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Montreal Protocol Celebrates 20th Birthday!

## Symposium 20th Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol

On September 23 - 26, a select group of speakers integral to the adoption, ratification, and adherence of the Montreal Protocol will gather in Athens Greece to discuss the success the Montreal protocol has seen since its adoption in 1987. This symposium is called, "Ozone Depletion: from its discovery to Envisat and Aura."

Per the Montreal Protocol 20th Anniversary website, "The Symposium will take place in the Athens Concert Hall, Greece, close to the dates of the 19th Meeting of Contracting Parties to the Montreal Protocol and it will bring together distinguished scientists, policy makers, industry people and NGOs who have contributed to the protection of the ozone layer. Symposium participants will review scientific progress made since the signing of the Protocol in 1987 and will highlight the lessons this process holds for the continued implementation of the Protocol and for addressing other global environmental issues."

In addition to the symposium, this very exciting meeting of influential members responsible for the Protocol will feature several educational sessions that will take a look at the past, present, and future of the Protocol. Recent scientific findings relevant to the Protocol will be unveiled and discussed for the first time.

On September 16, 1987, the Montreal Protocol was introduced with the intent to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and begin the recovery of our ozone layer. Twenty years later, its significance and impact on the world and the ozone layer can be seen throughout the achievements reported by the United Nations Environment Programme. In addition, the Protocol is still going strong and many countries have changed their greenhouse gas usage to reflect its strong suggestions. The power, strength, and overall success of the Protocol is immeasurable.

Chrissy's Corner

Randomness from the Editor-in-Chief



First off, congrats to Jack Kreckie, from Massport Fire Rescue, who emailed me his favorite summertime activity and won the \$50 Amex gift card! Here is an excerpt from his email:

"I so look forward to working in my garden in the summer. As soon as the ground gets soft, it's time to start raking, liming and fertilizing the lawn. As the spring bulbs start coming up, it's time to get the edges cut in the beds and order the mulch."

"If you haven't tried gardening you might consider it. It is a GREAT stress reliever! There is such a reward for your efforts that is there for you to enjoy all summer long. While you are grilling up that Nathan's hot dog, you can feel the pride of your labor."

Jack, you will receive a \$50 American Express gift card for participating in our survey. Thanks!!

#1 - So, as I have been mentioning the past few issues, my husband and I FINALLY bought a house!! After the first deal going sour literally AT the closing table, we bought our dream townhouse and are fixing it up right now. Phew!

#2 - We have changes all over the place! Not only am I revamping my townhouse at home, but also Wesco is introducing a bunch of new flyers and brochures! We've added halotron to our product line and can offer customers several different sizes of bulk halotron at competitive pricing with quick turnaround time. In addition to halotron, we also

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Chrissy George, Editor-in-Chief

### Upcoming Events

### September 2007

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- 3rd - Labor Day
- 3rd - 5th - Interflam 2007, fire research conference, London, UK
- 6th - HARC/HRC Meeting, Washington DC
- 13th - Rosh Hashanah
- 22nd - Yom Kippur
- 23rd - Fall Equinox

### Upcoming Events

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- 7th - 13th - National Fire Prevention Week (NFPA)
- 8th - Columbus Day
- 14th - 19th - Society of Fire Protection Engineers Annual Meeting, Las Vegas,

The success stories as a result of the Protocol are many, far too many to list here.

The original protocol had 24 countries agreeing to it; now, 20 years later, we are proud to report that 180 countries have joined - and that number will continually grow as we all work together to improve the ozone layer.

Happy 20th birthday, Montreal Protocol - here's to another 20 years of success in ozone protection!

For more information on the upcoming symposium please click [here](#).

### The Air Up There: Faces in the Crowd

by John Demeter



We're not sure when we first met Tom Wysocki. We should. He is taller than average, somewhat imposing and with a voice made for radio. Tom is the Technical Director of the Fire Suppression Systems Association (FSSA) and a familiar figure to those of us who make a living in and around the fire protection world.

It has been said that Tom is one of the most balanced professional in the industry. We've seen him in front of more than 100 talented and knowledgeable fire protection professionals (probably with 100 different points of view on the subject at hand) and turn what would normally become a brawl into a smooth and intelligent discussion. His explanations are clear and concise. His room presence commanding. The breadth and depth of his knowledge of the industry ranks with the best. Steve Foulk, vice president of Comprehensive Fire Technologies and an FSSA Board of Director member, says that he someday hopes to acquire "one-tenth of what Tom Wysocki knows now about fire protection!"

But that's not why we write today about Tom.

We do remember sitting with Tom at a St. Petersburg (Fla) hotel bar last January and

are proud to introduce a full line of Ansul fire fighting foams and dry chemicals. Ansul is a top of the line foam and dry chemical product, and we are excited to expand our line to this Ansul product!

#3 - Baseball playoffs are upon us also, and the NY Mets are still in the running. And with Pedro being back in the rotation, I have to say things around my house are quite happier (my husband = a HUGE Mets fan). Soooo, LET'S GO METS!

#4 - And finally, good luck to all the students returning to school! We were sorry to see our purchasing and sales assistant, Nisha Asher, return back for her fall semester at Rutgers, and our warehouse assistant, Tim Hagan, begin his college career at St. John's. However we are happy to see them working on their education and wish them the best of luck in their studies!

Welcome back to school, everyone, and welcome to fall!

Thanks for reading,



### NAFED's Regional Election Results!

The National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors recently held elections for Region 2, Region 4, and Director-at-Large positions. The results have been tallied and here are the winners!

**Region 2**  
Michael Willis II  
Haines City Fire  
Winter Haven, FL

**Region 4**  
David Wanshek  
Northwest Fire Extinguisher Service Co.  
Wauconda, IL

**Director At-Large**  
Bill Freeman  
Consolidated Fire Protection  
Irvine, CA

NV (SFPE)

31st - Halloween

Upcoming Events

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4th - Daylight Savings  
Time Ends

6th - Election Day

7th - 9th - Mexico Fire &  
Safety Expo, Centro  
Banamex, Mexico,  
NFPA (NFPA Mexico)

22nd - Thanksgiving

extending what was already a long night into a longer one. Tom talked about his early days in the industry when he was charged with the task of driving the length of the Alaska pipeline (All 800 miles and in Winter!) and inspecting the fire protection at each pumping station. It was a fascinating story and when combined with some of Tom's other "early career" experiences, we were convinced that fire protection was the driving and motivating force in his life. We were wrong.

Tom is a girls softball coach and a mighty fine one at that! For over 24 years he has coached at every level from T-Ball to College. (Anyone who has ever watched college-level girls softball knows it is not a sport for the faint at heart. It is competitive.) Many of Tom's former players have gone on to successful careers at some of the top colleges in the U.S., In early August, Tom took his team – The Illinois Angels – to the Amateur Softball Association Class A Northern National Tournament in St. Ann, Missouri. There the Angels competed with some of the best teams in the mid-west – if not the country. After four days of competition the Angles finished 9th out of 50 teams, placing them among the elite teams in girls softball today.

The title of this column is borrowed from Sports Illustrated, one of our favorite magazines having nothing to do with halon, FM200, FE227 or any other clean agent. The SI regular section "Faces in the Crowd" features athletes and coaches – young and old – who have been toiling away mostly in obscurity but have somehow made a contribution to their sport. Tom Wysocki may never make it into Sports Illustrated. He has, indeed, made a remarkable contribution.



#### EgyptAir Purchases A330-200

EgyptAir, one of Egypt's leading airlines headquartered in Cairo, has purchased five of Airbus' A330-200 wide body aircraft, with an

For more information on this story, click [here](#).

Registration For the Fifth Triennial International Aircraft Fire & Cabin Safety Research Conference  
2007 Now Open!

The Fifth Triennial International Aircraft Fire and Cabin Safety Research Conference will be held at the Tropicana Resort-Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey, USA, from October 29-November 1, 2007.

This conference is the fifth in a series of triennial conferences established to inform the international aviation community about recent, ongoing, and planned research activities in transport category aircraft fire and cabin safety. The Conference addresses both certification and operational issues.

Conference sessions will include:

Safety Research Issues:  
Research Progress and Future Directions  
Prioritization/Support and Safety Data Systems

Materials Fire Safety:  
Fuselage Burnthrough Resistance  
Thermal/Acoustic Insulation  
Flammability Test Methods  
Flammability of Hidden Materials  
Advanced Fire Resistant Materials

Systems Fire Safety:  
Halon Replacements  
Fuel Tank Fire and Explosion Protection  
Fire Detection and Suppression  
Engine Fires  
OBIGGS/OBOGS  
Fire Protection in Isolated Areas

Evacuation:  
Computer Modeling  
Human Behavior in Emergencies  
Data Analysis  
Symbology/Pictorials  
Passenger Education

Crash Dynamics:  
Structural Strength and Load Attenuations  
Cabin Interior Components  
Computer Modeling  
Seat/occupants Models  
Human Injury Criteria

Operational Issues:  
Cabin Crew Training  
Cabin Crew Procedures  
Safety Briefings  
Passenger Management

option for an additional three.

EgyptAir currently has a fleet that includes 30 Airbus aircrafts: from the A320 family, A330, A340, and A300-600 cargo variant. Having recently celebrated its 75th anniversary, EgyptAir is very excited to add the Airbus A330-200 to its fleet and incorporate it into its rotation of 560 flights per week on average. "Expanding our fleet with the Airbus A330-200 will allow EgyptAir to continue its impressive route network growth which now numbers over 60 international destinations in over 43 countries. The A330-200 aircraft with its very low costs, reliability and cabin comfort suites our expansion needs and will also fit in well with our existing fleet of Airbus aircraft", said Atef Abd El Hamid, Chairman of EgyptAir Holding Company

EgyptAir currently operates over 560 flights per week from Egypt, and services Africa, Asia, Europe, and North American as well. For the official press release from Airbus, click [here](#).

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- Atef Abd El Hamid, Chairman of EgyptAir Holding Company

#### Trivia Time!

Congratulations to our winners of last month's Harry Potter trivia!

Ronald Sheinson, the US Navy  
Jamie Knowles, Oxarc-Wholesale Fire

This month's trivia has absolutely nothing to do with any specific topic, and are just 2 random questions. Good luck!!

- On what day and year was dynamite demonstrated for the first time in England by Alfred Nobel?
- What helpful tool (that Chrissy has been using a lot in her purchasing of new furniture) did Alvin J. Fellows patent?

Just answer the two questions below correctly and [click here](#) to email us. As long as you are one of the first two people with the correct answers to email us, you win! Please note, you must get both answers right to win, and anyone who has won the contest in the last 3 months is ineligible this time! Good luck!

#### Cabin Environment

The conference will kick-off on the Monday afternoon, October 29, 2007, with presentations from senior aviation officials from a number of international aviation authorities.

Complete conference details are available [here](#) under "Conference" or at [here](#). The Tropicana has set aside a block of hotel rooms for conference attendees at a very special rate. Hotel reservation details are also available on the websites listed above. There is no conference registration fee.

There are currently close to 400 international aviation representatives from industry, research, and academia registered to attend this information-packed conference. This is a great opportunity to catch up on the various international research that has taken place in the past three years in the field of aircraft fire and cabin safety. Hurry, spaces are filling up fast. The special hotel rates will only be honored until September 30, 2007. They are going fast!

A special thanks to April Horner from the FAA for providing this article!

#### Emirates Receives First Boeing 777-200LR Worldliner!

Boeing and Emirates completed the delivery of the first 777-200LR Worldliner on August 31, 2007!

The 777-200LR Worldliner is the world's longest range twin engine commercial jet. It's partnership with the Emirates, one of the largest operators of the family of 777's, is a big step for Boeing and for the airline industry.

In addition to the 777-200LR Worldliner, Emirates also ordered (24) 777-300ER's, (10) 77-200LR's, and (8) 777 Freighters as well.

For more information on this story, please check out the official press release at [Boeing's Press Release page](#).

#### Recipe of the Month!

### Save the Date!

Some upcoming important meetings to take note of in your date book:

#### **HARC/HRC**

Board Meeting September 13, 2007

#### **NAFED Regional Meetings for 2008**

Mar 6-7, 2008, Las Vegas, NV

Apr 3-4, 2008, Atlantic City, NJ

May 8-9, 2008, Cleveland, OH



I made this dessert for Christmas Eve and it was a hit! I have since been asked to make this for family events over and over again! This is super easy and you can make several variations on it. I like to use little Ramekins (think [3.5" or 4.25"](#)) to make individual cobblers for everyone. Just remember, when baking in the oven put the ramekins on a cookie sheet so the filling doesn't spill over onto your oven!

The full text of this recipe can be found [here](#).  
Enjoy!

#### Berry Cookie Cobbler

2 bags (12 ounces each) frozen mixed berries, thawed  
1 container (21-ounce) apple pie filling  
1/3 cup granulated sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
1 roll (18-ounce) prepared sugar cookie dough  
Vanilla ice cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl, mix berries, apple filling, sugar, and cinnamon. Transfer fruit mixture to an 8 by 8 by 2-inch baking dish. Crumble cookie dough over fruit, covering thickly and completely. Bake uncovered until cookie crust is golden and crisp, and juices bubble thickly, about 45 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream.