



2019 Conference Schedule

| Tuesday, June 4, 2019 | | | | | | | | | |
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| Introduction and Conference Welcome - Michael Reitzell, Ski California; Ron Cohen, Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows (Squaw Valley Conference Center) | | | | | | | | | |
| From Tragedy to Triumph: How One Child's Loss Led to Paradigm Shift in Chairlift Operations - Mark Henderson, Helen Chew, Dave Byrd and Mary Bozack (Squaw Valley Conference Center) | | | | | | | | | |
| Lunch Break (on your own) | | | | | | | | | |
| Classrooms | Palisades A | Palisades B | Palisades C | Alpenglow | Base Camp | Olympic House - Plaza Bar | Funitel and Tram | Village South Parking Structure | |
| Breakouts Session 1 | 12:30-2:00 p.m. | Everything Lift Maintenance Needs To Know About Wire Ropes & Wire Rope Inspections - Jorg Tonett, Wire Rope Service; Sven Winter, ROTEC | Employee Safety: OSHA Case Study of 3 Lift Incidents - Tom Scully, Safehold Special Risk; Dave Byrd, NSAA | Lift Operations Staffing & Department Structure Roundtable - Brandon Swartz, Heavenly Mountain Resort, Moderator | The Essentials of Lift Physics - Joe Gmuender, Gmuender Engineering | Intro to PLC Based Motor Controls - Ed Thompson, Electric LLC | Funitel and Tram Tours - Chris Woo, Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows | | |
| Breakouts Session 2 | 2:10-3:40 p.m. | Potpourri for \$500 Alex - What Inspectors and Peers Wish You All Knew - Mike Lane, NSAA | Using Lift Surveillance to Advance Safety - Mary Bozack, MountainGuard; Jenna Prescott, Sugar Bowl Resort | Managing Up: Using Influence to Move Your Organization - Paul Thallner, High Peaks Group; Ed Frauenheim, Best Place to Work | Sheave Assembly Loads for Tower Rigging - Mike Stephenson, P.E., Stephenson Engineering, Ltd. | Troubleshooting Tower Circuits - Daniel Pijuan, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area | Quality Programming to Ensure Success for Lift Maintenance Welding and Testing Operations - David Diaz, ETMS | Funitel and Tram Tours - Chris Woo, Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows | |
| 3:40-4:00 p.m. Coffee and Tea Break sponsored by Duane Morris LLP | | | | | | | | | |
| Breakouts Session 3 | 4:00-5:30 p.m. | Rigging Part I: Know Your Load - Jason Fontenot, Kirkwood Mountain Resort | Lift Maintenance 101: A Class for the New Lift Mechanic by Doppelmayr - Eric Mann, Doppelmayr | From Investigation to the Courtroom - John Fagan and Kristin Bohm, Duane Morris LLP | When Bad Maintenance Becomes Normal: An Examination of Failures in Other Industries - Kelly Renwick, SORT | Troubleshooting Tower Circuits (duplicate session) - Daniel Pijuan, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area | Work.Play.Learn. - John Rice, Sierra-at-Tahoe; Frank Gardeman, Lake Tahoe Community College | Welding Clinic - Silvio Modena, Miller Electric | |
| 5:30-7:30 p.m. Opening Reception and Tradeshow sponsored by Skytrac Lifts, Inc. (Squaw Valley Conference Center) | | | | | | | | | |
| Wednesday, June 5, 2019 | | | | | | | | | |
| Classrooms | Palisades A | Palisades B | Palisades C | Alpenglow | Base Camp | Olympic House - Plaza Bar | Wild Flour | Village South Parking Structure | |
| Breakouts Session 4 | 8:00-9:30 a.m. | Developing and Refining Your Lift Operations Safety Program - Zander Kestly, Vail Resorts; Michael Gross, Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows | Leitner Poma 101, Tower Fundamentals - Andrew Barber, Leitner Poma | Brake Torque Testing - Mike Stephenson, P.E., Stephenson Engineering, Ltd. | Engaging Leadership for a Modern Workplace, Parts I-II - Paul Thallner, High Peaks Group; Ed Frauenheim, Great Place to Work | Hydraulic Braking and Tensioning: Part I-II - Will Hartman, Skytrac, Inc. | Doppelmayr Low Voltage Lab, Parts I-II - Michael Stuart, Doppelmayr | | |
| Breakouts Session 5 | 9:40-11:10 a.m. | Passenger Loading Best Practices & Rescue If it Goes Wrong - Tom Scully, Safehold Special Risk | DC Motors - Keeping the Revolution Alive, Parts I and II - Michael Stuart, Amptech | Advanced Ski Lift Math and Physics - Mike Lane, NSAA | Lifting, Pulling & Rigging Basics - Mike Stephenson, P.E., Stephenson Engineering, Ltd. | | | | |
| 11:20 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Awards Luncheon sponsored by Kimball Midwest | | | | | | | | | |
| Breakouts Session 6 | 12:30-2:00 p.m. | Wind Forecasting for Lift Maintenance Personnel - Kelly Renwick, SORT | ANSI Essentials - Curt Panter, U.S. Forest Service | Lift Dispatch Communication - Lori Bornstein, Mammoth Mountain; Kat O'Neil, Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows; Mattie Devine, Kirkwood Mountain Resort | Detachable Lift Round-Table - Kevin Higgins, Heavenly Mountain Resort, Moderator | Lift Operations Round-Table - Jimmy Lawrence, MountainGuard, Moderator | Conveyors: The Basics, Fundamentals, and Real Life Events - Eric Badger, Mammoth Resorts | Doppelmayr Low Voltage Lab, Parts III-IV - Michael Stuart, Doppelmayr | |
| Breakouts Session 7 | 2:10-3:40 p.m. | The Future of Chairlift Safety in California: A Round-Table of Owners and Managers, Part I - Mike Reitzell, Ski California, Moderator | Hydraulic Safety Fundamentals and Demonstration - Tom Buck, Kimball Midwest | Magnetic Particle Inspection - David Diaz, ETMS | Fixed Grip Lift Round-Table - Rick Redin, Snow Valley Mountain Resort, Moderator | Tricks for Trainers, Part I - Melinda Stearns, Sierra-at-Tahoe | All About Ramps Part I - Brandon Swartz, Heavenly Mountain Resort; Paul Beran, Sierra-at-Tahoe | Rigging Part II: Rigging Live - Jason Fontenot, Kirkwood Mountain Resort; Chris Woo, Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows; Kirk Doering, Mason Valley Ventures | |
| 3:40-4:00 p.m. Coffee and Tea Break sponsored by MND America | | | | | | | | | |
| Breakouts Session 8 | 4:00-5:30 p.m. | The Future of Chairlift Safety in California: A Round-Table of Owners and Managers, Part II - Mike Reitzell, Ski California, Moderator | Work Chair Safety Revisited - Tom Scully, Safehold Special Risk | Practical Application of Welding - David Diaz, ETMS | Interactive Introduction to Ropeway Hydraulics - Greg Bretz, Doppelmayr | Tricks for Trainers, Part II - Melinda Stearns, Sierra-at-Tahoe | All About Ramps Part II - Brandon Swartz, Heavenly Mountain Resort; Paul Beran, Sierra-at-Tahoe | Doppelmayr Low Voltage Lab, Part V - Michael Stuart, Doppelmayr | |
| 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tradeshow and Closing Reception sponsored by Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe (Squaw Valley Conference Center) | | | | | | | | | |
| Thursday, June 6, 2019 | | | | | | | | | |
| General Session 2 | 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Little Shop - The Good, Bad, and Ugly - Mike Lane, NSAA (Squaw Valley Conference Center) | | | | | | | |
| | 10:30-11:30 a.m. | The Lift Maintenance Resource Guide: An Introduction and How It Will Impact You - Mike Lane, NSAA, John Rice, Sierra-at-Tahoe (Squaw Valley Conference Center) | | | | | | | |