



## Tennessee Valley Chapter Officers

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## President's Corner

**ISSTS 2014** We had a good training symposium this year in St. Louis despite the current financial problems. Attendance was down from previous conferences following a trend lead by the government sequestration, but the symposium was generally considered successful. Several of the Tennessee Valley Chapter members were in attendance and many provided pivotal support. TVC member who supported the Symposium were:

- Conference Chair .....Pam Kniess
- Technical Program Chair .....Don Swallow
- Speakers Chair .....Bill Edmonds
- Exhibitor/Sponsor Chair .....Barry Hendrix
- Exhibitor/Sponsor Vice Chair.....Melissa Emery
- Facilities/Logistics Chair .....Darrell Stokes
- Communications & Schools Chair ....Saralyn Dwyer

Session Chairs: Ken Rose, Bill Pottratz, Don Swallow

Tutorial - Marge Jones - Melding DOD and FAA System Safety Methods

Panel - Dave West - The Most Pressing Issues Facing System Safety

Paper - Greg Turgeon - System and Software Safety Challenges for Widespread Acceptance of Driverless Vehicles

Luncheon Speaker - Tom Pfitzer - Nine Ideas for Our Discipline





### Annual ISSS Awards to Tennessee Valley Chapter

The Engineer of the Year Award was presented to Ken Rose. The Engineer of the Year Award is presented annually to an individual member of the Society who has made significant contributions to system safety through the development of engineering methods, standards or designs that have improved the safety of operation or use of systems of products.



Don Swalom was awarded the Professional Development Award. The Professional Development Award is the highest award presented by the Society. It is presented annually to an individual for sustained, significant achievement in the advancement of the system safety profession during the course of his or her career





John Livingston was awarded the Educator of the Year Award, presented annually for outstanding achievement in, or contribution to, system safety education and the advancement of the state of knowledge in system safety.



Pam Kniess received the President's Achievement Award from International System Safety Society President Bob Schmedake. The Award is presented annually for outstanding service to the Society or for special achievements in support of system safety.





Tom Pfitzer was elected to be a Fellow Member of the Society



Local Chapter Awards are presented for: Educator of the Year, Engineer of the Year, and Manager of the Year. The chapters then submit these winners as candidates for the Society level awards. Be thinking of deserving individuals in our chapter for nomination next spring.

Note: TVC was runner up for 2014 ISSS Chapter of the Year. Let's work a little harder and try to get the award this year. We need to hold more meetings. If anyone has a paper or idea to present it will be appreciated. Let Ken Rose know.

Please view the Symposium program, general presentations, and more photos at <http://issc2014.system-safety.org/>.





Make plans now to attend the International System Safety Conference at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, California, August 24-28, 2015.



**Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego**

**The 2014-2015 TVC Officers** took over responsibilities on 1 July 2014.

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**The Chapter is looking for a couple volunteers to step up and fill these open roles! I.e., Vice President and Special Events Coordinator.**

Our **next TVC meeting** is currently scheduled for **Nov 19th at SAIC**. **Dave West** will lead his discussion of safety case and potential for future application in the USA.

**We are always looking for topics and presenters for our chapter meetings. If you have topic ideas or a paper to present, contact Ken Rose, [ken@iss-tvc.org](mailto:ken@iss-tvc.org).**



Tennessee Valley Chapter member, **Josh McNeil**, was featured on WAAY on August 21st. Josh is heading an effort to review F-35 software by the U. S. Army Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, Software Engineering Directorate. Check out the video clip at <http://www.clipsyndicate.com/video/play/5291685>.



**International System Safety Society Officers (TVC members highlighted)**

President - Bob Schmedake

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**Treasurer - Pam Kniess\***

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**Tennessee Valley Chapter – 2013-14 Report Summary**

- Review of past and current chapter officers
- Held 8 chapter meetings
- First part of year was easy to setup chapter meetings
- Promotional activities
  - Future city completion
  - NASA human explorer rover challenge – purchased safety glasses to support event
- Special events
  - TVC members presented papers at Boston



- Two new members
- 1 Article in journal
- Goals:
  - Continue to support Huntsville Area Technical Society
  - Sponsor community outreach
  - Continue monthly meetings
  - Reenergize partnership with NASA
  - Focus to gain more full members

Support your Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International System Safety Society!