

Arizona HPBA NEWSLETTER

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President's News

Dear AHPBA Members,

Thanks to all of our members and their employees that made it to our 2012 Annual Event in Tempe, AZ on May 4. For all of you that couldn't make it, you missed a wonderful evening with lots of good times with some great food cooked by 7 different BBQ manufacturers. I hope that next year that more of our members can come. Please let me know what we can do to make you want to come.

We are still looking for members. So please join, we need you and you need the association to work on your behalf. Call me or Larry if you have any questions concerning membership. If you want to be listed in the annual HPBA Membership Directory which list

HPBA News

I had the great pleasure to attend your annual event on May 4th and 5th in Tempe, AZ. It was a wonderful experience, and it was great to meet some of the members from the Arizona affiliate. Everyone there had a great time and lots of fun. Sometime in the near future, I look forward to meeting more of the members of the AHPBA.

I will be attending the HPBA Board Meeting on June 27. It will be my first full board meeting, and I am looking forward to being there representing the Arizona and Rocky Mountain affiliates. In the next newsletter, which Larry says will come out in August, I will report

all of the members of the HPBA, and is mailed to all the members of the HPBA, you will need to join by June 15, 2012.

Of course, this is the part of the year that a lot of our businesses slow down because of the heat. Hopefully you will have a good summer both personally and in business.

For more information on how you can get involved, please contact Larry Grogan - we'd love to have you participate!

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back to you on what happened and what will be going on with the board in the future.

If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns with what the HPBA is doing. Please feel free to contact me anytime at 505-983-5264 or at retail@thefirebird.com.

Gene Butler

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ HPBA Board Meeting June 27
- ◆ AHPBA Board Meeting July 19
- ◆ HPBA Board Meeting Oct. ?
- ◆ HPBA EXPO Mar 13-16, 2013

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Annual Event News

Our annual event for 2012 was a fun event for all of those whom attended. This was a great time to mingle with old friends, and make new friends, and talk to people in our business about what's going on in that business. We had a short speech from Jack Goldman, President of the HPBA, about what's going on with all the things involving the EPA, DOE, and CPSC.

We also had 7 barbecue companies, Broilmaster, FireMagic, Holland, MHC, Primo, The Good-One, and Twin Eagles, barbecuing for us, and they made some great food from prime rib, sausages, pork loins, pineapple to chocolate chip cookies and apple pie. Because of all the great food, the cook off was a smash hit again this year, and FireMagic was the winner again with Jon Brown

doing their cooking, and The Good-One was the runner-up with Val Romero handling their chef's duties. And then there was Bob DeMartino all dressed out in his chef's hat and coat. Check out the photos on our website.

We also had our raffle again this year, and have some fantastic prizes. Of course, the group from Arizona Fireplaces took home a lot of the prizes because they had the most people there and Keith bought most of the raffle tickets. And again this year, Erica Peterson won one the grand prizes for the second year in a row.

We had 5 people take their exam for NFI certification on May 4th, 4 for gas and 1 for pellet. They should have their results around the 1st of June.

Sponsors:

Thanks again to all our sponsors who help sponsor our annual event, and who were able to attend the event as well. It was great seeing all of you in attendance. Hopefully we will see you there next year. Please let me know if there is anything we can do to make it more worthwhile for you to be a sponsor of the AHPBA, and again thanks for all your past support of us and our annual event.

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 Orlando next year on March 13-16. The website for the EXPO will be up and running sometime around September. Go to www.hpbexpo.com to check out some of the things that happened in Atlanta at the show. Since the two parties this year were such a hit, there will be two parties again next year in Orlando. More info will be forth coming in our next newsletter in August. The tail gate party this year was such a hit with a marching drum line, cheer leaders, Atlanta Brave's mascot and Georgia Tech's mascot, and great food that it will be held next year in the outdoor burn area, and the Friday night party with the theme to be determined, will also happen again. Please plan on attending. More people took advantage of the education classes than last year. This is a great way to get ceu's and learn new things with all this education in one spot. The new line up for education next year should be up on line in or around September this year. Keep looking on line for it, and I will notify when it is available too. Please make plans to attend next year's EXPO. In 2014 it will be back in Salt Lake City, and in 2015 it will be in Nashville at the new convention center there.

General News Items

Good news about the economy has been coming forward in recent weeks, home building has seen an increase, remodeling is slightly up, and foreclosures are down in some areas, and there is some bidding going on in the home resale market. The only bad thing is that prices have not come up much on the resale's. But of course, the stock market has been having some troubles in recent weeks and the dow has come down some. Over all things are looking a little brighter out there, and

hopefully your business will reflect that too?

Please let us know about anything that is going on in your market area that could affect you or all of us in the future. Your association is here to help you, please let us know if we can.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATES

NSPS - NSPS is still on track, but has been delayed a little by some states wanting stronger restrictions on some items of the program. HPBA is watching it closely and working with EPA on all aspects of this program. For more information, contact John Crouch, crouch@hpba.org.

DOE RULE - HPBA-NPGA (National Propane Gas Assn.) have filed a joint brief to the US Court of Appeals over the DOE 4-16-10 & 11-18-11 final rules on decorative gas fireplaces and gas logs. This was done on 4-23-12, and EPA filed their brief on 5-23-12. The NRDC (National Resources Defense Council) which has joined the EPA in defense of the suit has until 6-6-12 to file their brief. HPBA-NPGA will have until 6-20-12 to file a reply which will be followed by additional administrative briefs due 6-27 & 7-5. At this point the briefings will be complete, and oral arguments should happen sometime in either September or October. If anything new happens, we will keep you posted. This rule could have a tremendous impact on you if you sell decorative gas fireplaces or gas logs. For more info: Contact Ryan Carroll (carroll@hpba.org).

For Information on either the **ICC 700 - NAHB Green Bldg. Std.** or **UL127 Gasketed Doors Issue** - Please contact Tom Stroud for any updated information that may be available, stroud@hpba.org

NET ZERO - HPBA and HPBA Pacific are still working on Net Zero in California. For more info please contact John Crouch, crouch@hpba.org. or Kaity Van Amersfort, kaity@hpbapacific.org

CSPC - At the request of several manufacturers that could be effected by the glass front barrier rule, HPBA and their counsel met with the manufacturers on 4-12-12 in Chicago to discuss this issue. The result of that meeting included hiring a firm, Exponent Failure Analysis Associates, to review the draft of the CSA standard and test the parameters in the standard. There was also a task force set up, Glass Fronts Technology Safety Task Force (GFTSTF) to monitor the work of Exponent, and to have weekly meetings to receive updates from them.

CSA has released the draft standard to the CSA Z21.50 and CSA Z21.88 committees for review and comment. Comments are due back from the committees by 7-3-12, and there will be a meeting of the combined committees on 7-19-12 in San Diego to discuss this standard.

Also, the CPSC has asked HPBA and CSA to add that this standard should also cover Unvented Units with glass fronts. This will be a topic for discussion at the meeting of the Unvented Heater TAG on 6-15-12. For more info contact: Tom Stroud, stroud@hpba.org

The HPBA board has approved a glass front education program and approved the program for 3 years to educate homeowners who purchase new units and also to educate existing owners of after-market options.



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Education Update

We had 5 people take the NFI exam on May 4th, and two more people took the review class and will test on the laser grade system later on. We had four take the gas exam and one take the pellet exam. We would like to thank Jack Wofford for spending some time with the one person taking the pellet exam while the rest were taking the gas review class. The results should be back sometime at the beginning of June.

We have no further classes scheduled at

this time, but we can set one up at any time if we have enough students that want to take it.

We also offer EPA RRP classes too, and the EPA is starting to enforce these rules, so please be careful if you are working in a house built before 1978.

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

Membership Update

We are still down on renewals from last year, and things are not looking good for any more renewals. Remember we work together better as a group than alone to try to make sure things that could affect our business we have some control over. Like the things that the HPBA are working on right now, NSPS, DOE, Code issues, and CPSC. Without them working as a group for you, things could get worse in your business. Other benefits for members includes low cost credit card processing fees, business liability insurance, and low cost freight charges. Shortly the HPBA Membership Directory will go to press, so if you want

to get your company's name in the book, you will need to become a member right now. If you need to change anything in the book, please follow the instructions on the letter that should have been sent to you by the HPBA. Please check the HPBA website at www.hpba.org.

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

For those of you that have signed up, thanks!

WE NEED YOU AS MEMBERS!

Member Spotlight:

In this issue we will be featuring our annual event. Please see their pictures on the last page.

Other member news:

Members who have signed up for the 2012 year:

Flagstaff Hearth & Home

Ralph Gregg

Roof Dancers

Southwest Home & Hearth

Specialty Fireplaces & Equipment

Congratulations to:

Larry Grogan, LCG Enterprises, Mesa, AZ for finishing a 4 week (160 hour) course from the International Association of Arson Investigators in Arson and Fire Investigation

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

PICTURES FROM OUR MEMBERS:



Photos of our Annual Event - Top Photo - Cook Off Winner - Deb Brown (FireMagic) & runner up - Val Romero (The Good-One). Lower Photo - Southwest Gas Outdoor area with barbecues going and guests talking including Jack Goldman's back (Green Shirt on the right side).