



Common Ground Iowa



8-1-1 Day – a Success!

CGI's 3rd annual Damage Prevention Summit took place on August 10-11, 2011 and was a huge success with over 150 in attendance. The first day and a half consisted of an Advanced Locator Training at the IAMU facility in Ankeny, covering in-depth and hands-on locating practices. "Educating people about damage prevention and CGA Best Practices in Locating & Marking was the goal of the day," stated Josh Doughan from Snyder & Associates. "We want people to perform work to the best of their ability, so that nobody gets hurt while unintentionally hitting a buried line. The positive feedback we received from the Summit reinforces our CGI mission" added Josh.

Thanks to our sponsors for helping to make the annual Summit an effective and fun event.

It's expected that the 2012 will take place in the fall to avoid summer's busy excavation season. If you have any suggestions for the next Summit (training, speakers, location, timeframe/schedules, etc.) please email us at info@commongroundiowa.com. See you next year!

2011 Locate Rodeo Winners:

1. Waylon Andrews, City of Boone
2. Leonard Pottebaum, City of Alton
3. Nick Herda, City of Alton
4. John Horton, City of Clive
5. Gary Ott, City of Fairbank
6. Frazer Jones, LISCO
7. David Ryan, City of Fairbank
8. Matt McKinney, City of Clive
9. Rick Welch, FiberComm



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Get involved! Help prevent underground utility damage in Iowa.



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CGI Annual Meeting at the Iowa Utilities Board new location

- The IUB will provide tours of the new LEED Platinum Building.

Call Before You Dig – It’s the Law

Iowa Code Chapter #480 states that you must call 2 business days prior to any digging project in order to minimize the risk of damaging underground facilities. For more information on One Call and utility locating check out the website: www.iowaonecall.com. Click on “About Iowa One Call” for laws & enforcement details.

Common Ground Alliance

CGA is a national organization focusing on Damage Prevention through “Best Practice” methods:

www.commongroundalliance.com



Don’t forget to watch the **CGI Damage Prevention Video** online at our website or contact us for a DVD info@commongroundiowa.com.

The next CGI membership meeting will take place on **December 8, 2011** at the IUB’s new location at the State Capitol Complex (1375 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50319). We’ll include a recap of the year’s activities and accomplishments. The meeting provides an opportunity to networking and a open forum to discuss damage prevention techniques and learning opportunities. If you haven’t attended a CGI meeting yet – we invite you to join us! Lunch is provided by CGI at no charge to you.

CGA National Activities:

The next national Common Ground Alliance conference & expo is taking place March 6-8, 2012 at the Rio All-Suites Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV. Visit

www.cgaconference.com for more information or to register.

CGA just announced the completion of their new **educational video** that explains the damage prevention processes. Similar to **CGI’s video** (see inset left), the focus is similar; to educate excavators and the general public on safe digging practices.

For more information on the CGA and the new video check out www.commongroundalliance.com



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DIRT = Damage Information Reporting Tool

The latest DIRT Report is scheduled for release soon. To learn more about the DIRT program visit www.cga-dirt.com.



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CGA Regional Partnership News

Regional Partnerships of the national Common Ground Alliance focus their damage prevention efforts on a local level, just like CGI's primary focus is the state of Iowa. The chairs of each regional partnership belong to a special committee, meeting regularly in order to learn what's taking place across the country, taking back Best Practices to incorporate into their areas.

The CGA Regional Partner Committee has recently nominated two upcoming co-chairs:

- Tracey Bryant, Vectren Energy, Noblesville, Indiana
- JimBob Sims, Texas 811, Dallas, Texas

Welcome New Members!

We have 31 new CGI members since August:

1. Eric Bautista, Hydro-Klean
2. Michael Beaves, Hydro-Klean
3. Mel Berryhill, Milford Utilities
4. Silicia Boutchee, MidAmerican Energy
5. Sheli Dougherty, Iowa State University
6. Chad Finnell, Gudenkauf Tiling & Excavating
7. Kent Freise, Iowa Communications Network
8. Dean Gomez, Alliant Energy
9. Jacob Harris, City of Earlville
10. John Horton, City of Clive
11. Frazer Jones, LISCO
12. Scott Jones, City of Altoona
13. Larry (Mike) Lamoureux, City of Salix
14. Bill Lewers, City of Lake View
15. Larry Miller, Iowa Communications Network
16. Dan Munthe, Alliance Pipeline
17. Herda Nick, City of Alton
18. **Daniel O'Connor, Iowa Utilities Board**
19. Gary Ott, City of Fairbank
20. Mark Pehl, McAninch Corp.
21. Ron Peterson, Utility Consulting Professionals
22. Leonard Pottenbaum, City of Alton
23. Kevin Pyles, Hydro-Klean
24. Bob Ralph, Black Hills Energy
25. Carl Ransford, City of Hiawatha Water Dept.
26. Joel Reed, Hydro-Klean
27. Doug Seehase, Cedar Falls Utilities
28. Joz Sickels, Hydro-Klean
29. David Swan, Oakview dck
30. Brian Waechter, Cedar Falls Utilities
31. Sam Yarham, Iowa Utilities Board



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Hawkeye Chapter, Hraha Honored

Dave Hraha, IAMU Program Director (and CGI Program/Meeting Director), accepts the 2009-2010 Small Chapter of the Year award on behalf of the Hawkeye Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE). The award was presented by ASSE President Darryl C. Hill during the ASSE's Annual Professional Development Conference held in June 2011 in Chicago, Illinois. Hraha has also received individual recognition as Hawkeye Chapter Safety Professional of the Year.

The Hawkeye Chapter of the ASSE promotes the advancement of the safety profession and safety professionals and development of its approximately 175 members in Iowa.

In 2009, Dave received the distinguished CGI Golden Shovel award. The award is designed to recognize a person (or group) who has made outstanding and exemplary contributions to the success of CGI. Clearly, Dave is committed to promoting safety and damage prevention in Iowa.

Go to the website for more information about Dave's award or the array of programs, services and events provided by the IAMU: www.iamu.org.

