# Minutes Fog and Smoke Working Group

June 28, 1997 Irving, TX

Chairman: Larry Schoeneman, Interesting Products

Recording Secretary: Karl G. Ruling

Members in attendance: Adrian Segeren, Le Maitre Special Effects, Principal

Bill Hektner, USITT Health & Safety Commissioner, Principal Brad Dittmer, Associated Theatrical Contractors, Principal

Eric Tishman, Rosco Laboratories, Principal

Gary Crawford, C. I. T. C., Principal (Inducted at this meeting)

Jim Gill, Reel FX, Observer

Larry Schoeneman, Interesting Products, Inc., Principal

Marc Gingras, MDG Fog Generators, Principal Murray Gellatly, A.C. Lighting Ltd., Principal Tony Douglas-Beveridge, PLASA, Principal

1 Opening remarks

Called to order at 1:07 p.m.

- 2 Attendance and membership
  - 2.1 Introductions of those present

The members introduced themselves

2.2Determination of quorum (7 needed)

The chair, Larry Schoeneman, noted that we have a guorum.

2.3Recognition of alternate voting members

No alternates attended, so none were recognized. Only principal voting members were present.

2.4Requirements for membership

The chair reviewed the requirements for membership. Membership is open to all persons and organizations who are directly and materially affected by the work of the working group.

2.5Processing of new membership applications

Gary Crawford, CITC Mfg., principal

Brad Dittmer moved that Crawford be accepted. Eric Tishman seconded. The vote was five in favor, none against, with two abstentions. The chair did not vote, as per Robert's Rules Of Order.

3 Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

Bill Hektner moved the minutes be accepted as written. Eric Tishman seconded. Unanimous show of hands.

4 Approval of Agenda

Eric Tishman requested that a new liaison report be added to accommodate a report on contacts he has had with a health and safety group at Disney.

Brad Dittmer moved that the agenda with the new liaison report be accepted. Bill Hektner seconded. Unanimous show of hands.

5 Call for patents:

"ESTA intends to publish no standard that contains protected intellectual property, unless that property can be licensed by anyone for a reasonable fee. ESTA uses a process of open patent

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disclosures to implement this intent. ESTA does not conduct patent searches and does not warrant that its standards contain no protected intellectual property."

"In keeping with the open disclosure policy, I ask if anyone present wishes to notify the working group of the existence of a patent that might protect material in a standard being developed by the working group. You need not be the holder of the patent in order to notify the working group of its existence."

#### 6 Anti-Trust Statement

"The ESTA Board of Directors, the Technical Standards Committee, and the leadership of this Working Group will reject or nullify any actions that restrain trade. Anyone who feels that an action restraining trade is being or has been taken is requested to bring the matter to the attention of the chair immediately. Anyone who feels that actions in restraint of trade have been taken and not properly annulled is requested to notify the TSC chair or ESTA president immediately."

"ESTA legal counsel has informed us that any member of this working group may be found individually liable for any action that restrains trade taken by this working group. An individual convicted of a violation of the Sherman Act may be fined as much as \$100,000 and be imprisoned for up to three years. An easy to read pamphlet describing restraint of trade is available from the Technical Standards Committee."

## 7 Discussion of glycol (and glycerin) studies

Eric Tishman moved we accept both CIH reports (The Cohen Group and HSE Consulting), with the proviso that HSE provide information about the other three butanediol isomers. Brad Dittmer seconded. All in favor, with one abstention: Gary Crawford, who had not had an opportunity to review the reports.

The group agreed unanimously that there were no real areas of conflict, no areas of concern in the reports.

## 7.1 Drafting a response for public consumption

Agreed, Schoeneman will write a draft response to the reports and circulate it among the working group for comment. He will amend the report from the received comments and send it to the TSC.

#### 7.2 LDI session on fog studies

We will present the results of the studies. Ruling is left to organize it as he has done in the past.

#### 7.3 Next step to set standards

Larry Schoeneman proposed to set levels for fog of 10 mg/m³, based on the data revealed in the CIH reports. Larry also presented his plan to solicit support from the Chemical Manufacturers Association.

Bill Hektner moved that a task group be formed to draft a draft standard for glycol and glycerinbased theatrical fog. Murray Gellatly seconded the motion. Passed by a unanimous show of hands.

Larry Schoeneman appointed Eric Tishman, Adrian Segeren, Bill Hektner, and Brad Dittmer to be the task group. Immediately dubbed "The Gang of Four" or "Les Quatres Chevaliers."

Larry Schoeneman will draft a cover letter to the CMA introducing ESTA, the TSC, and the F&S Working Group.

Ruling was directed to notify ANSI of the initiation of the fog standard project.

#### 8 Introduction to Modern Atmospheric Effects revision

#### 8.1 Review and resolution of suggested booklet rewrites

Number 1	From: Murray Gellatly	Org: AC Lighting Ltd.
Com. Type:	Technical	
Location:	General	
Comment:	In my view I consider it essential that the recommendation that all "smoke" machines accompanied with the manufacturer's instruthe appropriate fluid.  From the rental companies point of view liability by ensuring that the user is fully aw the manufacturer and that they as the renta specifically recommended by the manufact.  From the users point of view he should w machine and should want to satisfy himself correct fluid for that particular machine.  I appreciate that such advice is generally emphasis should be placed on it.	s offered for hire are only hired out when uction booklet and an MSDS leaflet on they should be seeking to limit their own are of the recommendations issued by al company only supply a fluid curer for that particular machine. It want to be instructed in the use of the final that he has full instructions and the
Working Group Response:	Recommendations to hire companies are n end-users as its intended readers.	ot appropriate for this book, which has

Number 2	From: M	urray Gellatly	Org:	AC Lighting, Ltd.
Com. Type:	Technical			
Location:	"Working with	Fog" section, page 16		
Comment:	reference to to the venue and Experience positioning of where lighting quantities of operiods.  I appreciate	the positioning of the united also the air intakes of also the air intakes of for example on the last cracked oil machines of fixtures which use fansoil if the machines are before the control of the co	t(s) with regard he other items Pink Floyd to an lead to expe for cooling pu adly positioned an in the "Safe	ur, shows that careless ensive maintenance costs rposes can suck in large d or left to run for prolonged ty Guidelines" (page 15)
Working Group	Change top li	ne of page 17 to read ".		
Response:	equipment."			

Number 3	From:	Murray Gellatly	Org:	AC Lighting, Ltd.
Com. Type:	Technical			
Location:	Page 8			
Comment:				a perfume or fragrance to a fog
		east 2 manufacturers actu anced fluids. Should this		grances to be added by the user
Working Group Response:	On page 8	8, change the line that no	w reads: "Simi to read "	larly, perfumes or other scents not be added to the fog fluid,

Number 4	From: Murray Gellatly	Org: AC Lighting, Ltd.
Com. Type:	Technical	
Location:	General	
Comment:	At least one manufacturer is now producing machine to create a dense long lasting low not covered in the present booklet.	
Working Group	On page 7, in the paragraph about access	
Response:	accessories and reference the cryogenic s	section.
	The paragraph then reads:  "Several accessories expand the useful chilled after leaving the machine, the result traditional dry ice fog effect. Some manufactyogenic materials such as liquid carbon fogs for information on how to use these of manufacturers now sell timers and remote manufacturers now offer DMX and analoged.	alt is a low-lying fog effect similar to the acturers make chiller accessories that use dioxide. See the section on cryogenic cold materials safely and effectively. Most a controls for their equipment. Some

Number 5	From:	Murray Gellatly	Org:	AC Lighting, Ltd.
Com. Type:	Technica	1		
Location:	Pages 7 t	through 8		
Comment:	The notat	tion as to contaminated flo	uids on page 16 ii	n the Mechanical Fogs section,
				fluids is not repeated in the
	Heated F	ogs section, pages 7 to 8	•	
Working Group		8, after the "Never alter the	ne contents of a f	og fluid" section, add a
Response:	paragrapl	h that reads:		
				ntains foreign substances, the
				d may be propelled into the air.
	The heat	ed contaminants may be	unsafe to breathe	

Number 6	From: Larry Schoeneman	Org:	Interesting Products
Com. Type:	Editorial		
Location:	Page 2		
Comment:	" Acknowledgments" is misspelled.		
Working Group	Correct the spelling.		
Response:			

Number 7	From: Larry Schoeneman	Org:	Interesting Products
Com. Type:	Editorial		
Location:	Footnote, page 3.		
Comment:	Correct "signalled" to "signaled."		
Working Group	Change the spelling.		
Response:			

Number 8	From:	Larry Schoeneman	Org:	Interesting Products
Com. Type:	Technical			
Location:	Page 4.			
Comment:	will get a benefits a included t included t discussion	klet describes each technology in basic understanding of the technology in the dechnology of the technology of the techn	ology, its ccepted ufacturerí OS inform	effective use, as well as safe concentrations are s mail or Internet sources are lation. Next, there is a brief
Working Group		ollowing line:		
Response:		IA and HSE accepted safe conce when they are available."	ntrations	of the chemicals used are

Number 9	From: Mike Wood	Org: High End Systems
Com. Type:	Technical	
Location:	Page 5.	
Comment:	"Gas-propelled fluid fog-making systems fluid used is either a high-grade mineral oil water. The heated fluid process produces a droplets with a long hang-time. Because flu proportional to the cube of the particle diam substantially less."  Amount of fluid required is substantially less irrelevant, just because particles are smalle could make many more small particles and suggest that the underlined sentence adds deleted.	or a solution of one or more glycols and a very white fog composed of small id usage decreases at a rate neter, the amount of fluid required is sthan what? This whole sentence is ar doesn't mean less fluid is used — you use just the same amount of fluid. I
Working Group Response:	Let the sentence stand. The sentence was a the working group does not feel that there is to warrant revisiting that debate.	

Number 10	From:	Mike Wood	Org:	High End Systems
Com. Type:	Technical			
Location:	Page 7			
Comment:	production droplets p time."  This is a r smaller dr low rate of	pelled fluid fog machines can ean because of their quietness and produced by these machines are valued in the sequitur — yes, smaller droping roplets also evaporate more rapid evaporation of the specific fluid ther clarify this or omit this senter	very low very smalets are leading. It's the used that	fluid consumption. Since the ll, they have a very long hangess likely to 'settle out'. However e combination of small size and
Working Group Response:	All other f sentence	actors being equal, smaller dropl stand.	ets do ha	ve a longer hang time. Let the

Number 11	From:	Larry Schoeneman	Org:	Interesting Products
Com. Type:	Technical			

Location:	Page 7
Comment:	"Safety Guidelines
	between fog fluid composition and temperature settings and other internal features of the fog-making equipment is critical.
	Toxicity: While there are currently no accepted concentration standards for heated fogs (PELs or TLV-TWA (Threshold Limit Value-Time Weighted Average for acceptable exposure over an 8-hour workday), MSDS information is available from most manufacturers of Heated Fog Machines and Fluids. These sources include:  (INCLUDE ADDRESS & INTERNET URL WHEN POSSIBLE)  High End Le Maitre MDG Smoke Machines ROSCO Laboratories  Add underlined text.
	Add undenined text.
Working Group Response:	
	The working group does not want to limit the applicability of the booklet to only a few manufacturers, nor does it want to create contact lists that will become outdated quickly.

Number 12	From:	Mike Wood	Org:	High End Systems
Com. Type:	Technica			
Location:	Page 9.			
Comment:	"Provide	for quick emergency	access to all fog i	machines. The small size of
	that the n compone provided	nachine can be quickly nts in the fog machine	accessed in an eme get very hot and ad	to a set. If you do so, be sure ergency. Remember, some equate ventilation must be precautions must be observed."
Working Group	Suggestic	on accepted. Add the w	ords.	
Response:				

Number 13	From:	Mike Wood	Org	<b>j</b> :	High End Systems
Com. Type:	Technical				
Location:	Page 11.				
Comment:	handled w burns or fr handling p	ith caution. Directly ex ost bite. Consult manu rocedures." nderlined words.	posing your skir facturers' safet	n to y re	tremely cold and should be cryogens can cause severe commendations for proper
Working Group	"Frost bite	" adequately describes	the tissue dam	nage	e. The text should remain
Response:	unchanged	d.			

Number 14	From:	Mike Wood		Org:	High End Systems
Com. Type:	Technical				
Location:	Page 12				
Comment:	and ultras is not use create the they are o	sonic. All these methoded and that some mech	ds have the nanical proced by these r	common	g: pressurized water, crackers, natherne that heating or cooling sed to manipulate a fluid to as is usually fine and light so
Working Group					is not usually fine and light.
Response:					adily, and does not produce a
			achines are	rarely, if	ever, called "hazers." The text
	snould re	main as it is.			

Number 15	From:	Larry Schoeneman	Org:	Interesting Products
Com. Type:	Technical		-	-
Location:				
Comment:	"Hot water	and dry ice can produce corre	sive condi	tions inside the fog machine.
	You should	You should change the water frequently in a dry ice fog-maker and check for signs		
	of corrosic	n.		
			ns for Nitr	ogen and Carbon Dioxide have
	been estal	olished by OSHA and NIOSH.		
	Nitromon.	Singa Nitragga is not his potice	/4h-a4 :a :4	is in out in order on your body is
				is inert insofar as your body is
	·	), safe concentrations of Nitro	,	sphere normally contains 21.5%
	of Oxygen (O <sub>2</sub> ), Nitrogen can be added to the until the Oxygen level falls to 19.5% Reducing the breathable Oxygen concentration slightly below this point will impair			
	coordination while significant reductions in breathable Oxygen can lead to			
		usness. Both automated and		
	equipment is available. MSDS information is available from your Industrial Gas			
		r by Internet at http://hazard.co		
				ting respiration and the transfer
				he OSHA TLV-TWA (Threshold
		e-Time Weighted Average for		
		or CO <sub>2</sub> is 5000 parts per millio		
		ove this point will increase res		
				Both automated and hand-held
				ormation is available from your
ļ	<u>industrial (</u>	Gas Supplier or by Internet at I	ıtıp://nazai	ia.com.

Add underlined text.

## Working Group Response:

The relevant organizations for setting regulatory standards in the workplace in the US and UK are OSHA and HSC, respectively, and also by particular legislation in the UK. OSHA and HSC standards should be cited whenever possible. NIOSH is a forensic organization, and does not set standards.

Add the following text:

Toxicity: Safe environmental concentrations for Nitrogen and Carbon Dioxide have been established by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in the United States and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in the United Kingdom.

Nitrogen: Since nitrogen is not bio-active (that is it is inert insofar as your body is concerned), safe concentrations of nitrogen are stated in terms of remaining concentrations of atmospheric oxygen. The atmosphere normally contains 21.5% of oxygen ( $O_2$ ), Nitrogen can be added to the atmosphere until the oxygen level falls to 19.5% according to OSHA regulations in the U.S. or to 18% according to HSE guidelines in the U.K. Reducing the breathable oxygen concentration slightly below these points will impair coordination, while significant reductions in breathable oxygen can lead to unconsciousness. Both automated and inexpensive hand-held  $O_2$  monitoring equipment are available. MSDS information is available from your Industrial Gas Supplier or by Internet at http://hazard.com.

Carbon Dioxide: Carbon Dioxide is bio-active, affecting respiration and the transfer of oxygen to the bloodstream through the lungs. The OSHA TLV-TWA (Threshold Limit Value-Time Weighted Average for acceptable exposure over an 8-hour workday) and the HSE occupational exposure standard (OES) for CO<sub>2</sub> is 5000 parts per million, or 0.5%. Increasing the concentration slightly above this point will increase respiration, while significant reductions in breathable oxygen will lead to unconsciousness. Both automated and hand-held CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring equipment are available. MSDS information is available from your Industrial Gas Supplier or by Internet at http://hazard.com."

In addition, the working group decided that the previous line —

"You should change the water frequently in a dry ice fog-maker and check for signs of corrosion." —

should be changed to read:

"You should change the water frequently in a dry ice fog-maker and check for signs of machine corrosion."

The previous sentence was judged too vague because it did not specify where to look for the corrosion.

Number 16	From: Mike Wood	Org: High End Systems
Com. Type:	Technical	
Location:	Page 13.	
Comment:	"In chemistry, cracking a compound means that compound using heat. In the petroleum specific parts of the oil refining process. Fo describe a chemical process. These cracke plate; they enlarge the space between mole. No they don't! The effect is macroscopic not fluid into small particles. 'Enlarge the space of atomic or chemical process is going on, than that. Suggest replacing the underlined very small particles'.	n industry, cracking is the name given to r theatrical fogs, cracker does not ers work more like cracking a dinner ecules."  ot microscopic. They merely break the e between molecules' implies some kind that simply isn't true — it's much simpler words with:- 'they break the fluid into
Working Group Response:	"Particles" isn't quite the right word because Change the sentence to: " they break the fluid into small droplets."	

Number 17	From: Mike V	Vood	Org:	High End Systems
Com. Type:	Technical			
Location:	Page 14			
Comment:	see at an oil refine chemically compo other hand, fog or them, but do not of machines never u	ery. Crude oil cracking is pnent products using a co rackers separate the mole change the oil's chemical use catalysts."	a process mbinatior ecules of a composit	ackers, the large towers you is that reduces crude oil to in of heat and catalysts. On the an oil by pushing air between tion. Mineral oil cracker fog
Working Group Response:	Replace the word small droplets, but		h " fog	crackers break the fluid into

Number 18	From: Larry Schoener	man	Org:	Interesting Products
Com. Type:	Technical			
Location:	Page 19 (Glossary)			
Comment:	"Smoke: small, solid particles dispersed in air that reduce visibility and reflect li			
	TLV-TWA: (Threshold Lim	nit Value-Time We	eighted A	Average) This is a standard
				al over an 8-hour workday, 40
				sually established by OSHA,
	NIOSH or some similar sa	iety organization.		
	Add underlined text.			
Working Group Response:  Accept, but delete NIOSH and substitute the appro		e approp	oriate UK organization, which is	
	Definitions of OSHA and H	ISE must also be	added.	
Add the following t				
	means for stating acceptal	ole exposure to a ion standards are	chemica	Average) This is a standard all over an 8-hour workday, 40 established by OSHA, HSE, or

Number 19	From:	Larry Schoeneman	Org:	Interesting Products
Com. Type:	Technical			
Location:				
Comment:	Do we wa	ant to add this compendium at the	end also	9?
	Fog Makin CO <sub>2</sub> LN <sub>2</sub> Glycol Str	ng MSDS Sheet Sources:		
Working Group Response:	manufact	Ss are supposed to be product sp urer of the product. We have urge on from the manufacturer of their	ed the rea	ader in numerous places to get

Number 20	From: The Working Group	Org:
Com. Type:	Technical/Editorial	
Location:	Acknowledgments	
Working Group	Need to update the list.	
Comment:		

	Number 21	From: The Working Group Org:
	Com. Type:	Technical/Editorial
	Location:	Back cover
Ī	Working Group	Add a general notice that all are welcome to join.
	Comment:	

8.2 Discussion of MSDSs for  $N_2$ ,  $CO_2$  and proprietary fluids (Schoeneman)

No. Decided not to. See comment number 19.

#### 9 Discussion of getting the chemical manufacturers involved in setting standards for fog

Larry Schoeneman proposes to present the draft standard, along with the two CIH reports and a variety of other documentation, to the Product Stewardship Program for Responsible Care(tm) of the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA) and to the product stewardship officials for major manufacturers of these chemicals. Our hope is to receive additional toxicity documentation and possible funding so that we can work together toward achieving a safer work place and safer use of their products.

General consensus that this is the way to proceed.

Adrian Segeren has had contact with the Dow propylene glycol product steward, Alton Martin. Adrian will send a duplicate of the package to this person.

#### 10 Liaison Reports

### 10.1 PLASA (Douglas-Beveridge)

At the Equity Annual General Meeting the opera group raised a concern. A motion put forth asking Equity to consider taking action up to and including a ban. It is being addressed by the Equity Council. Assistant General Secretary is in contact with Tony Douglas-Beveridge.

## 10.2 JATET (Schoeneman)

No response to letter of invitation.

10.3 VPLT (von Hofen)

No report. Absent

10.4 Labor Unions (Romans/Fails)

No report. Absent

## 10.5 Disney industrial safety group

Eric Tishman met with about 18 people. Eric reported that they like the Introduction to Modern Atmospheric Effects, and will make it standard reading material for the technicians. Disney has stopped using mineral oil as a result of Equity pressing the entire issue. The current official position on glycol is that the group is waiting to see what happens with the League and Equity. This remarkable because it means Disney is now following the League rather than going its own way. Hour and a half meeting. Eric offered that we can establish a personal liaison. They were interested but needs to get okay from higher up.

Eric offered to be the liaison with Disney. The consensus of the F&S Working Group was that it would be alright to have Eric be the liaison.

Richard Gill asked about why the ban on mineral oil. Eric did not have the answer to that question.

The discussion of Disney and Equity raised questions about Equity. Adrian Segeren has received a letter from Kenneth Greenwood stating that Equity and the League have put together a committee of experts to address fog health issues. Adrian proposes to write to Equity to volunteer to be one of the experts on the committee. Larry Schoeneman will write to Equity to renew our invitation for them to join the working group. Eric Tishman will write to the League to offer our help on the expert committee. The letters are to be done in two weeks.

#### 11 New business

Marc Gingras noted that Marge Roman's comment at the last meeting, that the AMPTP opposes oil mists "because the mists foul equipment," could be taken to mean that oil shorts out electrical equipment. This is impossible, Marc noted, because oil is an insulator. Marc Gingras asked that it be noted in the minutes that he would like Marge Romans to try to disabuse the AMPTP of this error.

#### 12 Other business

Larry Schoeneman noted that proxies are not permitted. One may vote while absent only by giving the chair a written vote before the question is called. This requires that one know what the question is before the meeting. An organization may also have alternate voting members to vote in a principal member's absence.

#### 13 Schedule for future meetings

Saturday Oct. 25, night. 7:00 - 11:00. at LDI.

Irving, TX. Saturday Jan 24, 1998, at 1:00 p.m.

## 14 Adjournment

Brad Dittmer moved. Bill Hektner seconded. No objections.