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President's News

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ HPBA Board Meeting 9-30-15
- ◆ AHPBA Annual Event 2016 TBD
- ◆ AHPBA Board Meeting 8-20-15
- ◆ HPBA EXPO March 17-19, 2016

Dear AHPBA Members,

Summer is winding down, and in some areas of the states, the burning season is coming upon us very quickly. I just wanted to remind everyone that has a retail stores or a showroom, make sure that is designed in a safe manor for your customers to get around in without tripping, burning themselves, or running into something. Hopefully this coming season will be very profitable for you in your sales.

In June, HPBA held their annual meetings for the affiliate leaders, but Val was there representing us, and of course, wore is Elvis custom around the streets of new Orleans. The big topic of

HPBA News

At the board meeting in June which coincided with the Affiliate leaders and staffs meetings, we had to make a hard decision on expelling 4 members for not paying their assessments. The assessments are what pay for the HPBA to fight some of the government issues being raised against our industry.

EXPO revenues were up this year, and things are looking good for next year too. In December, the HPBA board will look at their budget for 2016, and preliminary ideas is that it will be over this year's which is good for all the affiliates and HPBA. Remember some of that money comes to the HPBA

conversation at the meetings was the new affiliate agreement being worked upon now with hopes of it being finished before the end of the year so it can be in use for 2016.

Remember to let your friends and associates know that you are a member of the AHPBA. Contact me for if you have any questions or concerns regarding the AHPBA.

BECOME A MEMBER!

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affiliates.

The next board meeting is on Sept.30, 2015 in Kansas City in conjunction with the big barbecue cook off that is held there every year. The BBQ section will be meeting there also right after the board meeting

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.

Gene Butler

Region 8 HPBA Board Member

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Annual Event News

We had a great time at our annual event on May 1st, and had some wonderful education on Saturday morning by Hope Stevenson. Next year's event is still in the planning stages, so if you have any ideas please let me know. It could be on what we do, where we have it, and what kinds of education to offer, because we will have some education then. Look in our members section at the end of the newsletter to see another picture from our event this year.

Thanks again to Southwest Gas for letting us have the use of their building.

Go to our website to view pictures from this year's event, www.azhpba.org.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND NEXT YEARS EVENT

Contact Larry at 480-772-2169 or ahpba@outlook.com

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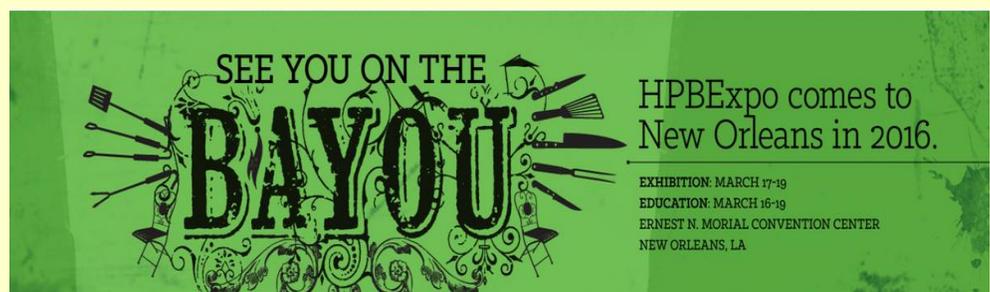
Thanks to all our sponsors this year. We really appreciate you making our event and our year a success. Thanks to the sponsors that could attend our event in person which gives us a chance to meet you and get to know you better. Hopefully next year you can be as generous too.

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

Remember on Sept. 1, 2015 which is just around the corner, the EXPO website opens. Being in New Orleans on St. Patrick's Day should be great fun and you can join us at the Fulton Alley for the AHPBA, RMHPBA, OHPBA, NWHPBA, and HPBA Pacific reception on St. Patrick's Day. Check out their website at www.fultonalley.com. We hope to see you there. Keep checking at www.hpbexpo.com to keep getting updates on the EXPO next year, and around the 1st of September to be able to make reservations, and see the info about the Tail Gate party and the Green Egg cook off, and of course the list of education classes from the HPBEF. Now you can go to the website to find out information on what to do in New Orleans. Also check out photos, and information from this year's show in Nashville.



Stove Change Out News

We will be having another stove change program in the Northeastern corner of the state along with some other states in the Four Corners area. The final details are not set yet, but it should happen in the next few months which means it may not happen till early next year. This one will be a little different than the one that happened a couple of years ago in Apache and Navajo counties even though it will be in the same area just further north. Some of the change outs could include coal stoves along with wood, gas, and

pellet units. Coal is readily available on the Navajo reservation so that is why it will be included in the change out program. NFI certification may be required to install units in this program, but that hasn't been decided yet. I will keep you posted as I find out more information in the future. Contact me if you have any questions at ahpba@outlook.com.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATES

NSPS - NSPS is in, and 4.5 g/h or less is the magical number for Step 1 and this covers all wood stoves, wood inserts, and pellet stoves. Manufacturers will not be able to ship any stove that does not meet those numbers on May 15, 2015, and retailers will not be able to sell those non-certified units after Dec. 31, 2015 and that includes pellet stoves. Just remember that distributors can still sell and ship units that are not certified until 12-31-15. So be aware of the manufactured dates and the certification information on the units you have or receive. All units currently manufactured that already pass the new standards will not have to be recertified. On May 20, 2015, the Office of Air Quality Planning & Standards, (OAQPS) released a Small Entity Compliance Guide, which can be downloaded at <http://www2.epa.gov/residential-wood-heaters/small-entity-compliance-guide>. For more information contact: John Crouch at crouch@hpba.org.

DOE: On Monday, May 11th, HPBA submitted comments on the Department of Energy's (DOE) "Energy Conservation Standards for Hearth Products" Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR). Included in HPBA's comments were arguments about the procedural shortcomings of the rule, the failure to meet statutory obligations, the improper consideration of multiple products as one "covered product" category, and the complete lack of consideration for existing technology. For more information concerning the DOE, please contact Ryan Carroll at carroll@hpba.org.

TAX CREDIT ISSUE: Although the 25C tax credit for non-business energy property was retroactively extended for purchases made in 2014, HPBA has continued to lobby for extension of the 25C tax credit for purchases made in 2015 and beyond. Rachel can help you with contacting your Senator too, or if you more info please contact Rachel at Feinstein@hpba.org.

CSPC -Remember all gas products manufactured this year must have some type of approved barrier installed on them, and you must make sure that the barriers are installed when you leave the house. You can still sell units built prior to Jan. 1, 2015 without screens, but if there is a screen built for that unit, I would highly recommend you selling with the unit. Another issue, if you go to home to service a unit and there is no barrier on the unit, you do not have to ask where the barrier is or reinstall one. For more info on the rule or any other code please contact: Rachel Feinstein, Feinstein@hpba.org.

NFPA 211: The NFPA 211 has modified the rule to include basically at the discretion of the AHJ. We should more info on this item in the next few days. If you have any other questions, please contact Tom Stroud, stroud@hpba.org.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD: HPBA has gone live with its Legislative Action Center (LAC) program, an online tool that links you directly to members of Congress. Go to hpba.org, go to Government Affairs, and click on Federal & State Govt. relations. If you have any problems getting on, please contact Rachel Feinstein at Feinstein@hpba.org.

LOCAL ISSUES: For more info on Maricopa County go to www.cleanairmakemore.com. After the attempted ban on all wood burning for basically the winter in Utah, we need to get a vigil on all things going on in the governments including cities, counties, and the state. So let us know if you see or hear about anything that could affect us. This association is helping to protect your future in our industry. The more members with have give us a bigger voice.

JOIN TODAY!



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Education Update

Our next educational event will be at next year's annual event. The classes have not been decided yet, so let us know if there is anything that you would like to hear about or learn about, such as social media, growing your business, etc.

If you were not able to go to EXPO and take some of the education classes there, or you need some classes for your NFI certification, or just to learn, you can go to hpbef.org for more

information on Hearth On Line. They have a great list of classes, and have a on line subscription for individual or company subscription (5).

So let me know if you need a class for something in the future or next year at our annual event. These classes could be NFI review classes or some other topic. If we can get enough people interested in taking them, then we can probably arrange the class. Contact me at ahpba@outlook.com.

Membership Update

The newest thing that came out of the meetings in June in New Orleans is that there is a joint task force to come up with a new affiliate agreement to define what the affiliate is suppose to do and what the HPBA is suppose to do. The biggest thing is that there will be some type of grading procedure for the affiliates that could affect the money the affiliate gets back from EXPO. I will keep you posted as this issue gets finalized.

Thanks to all of our current members for joining us this year including a couple of returning members. Two things please push membership to your friends and acquaintances in the industry, and second thing is we are looking for volunteers to be on our

board starting in 2016. Board members serve a term of 2 years. Please let me know if you are interested.

You can also check out a video on our website, where current members are telling why they are members of the AHPBA and HPBA. Go to www.azhpb.org and click on members then click on the video to see what they have to say. Some of them, you may know. Most of them have been involved for many years in the association and in the business for many years.

Thanks again to all the members who have signed up for membership this year including some new and returning members.

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Member News: See the photo of our winning chefs that cooked at the AHPBA 2015 Annual Event. They along with our other chef cooked some great appetizers, main courses, and desserts. It was a great evening. You can see all the pictures from this year's event, and the past year's events. Become part of next year's event by coming to it.

Please check them out at www.azhpb.org.

A part of Arizona Fireplaces has been named the North American distributors of BeefEater BBQ's.

Our Executive Director is now Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain HPBA.

Val Romero has introduced a new BBQ spice line called the King of BBQ's – first spice – “Rub Me Tender”

If you have any news on our members, please let me know at ahpba@outlook.com.



Photo Above: This is a photo of the prize winning chefs of the 2015 Arizona HPBA annual event. Left to right: Elaine Remy (Fire Magic) - Second Place, Val Romero (Lynx) - First Place, and Bob DeMartino (Broilmaster) – People's Choice Award. Thanks to all our chefs for cooking, the food was great.



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