

# The San Diego, CA General Assembly



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What's not to like about San Diego? Especially with the great program ACRP offered it's 2007 General Assembly attendees.

Speaking of attendees, the 2007 General Assembly achieved another milestone in attendance. Attendance reached 81, comprised of 60 members, 12 non member attendees and 9 spouses. Considering that San Diego is one of three top destinations in the United States, this might account for some of the increase, but the program had to be part of the draw.

Consider the worth to the attendees of such subjects as: **Evaluating Wind and Ground Conditions; Lifting Construction Equipment; Developing Curriculum; Lift Planning**

**in Pile Driving Situations; Proper Use of Lever Hoists and Chain Falls; A Review of the Air Force memorial Rigging, and last but not least, Polar Plotting for Lift Planning and Accident Reconstruction.**

In addition to the subject matter, this years Assembly had a multitude of hand outs for attendees.

Even more interest-

ing was the demonstration of the self erecting tower crane, which was set up and erected in the narrow alley between the two hotel buildings. This graphically demonstrated the flexibility of this device in small spaces and on terrain which would not be conducive to more conventional equipment. Our thanks to Jon Tierney of Coast Crane, for this demo.



The ACRP Board - Hard At Work!

## Make Plans for Charleston in '08

Welcome to **Charleston**, a city that will provide you with history and tradition, pristine beaches and a weath of history. Charleston's prominence is linked most commonly to its rich history and the role the port city played in a critical time of transformation in our

country.

There is much to see in Charleston and much to learn at the 2008 ACRP General Assembly. The place were "the trainers get trained".

Charleston is located near the middle of South Carolina's coast at the point

"where the Ashley and Cooper Rivers meet to form the Atlantic Ocean." It is the state's second largest city and the county seat of Charleston County. Charleston was originally called Charles Town (in honor of King Charles II of England).

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- New Board Members
- SEATRAX Photos
- Charleston May 12-16, 2008

**Mike Parnell,  
ACRP President**



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# Suzanne's Sights 'n Insights



San Diego ....what a city! Around every corner is a restaurant, art gallery, boutique shop or bar that just begs to be explored - and we did a great job. No matter where you were, you'd look up and there were some ACRP folks looking back. Fantastic! Not sure how we'll top the farewell banquet from the comments you gave. Thanks.... I kept waiting for Robert Redford to show ala the movie with Demi Moore, but never saw him. I'm sure he would have approved of the yacht, as well.

The receptive attendees to this year's meeting set a new record in numbers and unwavering attention. . Each speaker's material was eagerly gobbled up like hungry toddlers with happy demands for more.

The Assembly committee members and our dedicated board did a marvelous job in scoping out the meeting and making it a reality. We sorely missed Danny Bishop, who was unable to attend due to his wife's illness. We welcomed however, Chris Whitehead also of The Crosby Group. Chris was an integral part of our having "Jeopardy". This game has been a highlight of each year's meeting since it's introduction. It's a great way to learn and have fun at the same time. And the competition is lively!

The 2007 Assembly also was the site for the swearing in or the new board members. Their pictures and information can be seen on page 8. It also gave us the opportunity to welcome the new Chair-

man of the Board, Jerry Klinke. Jerry is perhaps an unsung hero for the group. He has always served when called up and quietly gets the job done. Jerry is working both with advertising for ACRP and I.A.C.E.T. where he is the undisputed force and gatekeeper. Congratulations, Jerry!

I've always heard that if you want something done, give it to someone who is busy. Well, if that be the case, I can't think of any one busier than our newly elected President Mike Parnell. Mike is constantly on the go and yet always has time for ACRP business. Whatever the request - whether it's returning a phone call, email, or gathering information needed, he can always be depended upon to get back to you in a timely manner.

Stepping up to the plate as Chairman of the 2008 Assembly, we have Scott Fleming Scott, not to be outdone by this year's record setting attendance, has vowed to set a new record in 2008! Can't say what the wager is, but with Scott's determination we expect to see another record broken and there will be a welcome mat out for each of you not to mention some surprises. Aw Heck, we'll even help!

Mike Riggs, Chairman of the 2007 Assembly did a bang up job and has his shirt sleeves rolled up for his new challenge as Vice President. Mike has some good ideas for the upcoming meeting.

The 2008 Assembly will be held in Charleston, S.C. the garden spot of the South. It is an enchanting city which will whet your appetite in more ways than one! It's a great place to celebrate that birthday, anniversary, or mini vacation that you've been planning. Be sure to get the dates marked on your calendar now. May 12-16th is going to be another milestone in education and fun for ACRP.

ACRP. Just getting better. Come see for yourself!

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# Why Join ACRP?

There are times when an existing member of an association, or someone considering joining such an organization, questions the worth of such an investment in both money and time.

Following is a contribution by a long time member of ACRP, one of the founding fathers and a long time Board member, Brad Closson of CRAFT Forensic Services, which eloquently addresses this issue. The worth of any organization is the member himself. What the member brings to the organization is in direct proportion to the worth he or she derives from this group of individuals.

Any member of ACRP that attends our General Assembly knows the worth of the association and the benefit of membership, so solicit others in the industry to join with us an share in the knowledge freely given by the members of ARCP.

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You don't buy glasses — you buy vision!  
You don't buy membership in an Association — you buy valued, essential services; you buy advice of competent individuals with whom you can join hands to accomplish the things you cannot do alone!

(Contributed by Brad Closson, CRAFT Forensic Services)

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# San Diego 2007 General Assembly

by Mike Riggs, Slingmax  
Chairman 2007



**ACRP Welcomed Aboard the California Princess the ACRP General Assembly attendees for the ACRP Banquet on the bay!**

**San Diego Harbor Excursion, the most established San Diego cruise company on the bay, handled the privilege of serving ACRP attendees and making this special event a truly memorable occasion.**

**The attendees enjoyed great scenery, wonderful food and drink and a chance to enjoy the comeraderie of their fellow ACRP Professionals.**





## 2007 ACRP General Assembly Tour

Jon Tierney of Coast Crane, San Leandro, CA, arranged a quick practical demonstration on a Self Erecting Tower Crane (smaller version of the SE TC machine) set up in the alley between the two hotel buildings.

The group then traveled to a local jobsite where they have a bit larger crane erected, where they could observe the larger units in operation.

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Most job site conditions allow these tower cranes to be erected on compacted soil eliminating the expensive concrete footings that traditional tower cranes require.



## Self Erecting Tower Crane Demo



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## ACRP Welcomes New Board Of Director Members

Nominating Chairman Rick Knoche handles the swearing in of the newly elected Board members and Officers of ACRP.

Pictured from left are Board members Todd Nicholes, Pacificcorp; James Cahill, J.F. White Corp.; Ray Linton, Jeff Boat; Vice President Mike Riggs, Slingmax; President Mike Parnell, Industrial Training Internatioanl and Board member, Andrew Wilson, Lonestar Rigging, Inc.

Missing from the picture are Board members Ritchie Castonguay, Hite Services and Danny Bishop, The Crosby Group.

Newly Elected as Chairman of the Board is Jerry Klinke, ACRA Enterprises, Inc.



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# Charleston - 2008



**Scott Fleming**  
**2008 General Assembly**  
**Chairman**

# General Assembly Committee

The committee, headed by Scott Fleming and comprised of the following committee members are working hard to make the meeting in Charleston, SC. even more successful the recent Assembly held in San Diego.

George Asenault, Michael Barrett, Thomas De Soo, Bob Harrell, Dwight Henson, Bo Kenter, Paul Kuber, Patrick Lee, Russell Osborne, Mike Terry and Joe Ted Tullos

The Theme of the 2008 General Assembly is **Inspection Testing Technology** and will offer numerous presentations dealing with available testing devices.

Other potential subjects will include container rigging, inspecting round slings and boom inspection and repair.

As a hands on feature, Scott Fleming is providing a sling testing trailer and Mike Riggs is providing the slings for testing and Devon Beasley will provide a write up on the demonstration for the attendees.

With all these individuals working on making the 2008 General Assembly one of the best ever, it is a slam dunk.

Your association staff has completed the site inspection of Charleston, reviewing seven different hotels, to determine their capability to handle the meeting space, food & beverage, accommodations and space for the sling testing trailer.

A host hotel will be determined within the next few weeks, as soon as bids for room rates are received. So mark your calendars for May 12-16, 2008 and plan to attend the 2008 General Assembly in Charleston, SC.

## In Memoriam

Longtime member and supporter of ACRP Danny Bishop, The Crosby Group, has suffered a loss within his family. Danny's wife Cleta recently circummed to a long battle with cancer and passed away.

Danny sent this message to ACRP headquarters which we are reprinting for those of you who have known Danny and are saddened by his loss.

“On behalf of the Bishop and Wheeler families I just wanted to say Thank You for your prayers, support, cards, and many acts of kindness during Cleta's illness and passing.

Words cannot adequately express our gratitude and appreciation.”

*Welcome*

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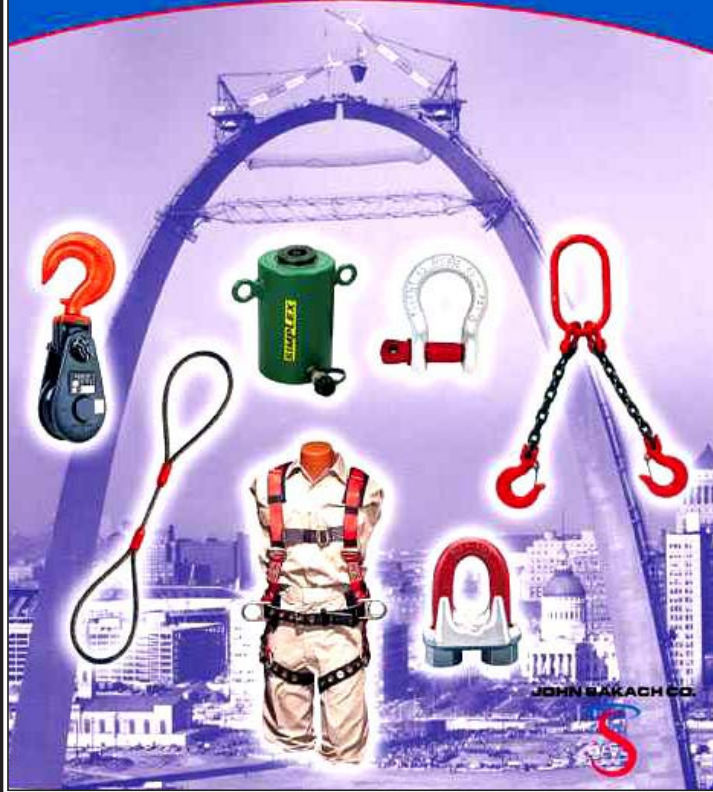
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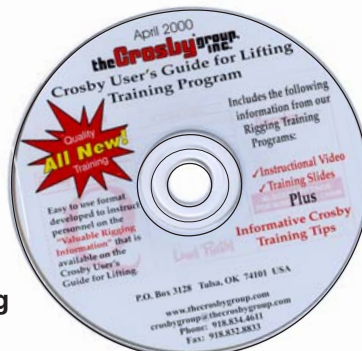
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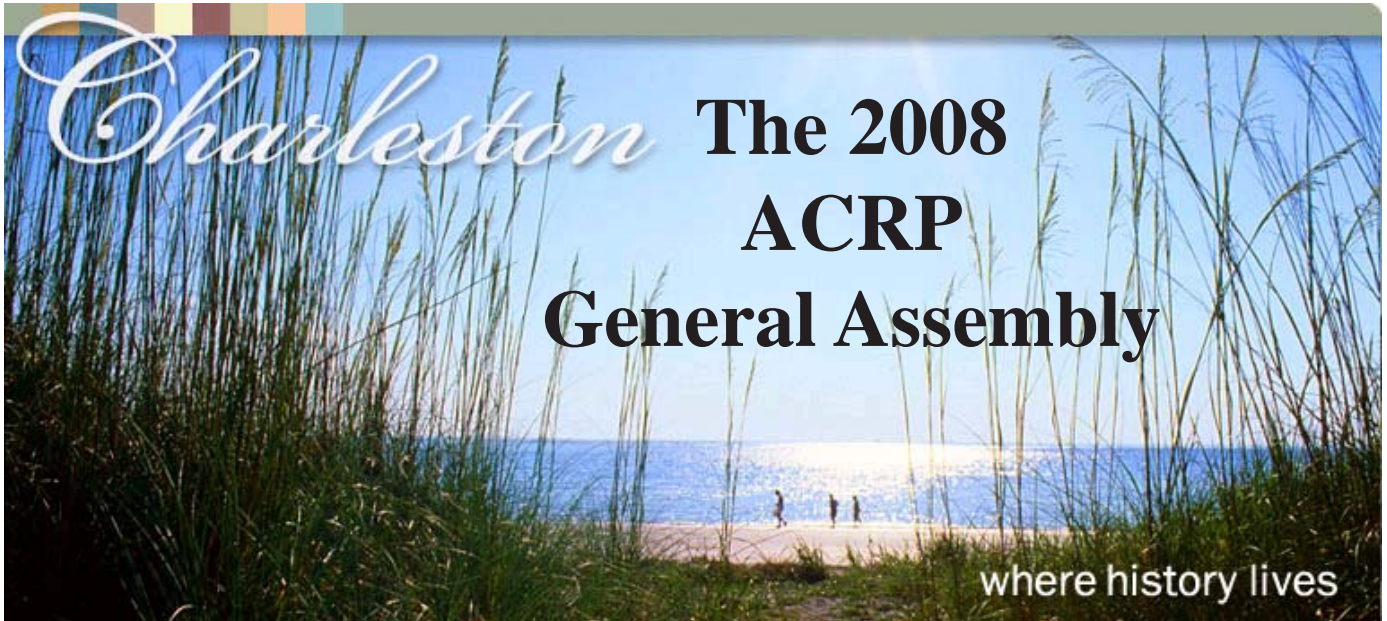
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*The purpose of the Association will be to promote lifting equipment safety, improve the quality of lifting equipment training, consulting, and inspecting, and to represent the subject of lifting equipment safety in regulatory forums.*

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