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July 2008

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 16, at our **NEW LOCATION** - Embassy Suites Hotel (7750 Briaridge Drive—northeast corner of IH-10 and Loop 410). The meeting will be sponsored by Holt Cat, and the topic is "Emergency Generator Maintenance and Regulations." Rita Muñoz and Todd Moseley are the speakers.

Please RSVP no later than Monday, July 14 at noon. Late RSVPs and walk-ins will be placed on a standby list, and we will ask you to wait in the lobby until we determine the number of no-shows.

PLEASE NOTE: If you RSVP and do not attend, you will be invoiced. If you must cancel your attendance, please call Laura Bray at 408-1699 prior to the meeting 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! ❖

SAABE MEETINGS MOVE TO NEW LOCATION!!

Your Board of Directors has been working on some exciting changes for the membership.

If you've been to a meeting lately, you know that SAABE meetings have outgrown the Alamo Café location. After much research, the Board of Directors recently voted to change SAABE meetings to the Embassy Suites Hotel, 7750 Briaridge (northeast corner of IH-10 and Loop 410). Please call them at 340-5421 if you need directions or information on navigating the current construction.

In addition to more spacious quarters, the new location features a three-course meal. With a salad, an entrée and a dessert. We think you will enjoy attending for the fun, fellowship, professional development AND a great lunch!

The Embassy Suites offers us a more spacious and comfortable meeting place, and no one will be walking through in the middle of the room during our event. The A/C system is up to the task, and we have independent controls to make sure that everything is just right. No noisy kitchen means that everyone will be able to hear the announcements clearly, and a professional wait staff will keep our needs met during the meal.

Because the meal is much better than those we have had in the past, the plate cost has increased about 35% per person. This makes your **RSVPs much more important** than ever before. **RSVPs need to be received no later than three days prior to the event.** Late RSVPs and walk-ins will be placed on a standby list, and we will ask you to wait in the lobby until we determine the number of no-shows. Remember to arrive early for the best seating. Effective with the July meeting, associate members will be charged \$20 for lunch (lunches already prepaid are not affected). Also effective with the July meeting, **all no-shows** (both regular members and associate members) will be billed \$20.

Your SAABE Board appreciates each and every member and has made these changes to encourage more participation and growth for the future. Be active, and help keep SAABE growing stronger and stronger each year.

We look forward to seeing you all at future SAABE meetings.

Respectfully,

Robert Steele

SAABE Social Director ❖

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A Message from the 2nd Vice President

by Mike Halvorsen, CBE-M

While our fearless leader partakes in some much needed, well deserved down time, I have been tasked with "filling in." While I am no "Charlie," I will try my hardest not to fail.

First off, I would like to extend a tremendous thank you to Billy Kotara and our own Charlie for the exceptional barbeque at the annual SAABE picnic. It was held, once again, at Joe's Marina at Medina Lake and was, as always, a terrific event.

This picnic is one way in which the Board is trying to ensure every member has the opportunity to "get something back" from SAABE. In addition to all the training and educational programs offered, a little something outside of the day-to-day routine is nice.

The Board would also like to extend a special thanks to all our vendor members who generously provided door prizes and refreshments for the picnic. They are: Dimensions Contracting, Howell Crane, TD Industries, Voss Lighting, Blackmon Mooring, Amcon Controls and American Light.

Thanks also to all who attended this year's picnic. This is, after all, for you!

We all had a lot of fun. The kiddos had a load of toys and a playground to enjoy, and we all had plenty of terrific food, drinks and camaraderie to add to the enjoyment of the day.

Let's not forget the horseshoe tournament either. That seems to always be the "main event" of the day. Again this year, we had some great competition and loads of fun.

This year's winners were:

- 1st place—Mike Copp and Barney Milecky
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- 3rd place—Bob Harper and Allen Mangrum

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Upcoming Programs

by Allen Mangrum

As promised, below is the proposed luncheon schedule for 2008:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Topic</u> | <u>Sponsor</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 8/20/08 | TBD | TD Industries |
| 9/17/08 | TBD | Voss Lighting |
| 10/15/08 | "SAWS Water Conservation" | TBD |
| 11/19/08 | "Future of Road Construction" | TBD |
| 12/17/08 | Board Elections/Year End Awards | Board |

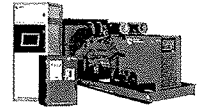
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- July 18, Development and Business Services Center
- Cost: Free
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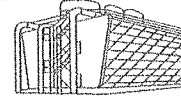
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Applicants must be regular members of SAABE and hold a position in the field of building maintenance. The place of business must be within the San Antonio geographic area. Applicants must have long-term career plans in building engineering/maintenance and must have at least two years of experience in the field. Applicants are responsible for a portion of the cost of any course.

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SAABE Going Green Forum/Group

For those engineers who are involved with or interested in the Energy Star Rating Program or have moved onto the LEED-EB (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Existing Buildings), this is the group for you. This forum/group has engineers and vendors that have experience with these programs and are available to assist you in getting started, answering questions or explaining different aspects of these programs. They are also familiar with energy saving ideas for power, HVAC, landscaping and recycling. We are working with the SABOMA Green Committee to make San Antonio a city known for both its Riverwalk and energy conservation.

The group is new, and we welcome other engineers and vendors that can contribute to our understanding and application of these programs and ideas. At present, we have Rondo Jauer from Transwestern involved with LEED-EB, Doug Graves with Chase Center Oak Park for Hines with an Energy Star Rating, Paul Dockery with Chemsearch's Green Building Initiative, and Scott Johnson with Enviregy, an environmental building and energy solutions company.

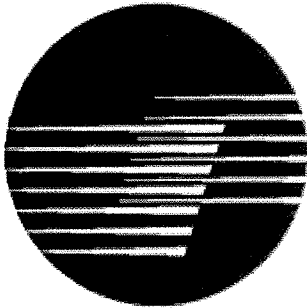
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Last Thursday Training Seminar: “Energy Star LEED-EB Programs Overview”

This month’s Last Thursday training seminar is “Energy Star LEED-EB Programs Overview.” SAABE’s new Forum Green Group will be providing the training. Members of the group are Paul Dockery (ChemSearch), Doug Graves (Hines), Justin “Rhondo” Jauer (Transwestern) and Scott Johnson (Enviregy).

Where: CPS Energy Northside Service Center (7000 San Pedro, just north of Oblate)

When: Thursday, July 31, 11:30 am

The seminar is open to all SAABE members and lunch is provided. RSVP soon, since classes fill up quickly. Limited to the first 25 RSVPs. RSVP to Laura Bray at (210) 408-1699 or email laurabray@braycommunications.com.

ChemSearch and Enviregy are sponsoring this month’s seminar. For more information about ChemSearch, visit www.chemsearch.com, and for more information about Enviregy, visit www.enviregy.com ❖

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It's Important to RSVP for SAABE Luncheons!!

If you've been to a recent SAABE meeting, you've noticed a **very** full house. Some people have even had to wait quite a while for food. With our new location (see page one), RSVPs are now **required** for SAABE meetings. Late RSVPs and walk-ins will be placed on a standby list, and we will ask you to wait in the lobby until we determine the number of no-shows. You can't be counted if Laura receives the fax/email while she's setting up at the restaurant.

We realize that many of you have unpredictable jobs and you don't know for sure until just before the meeting that you can attend. Nevertheless, SAABE is required to call the hotel three days in advance with a firm meal count and set-up instructions. So we need your help to provide a good estimate.

Please note our new meeting location—Embassy Suites Hotel (7750 Briaridge Drive—northeast corner of IH-10 and Loop 410).

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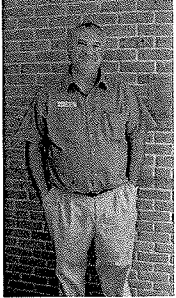
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- **How long in the building engineer trade?**

I have been involved in the building engineer trade since 1987 and have been with the same company and building since then—something I am very proud of! I have been a member of SAABE since 1987 and consider myself one of the people that helped get this organization off the ground.

- **Any awards, recognition, or special training?**

After graduating from high school, I attended Texas State Technical Institute and completed a two-year program in Building Construction Technology. I earned my SMT and SMA certifications from BOMI and my Certified Building Engineer certification from SAABE. In 2000, I received SAABE's BEOTY award.

- **What are your thoughts on the latest trend in real estate, LEED-EB (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Existing Buildings)?**

Hines has always been a leader in energy efficiency and embraced the Energy Star (ES) program when it was introduced. All Hines employees worked hard to obtain the ES designation for their buildings. Now, the next step is LEED-EB. This program requires greater documentation for the various point categories required for certification. Examples of areas in which you gain points are recycling, water efficiency, energy efficiency, ongoing indoor air quality and facilities exterior maintenance programs. As a member of the Green committee for SAABE, we are working as a resource to assist building management teams obtain LEED-EB certification.

- **Hobbies/what do you enjoy doing during off hours?**

Over the years, my hobby has been raising my three children. My wife and I are now empty

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nesters and are slowly moving into our RVing stage. A couple of years ago, we took off for two weeks and traveled to Yosemite. It was one of the best trips I have ever taken.

- **Family/children?**

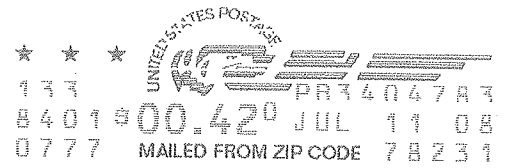
My wife and I have been married for 26 years, and we have two daughters and one son. My daughters are teachers, and my son is a doctor. How cool is that!

- **Any funny stories from your days as a building engineer?**

Quite a few years ago, the bank in my building got robbed. It turned out that the robber was a guy I went to high school with and played football with. I guess the authorities saw a connection there which made me a person of interest. I began noticing that I was being followed on my way home. This went on for a couple of weeks and was starting to make me very nervous. However, the interest died down once they learned what an upstanding person I am! ❖



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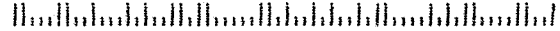
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