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ACCT Board Meeting

The ACCT Board of Directors will have their next conference call on September 16, 2015. Please feel free to contact your board representative to learn more about the meeting topics.

If you have questions regarding the Board, please contact Executive Director, James Borishade, at james@acctinfo.org.

Advisory Notice for Zip Line Landing Area Platforms

From the Design, Performance, and Inspection Standards Committee

Two recent incidents have brought to our attention that employees working in zip line landing areas and on associated platforms may be exposed to previously underestimated fall potential. Fatalities and serious injuries have occurred.

This risk may be underestimated because the height of the edge of take-off or landing platforms may vary significantly along the perimeter of the platform, creating a sense of security in one section without recognition of exposure at other edges. Additionally, the ground adjacent to or near the platform may pose a fall or tumble hazard itself (for example, steep or loose slopes, cliffs, and ravines) or even be at grade level. Employees

2016 Conference T-Shirt Contest!

Do you have an instinct for fashion? An eye for design? YOU could design this year's conference t-shirt! Just e-mail us your vision by October 15th. All current ACCT members will have an opportunity to vote on the design they like. The t-shirt with the most votes will be selected as our 2016 Conference T-shirt!

Our 2016 conference theme:



Rules: Please submit your design in **.pdf format** along with your name, phone number, and mailing address. E-Mail submissions to membership@acctinfo.org

Submissions due October 15th, 2015!

Vote on a design from October 15th – 31st, 2015!!

may also be exposed to the risk of accidental entanglement or purposeful clutch of a zip line rider, allowing the unrestrained employee to traverse the cable into a dangerous fall zone. Each of these risks may be eliminated by ensuring that an adequate restraint or fall protection system is available to employees in these aerial adventure environments and that employees correctly use the restraint or fall protection systems that have been provided.

Zip line landing areas and associated platforms vary in design. The following factors (and there may be others) deserve your careful consideration when evaluating whether an employee has been provided with adequate restraint or fall protection

- The height of the platform above the ground anywhere along its perimeter
- The ability of employees of all sizes to easily move to the best position to do all aspects of their job



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- The training and life safety equipment provided to zip line take-off and landing area employees
- The availability of clearly marked restraint or fall protection anchors
- The possibility that an employee may traverse beyond collective fall protection (such as a net) accidentally coupled with a rider. Particular consideration should be given to the potential that the fall hazard area may be a considerable distance away.
- Adequate individual restraint or fall protection may include fall restraint (employee is prevented from reaching an edge), fall restrict (employee's fall is limited by a personal safety system), and fall arrest (employee's fall is mitigated through use of a fall arrest system).
- If there is a risk of fall, consult the employee fall protection regulations in the jurisdiction. Fall protection systems for employees must be properly designed.
- Evaluate the terrain immediately adjacent to the zip line landing area platform especially the existence of a steep slope that may exacerbate the consequences of a slip off the platform. Fall hazards may exist near zip line take-off or landing areas or may be located upwards of 50 ft away
- Consider the size, speed, and strength of zip line riders approaching the zip line landing area
- Consider the effects of failures in the brake system and its parts, and what impact those failures may have on riders and employees – particularly the possibility that a rider may attempt to stop themselves by grabbing the employee
- In a fall hazard environment, investigate the suitability of collective fall protection measures

We are suggesting the following when designing or using a zip line take-off or landing area and associated platforms

such as railings, nets, and airbags. Topography and drag distances may preclude these from being suitable choices

We strongly urge all those with any relation to zip line landing area platforms to evaluate the fall hazards in these environments with a specific focus on employee/rider interaction and implement restraint or fall protection systems.

For questions regarding this Advisory Notice, please contact membership@acctinfo.org.

2016 Conference

We're only five months away from the **26th Annual International ACCT Conference & Expo**, to be held at the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort & Spa in Austin, Texas, from January 28th thru January 31st, 2016. This year's conference theme is "Deep in the Heart of ACCT."

The ACCT Conference Committee is looking to get you involved! See the notice on the previous page for how to participate in the 2016 Conference T-Shirt Contest! If you have any other fun ideas, please feel free to share them with our Events Manager, Melissa Webb, by submitting them to melissa@acctinfo.org.

Apply NOW for the 2016 Conference Scholarship!

Three people have the opportunity to receive an ACCT sponsored scholarship to attend the 2016 Annual International ACCT Conference & Expo in Austin, Texas. The scholarship will cover conference registration fees, a pre-conference workshop, and a meal plan – lodging, travel, and other meals are not included, and will be the responsibility of the attendee. The scholarship selection will be done by the conference committee.

Application Requirements Include:

- Education, Experience, and/or Goals demonstrate an intention for a continued career in the Challenge Course field (programming, training, building, etc.)

- Interest in projects, etc. that contribute to the Challenge Course Industry (above and beyond employment in the field)
- Past experiences demonstrate passion for the Challenge Course industry
- Need for financial assistance

Click [here](#) to apply!

Service Crew: Participation in the Conference Service Crew can help reduce the cost of registration. Service Crew members, "Yellow Hats," assist in many areas of the conference operations. Interested persons must submit an application, found on the ACCT web site. Service Crew members are expected to work up to 17 hours during the conference. In return, registration fees will be reduced. Apply [here](#) to be a member of the 2016 Service Crew team in Texas! Yee haw!

The ACCT Conference Registration Brochure is going digital! We're pleased to announce that this year ACCT will be conserving resources by releasing our Conference Registration Brochure in digital format. This brochure is set to be sent out to our members in later September so be sure to keep your eye out for it.

Advertising, Exhibitor, & Sponsorship information is NOW AVAILABLE! For the 2016 Exhibitor and Sponsorship Prospectus, please click on the link below.

<http://acctconference.com/exhibition/>

To register click [HERE](#) or visit www.acctconference.com. For more information about advertising, exhibiting, or sponsorship opportunities please contact ACCT Exhibit Management at asaavedra@hpnglobal.com or 480.998.9770 ext. 228.

The ACCT Conference Committee is excited to present our demonstration track. Ideal for individuals and companies looking to provide more hands-on experience with products and / or services.

This is your chance to gain more exposure for your company, your products and your services. Savvy exhibitors and presenters can use these demo opportunities to put themselves "on stage" at the show. The demonstration should be educational in

nature, and not only a sales “pitch” for your product or service. It should be viewed as a product and/or service clinic for your customers and prospects, giving them something of value to use in their business.

[2016 Demo Workshop Application](#)

Upcoming ACCT Conferences:

- The 27th Annual International ACCT Conference and Expo will be held at The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa in Savannah, Georgia, February 2–5, 2017.

For questions regarding workshops, exhibiting, or the conference in general, please contact the Events Manager, Melissa Webb, at events@acctinfo.org.

Upcoming ICE Testing

Provided by the ACCT Department of Operations

Pennsylvania Testing Dates

In cooperation with the Pennsylvania Amusement Ride Safety Seminar scheduled for November 2015, ACCT will once again be offering Inspector Certification prep and testing. This year, ACCT will be offering the full compliment of testing for all ACCT Inspector Certification levels (Level 1 In House or Professional, Level 2 In House or Professional and Supervisor Endorsement).

Registration for this event opened on **June 15th** and is being managed online at www.acctcertifications.com. Please feel free to contact Joyce Weaver, joyce@acctinfo.org, directly if you have any questions.

Post Your Events on the ACCT Facebook Page!

Do you have an industry-related event coming up? Share your information with the ACCT community. A new benefit for our ACCT Organizational and Accredited PVMs is the ability to post your industry-related events on the ACCT Facebook page. To take advantage of this new benefit, click on the link below.

<http://www.jotform.us/form/50535518144149>

Advertising Opportunities

Take advantage of the advertising opportunities in our monthly ACCT Clipboard. There are also quarterly opportunities for advertising in the quarterly association newsletter, Parallel Lines. Please contact trudy@acctinfo.org for an Advertising Kit or for more information.