish the statements and related information in the *NEWSLETTER*. Here are our Health and Safety Policy statement. We welcome comments and/or suggestions from staff in relation to any company policy statement. Please contact any director or e-mail us through the company web site.

Health & Safety Policy Statement

- 1. Our policy is to conduct all our operations with the health and safety of our employees as a prime objective.**
- 2. The company's policy is to do all that is reasonably practicable to prevent injury to all its employees and to the general public.**

3. **The policy is applicable to all activities carried out by the company in-house and on-site, including driving and radiation safety.**
4. **The company has a responsibility to:**
 - **Comply with all statutory requirements.**
 - **Provide and maintain healthy and safe working conditions.**
 - **Provide adequate training and instruction to enable employees to perform their work safely and efficiently.**
 - **Make available all necessary safety devices and to supervise their use.**
 - **Liaise with employees or their representatives whenever possible in all matters relating to health and safety.**
 - **Review this health and safety policy annually, or whenever the need arises, whichever is the sooner.**
5. **It is the duty of each employee to:**
 - **Comply with all statutory requirements.**
 - **Always work in a safe and efficient manner, ensuring the health and safety of him or her self and others.**
 - **Use protective clothing and equipment provided by the company.**
 - **Report incidents that have led or may lead to injury or damage.**
 - **Comply with the company safety procedures.**
 - **Assist in the investigation of accidents in order to prevent any future occurrence.**
6. **Arrangements for implementation of this health and safety policy are shown in the Health & Safety Rules and Local Rules (Radiation).**

Quote of the Month

"To suggest that life is only good if (only if?) it is ideal or perfect, rather than to suggest that one achieves the good by living a process – the process of working towards ones ideals – is to misuse the concept of the ideal."

A.C. Grayling
Philosopher

(Book: 'The Choice of Hercules: Pleasure, Duty and the Good Life in the 21st Century', page 25)

TRANSPORT / FINANCIAL

(Pat Slater / Clive Millard)

Beware

Beware; sometimes being conscientious can cost money. Last month one of our operators set off early to do a job on-site. It involved driving for a number of hours, so to avoid the risk of traffic delays on the motorway; he left home at a time to ensure that he would not be late. He arrived early, parked in a motorway service area, and slept in his car. He exceeded the 2 hour limit set for free parking, and consequently the company received a parking charge of £60.00 through the post.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

(John Morris)

PAT Testing

All staff members who have been issued with items of equipment for use on site are responsible for the 'PAT' Testing of those items of equipment.

You will be issued with an "Equipment Condition/PAT Testing Form" every six months.

Please ensure this form is completed and returned to your base office as soon after issue as possible.

Any items of equipment that are in an unacceptable condition or fail a PAT test should be taken out of service immediately. Your supervisor should be contacted for a replacement or repair of the item.

Anyone who has not received PAT testing training should contact their supervisor immediately.

Ladders

Ladders may only be used to work from if all other methods have been considered and found to be unsuitable. Therefore if a scaffold can be erected or a mobile platform can provide adequate access they must be used instead of the ladder. For other parameters on the use of ladders please refer to the Applied Inspection Health and Safety Rules Section 15. For more information contact John Morris.

Radiography Equipment – Abuse / Misuse / Neglect

When using X-ray and Gamma equipment the cables or delivery tubes must be handled with extreme care, especially when working on site. X-ray heads and Gamma source containers must be carefully placed on a firm, stable surface that ensures the equipment cannot fall and suffer damage. Cables and delivery tubes must not be pulled in any way and routing must form a smooth contour without any sharp kinks. Kinks in delivery tubes are particularly dangerous as they may lead to the Isotope failing to return to the container and therefore an emergency situation. Damaged X-ray cables may result in an electric shock to the operator.

All radiography equipment must be inspected prior to use and any signs of damage must be reported to your supervisor. Replacement of damaged guide tubes, cables etc is a very expensive exercise, please treat all equipment with respect.



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