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April 2010

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 21, at the Embassy Suites Hotel (7750 Briaridge Drive; northeast corner of IH-10 and Loop 410).

Representatives from Western States Fire Protection Company will provide a presentation on "Service and Inspections of Fire Alarm and Fire Sprinkler Systems." Western States Fire Protection Company is also this month's meeting sponsor.

Please RSVP no later than Monday, April 20, at noon.

If you must cancel your attendance, please call Melodie Goff at 408-8135 BY MONDAY, APRIL 19, AT NOON so we can cancel your meal.

Please make sure to check in at the front desk when you arrive.

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



Engineer Spotlight

by Jeff Turov



Armando Salazar

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• How long have you been in the building engineer trade?

I have been involved in the building engineer trade since 1985 and currently work for ABM (at their Colonnade Centre office building) as the Lead Building Engineer. I left the field for five years and performed contract work for San Antonio Code Compliance doing landscape maintenance. Other properties I have worked at are Heritage Plaza, 4040 Broadway and the Downtown Hyatt. I have been a member of SAABE for a year and a half.

• How did you get started in this business?

I started back in 1985 at Heritage Plaza as a porter. The building engineer at the time asked me, "Is that what you want to do for the rest of your life?" and I told him "No." So, he started to train me and send me on various repair calls at the building. After a while, he told me that I needed to learn all that I could because he would be quitting soon. Sure enough, a few weeks later I came to work, and he had quit. The management company at the time felt that I was qualified enough and gave me the engineering job, and the rest is history.

Family and children?

I am married and have three children – two sons and one daughter.

Hobbies/what do you enjoy during off-hours?

I enjoy fishing and playing basketball.

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A Message from the President

by Charles Mikolajczyk, Jr., CBE-M

SAABE had a great Spring kickoff! I would like to thank everyone that attended the March luncheon, for there were over 150 in attendance! Thank all of you for this monumental achievement.

It was also great to see so many SAABE members and friends at the ABC (Associated Builders and Contractors) Chili Cook Off last month! Getting time to spend with others is always a favorite pastime.

We've also spent some time lately with our friends at the CoSA, SAWS, and CPS Energy. As we wade through waters of uncharted electrical energy issues and water related woes, at least there are some City Council members opposing rate increases due to the present state of the economy. Please support your local Council member.

Let us not forget to mention our SAABE friends over at the CoSA PDSD (Planning and Development Services Department). If you're there renewing registrations or permits and you happen to run across Roderick, Barry, Patrick, Raymond, or Mimi, please be sure and thank them for their efforts...it does a body good!

I would like to express thanks to John Leifester with Preferred Landscape and Lighting for sponsoring last month's Last Thursday Training Seminar. Also, thank you to Joseph Jones, Bob Nelson, and Rick Luna with CPS Energy for their presentation on "2010 Rebates."

Live a little, a lot...and enjoy the ride! *



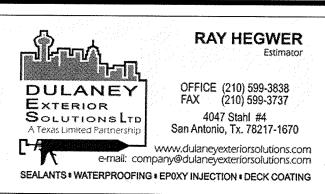
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Engineer Spotlight (continued)

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In 2009, we received the Energy Star certification. As many of you know, this was not an easy process, as there are a lot of hurdles to jump over. However, with this under our belt, we felt that LEED certification would be our next goal. We hope to achieve this by the end of 2010. *



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Vendor Rep Report

by Allen Mangrum

CPS always seems to hit it out of the park for us when it comes to support, and by setting a record attendance at our March luncheon, I can say they are now the front runners!!!!!!! Thanks again Joe, Robert and your associates for a great presentation. I am looking forward to hearing what Western States Fire Protection will share with us in April.

Our Summer Social is looking good, and we should be able to report about it at the next meeting so we can all get it on our calendars. As usual please remember to RSVP! Keep the greasy side down! *

Meeting Date	Topic	Meeting Sponsor	Presenter(s)
May 19, 2010	"Energy Savings and Sustainability with the Use of UV-C"	Advanced Filtration Systems	Dean Saputa
May 22, 2010	SAABE Annual Picnic	SAABE	SAABE Board
June 16, 2010	NO MEETING		
July 21, 2010	"Security Issues"	FBI	TBD
August 18, 2010	TBD	Mechanical Reps	Mike Layman
September 15, 2010	TBD	Trane	Jeff Turov
October 20, 2010	TBD	Preferred Landscape and Lighting	John Leifester
November 17, 2010	"Building Automation"	Johnson Controls, Inc.	Allen Mangrum
December 15, 2010	Business/Board Elections/Year End Awards	SAABE	SAABE Board





SAABE April Last Thursday Training Seminar

Save the date for this month's Last Thursday Training Seminar. The topic for this month's seminar is "The LEED Program—How it Relates to Integrated Pest Management (IPM)." The presenter is Dan Oliver from Spiderman Termite and Pest Control which is also this month's training seminar sponsor.

Where: First National Bank (6243 IH 10 W)

Fourth floor conference room (next to deli)

When: Thursday, April 29, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

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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 mgoff@braycommunications.com. Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 28 so we know how many lunches to order. If you RSVP and cannot attend, please call Melodie Goff at (210)408-8135 so she can move someone off the waiting list. ❖

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Where Did The MONEY GO?????

by Tom Lasater

With the economy still pointed downward, most commercial building owners and managers are finding it hard to provide funds for large capital projects for energy savings, so the SAABE High Performance Building Forum has had a slight shift in emphasis. Rather than continue with LEED EB O&M seminars, we are looking at lunch sessions with "round table" topics on energy conservation from managers and engineers who have operational programs presently in place with data. We feel that, at smaller gatherings, it should be more comfortable for questions and answers.

The Forum will not dismiss LEED entirely but will relay to you how these programs are related to LEED credits. Also, for those Engineers with energy programs in operation that are saving you money, please let the Forum know, and we will begin building a spreadsheet of energy savings realized throughout our city.

I know we as Engineers and Managers are interested in saving money on our utilities, but at what cost? Once the Forum has developed this new approach to High Performance, we will provide you the "round table" meeting details. We anticipate this to be later this month or in May. Forum members will strive to build an educational program based on your input. Feel free to contact Tom Lasater at (210) 771-5824 with your comments, suggestions, and ideas, as they are appreciated. •

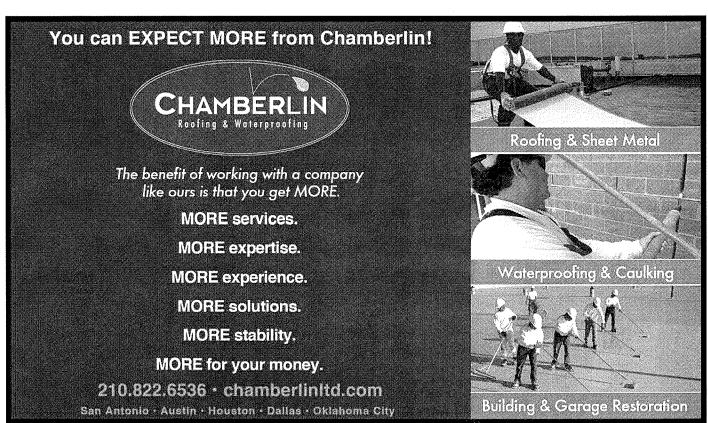


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March Lunch Summary

by Curtis Thompson

Good day everyone! I hope everyone enjoyed the March luncheon. We had a packed house, and the food was great (whatever it was). Joseph Jones and his crew from CPS Energy provided the luncheon seminar. These guys provided valuable information for those that are interested in saving energy and money.

CPS Energy is committed to reducing our community's demand for electricity. Industry in Greater San Antonio can play a big part in their plan to save 771 megawatts by the year 2020. That's why CPS Energy is offering business owners and facility managers the chance to reduce their operating costs through a variety of rebates on equipment their businesses depend on every day. A short-term investment may result in long-term savings in your budget. Below are a listing of CPS Energy's Commercial and Industrial Offerings:

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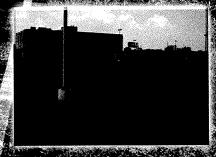
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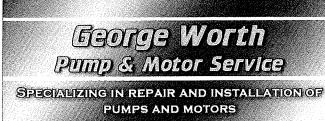




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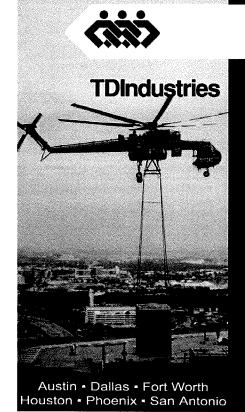
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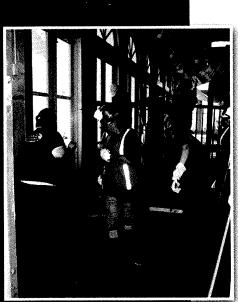
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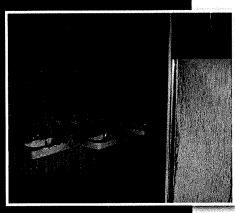
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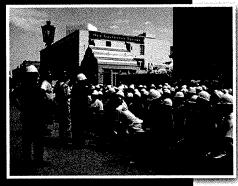
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Mark your calendars! The Sixth Annual SAABE Picnic will be held on Saturday, May 22! We've found a fabulous new site along the Guadelupe River that will better meet the needs of our growing group....and there's no "per person" entry fee!

As usual, we'll have some great barbeque, a horseshoe tournament, toys for the kids, door prizes, and more. Vendors..if you'd like to donate door prizes, please contact Robert Steele.

Stay tuned for more details as they become available...but mark your calendars now!

Note that there will be NO June membership meeting!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Laura Bray (408-1699) or any board member. ❖

Lunch Policy for Vendor Members

A few reminders about SAABE's policies for lunches for vendor members:

- Lunch cost for SAABE vendor (associate) members is \$20. (Guests are \$25.)
- You may bring an additional person from your company to two SAABE meetings as a guest. After that, the additional representative must purchase a SAABE membership to continue to attend. SAABE memberships are by individual, not by company.
- You may substitute an attendee if your primary representative cannot attend.

SAABE values the support and contributions of its vendor members, and we have several vendors who support SAABE with multiple memberships and frequent participation.

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