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Upcoming Events

- ◆ AHPBA Annual Event May 6-7
- ◆ NFI Classes May 6
- ◆ AHPBA Board Meeting May 7

It was great seeing a lot of you at the HPBExpo in Salt Lake City early last month. If you missed the Friday Night Fever party, then you missed seeing Jack Goldman and a few others doing a dance on stage to the song, YMCA. HPBA is planning another big party in Atlanta next year at the 2012 EXPO.

With the spring season now upon us except for this last storm of the year, it is time to push the service part of your business and push your spring and summer seasonal goods which could include barbecue products. This brings me to push for your attendance at our annual event this year. It is free, and we will be show casing the barbecue industry and doing some great barbecuing. Please come by and enjoy the food, the getting together with old friends, and meeting new friends. Also

HPBA News

Due to some restructuring by HPBA, Don Kaiser is no longer with HPBA. We wish Don good luck on his new endeavors, and thank him for all his hard work in the past for the affiliates. Part of this change will be adding a sales function to the EXPO department, and hiring a Senior Manager for Membership and Affiliates. The idea is to try to increase income coming in and to find new revenue streams for the association.

HPBA is working on completing the Performance Indicators for the HPBA, and part of this is to carry this over to the affiliates too. More on that will be coming soon.

The website is up and running for the

stop by and thank our sponsors for coming and supporting us. You might even pick up a little information with our education session on Saturday morning. Don't forget to check out our raffle with a very special grand prize, and other things such as ton of pellets, a chimney relining kit, a year's subscription to HPBEF's on-line training, and other goodies. You will get a raffle ticket just for showing up, plus you can buy more!

I look forward to seeing you there!

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EXPO next year in Atlanta. Check it out.

Cory and Bob will be attending meetings in Atlanta in the middle of June. Both will be attending the affiliate leaders meeting and Bob will be attending the HPBA Board meeting as the representative from Region 8. Please contact either one of them if you feel something needs to be talked about either locally or nationally.

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Annual Event News

This year's annual event will be held at the Southwest Gas building in Tempe, AZ on May 6 and 7, 2011. We will have a reception on Friday night, the 6th, from 6-9 PM. There will be barbecuing courtesy of Lynx Grills and Southwest Gas. On Saturday morning, we will have John Crouch, Director of Public Affairs - HPBA, updating us on the latest NSPS and DOE proceedings. We will have additional speakers educating us on the grilling industry, since May is National BBQ Month!

From noon until 2:00 PM there will be a BBQ tasting event where representatives from FireMagic, Primo, and Summerset will be cooking away, and the members present will get to taste some great BBQ and vote on which one is best. The aromas will fill the air, and cause your taste buds to be tantalized! Don't forget about this year's raffle including a special grand prize.

Sponsors:

We would like to thank all our past and current sponsors for their donations to the AHPBA! We greatly appreciate your support and help. We are still looking for sponsors for our annual event and anything else we do this year. Sponsorship levels have been set at \$1000.00 for a Gold level sponsor, \$500.00 for a Silver level sponsor, and \$250.00 for a Bronze level sponsor. If you can't donate those amounts, anything would be appreciated including gifts for our raffle. We will be having our annual event at an area that is set up like an outdoor room with natural gas hook ups available. If you have a burn trailer, we will have parking areas available to set up right next to the outdoor area. We had a great time last year giving away the door prizes that were donated by our members and sponsors. So thanks again for all your support in the past, and hopefully we can look forward to it again this year! We know the economy has not been great and all the affiliates are looking for donations, so when you donate to us, we even appreciate it more!

Thanks again, from the AHPBA Board and all our members

HPBA EXPO News

For all of you whom attended the HPBExpo in Salt lake City last month, hopefully it was a worthwhile trip. And for those of you whom attended the Friday Night Fever party, you had fun like most of the people there. Lots of people were dressed up in clothes from the 70's and 80's. Next year the EXPO will be in Atlanta, so start making plans to go there.

On Friday, during the day, there will be NFI review classes and exams, depending on the number of people signing up; we can hold review classes for 2 of the 3 available, Gas, Wood Burning, or Pellet. These review classes will cost \$299.00 per person (Price Correction from previous newsletter-member pricing) which will include a manual, review class, and the exam. If you need to retake an exam or are a non-member, we will be able to do that too. Call for prices.

The entire 2 days of events will be at no charge to the AHPBA members (excluding the NFI classes and hotel accommodations). Invitations will be sent out soon. Look for yours, and please mark your calendar now. We would like to see all our members there!

Call Larry for info at 480-772-2169

Clean Heat Exchange

The program is still going strong. As of the end of March 2011, there have been 293 units (293 already installed) approved or pending install. Most of the new units are new EPA wood stoves or inserts, accounting for 226 units. **Just this amount of changed stoves will eliminate over 10 tons of pollutants per year!** There are still rebates for the home owner in the amount of \$1000.00 for a new EPA approved wood stove, and \$1500.00 for a new pellet or gas stove available, and there is still

\$224,000.00 available for rebates. The new units have to be installed by an NFI Certified Specialist, and the units removed have to be recycled, and cannot be resold. This program is being run by the American Lung Association of Arizona (ALA) with funds provided by Salt River Project. There are 6 dealers in Apache and Navajo counties participating in the program and they are listed on the Clean Heat Exchange website. Check out the Clean Heat Exchange website:

<http://www.lungarizona.org/north/clean>



NSPS Update

EPA has released its proposed NSPS numbers and it is good news. According to reports, EPA is planning on one emissions number to include both catalytic and non-catalytic units. It looks like the new emission standard will be 4.5 gph - similar to the Washington State emissions standard. About 85% of the current wood stoves and inserts already meet that standard.

Pellet stoves will also have to meet a standard now of 2.5 gph which also

matches the Washington State standards. It is noted that NSPS will not include wood burning fireplaces at this time.

These proposed NSPS revisions will be published in June of 2011, and the final NSPS will be published in July 2012. There is still a possibility of some changes being made, so don't celebrate too much yet, but it does look good.

DOE Final Rule

HPBA just had another meeting with the DOE and the other parties involved in this discussion concerning the new DOE ruling on decorative gas fireplaces. HPBA is now going over the notes from this meeting before deciding on the next step.

This rule would basically eliminate decorative gas appliances by putting an inlet limit of 9,000 Btus, roughly the same as a burner on a gas range. It would make all manufacturers get their heater rated units to obtain an AFUE rating, but how that testing is done is still to be determined.

For more information, go to

www.hpba.org/government-affairs/major-projects

On other government affairs news, California is planning on banning all gas appliances by 2020. The Pacific HPBA and the HPBA are working on not letting this happen. John Crouch will talk about this, the NSPS, and the DOE when he is here at our annual meeting on May 7.

On the EPA RRP front, EPA has fined a builder a little over \$32,500 for failure to do pre-renovation education which is part of the new EPA RRP rule. We can offer classes on this rule if interested. Contact Larry Grogan for more information. You can check this lead based paint rule at www.epa.gov/lead.



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Education Update

We will be offering the NFI review classes and exams at our annual event this year on Friday May 6, 2011. If you are interested in taking one of the NFI review classes - Gas, Wood Burning, or Pellet - please contact Larry Grogan at 480-772-2169 or LGrogan@cox.net.

The fee for AHPBA members will be \$299.00 (Corrected fee from last newsletter). This fee includes the latest NFI manual, the review class, and the exam. We will also offer retests to

people who have failed the test before for a cost of \$129.00. Of course the class and exams are open to non-members and other HPBA affiliate members, please contact Larry for pricing.

We can now offer the EPA RRP Renovator Course which we can take anywhere the training is needed. Let me know if anyone is interested. We need at least 4-6 people to make it feasible for the AHPBA do it.

Membership Update

We're on the Web!
Azhpba.org

We have had 26 members sign up so far for their 2011 membership. We need all our veteran members to sign up and for new members to join! Please contact Larry if you need any information concerning membership in our association. I also have some brochures that provide details and the program benefits of our association if you would like me to mail you one or some.

Anyone in the hearth, patio, or barbecue business is eligible to join. Please refer any of your friends and associates to me for information.

Please let us know if there is something

that you feel would benefit all our members. This information would be greatly appreciated!

Please refer any interested parties to me at LGrogan@cox.net or call me at 480-772-2169.

Member News:

Congratulations - Erica Reed of Earth Energy in Tucson - got married last month.

Members for 2011 that signed up since the last newsletter - Arizona Gas Products, Diversified Builder Supply, Earth Energy's Hearth & Patio, Eric & Sons, Flagstaff Hearth & Home, and Odom Building Center.

If you have any news on our members, please let me know at LGrogan@cox.net.

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