

2026 PROGRAM LINEUP

March 23th – 26th, 2026
Moody Gardens | Galveston, TX



MONDAY, MARCH 23RD

10:00 am - 5:00 pm Check-In Open!

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting & Committee Chair Collaboration

2:15 pm - 3:30 pm GCA Member Committee Meetings



If you’re a GCA Member and are looking to get more involved, joining a committee is the best place to start! As we head into a new season of projects and planning, fresh ideas and new voices make *all* the difference. If you’ve been thinking about joining a committee, now is the time!

- Education
- Environmental
- Health & Safety
- HR Professional
- Membership
- Program & Expo
- Statistics
- Credit

Want more info on joining a committee? Email gca@nacmsw.com.

3:30 pm - 3:45 pm Break

3:45 pm - 4:30 pm GCA Member Business Meeting

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm 1st-Time Attendees Meet & Greet

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Welcome Reception



TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH

7:30 am - 3:30 pm

Check-In Open!

7:30 am - 8:45 am

Member Company & College Partner Breakfast

9:00 am - 9:45 am



Outlook for the Natural Gas Compression Industry: Insights from Financial Trenches with Chris Goulet (Ariel) + Panelists

This expert panel will break down the latest economic trends shaping the natural gas compression industry, drawing on cash forecasting surveys completed by member companies. Panelists will share real-world perspectives on capital flows, demand cycles, and financial pressures influencing operational decisions. Attendees will gain a data-driven understanding of where the market is headed—and what it means for planning, investment, and performance in the year ahead.

9:45 am - 10:00 am

Break

10:00 am - 10:45 am



AI 101 for Gas Compressors: What It Is, What It Isn't, and Where It Makes Money with Alex Ayoroa + Bryant Baek (Bettercast AI)

Join Alex and Bryant from BetterCast AI for a practical, non-hype session on industrial AI in compressor operations. The speakers will outline the core technologies—predictive analytics, digital twins, and expert systems—and demonstrate how compressor stations are improving uptime, maintenance planning, and throughput using AI today.

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Expo Floor Open + Lunch

11:10 am - 12:30 pm

Innovator's Corner Presentations

12:45 pm - 1:30 pm

Congruent Education: Safety + Technical

29.CFR.1910.Blah, Blah, Blah: What Comes Next Makes All the Difference with Danny Smith (SafeStart)

Compliance training is obviously required, but does it go far enough? If your safety program is only meeting minimal requirements, then it's very likely that not keeping your workers as safe as possible. Moving from basics to best practices that address human factors can produce more reliable and predictable outcomes. Join Senior Safety Consultant, Danny Smith from SafeStart as he discusses how human factors play a critical role in workplace safety.

SAFETY

Designing High-Pressure Natural Gas Packages: Key Engineering Considerations

High-pressure applications introduce unique challenges that affect every aspect of natural gas package design. This session walks through the critical engineering considerations—including component selection, system configuration, materials, pressure containment, cooling, safety, and maintenance access. Attendees will gain a structured understanding of how to design reliable, efficient, and safe high-pressure compression packages that perform under demanding operating conditions.

TECHNICAL

1:30 pm - 1:45 pm

Break

1:45 pm - 2:45 pm

Leading through Change: Navigating Mergers & Acquisition Transitions with Wes Dove (Dove Development)

Mergers and acquisitions can be disruptive—but they also create opportunity. This session equips leaders with the strategies to manage change, inspire teams, and maintain momentum. Learn practical tools to navigate uncertainty, communicate with clarity, and turn transition into transformation.



3:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Expo Open + Reception

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Innovator's Corner Presentations

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH

8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Check-In Open!

6:30 am - 1:30 pm

Networking Events!

6:30 am - 1:30 pm

GCA **Golf** Tournament (breakfast + lunch included)

10:00 am - 1:30 pm

FW Murphy's **Poker** Tournament (lunch included)

10:00 am - 1:30 pm

EMIT Technologies' **Cornhole** Tournament (lunch included)



9:30 am - 2:30 pm

HR Committee Meeting with special guest Wes Dove (Dove Development)
(Lunch included!)

2:45 pm - 3:30 pm

Women in Energy with special guest Sheri Vanhooser (Arrow Engine)

3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Expo Open + Casino Reception + Raffle Prizes!



THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Breakfast

9:15 am - 10:15 am

Industry Insights 2026: Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities
with Steve Woodward (Antero Resources)



Get a front-row view of the latest trends and challenges shaping the natural gas compression industry in 2026. Our speaker will share insights, data, and practical takeaways to help you navigate change, make smarter decisions, and seize emerging opportunities.

