

# AFTE Website Committee

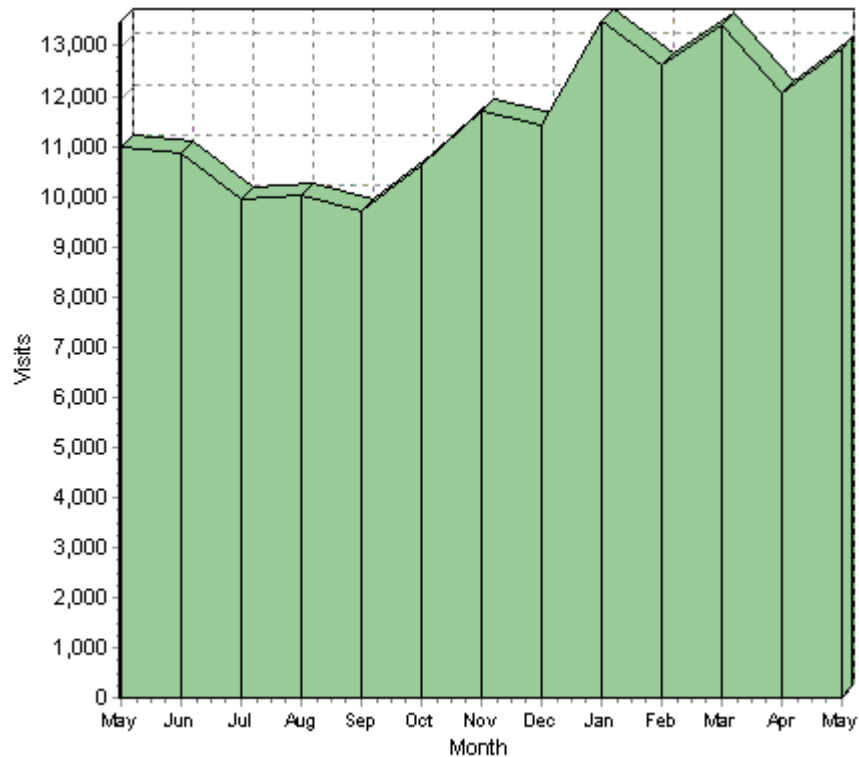
## Year-end Report

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Dear AFTE Board of Directors,

The Website committee is currently comprised of David Wright, Dwight Deskins, and I. Other assistants to the committee include forum moderators Bob Shem, Chris Monturo, Charles Clow, and Robert Thompson.

The website over the last year has continued to grow. Visits to the site now average over 12,000 per month. See the chart below.



The AFTE Forum software was converted to a new version in the last year. This was done due to continued security breaches associated with the old software. The new software from Simple Machines comes out of the box with all of the features members need, it is easy to upgrade, secure, fast, and it's free.

The AFTE Forum has now become the most popular section of the website. We now have over 600 members and non-members registered for the forum and we average approximately 85 different members who visit the forum daily. The forum now has over 1500 topics and over 7500 posts to those topics.

AFTE members and committees now use the forum to exchange information. By allowing members to post announcements it has dramatically reduced the work of the webmaster who previously had to post the majority of the announcements on the AFTE home page. Members are encouraged to make their own posts to the forum.

Recently added to the AFTE website is the AFTE Help Desk. The help desk allows members or visitors to submit help "tickets" online. This allows for the tracking of the inquiry and provides an audit trail of the replies to the help ticket.

The site continues to be the focal point for the dissemination of information about the annual training seminar. Forms are provided for registration, abstract submission, and vendor registration. Approximately 200 members have used the online registration form and a large number have used PayPal to pay their registration fees online.

Over the last period approximately \$400 dollars have been spent by the committee for software and hardware upgrades.

Our website host has been very reliable over the last year. Only a couple of outages occurred but these were promptly taken care of. Both the server bandwidth and storage space have been increased by our host at no increase in cost. We now only use approximately 17% of the server space allocated to us and we average using only 10% of the monthly bandwidth allocation. We are currently allocated 10 GB of server space and 150 GB of data transfer bandwidth per month. The cost of the website server space is approximately \$300 annually.

This concludes my report. Thank you for letting me serve as the website committee chair and webmaster for the organization.

Scott Doyle