

Arizona HPBA NEWSLETTER

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AHPBA Executive Director



President's News

Dear AHPBA Members,

We are in the home stretches of another hot Arizona summer, soon the weather will cool off and the burning season for hearth products will start, much earlier in the high country than in the Valley of the Sun. I hope your summer is going great, and you are getting some relaxation time, and of course staying busy at work.

I attended the affiliate leaders committee meeting in Nashville on June 17th, and it was informative learning about what other affiliates do and what works for them in their regions. Of course, they have some of the same

problems we do with getting new members and keeping old members. If you have any ideas that you feel will help us get new members and some old members to rejoin, please let me know. Also, you can talk membership to your contacts in our business that might not be members of our association.

Contact me for if you have any questions or concerns regarding the AHPBA. I hope you all have a very enjoyable and profitable end of the summer season.

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HPBA News

We had our board meeting on June 18th in Nashville, TN, site of the 2015 EXPO. It will be a great show at a wonderful and brand new convention center in downtown Nashville. Hope to see you there.

The HPBA Board was fairly typical of all the board meetings, but here are a few things that happened there. This year's membership revenue is down, but the good news is the EXPO is up for signups for exhibitors including some that haven't been there in a couple of years. There will be a new section added for Electric Fireplaces and the board approved a merger of the outdoor gas appliances, and gas logs into the gas hearth appliances section. Ryan Carroll

and John Crouch gave updates on the DOE and NSPS. Some of that information will be in the government affairs section of this newsletter. The HPBA will be staying in their current offices for another 10 years. Also the HPBEF's EXPO education proposal was explained to the board. Some of the HPBA Board's task groups have made plans to meet.

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

Upcoming Events

- ◆ HPBA Board Meeting 10-22-14
- ◆ AHPBA Annual Event 2015 TBD
- ◆ AHPBA Board Meeting 8-7-14
- ◆ HPBA EXPO 2015 March 6-8, 2015

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Annual Event News

We are busy planning for next year's event including looking at locations, educational classes, and for what to have our great chefs cook for us for next year. If you have any suggestions for any of the things mentioned in the preceding sentence, please let me know, or one of our wonderful board members.

For those of you that attended this year, thanks for coming and showing your support for our association.

Hopefully you will come again next year, and brings some of your employees and some of your friends in the business

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND NEXT YEARS EVENT - LOOK FOR THE DATE TBD!

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

Sponsors:

We are looking for sponsors for next year, and I should be sending information about that by the end of this year. We hope that our past sponsors will be able to help out next year as in the past.

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

Start planning to come to EXPO 2015 in Nashville, TN. It should be the best one in quite a while. Everyone is expecting a large turnout for both attendees and vendors. As of right now exhibitor sign ups are almost 20% ahead of last year. So it should be a great place to check out all the new things in the industry. The EXPO will be in the new Music Center Convention Hall in Downtown Nashville, right near where all the up and coming country stars play 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 past and some current ones too. There will be the Tail Gate party again next year on Thursday night, and that will be followed by the all industry party on that same night. This will be a change from the last few years of having it on Friday night. There will also be some great educational classes at EXPO as always, so bring your learning cap, and take some classes while you are there 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. You can also check out the photos from this year's EXPO. Look for some of our members in the photos, you might see some.



Young Guns News Items

If you are just getting started in the HPBA industry, whether you are young or old, the Young Guns is the group for you. They provide information, education, and mentoring programs designed just for you. They will have a reception at EXPO 2015, so get involved. If you would like more information, please contact them at youngguns@hpba.org for more information or to get put on their newsletter mailing list. You can also follow them on twitter or facebook. In Arizona, you can contact the Region 8 Young Guns representative Erica Peterson at erica@ehpatio.com.



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATES

NSPS - EPA came out with a NODA that added some material to the NSPS that they would be prosing to go along with the other material in the NSPS. The NODA has a 30 day comment period, and HPBA delivered their comments on July 31, 2014. These comments had to do with cordwood testing for both non-catalytic units and catalytic units. Still they main thing that HPBA is fighting is are steps 2/3 which HPBA says that EPA should not asking for without appropriate information and at this time. HPBA is working with congress on bills in the house, and one in the Senate for next year. For more information contact: John Crouch at crouch@hpba.org.

DOE: The DOE has finally removed vented hearth heaters from their efficient requirements as dictated by the courts, but they have left in the AFUE numbers. 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. The wording of this bill had to be amended to take in the new rules that EPA came out with at the end of Dec. 2013. Chances of this legislation being passed this year are very slim, but it will lay the groundwork for next year. Also congress has recommended that HPBA reach out to environmental groups to see if we can come to some agreements on gas burning appliances, which would help push the bill along. If you need more information concerning the DOE, please contact Ryan Carroll at carroll@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, and it looks it has a good chance to pass, but not until

after the elections. If it does, and that's not for sure, then it will cover products installed this year and next year, 2015. Rachel can help you with contacting your Senator too, or if you more info please contact Rachel at Feinstein@hpba.org.

CSPC -Be sure to tell your customers about the dangers of children touching the hot glass fronts on gas 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: Rachel Feinstein, Feinstein@hpba.org.

NFPA 211: The NFPA 211 committee has come out with their revisions for the 2016 NFPA 211. Go to www.nfpa.org/211next to check out the revisions. Scroll down to "First Draft Ballot". Be sure to check out the revisions for Sections 3, 6, 11, 12, & 13. Those are the revisions that HPBA are concerned about. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Stroud, stroud@hpba.org.

LOCAL ISSUES: Maricopa County will still be issuing no burn day warnings in the coming months, and of course, that will continue once our cool weather comes back. Members not in Maricopa County, you need to be aware of what is going on in your cities and counties that could affect you in the future. If you hear of something, let me know, or let HPBA know. For more information on Maricopa County go to www.cleanairmakemore.com. This is one of the reasons you need to get involved with the association, because this association is helping to protect your future in our industry. **JOIN TODAY!**



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Education Update

We have nothing offered at this time, but if you are interested in any education, let me know, and we will try to help you find the appropriate location or people to help you.

We can always get together an NFI review class if we have enough people interested in taking it, or we can offer an EPA Lead Based Paint class if you are working on any Pre-1978 house or child occupied facility.

At our next annual event we will offer

so more educational classes in 2015. Let us know what you would like learn or get more insight into a topic. Also, remember there are lots of educational classes at the EXPO next year in Nashville, and there is always educational classes at Hearth On-Line, check it out at hpbef.org.

If there is some education that you feel would be good for our entire membership, please let me know at LGrogan@cox.net.

Membership Update

Become an AHPBA ambassador and tell everyone you know about the AHPBA, and it's affiliation with HPBA and what it is doing for our industry, and for your business. Push **"Become A Member!"**

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.

If you did not come to our annual event this year, please make plans to come next year. It is one of your benefits of being a member of the AHPBA.

There are many reasons to become members of our association and the national HPBA, and here are some of them:

1. Grow Your Business
2. Make Connections
3. Stay Informed
4. Make a Difference in our Industry
5. Grow Professionally

We want to thank all our members who have signed up for 2014.

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Facebook
[Facebook.com/AZHBPBA](https://www.facebook.com/AZHBPBA)

Member Spotlight: Elliot White – New Board Member– See pictures on the next page.

Keith Richardson, our president, and his lovely wife, Christina, are expecting their first child, a boy on Dec. 10, 2014. Congratulations to them, and to the grandparents.

Val Romero, the King of BBQ, (Arizona Grill & Hearth) will be in the video promoting the 2015 HPBA EXPO. Check out the website, hpbexpo.com, on Sept. 1, and check out the video.

Jack Goldman, President of the HPBA, had a birthday earlier this month and reach the grand age of 60.

Other news: HPBA has adopted Operation BBQ Relief as their charity of choice. See photo on next page. Check out their website at operationbbqrelief.org to make donations or volunteer.

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.

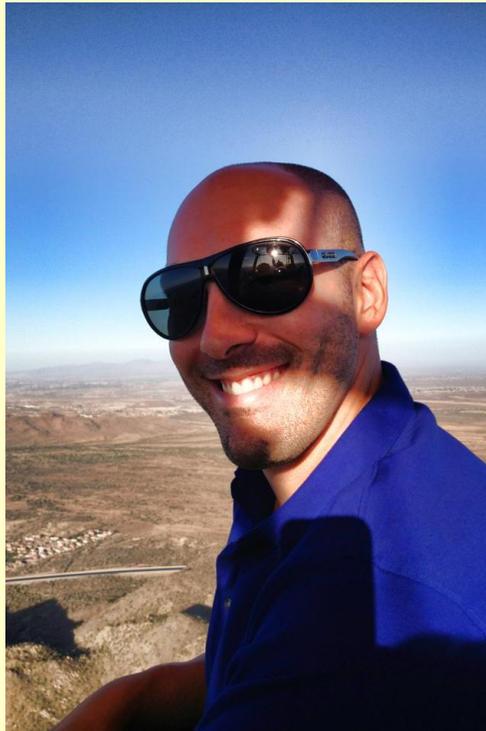


Photo Above: Elliott White is our new board member filling the vacancy left by Bob Hill's moving to Colorado. Elliott works for Modern Flames, a manufacturing member of HPBA, in marketing and sales. He is new to the industry and has been with Modern Flames since January of this year, and is a recent graduate of ASU with a degree in Business. Welcome to the industry and to the board. His contact number is 602-501-2166, or email him at Elliott@modernflames.com.



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