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DIERS Users Group Members

1. The Spring 2012 DIERS Users Group meeting will be held on May 7 - 9 (Monday to Wednesday) at the Hilton Garden Inn Independence, 19677 East Jackson Drive, Independence, MO 64057. Fly to Kansas City, MO. Call (816) 350-3000 to reserve a room. Fax: (816) 350-3535. Room rates for the hotel will be \$85 (single / double) plus 14.725 percent state and local tax. Guest room rates will be extended the weekend before and after the meeting. Mention DIERS to get our rate. The hotel will hold a block of rooms until May 1, 2012. A credit card will be required to register at the hotel. Cancellation less than 48 hours before the scheduled arrival date will incur one night's room charge. Reserve early and cancel if necessary.

NOTE: Hotel parking and Internet access are complimentary. The Harry S. Truman Home and Presidential Library as well as restaurants and shopping are nearby. A complimentary shuttle is available within a five mile radius of the hotel.

Meeting charges are expected to be approximately \$75 / day to cover cost of lunches, coffee breaks, and audiovisual. Please bring sufficient cash.

The schedule for the meeting is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
5 / 7 / 12 (Mon)	8:00-5:15	Mathematical Modeling of ERS Design
5 / 8 / 12 (Tue)	8:00-5:00	Business Meeting / Committee Reports / Technical Presentations / Elections
5 / 8 / 12 (Tue)	5:15-8:00	CCPS Book Authors Meeting (Finalize Book)
5 / 9 / 12 (Wed)	8:00-3:00	ERS Design / Testing Methodology
5 / 9 / 12 (Wed)	5:30-TBD	Kansas City Royals vs. Boston Red Sox Baseball
5 / 10 / 11 (Thur)	9:00-2:00	DIERS at Fike Corporation

Registration for the meeting will be by internet: www.aiche.org/diers Please complete the registration form to include updating your contact information if you plan to attend the meeting.

The AGENDA is posted on the DUG website. The meeting will once again feature presentations on safety relief valve and piping stability since these are currently hot topic issues.

NOTE: If you register for the meeting and do not cancel before Tuesday (5 / 1 / 12), you will be expected to pay the meeting charges since the DUG must guarantee a fixed amount and pay the hotel.

NOTE: Making early flight arrangements (six to eight weeks ahead) is important to find the best prices and available seats on desirable flights.

2. The membership is hereby notified that elections for Chair and Secretary / Treasurer will be held on Tuesday (5 / 8 / 2012) at about 3:30 pm. Nominations will be from the floor. According to the bylaws, each member company will have one vote for each office.

3. DIERS Users Group – Kansas City Royals Baseball / Fike Corporation Tour (See Detailed Agenda)

Wednesday May 9: Kansas City Royals vs. Boston Red Sox baseball outing. Includes transportation, game ticket, and dinner. Limited seating available – priority given based on registration date and to those attending Thursday tour (If company policy prohibits acceptance of “gifts” from vendors, you can pay \$20 to attend this event. All monies collected will be donated to a local charity).

Thursday, May 10: Fike Corporation – See first-hand how process safety products such as rupture discs and explosion suppression systems are manufactured. The tour will include live demonstrations of various manufacturing and testing processes including an ASME certified flow lab. After lunch we'll make the short trip to Fike's remote test facility and witness a series of large scale explosion tests and demonstrations. Transportation to and from the hotel and remote test site will be provided. The tour will end by 2:00pm and allow for airport departures of 4:00 pm or later. A detailed itinerary is attached. Attendance will be subject to advance registration and Fike approval (No rupture disc or explosion protection manufacturers or representatives).

4. A testing round-robin invitation for a vinyl acetate solution polymerization is posted on the DUG website. The data from the testing will be used in a subsequent round-robin to design an ERS.

5. The MINUTES of the last meeting of the DIERS Users Group will be posted early next week. The DUG member company contact lists have been updated and posted to the website.

6. AIChE / ASME / DIERS Continuing Education Course:

Course: Emergency Relief System (ERS) Design Using DIERS Technology

Dates: June 4 (M) – 6 (W), 2012. Location: Omni Houston Hotel Westside, Houston, TX

Instructors: John Hauser – Jim Huff

See the link to the ASME Course Catalog on the AIChE / DIERS website (www.aiche.org/diers) for more registration and hotel details.

7. I look forward to greeting all company representatives in Independence, MO in May.

Very truly yours,



Harold G. Fisher

Chair, DIERS Users Group

Agenda Kansas City Royals Baseball Game / Fike Corporation Factory Tour and Demonstrations

Wednesday: KC Royals vs. Boston Red Sox (Limited to 55 attendees)

5:30 pm Depart hotel – Bus Service
5:50 pm Arrive at Kaufmann Stadium
6:00 pm Food & Beverage service
7:05 pm Game time
Return – Bus Service

Thursday: Fike Tour Attendance restricted and advance registration required

7:30 am Depart hotel – Bus Service
7:45 am Welcome to Fike - continental breakfast / coffee
8:15 am Presentations
9:30 am Facility tour and demonstrations including:

- Rupture disc manufacturing
- Explosion vent manufacturing
- Various manufacturing processes
- Combustion test lab
- ASME certified flow lab

11:45 am Lunch
12:30 pm Depart to remote test site (weather permitting)
12:45 pm Large-scale explosion demonstrations
1:45 pm Depart for hotel – Bus Service

The airport is about 45 miles away. A taxi ride will be about \$100. The following (Three different URLs – Paste into your browser) are shared ride shuttles that run \$55-\$70 each way for individuals.

[http://www.flykci.com/Link.asp?IdS=0028E2-](http://www.flykci.com/Link.asp?IdS=0028E2-42BD000&Url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Eaeroshuttlekc%2Ecom)

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<http://www.flykci.com/Link.asp?IdS=0028E2-42BD000&Url=http%3A%2F%2Fkquicksilver%2Ecom>

<https://reservations.supershuttle.com/Default.aspx?content=bookonline>

Directions Airport to Hotel – About 45 minutes

<http://g.co/maps/ekdsc>

Direction Hotel to Fike Corporation – About 12 minutes

<http://g.co/maps/fd7hf>

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