



SAABE TIMES

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July 2011

Mark Your Calendar—

JOIN US FOR OUR JULY MEETING!

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on Wednesday, July 20, at the Embassy Suites Hotel (7750 Briaridge Drive; northeast corner of IH-10 and Loop 410).

The meeting topic is “Concrete Restoration and Preventive Maintenance,” and the presenters will be Pat Pennington and Dan Wicht with Western Waterproofing Company of America who is also this month’s meeting sponsor.

Please RSVP no later than Monday, July 18, at noon.

If you must cancel your attendance, please call Melodie Goff at (210) 408-8135 BY MONDAY, JULY 18, 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! ❖

Seventh Annual

SAABE PICNIC

SAABE/Phil Anderson Memorial Picnic

Saturday, July 16

Camp Alzafar/Boerne

Amenities:

Basketball, biking, fishing, horseshoes, tubing (bring your own toobs!), swimming, volleyball, wildlife, etc.

Horse Shoe Tournament (four horseshoe pits!):

Teams of 2. Cash prizes for first, second and third place.

Call 210-408-8135 to enter your team.

Tournament starts at 10:30 a.m. Sign up cuts off at 10:00 a.m.

Fun for the Kids:

Water balloons, swimming, and squirly things for the kids.

BBQ and Door Prizes:

BBQ vittles prepared by John Leifester.

Please bring a side dish to share.

Door prizes awarded throughout the day.

Open to SAABE members and their families. NO ENTRY FEES! No parking fees for autos, but \$7 fee for RVs. NO PETS. Visit www.campalzafar.org for directions.

Please RSVP to Melodie Goff at (210) 408-8135 or mgoff@braycommunications.com.

We need door prizes!

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rsteale@southprorestoration.com to make a donation! ❖

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A Message from the President

by Charles Mikolajczyk, Jr., CBE-M

With what we've endured during May and June regarding the weather, the remainder of July and August may be uncertain. The only certainty is the heat and lack of rain (unless something happens before this article is printed)! As of writing this article, we have not yet reached Stage III Restrictions; I can only ponder what type of dilemma we'll be facing in a month/time of publishing!

Hopefully, everyone's HVAC equipment has been up to the task and everyone has been "chillin'" just fine! If not, maybe it's time to reevaluate your surroundings. Life does not have to be that difficult, and there is a wealth of knowledge in our membership! However, if you've some operational issues, please don't hesitate to contact one of the board members or myself for some suggestions (i.e. tricks of the trade, ace up the sleeve, etc.)!

Back to "chillin'," we hope to see many of you at the SAABE picnic this month. I've just read an article whereas the upper Guadalupe has nearly dried up, so there are no bets on whether we'll get to tube the river this year. However, if it is dry during our picnic, maybe we can pitch in and help... find Mike's wedding ring, the "other" Mike's "no luck fishing hat," etc., that were lost in last year's tube ride!

It was also great to see many members and friends recently at the ASA-SA Skinny Water tournament and the 76th Deep Sea Roundup. And, many friends and members had a blast at FSG's bay event last month.

Also, thanks to Kyle Riggs, Howard Newsome, and Bart Marler/Bolin Plumbing on winning the BOMA-SA Sporting Clay Championship/Best Three Man Team! As soon as I can get a date for the BOMA-SA Sporting Clay event for 2012, I'll get the word out so more SAABE members can attend!

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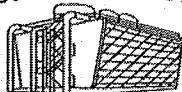
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There was not a luncheon in June due to the upcoming picnic, so thank you to everyone for being a part of SAABE. Also, a big thanks to Cram Roofing for the Last Thursday Training Seminar that was presented on June 30th!

Have a great summer, beat the heat and take care of yourself and your family! ❖

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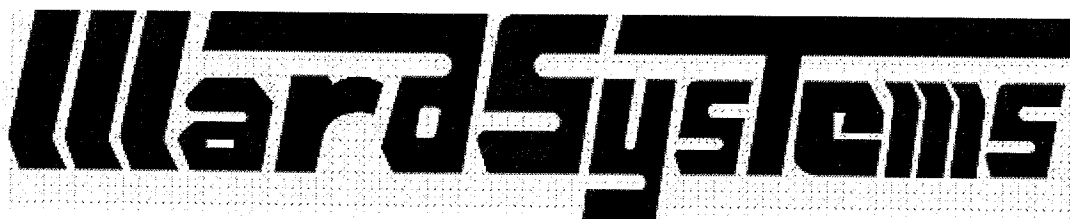
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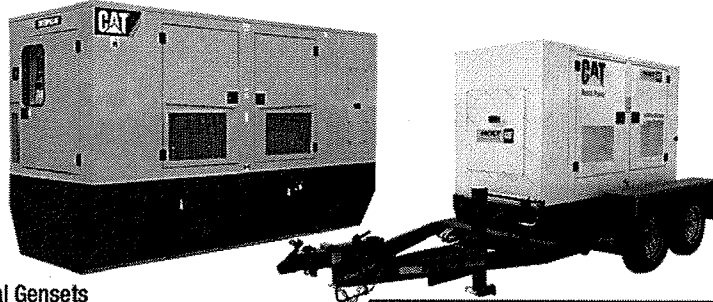
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Vendor Rep Report

by Randy Cummings

Well, at the time I was writing this, we finally had some rain! Hopefully, by the time you read this, we have had some more. This is turning out to be one of the worst summers in recent history, but, keep your fingers crossed, and, hopefully, we will get some relief.

What a better way to beat the heat than enjoying some cold beverages and taking a swim in the river. That's exactly what we'll be doing this month for our SAABE picnic. Mark your calendars, and try to join us.

We are halfway through the year and have had some great lunches. 2012 is right around the corner, and we have several openings for vendors to present/ sponsor one of our monthly luncheons. Anyone interested, please call me at (210) 394-6233 or e-mail me at rcummings@gerloffinc.com.

Most importantly, remember to RSVP! Thanks, and I hope to see you at the July picnic and/or July luncheon. ❖



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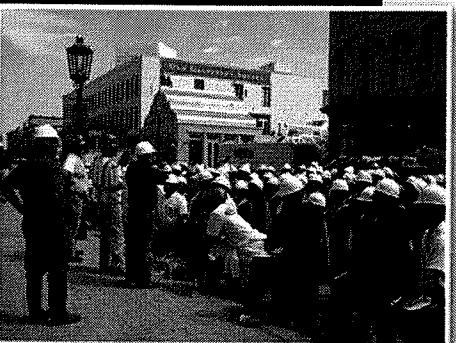
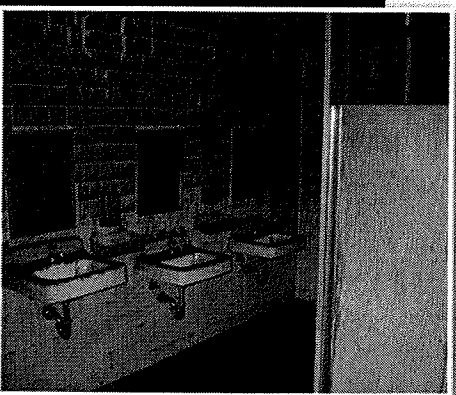
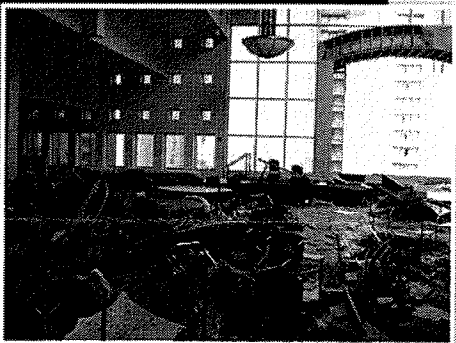
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SAABE July Last Thursday Training Seminar

Save the date for this month's Last Thursday Training Seminar. This month's topic is "How to Get Energy Star Certification for Your Building," and the presenters will be Robert Hambright and David Frashier with Cost Containment Engineering. Cost Containment Engineering is also this month's training seminar sponsor.

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

When: Thursday, July 28, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
(Lunch provided by Cost Containment Engineering)

Cost Containment Engineering, Inc., based in San Antonio, is an engineering and consulting firm which specializes in reducing their clients' water and energy consumption and costs via a variety of efficiency improvement and conservation techniques, including Predominant Use Studies and utility audits (water, electricity, and/or natural gas) supervised by a licensed professional engineer.

For more information about Cost Containment Engineering, Inc., contact Robert Hambright at (210) 846-5046 or rhamb@texas.net. Or, visit their website at www.costcontainmentengr.com.

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, July 27 so we know how many lunches to order. If you RSVP and cannot attend, please call Melodie Goff at 408-8135 so she can move someone off the waiting list. ❖

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Do you have technical or building management knowledge you'd like to share? Consider writing an article for the *SAABE Times*!

Articles should be informative in nature (no sales-pitches, please) and no longer than 350 words. Your byline will include your name, position, and company name. Articles are due by the last day of the month for the following month's issue.

Please call Association Manager Laura Bray (408-1699) if you have any questions. ❖

Education Corner

Annual Maintenance Permits

- Sponsored by COSA Development Services Department
- July 15, Cliff Morton Development and Business Services Center (Training Rooms A & B), San Antonio
- Cost: Free
- For more information, visit <http://www.sanantonio.gov/dsd/lunchlearn.asp>

Time Management Skills

- Sponsored by Austin Association of Facility and Maintenance Engineers (AAFAME)
- July 26, 401 Congress Avenue (Frost Tower), Austin
- Cost: \$50 for nonmembers
- For more information, visit <http://www.aafame.org/cde.cfm?event=344921> ❖

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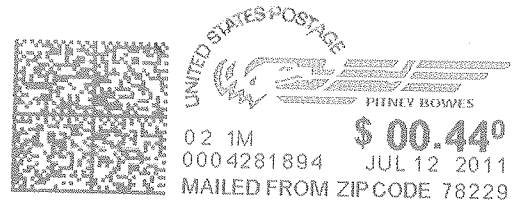
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- Pack Cell Phone
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- Pack a manual can opener
- Pack a first aid kit

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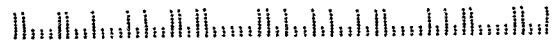
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Final Thought:

"We on this continent should never forget that men first crossed the Atlantic not to find soil for their ploughs but to secure liberty for their souls." - Robert J. McCracken

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