



THE ORBITER NEWSLETTER

NAWIC Space Coast Florida Chapter #355

Join us for our next membership mixer meet-up Thursday May 7. This a free event hosted and sponsored by **ProSource Wholesale**.

NAWIC
The National Association of
Women in Construction
Space Coast Florida

Mix, Meet, and Motivate!
May Membership Meeting
Food and drinks will be provided
Bring a guest!

Where: ProSource Wholesale
5095 Industry Drive, Melbourne
When: Thursday, May 7, 2026
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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REGISTER

BIRTHDAYS

- Amber Wilson (May 11)
- Lu Anne Woodley (May 12)
- Elizabeth Eskildsen (May 28)
- Bo Stroda (May 31)

ANNIVERSARIES

- Angela Fegers (2 years)
- Jamie Hogrefe (2 years)

Check out our Monthly Calendar of Events HERE

Next Board Meeting will be held at **Durango's Tavern and Grill** in Titusville on Thursday May 28 at 6:00 pm

June Membership Meeting and Election will be at **Tin Whiskey** in Cocoa Village on June 4 at 6:00 pm

Interested in becoming a member of NAWIC Space Coast? Applications can be downloaded from our home page [here](#)

NEW MEMBERS

- Janelle Swank - Bragg Companies**
- Eileen Blackburn - Florida Power and Light**
- Kim Jones - Acentria Insurance**
- Christy South - 321 Homes, Inc.**

≡ Welcome ≡



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President's CORNER

I'm so pleased about our Mix, Meet & Motivate member meeting it is going to be a great time for all. It will be energizing to see so many members connect, share ideas, and support one another. Events like this remind me how strong our Space Coast chapter is when we show up for each other.

A warm welcome to all our new members – your presence will bring a fresh perspective and momentum to NAWIC Space Coast. We truly appreciate you joining us and encourage you to jump in: attend events, volunteer on a committee, and share your goals with fellow members so we can help you reach them.

Members – please invite guests to our this meeting and future meetings. Bringing a colleague, trade partner, or friend who's curious about the industry and our mission is one of the best ways to grow our community. Guests get to experience our supportive atmosphere firsthand, and you get to help build the next wave of leaders in construction.

Thank you to everyone attending Mix, Meet & Motivate, and thank you in advance to those who will welcome and bring guests to future events. Together we make NAWIC Space Coast stronger.

Ann Jeanette Miner
President

Construction Camp for Girls

We are looking for community and industry partners to help support this unique learning experience for girls in the community.

Accepting donations online

Volunteer information can be found on our website

Email us for more details:
nawicspacecoast@gmail.com

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www.nawicspacecoastfl.org/2025-construction-camp

We are looking for volunteers to help support the camp. Sign up for morning or afternoon shifts in the SignUpGenius link below.



Camp Registration is **closed**, we have reached capacity! Our Amazon Wishlist is **sold out!**

We are still in need of donations to help purchase camp materials. Donations can be made through the website.

CLICK HERE

Tentative Schedule:

Monday 6/8 – Safety, Intro to Tools, Blueprint Reading, Project Management, Carpentry

Tuesday 6/9 – Drywall, Welding, Mechanical/Plumbing

Wednesday 6/10 – Tiling, Electrical

Thursday 6/11 – Equipment Operations, Women’s Panel, Soft Skills

Volunteers should be badged through Brevard Public Schools, please complete the online application [HERE](#) . Fingerprinting can be done Mon-Fri from 8:00-4:00 at the District Office in Viera.

If you or your firm are interested in providing lunch or breakfast during camp, please send us a message at nawicspacecoast@gmail.com



Guest COLUMN

Blueprints, Breaches, and Backup Plans

As construction firms adopt digital tools, cyber risk has become a jobsite hazard no hard hat can stop. Cloud-based project management systems, connected equipment, drones, and IoT sensors streamline operations—but they also expand the attack surface. Construction companies face unique cyber exposures due to complex supply chains and reliance on third-party vendors. A single breach at a subcontractor or software provider can ripple through an entire project, triggering delays, data loss, or shutdowns. Poorly secured IoT devices can also be exploited to disrupt operations, compromise sensitive information, or create safety concerns.

The financial impact can be significant. Cyber incidents may halt work, delay timelines, trigger contractual penalties, and prevent firms from bidding on new projects. Beyond direct costs, reputational damage can erode trust with owners, partners, and insurers. Cyber insurance provides a critical safety net tailored to these risks. Construction-focused policies can help cover breach response costs such as forensic investigations, data recovery, legal support, and notifications. Specialized coverage may include Missed Bid reimbursement, protection against cyber-related project delays, coverage tied to BIM or construction software failures, and liability for bodily injury or property damage stemming from a cyber event. Drone-related privacy exposures can also be addressed.

In an industry built on planning and risk management, cyber insurance is no longer optional—it's foundational.

Kim Jones, CIC
Acentria Insurance

Summer Social will be held at Casa Bonita in Indialantic on Saturday July, 11 at 11:00 am

Installation and Awards Banquet will be held at One Oak in Melbourne on Thursday September, 3 at 6:00 pm

Beachside Holiday Party will be held at Hilton Garden Inn Cocoa Beach on Thursday December, 3 at 6:00 pm



Construction Safety Week 2026 – May 4-8

National Construction Safety Week is May 4–8! This year's theme is All In Together with the following key strategies to be focused on:

- Recognize the presence and impact of high energy, high hazards, and stuff that can kill you
- Respond by putting direct controls in place
- Respect every hazard, every person, every life and every role in safety

May 6th will hold the largest national safety stand-down by encouraging every company in the country to participate and raise awareness of fall hazards. Are you participating?

May Safety Challenge:

Ensure your company/ project/ team is holding it's own fall hazard awareness stand down on May 6th. If it's not already planned, check out this website for resources and information on Safety Week 2026:

<https://www.constructionsafetyweek.com/>

Megan Robillard, EIT
Hensel Phelps

UPCOMING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL EVENTS

- Spring Forum 2026 -Knoxville, TN (5/20 - 5/23)
- Annual Conference 2026 - Reno, NV (8/10-8/15) (**Register Now for Early Bird Pricing**)
- Fall Planning and Leadership - Savannah, GA (11/5-11/7)
- Spring Forum 2027 - Space Coast, FL (**5/14 - 5/16**) **Dates have been announced!**
- Annual Conference 2027 - New Orleans, LA
- Fall Planning and Leadership 2027 - Tampa, FL
- Spring Forum 2028 - Memphis, TN



Annual Online Elections for the National Board take place during May. Electronic ballots should arrive in your inbox on May 15.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Download a **Tips Calendar. 31 more good days together** from Mental Health America [here](#) for small daily actions designed to improve overall mental well-being.

Congratulations!



Jen Yoli accepted her second consecutive Eagle Award for Top Revenue with Waste Pro. She was recently recognized at an awards ceremony in New Orleans. We are so proud!

Check out the latest feature on the website highlighting NAWIC Space Coast in the News

Congratulations to **Victoria Bruce** of Sunbelt Rentals on her recent promotion to Customer Safety Training Manager of the Southeast! Well deserved!

Sending our best to the **Robillard family** with their upcoming expansion project as they are expecting their first child within the upcoming weeks.



Share your good news by the 25th of each month, nawicspacecoast@gmail.com

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