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Mark Your Calendar

JOIN US FOR OUR APRIL MEETING!

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at the Embassy Suites Hotel (7750 Briaridge Drive; northeast corner of IH-10 and Loop 410).

The presentation will be Belimo Energy Valve. Important topics such as Pressure Independent Control Valve Operation, Electronic Pressure Control Valve Operation and many more will be discussed. The meeting is also sponsored by Belimo Americas.

Please RSVP no later than Monday, April 20th at 5:00pm.

If you must cancel your attendance, please email Britney Brantley at saabetx@gmail.com BY **MONDAY, APRIL 20TH, AT 5:00PM** so we can cancel your meal. Cancellations received after this time will still be invoiced.

RSVPs are REQUIRED, so we can be sure to have enough meals on hand!

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Engineer Spotlight

by Jeff Turov



Stacey Mercer

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Tell us about yourself.

I have been with Blackmon Mooring for a little over a year now and really love the job and serving this industry. I enjoy the variety of tasks and the fact that I am not tied to a desk all day long. It is really a pleasure to be able to get out and see my customers and prospect for new ones. I have also been a member of SAABE for a little over a year and have jumped in and volunteered to head the new SAABE Serves committee.

Tell us what your vision is for the SAABE Serves Committee.

As a new member to the organization I felt that SAABE needed a community outreach arm that allowed the general membership to give back to the community. Our first charitable outreach will benefit the Animal Defense League of San Antonio and started at the first of this year. It will continue through April – so far our members have donated around \$1,500.00 in supplies and cash. Going forward it is my goal to identify a few organizations that are not already benefiting from charitable donations and/or volunteerism and get SAABE involved with them. We will need everyone's help.

Hobbies/what do you enjoy during off-hours?

I enjoy fitness – family and friends. I like to golf and go

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Above the Ceiling

by Paul Thompson, SAABE President

Recharging the Batteries

Time to hit the road with my Better Half; spin the compass dial and... West it is!

Johnson City, boyhood home President Lyndon B. Johnson. While always remembered for civil rights, education, the War on Poverty, Medicare/Medicaid, the environment AND Vietnam, one of his proudest achievements was rural electrification and the Pedernales Electric Coop (where our own past President, Bob Beal, helps keep the lights on).

Fredericksburg and the National Museum of the Pacific War and home of another Hill Country giant, Admiral Chester Nimitz. Could've joined the family business and run the hotel, but instead became the Commander In Chief of the US Pacific fleet and led us to hard-fought victory in World War II.

Keeping on, past the hills to flat land, cotton fields, oil wells now competing with wind turbines covering the horizon. Roswell, New Mexico and gotta hit the UFO Museum. Ruidoso: pine-tree covered mountains, cold fresh air, running, noisy streams and rivers, scary roads to snow-covered peaks and artists with chain saws and dead trees! On the night road to Cloudcroft, had to continually stop for giant elk and wild horses, herds of them just moseying down the road. *(continued...)*

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And farther west past pistachio groves and vineyards in the desert to the other-worldly White Sands of glistening dunes and people picnicking, barbecuing, playing on and otherwise having a good time on this beach minus the water.

Disturbing signs in a Mayhill NM convenience store: Kill Obama, etc., etc., etc. Just goes to show you're free to say your mind, even if there's nothing in it. But 750' below the Chihuahua Desert Mountains are the Carlsbad Caverns: a twisting, cavernous expanse covering the size of 14 football fields, formed millions of years ago from an ancient sea bed and carved out drip by drip from the water falling on a desert. And on to Texas and the Guadalupe Mountains National Park: stark, hot, tall, exposed and dry. Hung a left on IH-10 pointed towards SA, set the cruise control to 80, tied the steering wheel down and set the alarm clock while I

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to the shooting range and I'll take the beach over the lake. Throughout my life I have always enjoyed bay fishing at the coast and thank my father for his sharing this activity with me.

Family/children?

My husband and my daughter are my world and I thank the good Lord above for all the good he has brought into my life.

How do you seize the day?

I believe everyone is in my life for a reason. Whether you meet someone for five minutes or five hours always take something from them... by that I mean every person knows something or does something differently than you do. Take that and learn from it. Don't be close minded. I always treat people with respect and hope that this practice is reciprocated.



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opportunities and rates!**

March 2015 Luncheon Summary

by Mark Rybczynski

Our March Luncheon was called to order by our First VP, Roland Trevino, filling in for vacationing President Paul Thompson. The First Thursday training will be on April 1st, at 6243 IH 10 West in the 10 floor conference room from 11:30-1:00. Class will be on backflow assemblies presented by Mr. Bruce Rathburn, Program Director with SAWS. If there are any vendors that would like to sponsor a lunch and training for SAABE please contact Randy Cummings. SAABE Serves is still collecting donations for the Animal Defense League, thank you to all that already have donated to this great cause. Membership dues reminders will be sent out to all members that have not paid their dues yet all payments should be paid by April 30th.

Our training class was on the new 2015 water heater codes; this was some great information for residential users, as to what units are being exempt and to this code and what is not. 20 gallon heaters are exempt, but 30-50 gallon heaters are affected. The energy factor on those units are being increased 2-3 point as is the size of those units by 1 ½ - 2 ½ inches in diameter. Also be aware that the cost will go up also by 30-35 %. This will take affect after April 16, 2015.

Thank you to our vendor who donated door prizes. As always RSVP for the lunches so we will have enough seats and meals for all those that attend. Our next meeting will be on April 22, 2015.

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**KEEP
CALM
AND
PAY YOUR
DUES**

Vendor Rep Report

by Randy Cummings



Hard to believe this is already April and the 100 degree weather is right around the corner. Hopefully everyone had a prosperous first quarter in 2015 and has remembered to pay your SAABE dues. I can honestly say there is not another organization in town that gives vendors more bang for their

buck than SAABE. There are plenty of committees to serve on and advertising opportunities available so there is no excuse for not getting involved.

We have had some great presentations this year and look forward to many more. As always I'm looking for feedback from you engineers. This organization exist to educate you so let me know what you want to hear. Please give me a call or shoot me an email with any ideas.



**The 10th Annual SAABE Picnic has
been scheduled!**

Mark your calendars!

Saturday, June 13, 2015

will be a day of fun, sun, horseshoes & amazing
BBQ!

SEE YOU THERE!

SAABE SERVES

By Stacey Mercer

Congratulations SAABE Serves!

We raised over \$1,000 in food and supplies and \$200 in cash! Thank you to everyone that donated to support the Animal Defense League of San Antonio. We have all contributed to helping animals in need of food, shelter and medical care. Remember adopt, don't shop. Stay tuned for our next fundraising adventure to help enrich our community.



SAABE JOB BANK

Looking for a job? Know a great Engineer who will be a great asset to San Antonio building?

Check out the SAABE Job Bank on our website:
www.saabe.org.



Have a job position to fill? Email your job posting and contact information to Britney Brantley at saabetx@gmail.com to get your listing on our website!



DUES PAYMENT REMINDER!

We have extended the 2015 dues payment deadline to **April 30, 2015**. To be included in the Membership Directory, payment must be received by this date!

If you are unsure on the status of your membership and/or dues payment, please contact Britney Brantley at saabetx@gmail.com.

We can accept credit card payments over the phone or at the luncheon.

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

By Doug Graves

Don't miss the next The Good, the Bad & the Ugly meeting!

THURSDAY APRIL 16TH AT 11:15 AM

The Good, Bad & Ugly about Plumbing

Low Flow Fixtures and any other plumbing related questions that come up. All SAABE plumbers are invited to share their expertise and answer questions straight from our SAABE Engineers! How do you clean, maintain, unclog, create efficiency or adjust for proper flow and operation? Please join us for a casual lunch and conversation regarding this topic!

Contact Doug Graves at 210-870-0905 if you plan to attend.

LOCATION:

The Barn Door

8400 N. New Braunfels Ave

San Antonio, TX 78209

2 blocks INSIDE Loop 410 between Broadway & Nacogdoches Road. Exit Broadway from either direction on 410 and go East bound on the access road until you hit N. New Braunfels, which dead-ends into 410. Turn at the Chesters Burgers corner and go down the street. The restaurant will be on your right, 2-3 blocks down.



This committee was formed to create a casual, relaxed environment for our engineers to hold a 'round table' style discussion and question and answer sessions about common aspects related to Building Maintenance. The committee will host meetings on the third Thursday of each month at various locations throughout San Antonio. Doug Graves has formed the committee and will act as host, selecting the topics to be discussed based on input from our membership and selecting locations for the monthly meetings.

Depending on each topic, we will request that our resident Associate members join and share their expertise on specific topics. This will not be a presentation format, but simply an opportunity for our Associate members to have one on one time with our members and answer questions about their industry.

For more information, contact Doug Graves at douggraves900@yahoo.com or (210) 870-0905.

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A FEW REMINDERS ABOUT SAABE'S LUNCHEON POLICY...

Regular members attend meetings free. Associate Members are \$20 each. Guests and non-members are \$25 each. Please feel free to invite others who may be interested in attending.

We accept credit card payments at the door. If you hold an existing membership, we can invoice you for attendance, upon request.

If you are planning to attend, please be sure to RSVP via email to SAABETX@gmail.com no later than 5:00pm the Monday before the luncheon. If your RSVP is not received by this deadline, you may have to wait to be seated in order to ensure that our reserved members have a spot.

PLEASE NOTE: If you RSVP and do not attend or send a cancellation by 5:00pm the Monday before the luncheon, you could receive a no-show invoice.

SAABE May First Thursday Training Seminar

Save the date for next month's First Thursday Training Seminar. The presenter and sponsor for the May seminar is CRAM Roofing!

Where: First National Bank (6243 IH 10 W)
Tenth floor conference room

When: Thursday, May 7th, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
(Lunch provided by CRAM Roofing)

The seminar is open to **SAABE Engineers and their assistants only**, and there is no cost to attend. There is a limit of 25 attendees.

If you are coming, please email Britney at SAABETX@gmail.com. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 6th, so we know how many lunches to order. If you RSVP and cannot attend, please contact Britney Brantley at 210-393-8102, so she can move someone off the waiting list.

Social Events

By Michelle Bolt

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SAABE SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE CHAIR, MICHELLE BOLT WITH TEXAS FIFTH WALL ROOFING!

I am Michelle Bolt, with Texas Fifth Wall Roofing Systems. It is my pleasure to accept the position as Social Chair for the SAABE organization. I thank Melissa Coe for her hard work and dedication and appreciate her support and encouragement as I navigate this new role.

Planning the quarterly networking socials and the annual summer picnic are underway. I ask that any vendors that would like to assist or sponsor our upcoming events to contact me at their convenience. I am looking forward to serving your organization.

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Education Corner

By John Leifester

Our May 1st Thursday Training will be sponsored by Cram Roofing. Please see the description below about their presentation and presenters.

"Your Roof – Getting It Right The First Time"

Presented by: Cram Roofing Company, Inc.
Brian Hyland, Estimator
Christy Rhone, Business Development

Join representatives from Cram Roofing as they discuss, *"Your Roof – Getting It Right The First Time."* They will review typical roof failures and ways to prevent them. You will learn how proper installation, preventative maintenance and proactive repairs will help alleviate many failures you may encounter. If you are planning to reroof your building soon, you will want to know how to ensure the process runs smoothly to avoid unexpected roadblocks that will cost you time and money. By the end of the hour, you will be better prepared to handle any roofing situation so you come out on top and get the best value for your dollar.

I also want to thank Greg Bolin, with Bolin Plumbing with sponsoring our April Meeting. It went great and had good attendance.

Again, if you would like to sponsor, please contact me at john@dedicatedls.com or on my cell at 210-771-7081.

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Final Thought:

“Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.”

— Mother Teresa

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