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President's News

Dear AHPBA Members,

As the 2011 year comes to a close, I'd like to take a moment to remind you that our battle against over-zealous EPA and DOE regulators under the current administration is far from over. HPBA continues fighting for our livelihoods, and now more than ever needs our support. 2012 will prove to be a crucial year in deciding the fate of thousands of jobs and dreams for which so many of us have worked diligently to create. For more information on how to get involved in preserving our industry, be sure to read the Government Affairs update in this issue.

'Tis the season - in more ways than one! As we continue to drive our businesses through the selling season, we also prepare for the holiday season and time with family and friends. Be sure to balance the two. Both are vitally

important to our health and success.

In this season of giving, please give a little more than you normally would. Give of your time, your talents, and your abundance - to someone in need.

This December marks the end of my two year term as President of AHPBA. I have enjoyed serving on the board for the past 6 years, but it's time to make room for new faces. Please be sure to make your voice heard by casting your vote for the new board members once you receive your ballot. For more information on how you can get involved, please contact me or Larry Grogan - we'd love to have you participate!

Cory Church
President - AHPBA

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ AHPBA Board Meeting Jan 19
- ◆ HPBA Board Meeting Feb 28
- ◆ HPBA EXPO Feb 29 - Mar 3

HPBA News

We have a new Director of Membership and Affiliates, Jaime Beaulieu. She replaces Don Kaiser in part of the work he use to do. Please fill free to contact her at beaulieu@hpba.org. The 2011-2012 membership directory has been mailed out. Be sure look through it, and plan on attending EXPO next year.

HPBA is encouraging community enrichment as a goal of all HPBA Members. As we are in the middle of our holiday season, please give generously

to your local food bank, or other favorite worthwhile charitable organization in your area.

EXPO registrations are up from last year in booth sales. There will also be another Young Guns get together at EXPO next year.

For more information on the HPBA issues, please contact our local representative, Bob Hill.

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Olympia Chimney Supply

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Other Donations by Forest Energy, Skytech, and HPBEF

Annual Event News

The annual event for 2012 has been tentatively scheduled for the May 4th and 5th at the Southwest Gas Building in Tempe, AZ. There is a chance that it will be cut down to only the 5th, but there still would be an NFI class and exam for those would like to take it on the 4th for gas, wood or pellet. We would need to get at least 5 students for each class to offer the review class, but we will offer the exam for all that want to take it, including retests.

We will definitely be having some kind of function on May 5th and it will include some food and fun, a chance to meet our sponsors, and a chance to say hi to some old friends and meet new ones.

For those that have come in the past,

they have really enjoyed the events, and we want all our members to be able to enjoy the event too. I am afraid that our attendees at our annual event seem to be the same people every year, and I want to see all our members there. Let me know what you would like to see at our annual event that would make you want to participate.

So until our next annual event, have a wonderful holiday season and a great New Year.

Merry Christmas!

Sponsors:

We have our first sponsor for 2012, and that is Southwest Gas. We are looking for more sponsors for 2012. Included with the sponsorship will be a listing on our website, acknowledgement in all 2012 newsletters, acknowledgement at all functions including our annual event, meetings, and educational events. I will be sending out an invitation to become a sponsor soon, and we will be lowering some of our sponsorship amounts.

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 HPBExpo will be in Atlanta next year, Feb. 29 through Mar. 3. The website for EXPO is up and running and you go on line and register for next year. Go to www.hpbexpo.com to sign up or check out some of the things that will be happening in Atlanta at the show and in the area. You will need your membership ID number to sign up, so if you don't have it please contact me so I can get it to you. Be sure to sign up for an education badge and attend some of the education classes that will be held there. There will be two parties this year, a tail gate party on Thursday evening in the outdoor burn area, and on Friday night, March 2nd, a Honky Tonk Nashville Party . The party should be great again next year, like this year's party was. Please plan on attending. There will also be a new products booth in the outdoor burn area. There will also be a mobile app to check out the EXPO available mid Dec., the 2012 ConnectMe Mobile App. For non-members of the AHPBA, the fees to attend the EXPO next year have gone up. The fee will be \$100.00 per person if you register by 12-31-11, and \$150.00 if you register after that or at the event. Remember - it pays to be a member of the HPBA to attend the EXPO for free!

Clean Heat Exchange

The Clean Heat Exchange is over. All the money has been spent, and the dealers are installing the last few units. The program has been a huge success. When the program is done, there will have been 429 old units replaced with new units, 333 new EPA approved wood burning, 8 gas burning, and 88 pellet stoves or inserts. Thanks to all the dealers that participated in the program, especially to our members, Bill's Complete Chimney Service,

Mountain Leisure, Odom Building Center, Orona Enterprises, US Insulation, and both Wizard's Hearth & Home stores. Also thanks to the American Lung Association (ALA) of Arizona for running the program and to SRP for giving the money to fund the program. Check out the ALA website for all the details:

http://www.lungarizona.org/north/clean_exchange.htm



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

NSPS - On Dec. 8th, HPBA will host the final rule update of the year on the proposed NSPS changes. We will have a representative in the briefing. HPBA has been working steadily on a number of significant issues in preparation for the release of the formal proposal that is expected out in early 2012. There will be more news in the December issue of Hot News. The final rule will be out in mid-2013. For more information, contact John Crouch, crouch@hpba.org.

DOE RULE - The DOE has changed its rule again, adding gas logs back into the mix. Working with Congress, HPBA has gotten a letter signed by 27 bipartisan members of the House of Representatives sent to DOE Secretary Steven Chu requesting a halt to the regulatory actions against the decorative gas industry. HPBA is also attempting to get a letter from the Senate urging the same thing. On Oct. 14th, HPBA submitted its comments to the DOE on its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) that would change the requirements for decorative gas fireplaces and impose new requirements for gas logs. HPBA also continues to prepare for litigation which starts on Jan. 3, 2012. For more info:

Contact Allan Cagnoli (cagnoli@hpba.org) or Ryan Carroll (carroll@hpba.org).

CSPC - A CSA Working Group has finalized its new language to the CSA Z21.50 and CSAZ21.88 standards for barriers (screens, etc.) to protect children and other at-risk individuals from accidental burns on glass-fronted fireplaces. These changes have been forwarded to the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for review. The TAG has been tasked to decide several issues that may affect the future of the gas fireplace industry. A meeting has been set up on Dec. 13th to discuss them. For more info contact: Tom Stroud, stroud@hpba.org

NET ZERO - HPBA and HPBA Pacific are exploring an Alternative Control Measure (ACM) for the recognition of zone heating in the California Energy Code. An ACM is a process that does not involve waiting for code updates. Also trying to get fireplaces included in the Energy Plus Program currently underway in most Calif. Communities. There is a teleconference briefing on Dec. 15th for all interested HPBA manufacturers and HPBA Pacific members. For more info please contact John Crouch, crouch@hpba.org, or Kaity Van Amersfort, kaity@hpbapacific.org

UL127 - HPBA has requested that the International Code Council's Board of Directors amend the portion of the 2009 IECC code that requires gasketed doors on all fireplaces to allow UL127 fireplaces not to have gasketed doors.



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Education Update

Our next NFI class will be at the annual event May 6 2012. We will be offering review classes and exams in gas, wood burning, and pellet. We will need 5 students to make it worthwhile to hold the review class. No matter what, we will still offer the exam for all areas of expertise in the afternoon, and even if we don't offer the review class, someone will be around to talk over the material prior to the exam. Please let me know if you are interested for the review, exam, or a retest.

The prices will be \$329.00 for AHPBA members, \$369.00 for other HPBA affiliate members, \$539.00 for non-members, and \$129.00 for a retest (member price if you have failed an exam in the last 13 months). This price (except for the retest) includes the manual, exam, and a review class if enough people sign up.

We also offer EPA RRP classes too.

Please contact Larry Grogan at 480-772-2169 or LGrogan@cox.net if interested.

Membership Update

I will be sending out invoices in the next couple of weeks for 2012 membership in the Arizona HPBA. Included in the invoice will be the chance to get some specials for On Line Training from HPBEF. Remember for your dues to the AHPBA, you will receive free access to the HPBExpo next year, reduced costs on some education programs that we run, and the biggest impact will be the ongoing HPBA government affairs programs that are fighting for you to make sure that the government doesn't make new rules that will infringe on your abilities to make money in your

business.

Other benefits for members includes low cost credit card processing fees, business liability insurance, and low cost freight charges through UPS, FedEx, USF, & YRC. Please check the HPBA website at www.hpba.org.

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

WE NEED YOU AS MEMBERS!!!!!!

We're on the Web!
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Member Spotlight:

In this issue we will be featuring HomCo ACE Hardware of Flagstaff, AZ. The following is an excerpt from their website. Welcome to HomCo ACE Hardware, Flagstaff's "Helpful Place". Started in 1975, HomCo Ace Hardware has become known throughout the years as the "Helpful Place" by the locals, thus garnering the best home center, "best tool and hardware department" awards consistently by the Arizona Daily Sun. HomCo ACE of Flagstaff was also the recipient of the Arizona Daily Sun's 2008 Best of Flagstaff Survey Award. The HomCo store has been in this location since it was built in 1979 and became an ACE member in 1990. They have a fireplace department that installs, services, and cleans chimneys. Please stop by or contact the Fireplace Department Manager Jason Brown.

For more info about HomCo go to: <http://www.homcoaceflagstaff.com/about-us>

Please see photo on next page.

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

PICTURES FROM OUR MEMBERS:



Photos courtesy of Homco Website and Jason Brown. Photo of main entrance to HomCo in Flagstaff, AZ. Photo of the Jason Brown, Fireplace Manager, in HomCo's show room.

