



President's Letter October, 2014



I just returned from the OCC Tech Conference in Seattle, Washington. I had an opportunity to network with people from other states and discuss what they do to protect underground facilities in their states. Although rules, laws, and organizational structures differ slightly from state to state we all do similar things and share the same goals. I heard about some really exciting enhancements being developed for ITIC. We had a chance to discuss forming an alliance with 15 other states to improve our P&E programs and buying power. Many ideas were shared about things that work and things that do not. Overall it was a stimulating experience.

We will be planning our meeting schedule for next year. So far I have received requests to go to Best Western at Seaside, Eagle Crest at Redman, Sunriver at Bend, Spirit Mountain Casino at Grand Ronde, and Running Y Ranch at Klamath Falls. Please let me know if you have a favorite location or would like to have a meeting in your area.

We are setting aside a full day for our December meeting to be held December 11th at Oregon Gardens. The agenda is below. We have four presentations set for the OUCC meeting. Kristal Hiatt will give a presentation, and answer questions, about the OUCC tax exempt status and what that means to local councils. Luc Fortier, from Pacific Marketing, will talk about the changes made to the OUNC Online General Store and show some of the new merchandise that is available. Jarrod Morrison is going to give an introduction of the Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT). We will be using DIRT as our reporting tool in the near future. Kevin Bissell, with One Call Concepts, will give an update about exciting things coming to ITIC. Let me know if you have suggestions for topics or speakers for future meetings. This will be an informative event and you should plan to attend.

December Quarterly Meeting Schedule:

For those of you making your hotel reservations at the Oregon Gardens, please call 503-874-2500.

Your group block is under Oregon Utility Notification Center.

Location: 895 W Main St, Silverton, OR 97381

www.oregongardenresort.com

AGENDA

-OUNC will hold their meeting Wednesday, December 10 from 9am-3pm.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

-OUCC will host a **President's Gathering** the evening of December 10 from 5pm-8pm.

Dinner will be provided.

-OUCC will hold their meeting Thursday, December 11 from 9am-3pm.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Please be so kind and RSVP Kitty Davis kitty@digsafelyoregon.com as soon as possible.

Did you know that there is an **Oregon 811 Facebook Page**? Go to www.facebook.com/digsafelyoregon and *like* us!

The OUCC still has some funds available for events, merchandise, or other needs. Please contact me or one of the other Board Members with your requests.

I would enjoy hearing feedback about the new Standards Manual. The OAR Committee put many hours into the new manual and we are excited to be able to distribute it. Remember you can order manuals online at the OUNC web site. The 2015 calendars will be available shortly.

Until Next time....."Dig Safely".

Kenny Hamlin

Please update your Damage Reports on the OUCC Web Site www.oucc.net (Damage Reporting section).

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