

Arizona HPBA NEWSLETTER

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President's News

Dear AHPBA Members,

Thanks to all of you that attended our great annual event, it was wonderful. I wish that all our members could have attended. If you have time, please let me know why you could not come, and/or what we need to do to get you to come. We had a great barbecue cook off again with great food, some drinks, and of course, getting together with old friends and some new ones.

Jack Goldman from HPBA was there and talked to us about the court victory over the DOE concerning decorative gas fireplaces and gas logs. That's one of the best reasons why everyone in this business should be a member of the HPBA. Because if hadn't been for the

association, starting this year decorative gas fireplaces could have a btu input rating of no more than 9000 btus, pretty much the size of a gas stove burner.

Hope everyone gets to enjoy a nice vacation this summer before the fall burn season arrives unless you are selling barbecues and patio items, and then hopefully you are selling lots of barbecues and patio items.

Thanks for coming to the Annual Event!

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ AHPBA Board Meeting Aug 22
- ◆ HPBA Board Meeting June 19
- ◆ HPBA EXPO 2014 March 6-8, 2014
- ◆ AHPBA 2014 Annual Event TBD

HPBA News

Now I am getting ready to attend the HPBA board meeting this month on June 19th. We have a few less things to worry about now that the DOE issue is over. I will get back to you in the next newsletter on anything new that happens at the board meeting.

The RMHPBA, which I am a member of, is getting ready for their annual event in early June. I wasn't able to attend your annual event this year, but if it was anything like last years, I am sure it was great. I will let you know how our event went in the next newsletter, which Larry says will be out at the beginning of August.

I hope everyone has had a good year so

far in 2013, and the rest of the year will be just as great or even better. Hopefully everyone will have a wonderful summer full of fun and excitement.

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

The annual event was great again this year with lots of wonderful food and drinks, and enjoyment of hanging with old friends and meeting new ones. We had some great food cooked by 5 chefs, Bob DeMartino (Broilmaster), Jon Davis (FireMagic), Mike Barnhart (Grilla Pellet Grill), Keith Richardson (Kamado Joe), and Val Romero (The Good One) from all types of chicken and pork dishes, to some fabulous specialty dishes such as fish tacos, shrimp on the Barbie, a sausage pasta dish, and stuffed mushrooms. Val Romero won the competition as the Best in Grilling with Bob DeMartino finishing second.

Jack Goldman from HPBA talked about the court case that HPBA won over the DOE, and other things going on in the industry.

We had a great turnout, but it would have been nice if all our members could have been there. Please let me know what it takes to get you to come if you didn't this year. Also, if you would like to be involved with the planning of this event, or the 2014 annual event, please let me know.

YOU MISSED SOME GREAT FOOD!

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

Sponsors:


Thanks again to all our sponsors this year, and thanks to all the sponsors that came to our event or who had representatives at our event. Your help and support is greatly appreciated. If you have any ideas on future annual events, please contact Larry too. See contact information above. Hopefully we will see you at next year's event in early May (Tentative). Again we will be offering two levels of sponsorship, just like this year, Platinum level at \$500.00, and Gold level at \$300.

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 HPBA EXPO for next year in Salt Lake City is starting to come together. There will be the tailgate party again on Thursday night and the all industry party on Friday night. We are exploring the possibility of having a reception next year in association with the RMHPBA on Wednesday evening. We will let you know for sure in our next newsletter in August, so stay tuned for further updates. Please plan on coming to the EXPO, it will be the last time it is in the western part of the United States for a while. It is always good fun, and you will get to meet a lot of new people and see some old friends, take some educational classes, see what is new from the manufactures, and maybe find some new products to sell. Keep checking at www.hpbexpo.com for information on what happened in Orlando and the plans for Salt Lake City next year.

	EXHIBITION: MARCH 6-8, 2014
	EDUCATION: MARCH 5-8, 2014
	SALT PALACE CONVENTION CENTER
	SALT LAKE CITY, UT

Young Guns News Items

The Young Guns is starting a mentoring program to all you to talk with some older people who have been in the business for a while with wisdom and experience in the business. Also sign up for their newsletter to keep informed on what they are doing. Please contact them at youngguns@hpba.org for more information. Don't forget that there are online classes for the Young Guns to view, check at www.hpbef.org. It is free to the Young Guns. If you have any questions, please contact Erica Peterson at erica@eehpatio.com, the Region 8 representative.



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATES

NSPS - Nothing new to report - NSPS is still in the works and really nothing new to report on it, but still waiting for the final version to be published. The main issues are what some of the states want, and what is viable and can be done. Also EPA came out in Dec. with new PM standards for the states. For more information on either item, please contact: John Crouch at crouch@hpba.org.

DOE RULE - We won, and now HPBA is working with Congress to get a statutory amendment that would be place language that would specify what vented gas heaters or and what vented decorative appliances are, so that the DOE cannot reintroduce regulations like their last ones that could create more legal battles. For more info: Contact Rich Ali at ali@hpba.org or Ryan Carroll at carroll@hpba.org.

UL127 GASKETED GLASS DOORS - HPBA is working on getting the issue with the gasketed glass doors on fireplaces changed, but it doesn't look like it will. It looks like the rule will stay on the books with the understanding that it won't be enforced, and then should be eliminated from the next set of codes. For more info, check with Tom Stroud at stroud@hpba.org.

NET ZERO - HPBA and HPBA Pacific - For an update please contact John Crouch, crouch@hpba.org. or Kaity Van Amersfort, kaity@hpbapacific.org

CSPC - Beginning in 2015, all glass fronted gas burning units must have a safety barrier shipped with the product. In the meantime, please inform your current customers and pass 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 please contact: Tom Stroud, stroud@hpba.org

LOCAL ISSUES:

Not necessarily a local issue, but it does pertain to our state too. The \$300.00 tax credit has been reinstated so that if you buy a qualified wood burning or pellet stove, you will get a tax credit of 10% up to \$300.00. Good time for the dealers to push some new appliances in their market area. For more information go to: <http://www.hpba.org/government-affairs/major-projects/25c-tax-credit>.



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Education Update

We only had one person take the NFI Pellet exam at our annual event, and I don't have the results yet.

We did have 4 people take the NFI Gas exam in Tucson at the beginning of March, and all four of them passed.

HPBA Pacific will be offering all 3 review classes and exams in Southern California at the beginning of August if anyone is interested in them. Please contact me for information on how to contact them.

As always, we can set up a review class if we can get at least 5 students to take the exam. We also can do an EPA RRP class on working with lead based paint if you are interested, we only need two students to do that class. Remember if you need ceu's, go to HPBEF for information on on-line classes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 1-480-772-2169 or LGrogan@cox.net if interested in a class or if you need any other information.

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 Jack Wofford.

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.

Comment from an Arizona HPBA member: **What do you like most about HPBA?**

Hard question to answer since the HPBA does so much for us. I think the obvious one would be putting on a successful HPBExpo year after year.

What do feel that HPBA does best for you and your company? This past year, the DOE effort showed us how important HPBA is for our business. HPBA fought relentlessly to protect our family business and our industry.

We want to thank all our current members.

Member Spotlight:

In this issue we will be showing some of the photos from our 2013 Annual Event. It was great. See the photos on the next page.

Other member news: New Members who have signed up for 2013.
Lucky Distributing - Jolynne Hoy
Gilbert Fireplaces & BBQ's - Mike Barnhart

People who passed the NFI Gas Exam in March:
Jason Brown - HomCo - Flagstaff
Ken Lund - Earth Energy - Tucson
Christopher Gietl - Earth Energy - Tucson
James Molis - Firefly Chimney - Tucson

Leslie Wheeler, HPBA's Director of Communications, is retiring June 21 after 18 years with HPBA. She will be missed.

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



Photos of the AHPBA Annual Event

Photo #1: Cook Off Winner Val Romero(R) and runner up Bob DeMartino.

Photo #2: HPBA President Jack Goldman addressing the crowd.

Photo #3: Banner of our 2013 Sponsors.