

Arizona HPBA NEWSLETTER

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President's News

Dear AHPBA Members,

For all of you that attended the HPBA 2014 EXPO, I hope you enjoyed and saw some great new products, and got to say hi to some old friends. As President, I get to be involved with the affiliate leaders committee and see what is happening in all the other affiliates around the US. It is very interesting and sometimes distressing, since we are having trouble get members to sign up and for some old members to stay members. This association is for you the members, and we need your help in getting new members. Let me know if there is anything more that you feel the board and the association can help you with and do for all its members.

HPBA News

For those of you that made it to the RMHPBA & AHPBA get together at the 2014 HPBExpo, thanks for coming and I hope you had a good time. I will try to make it to your annual event in May. The HPBA Board has honored me by appointing me to the HPBA Executive Committee as Secretary for the coming year, and then moving on to other positions including Chairman in a couple of years. It will be an exciting and rewarding time for me. I will do my best to make the RMHPBA & AHPBA proud of me.

Our next HPBA board meeting is on June 18 in Nashville, site of next year's EXPO hoping that many of you from

Hopefully you can attend our annual event on May 2nd and 3rd. We will have another BBQ cook off with some great food, and lots of fun. On Saturday, we will provide some education to help your business's grow and prosper. Please come.

Let me know if I can be of any help on any issue to do with the association and HPBA.

IF NOT, BECOME A MEMBER!!!!!!

Keith Richardson
President - AHPBA
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Arizona will be able to attend. I will give you a report on what happens at our board meeting in the next issue of the AHPBA Newsletter in Apr. 2014. Hopefully you will be able to come to the EXPO next year in Salt Lake City.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the HPBA, please feel free to contact me anytime at 505-983-5264 or at retail@thefirebird.com.

Hope everyone is having a wonderful beginning to 2014!

Gene Butler
Region 8 HPBA Board Member

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ AHPBA Board Meeting 5-2-14
- ◆ AHPBA Annual Event May 2-3
- ◆ HPBA Board Meeting 6-18-14
- ◆ HPBA EXPO 2015 March 6-8, 2015

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Annual Event News

We have finalized most of the agenda for our annual event this year which will be held at Arizona Fireplace's brand new outdoor room on May 2nd and May 3rd. We will be having our 4th annual BBQ cook off this year; competitors will be Broilmaster, FireMagic, and others to be determined too. It also gives us some great food to eat.

We will offer some exciting education this year. On Friday; we will be offering an NFI Gas Review class starting at 8:00 am. At 2:30 pm we will give the exams for gas, wood or pellet. At 3:00 pm, we will be having a board meeting. Come and meet the board. At 5:30 pm, our BBQ cook off will get started. Saturday morning at 8:00 am, Hope Stevenson, of Dave Pomeroy Signature Training we teach the first of her 2 classes. At 9:45

am, we will have an update on NSPS/DOE from John Crouch of HPBA, followed by another class from Hope starting at 10:30 am. At Noon, we will have a BBQ lunch courtesy of Arizona Fireplaces with Chef Keith Richardson.

Remember there will be great food, you can talk to some old friends, meet the sponsors, have something to drink and have lots of fun. It's all FREE!

An annual event invitation will be sent out shortly.

SAVE THE DATE - SEE YOU AT THE ANNUAL EVENT!

Contact Larry at 480-772-2169 or LGrogan@cox.net

Sponsors:

We are still looking for sponsors for this year. Please help us out.

AHPBA MEMBERS - PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS BY USING THEIR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES!

Sponsors, Thanks again, from the AHPBA Board and all our members

HPBA EXPO News

The 2014 EXPO is over, and for those of you that attended, we hope you had a great time. The EXPO, the Education, the Tail Gate Party (a little wet), and the 50's all industry party were great. Can't wait to see what the EXPO group comes up with next year in Nashville, TN. I am sure it will be fun. The EXPO will be in the new Music Center Convention Center in Downtown Nashville, right near where all the up and coming country stars plays their music at all the little clubs in the area. We will also be right across the street from the Country Music Hall of Fame where you can walk through the history of Country Music seeing old photos and reading interesting facts about the stars of the pass and some current ones too. So start planning your trip to Nashville for 2015. The website should be up and running around Sept. 1, 2014 at www.hpbexpo.com. Hope to see you there.

Young Guns News Items

The Young Guns at a great time at their reception at EXPO this year in Salt Lake City. Hopefully next year you can join them at their reception in Nashville. If you would like information on how to join or get involved in the Young Guns, please contact them at youngguns@hpba.org for more information or to get put on their newsletter mailing list.

In Arizona, you can contact the Region 8 Young Guns representative Erica Peterson at erica@eehpatio.com.



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATES

NSPS - The NSPS has been turned over to the Office of Management & Budget for review, and it has been given back to EPA, and now we are in the 90 day comments period, and HPBA is working on the comments they will be making. This period will end sometime around the beginning of May. The final will be out in the Spring/Summer of 2015. Also John Crouch from HPBA may be contacting some of our members who are involved in the stove market to ask for their opinion. Please help if you are contacted. More information will be coming soon. This could affect us greatly, especially in the near future. In the meantime, HPBA's government affairs department has been working in Congress with both the House and the Senate trying to provide legislative relief for the industry. For more information contact: John Crouch at crouch@hpba.org.

DOE: As I stated in the last newsletter, HPBA has submitted a response to DOE latest proposal that would give them control over regulating all gas burning appliances including decorative units and gas logs. They are still waiting for a respond from DOE. In the meantime, HPBA is working with some Representatives in Congress on a bill, HR 3761, that would protect decorative gas appliances from improper regulation. So please contact your Representative to let them know that we need their support. If you need more information or have questions concerning the DOE, please contact Ryan Carroll at carroll@hpba.org. If you would like to send a letter to your Representative and you need help with that, contact Rachel Feinstein at Feinstein@hpba.org.

TAX CREDIT ISSUE: Also contact your Senator about Residential Energy Efficiency (25C), which includes a tax credit for biomass-fueled stoves. It is currently in the Senate Finance Committee. Rachel can help you with contacting your Senator too.

CSPC -Please inform your current customers and past customers of the importance of watching their children and grandchildren around all burning appliances. To see a video that you can order or view online, go to www.safefireplacetips.com. You can order this video and have your logo or information included on the video. For more info on the rule or any other code please contact: Tom Stroud, stroud@hpba.org

LOCAL ISSUES: Maricopa County has been pushing enforcement of their no burn days. This issue will subside for a while because of our wonderful warm weather here, so to be HOT! This campaign will come back next year on educating the public on not burning on no burn days. Be sure to let your customers know about it. For more information on this campaign and how you can help go to www.cleanairmakemore.com. Use this as an opportunity to sell new things.

GET INVOLVED: You need to get involved in the association that is helping your business, and fighting for your rights with the federal government and on local issues. **JOIN TODAY!** Also if you are members of another group, like the local home builders association, please keep aware of what they are doing in their fights with the government over rules. It may affect us too. So if you hear of an issue that you feel could concern us, let me know. Then I will get in touch with HPBA government affairs for their thoughts on it.



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Education Update

We will be offering the NFI Review class and exam at the annual event. We have enough signed up to do a gas review which will begin at 8:00 am on May 2. We will be offering all exams, wood, gas, and pellet to take at 2:30 pm. If you need to renew your NFI certification, take the exam for the first time, or take a retest, contact me.

For the manual and the exam, the price will be \$349.00 per person; this is a \$50.00 savings over doing it on line.

Sorry, but we have had to raise prices because of a price increase from HPBEF. Please let me know if you would like to take gas review class, get the manual (wood, gas, or pellet), and take the exam. There is still time to get the manual to you. It will take about a week to get it to you, so please contact me asap. I also need to make arrangements to get all the exams I need before that date. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me
LGrogan@cox.net.

Membership Update

We are always looking for more members for our association. Please give them a copy of our newsletter or have them contact me or Keith Richardson.

Please check out the www.hpba.org website to see a list of benefits that you enjoy as members, and also check out what the government affairs department has been doing for you whether you are a member or not, but the more members we have, means the better job they can do for us.

Please plan on coming to our annual event this year. It is one of your benefits of being a member of the AHPBA. Come and meet the board

members and have some great food, and meet other members. Great place to network in person, and maybe even see some old friends that you haven't seen for a while. Be sure to bring some of your employees along too, so they can enjoy the evening or the education the following day.

We want to thank all our past members and our members who have signed up for 2014 so far.

Member Spotlight: Val Romero – Arizona Grill & Hearth – Tucson, AZ - Val was the hit of the EXPO 50's party dressed in his Elvis Presley outfit. He was the hit of the show. Also shown is a picture of the Modern Flame's electric fireplace on the set of the Olympics NBC broadcast set. Modern Flame is owned by the same family as Arizona Fireplaces.

Members who have signed up for AHPBA 2014 membership:

Cory Church – Gorman Dist. – Glendale
Arizona Gas Products – Scottsdale
Southwest Gas – Phoenix
Mike Lundy – Forest Energy – Show Low

Cory Church has a new job with Gorman Distributing – Good Luck in your new venture.

Remember: If you would like to see photos of this year's or any of the last few years of our annual event, Please check them out at www.azhpba.org .

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



Photo of Val Romero at the 50's EXPO PARTY

Sorry it's not a great picture but lighting was terrible and of course Val was gyrating, But he was the hit of the party, and probably lost 5 lbs. dancing that night.



Well-known NBC anchor Bob Costas on the Sochi set with the Modern Flames electric fireplace.

**Modern Flames a Winner
in Olympics Exposure**

SOCHI, RUSSIA