



President's Letter September, 2014

Great news: **THE NEW STANDARDS MANUALS ARE PRINTED AND AVAILABLE!!!!**

You can order the *Standards Manuals* by going to the OUNC web page www.digsafelyoregon.com and clicking on **Merchandise Order Form**. Choose **OUNC General Store**, enter the number of boxes you would like (180 manuals to a box), and fill in the shipping information. After the order is approved, the manuals will be shipped.

We will be planning our meeting schedule for next year very soon. Please let me know if you have a favorite location or would like to have a meeting in your area.

I have received inquiries about the retention of locate tickets by utility operators. Some utility operators have files full of old locate tickets. The retention of locate tickets is not addressed in the Standards Manual or by Common Ground Alliance. I contacted One Call Concepts (OCC) and Adam Franco said the OCC retains all ticket records for a minimum of 5 years in Oregon. This includes the ticket, transmission records, and voice recordings.

The meeting went well in Medford. We had to rush to get everything accomplished. We are setting aside a full day for our December meeting to be held December 11th at Oregon Gardens. The OUNC Board Meeting will be on December 10th and you are invited to attend. There will be a President's Gathering on the evening of December 10th. We have three presentations set for the OUCC meeting on the 11th. 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 to the Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT). We will be using DIRT as our reporting tool in the near future. Let me know if you have suggestions for topics or speakers.

I would like to extend a special invitation to the local council Treasurers and Damage Chairpersons to attend the December Meeting. The information Kristal is bringing will be especially beneficial for the Treasurers and Jarrod's presentation will give the Damage Chairs needed information about the use of DIRT.

Fall is here and when the rain comes people start hurrying to finish up those summer jobs. Sometimes haste can lead to damages. Be careful and stay safe!

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

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

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