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A new look news letter.

This month sees the start of our online news letter.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information to you, the piper, as to what is going on with pipingdesigners.com

The new look to this news letter, we hope, will help us give a better structure to how we deliver updates on the site, or any updates in the wider piping world to you.

It is our intention that this will be a monthly letter, so that you can see what's happening in our industry,



and pass it along to colleagues not yet familiar with pipingdesigners.com

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Site Updates

Every month we will give a brief overview of any additions and / or modifications to the site.

This update will mainly concern itself with changes to "static" content, such as tools, tips, links, training

articles and general information.

Changes to areas such as the jobs area and the forum will not be covered as they are dynamic, and as such change constantly, so for updates in this area, you

will need to visit the site regularly.

Look on the site for:

- Check out tools for a selection of spreadsheets and useful piping data.
- The training section is great for new designers looking for information, ad for seasoned pipers to refresh their knowledge..

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SPED & Pipers

pipingdesigners.com is teaming up with SPED - The Society of Piping Engineers & Designers, based in Houston, Texas, whose mission is to enhance the skills of piping designers and engineers.

In conjunction with pipingdesigners.com and 20cc.co.uk, SPED are expanding their reach outside of the US and Canada (where the program has gained widespread recognition), to The UK, Ireland and Europe.

The Society certifies 4 skill levels and publishes the names of those achieving them.



SPED Certification is a valuable addition to your corporate skills on qualification documents and your CV / resume.

I have recently achieved my SPED PPD Level IV certification, and would recommend it to any designers out there looking to add that extra edge to their CV / resume.

Further details on SPED PPD Certification, information and relevant links can be found here:

www.spedeurope.pipingdesigners.com

www.spedweb.com

www.20cc.co.uk

SPED Canada –

<http://spedcanada.pipingdesign.com>

Look out for the SPED group on LinkedIn

**** SPED UK PPD Review and Test ****

Saturday, June 19th '10 has been set as the date for the SPED UK PPD Review and Test in London. The venue has yet to be confirmed.

Keep an eye on www.spedeurope.pipingdesigners.com for information.

The Forum

The forum on pipingdesigners.com has really taken off.

It is a hive of activity and takes in pipers of all levels, from juniors to seasoned veterans of the piping world.

There are some great debates to be had, on many topical piping issues.

It is also a great way to find out them little bits and pieces that you may have forgotten along the way, or simply never had occasion to put into practice 'till now.

For those of you who have not registered with the forum, you should consider it, for a number of reasons:

- Posting of comments is only available to registered users.
- Registered users can contact each other through the "PM" function.
- The forum will track new posts since you last logged in.
- You can be kept informed of site updates by email (no more than 1 per month)

With so many regular contributors to the forum, you should find an answer to whatever piping question you may have.

Of course, it's not all serious, so there is also the "piping lounge" where you can discuss what you like ... as long as it's not going to offend anyone!

So, please, make use of the forum ... it's there for you!

Suggestions

Because pipingdesigners.com is run by pipers, for pipers, we need to know what you look for in a piping website.

The only way we can provide this is with your feedback.

If you have anything you would like to see on pipingdesigners.com please drop me an email – anton@pipingdesigners.com

We will try our best to accommodate your suggestions, and if for any reason we can't do it, we will let you know, and try to see what we *can* do for you.

Jobs & the Jobs Page

As we all know, the market has not been kind to pipers in the last year or two.

A lot of people are suggesting that 2010 will see it turn around. I'm sure you all agree that it had better!

There are some signs of jobs popping up around the globe, while not at 2005 levels, it certainly looks less grim than 2009!

This is where we hope our jobs board will be of use.

We will keep an eye on the web on your behalf, and repost the job links on to the jobs board, so that you can get you CV / Resume off as quickly as possible.

We are also in touch with a number of recruitment firms in a number of countries, who hope to be placing openings in the near future.

So, maybe there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Recruiters & Hiring Managers:

The jobs board is free for you to use, so please get in contact with me.

The people looking on this jobs board are looking for one thing only – piping jobs.

If you have a piping job to offer, this is your target market, why waste your time anywhere else?

Placing jobs on pipingdesigners.com is a FREE service.

Pipingdesigners.com gets over 20,000 visits per month!

Our Sponsors

At pipingdesigners.com we rely solely on sponsorship and advertising to cover the costs associated with keeping the site running, and ensuring all content is free for pipers to use.

With this in mind, we would like to thank our main sponsor – **AutoCad Plant 3d**. You can visit them via the banner on the pipingdesigners.com homepage and the forum.

We also run a number of other ads through google etc, so if you see something there that interests you, why not take a look, it will cost you nothing, but every click keeps pipingdesigners.com running!

We regularly attract over 20,000 visitors per month (780,000 Hits!), so if you know of any potential sponsors, send them our way!

Event Diary

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Calendar of upcoming events

Date	Event	Location	Cost	Contact
8th April	SPED Canada Kickoff Reception and Meeting	Hyatt Regency Hotel, Calgary, AB	Free	RSVP by emailing mark.mckee@aveva.com
10th April	SPED Canada PPD Review and Test	Worley Parsons Canada, South Calgary Office	See SPED	To register, email spedadmin@spedweb.com
19th June	SPED UK PPD Review and Test (http://spedeurope.pipingdesigners.com)	London (Venue TBC)	See website	To register, email norman.harris@20cc.co.uk
1st-4th Sept	ECC 2010 - 42nd Annual ECC Conference http://www.ecc.conference.org/	Riz Carlton, Orlando Great Lakes Orlando, FL	See website	Registration via ECC website
20th-22nd Sept	COADE User Conference 2010 http://www.coadeuserconference.com/2010	Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel, Houston, TX	See website	Registration via COADE website
TBD	SPED 2010 Annual General Business Meeting and Corporate Member Showcase	Omni Houston Hotel at Westside, Houston, TX	TBD	Open to Members and their Guests

If you have an event you would like to mention, please email me – anton@pipingdesigners.com

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http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=42474&trk=myg_ugrp_ovr

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