

The BEACON

QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TRAINING

On August 17th 2011, Meteorologist Officer, Ms. Vincia Browne and Meteorologist, Elmo Burke facilitated a Quality Management Systems (QMS) seminar at the Meteorological Office at the Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport. Airport Manager (Ag.), Mr. Elsworth Warner, Senior Meteorological Officer, Mr. Delver Martin, Mid-level Technicians Denel Dixon and Ms. Vinciene Benjamin attended the seminar.

The QMS requires that all executed tasks done by the Meteorological office be recorded, analyzed and accessed. The QMS emphasizes that managers become or remain committed to use Quality Management principles in management. Having a QMS will increase customer focus, and encourage a ‘top down’ approach of clear information.

The International Civil Aviation Organization, under its Universal Safety Oversight Audit scheme, undertakes regular, scheduled visits to contracting states to audit and report on compliance with the QMS Standards. Non-compliance with the standards is considered a serious issue requiring urgent attention with timelines and deliverables imposed to the country.

The Meteorological Officers of SCASPA are presently preparing the appropriate documents and procedures to implement the QMS later this year or early next year. By November 2012, the QMS would be a mandatory system required of all states that provide Meteorological services to international aviation. The Meteorological officers of SCASPA are committed to making available and accurate meteorological products and information to the local, regional and international customers.

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SCASPA STAFF UPDATE

We welcomed back

Xavier Grant who successfully completed Aerodrome/Approach Control Course in Trinidad
Kevaughn Leader who successfully completed Aerodrome/Approach Control Course in Trinidad
Elmo Burke who resumed duties as Meteorological Officer on 8th August

We welcomed

Dwight Rawlins	Security Officer
McNally Isaac	Security Officer
Jermone Stevens	Security Officer
Wingrove Francis	Security Officer
Bruce Moses	Security Officer
Joel Thomas	Security Officer
Donvervan Swanston	Security Officer
Daron Decosta	Security Officer
Akil Kelly	Temporary Clerk/Finance
Dinelle Liddie	Temporary Clerk/Finance
Floureen Bradshaw	Temporary Clerk/Finance
Paul Whyte	Temporary Operator

We said goodbye to

Charmaine Flemming	Temporary Cleaner
Judith Pariall-Byron	Temporary Cleaner

NEW STACKER TO INCREASE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY AT SCASPA

BIRD ROCK, August 16th - SCASPA now owns a SMV 4531 Reachstacker. The stacker is expected to increase operational efficiency at SCASPA and in the long term increase cargo traffic flow that will contribute to an increase of revenue made by the Authority.

Service Manager of Genar Inc. Miami, Mr. Vincente Nunez along with SCASPA employees in the Mechanical Engineering Department, Mr. Esric Delaney, Cecil Francis, Frederick Blake, Justin Challenger, Liambeer Allen and Jamie Mills, assembled the truck during August 15th – 18th 2011.

Mr. Vicente asserted that “The stacker has forty-five ton lift capacity in first row and thirty one tons lift ca

capacity in second row. It is one of the best in the world. It will increase efficiency on the job. The machine is environmentally friendly, it will consume less diesel and decrease air pollution on the island. ”

Some other features that will increase the machine’s overall performance are the five computers that will serve as internal instructors to the driver and the mechanic, the rubber mounted driver cab that will protect the driver from vibrations and the double hydraulic system. These features fulfill international safety standards.

The Reachstacker was purchased by the Authority using a contribution from the Taiwanese government.



Reachstacker

DEEP FOCUS



Our daily work is used by God
To help us care for daily needs;
And work that's done as to the Lord
Gives witness to our words and deeds. —D. De Haan

Some Christians grow up believing that work is bad—that it's a curse brought about by Adam and Eve's sin. Left uncorrected, this mistaken belief can cause people to feel that what they do in their jobs every day isn't important to God—or at the very least, isn't as

important as the work of missionaries and pastors. This is not true, as Genesis 1:26-31 teaches us.

First, we learn that God Himself works, as evidenced by the labor involved in creation and by the fact that He rested on the seventh day. Then we discover that we were made in His image (v.26) and that we were granted dominion over creation. This implies that we are to work to tend creation. Clearly, the tending of God's creation is work—noble work, for God looked upon His labors and declared them “very good” (v.31).

It mustn't escape our notice either that work was declared good *before* sin entered the picture. In other words, work didn't result from the fall and therefore is not a curse. We see this idea again in Genesis 2, when God “took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it” (v.15).

Let's approach each day's labor—whether at a job or doing another activity to help our family—with an awareness of the dignity and nobility God granted it in creation.

Mark the DATES:

SUNDAY 25TH, SEPTEMBER- BOAT RIDE **10:00 am**

THURSDAY 29TH, SEPTEMBER-PRESENTATION TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS **8:30 am**

FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER- CONCERT AT PORT ZANTE **1:00 pm UNTIL....**

ELMO BURKE returns to SCASPA



Meteorologist, Elmo Burke

Meteorological Officer, Mr. Elmo Burke, has returned to the Authority with a Bachelor's Degree in Meteorology with Mathematics (Honors) from the University of the West Indies in Barbados.

His four year tenure at University entailed practical and theoretical Mathematics courses as well as an introduction to the basic concepts in Meteorology. The course also focused on physical, dynamic, synoptic Meteorology and also Climatology.

After his studies, Mr. Burke decided to return to St. Kitts to help develop the Federation. He chose to work at SCASPA because the Authority offers the greatest opportunity for him to utilize the expertise gained from his degree.

When asked why he entered the field, Mr. Burke shared that he desired “To get a better understanding of the science behind the process of completing a forecast with the intention of improving Meteorology in the region.” He further stated that with his knowledge he is hoping to improve the standard of Meteorological information emanating from the office at SCASPA as well as provide an increased level of expertise to the necessary stakeholders during the threat of any meteorological hazards.”

Mr. Burke is presently working on a specialized project to be implemented next year within the Meteorological department at SCASPA. He stated that he would like to improve the quality of information that the office puts out in the public domain as well as to promote the Meteorological Services through SCASPA.

Mr. Burke intends to acquire a Master of Science in Meteorology within the next 5 years. He indicated that in the future, he will begin research in Meteorology that would be beneficial to the Federation and the region on a whole.

ENGLISH MATTERS

To help keep your writing crisp and precise, observe the distinctions between each pair of similar or closely associated words below:

1. **admission/admittance:** *Admission* is the act of being admitted, or allowed to join or enter; *admittance* is almost identical in meaning but is usually associated with permission (or lack thereof).
2. **avocation/vocation:** An *avocation* is a hobby or pursuit, as distinct from a *vocation* job or career. The former is derived from a word with the literal meaning of “called away,” and the latter is referred to as an occupation; it literally means “calling.”
3. **bonds/bounds:** A *bond*, among other meanings, is a restraint, so it is similar in meaning to *bound*, which means “extent, or limit” (as in boundary). But they are complementary, not interchangeable; one is *bound* with *bonds*.
4. **cement/concrete:** Technically, *cement* is the powder that constitutes the base of *concrete*, so any mass of material formed from a moistened mixture of cement and other ingredients should be referred to as concrete.
5. **dilemma/difficulty:** A *dilemma* is a particular type of problem exacerbated by the fact that no solution is satisfactory. (The etymology of the word assumes only two possibilities, but it can apply to any number.) The term sometimes applies to any difficult decision but like many words is best reserved for a usefully distinct meaning.
6. **ecology/environment:** These words are often used interchangeably, but *ecology* has the more distinct connotation of a system of interrelationship between an *environment* and the organisms that inhabit it.
10. **elegy/eulogy:** An *elegy* is a sorrowful composition, usually for a person or a personification that is literally or figuratively dead. A *eulogy*, on the other hand, is a statement of praise for a deceased person.
11. **empathy/sympathy:** *Empathy* refers to the action of vicariously experiencing the thoughts and emotions of another, and the capacity for doing so, whereas *sympathy* is the mere act of consolation or feeling compassion.
12. **ethics/morals:** *Ethics* are, collectively, the principles of conduct according to a philosophy of moral behavior. The distinction between the two terms is one of theory as opposed to practice.
13. **gamut/gauntlet:** A *gamut* is a range. A *gauntlet* (or gantlet) is a glove. Confusion between the two unrelated words stems from the fact that you can run either one: To run the gamut is to move along a spectrum of choices; to run the gauntlet is to endure the punishment of literally or figuratively passing through a series of ordeals. (Originally, it referred to a double line of soldiers who rained blows on the victim.)

MONTH IN PHOTOGRAPHS



Manager of Genar Inc. Miami, Mr. Vincente Nunez, handing over the ownership document to Chief Mechanic, Mr. Esric Delaney and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Terrence Crossman.



Staff of the Mechanical Engineering Department with Service Manager of Genar Inc. Miami, Mr. Vincente Nunez in front of the Reachstacker.



Sea Port Security Officers, Mr. McNally Isaac and Mrs. Midlaine Douglas.



Customers at the American Airlines line at the Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport.



Mechanical Engineering Department Officers, Mr. Leonard Saunders and Mr. Fredrick Blake at work.



Air Traffic Controller, Mr. Ke Vaughn Leader and Job attachment Intern, Mr. Akeev Richards.