



# SAABE TIMES

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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 THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017 at the Embassy Suites San Antonio Northwest, located at 7750 Briaridge, San Antonio, TX 78230.

SAWS WILL BE PRESENTING ON THE CITY ORDINANCE REGULATION REQUIRING ANNUAL IRRIGATION CHECK-UPS AND COMMERCIAL REBATE PROGRAMS

RSVPs are due no later than Monday, July 17, 2017. YOU MUST RSVP or you will have to wait until all attendees are seated. If your 2017 Membership Dues remain unpaid, you can view the presentation but WILL NOT be served a meal.

If you must cancel your RSVP, please email Britney Brantley at saabetx@gmail.com BY MONDAY JULY 17TH 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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## Vendor Update

by Dwayne Putney

**Hello SAABE members it was good seeing you at this year's picnic I trust everyone had a good time. I would like to thank our board and sponsors who made the event a success. For those of you that are curious we finally had a key made, we were on our way out of the picnic at 9:30 pm. I had spinal surgery on Wednesday of that week it was my intension to just drop by, all worked out I'm doing fine with recovery...**

Next SAABE luncheon presentation will be presented by SAWS the topic will conservation and rebates so please put this one on your calendars. The August meeting will be presented by Fox Services Eddie will present Inferred scanning **and testing of electrical panels and components, you don't want to miss this one.** We have several opportunities available for vendors to present at our monthly meetings, please contact myself or other board members if your company is interested. I look forward to seeing all of you at your next luncheon, please remember to RSVP thank you.

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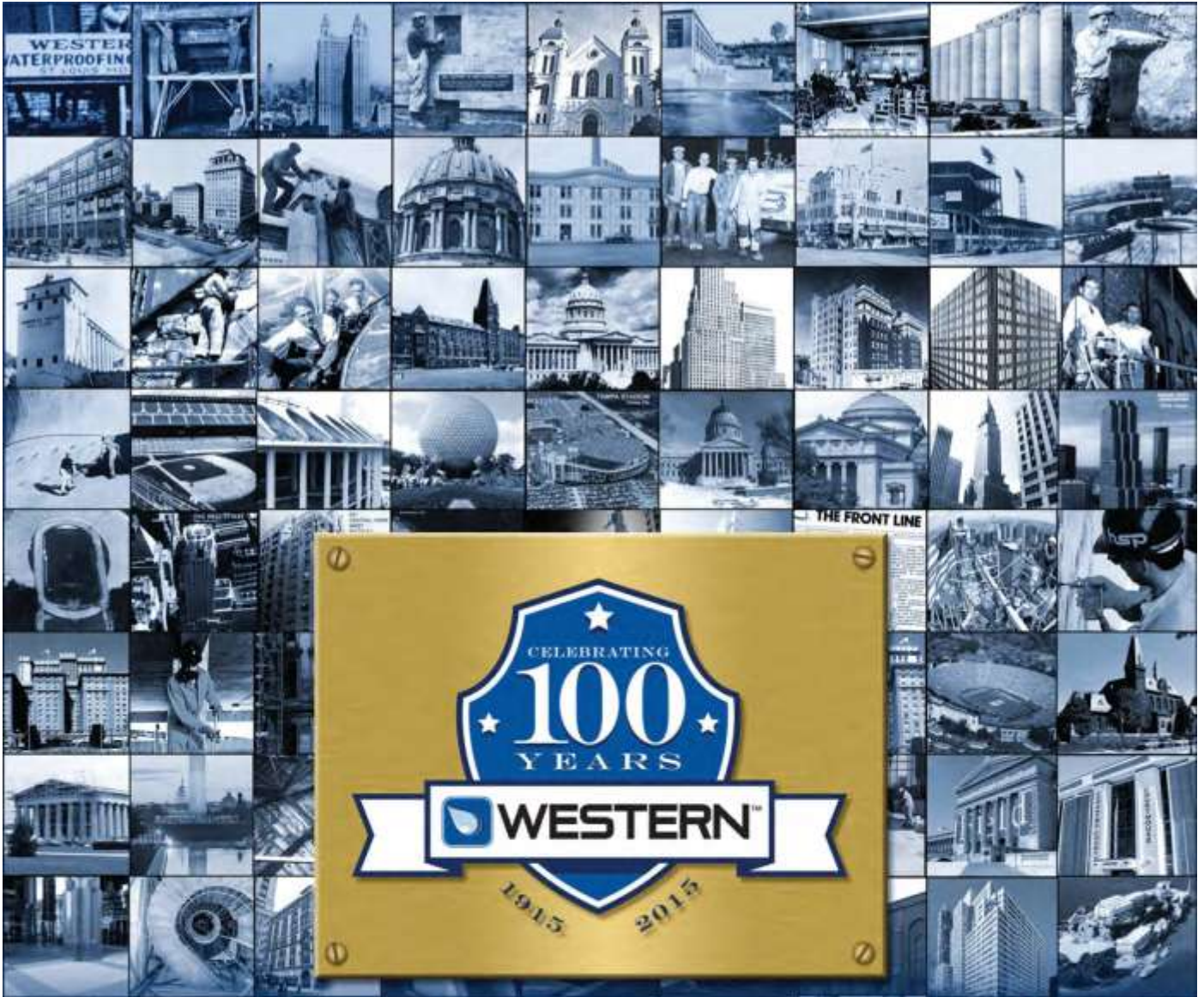
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## Above the Ceiling

by Robert Andrews, SAABE President

Thank you to all of the members that were able to attend the 2017 SAABE Picnic. We had a total of 87 members and their families in attendance that were able to enjoy some great food, and quality networking. Even the weather cooperated by keeping the rain away for the most part and what did fall only helped to cool off the area. Did I mention that every paid member that attended walked away with a door prize?

I do also want to extend a big thank you to Big John for staying at the site all night long preparing the brisket for the picnic. Not many people understand what actually goes into the planning and execution of these events. Everything from door prizes, to location, to food, to gathering sponsorships, to even setting up a bounce house is handled for the most part by board volunteers. Without their exceptional support SAABE could not offer these types of events to its members at no cost if at all.

For those that missed the picnic you also missed the opportunity to be the first to acquire a SAABE shirt. These are however still for sale, so if you would like one please see one of the board members! It's a good quality shirt for less than it costs for a shirt from Costco / Sam's Club that helps to support our organization.

I look forward to seeing the same group next year with more new people in attendance! If you have any suggestions / comments / complaints please send them to us so that we can ensure that next year's event is an even bigger success. All of the Board of Directors member's emails and phone numbers are listed on the last page of the newsletter.



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## Industry Update—Hazardous Materials Permits

by Pete Munoz

Hello Guys I want to pass some information I received the other day. I ran into a Fire Inspector with the City of San Antonio. He asked if he could speak to management. We met with the Fire Inspector and he ask if we had a Hazardous Materials permit. In our case we have a Generator and it has diesel fuel which is Hazardous. The Fire Inspector said that this was NOT a new law its been in effect since 1991 but never enforced. So here is what I found out about the permit.

There is a one time fee that is billed there is also the permit fee which depends on the size of the Hazardous material. If you have several Hazardous Materials they only bill for one. They also go by which one of the Hazardous Materials you have the most of on your property. In my case the generator is a 150 gallon and the diesel weighs 8lbs per gallon put me at 1200lbs. You will need to get the Hazardous signage as well and place it on the door leading to were you have your Hazardous chemicals.

The Fire Department they will give you 3 months to comply. The permit is by calendar year not from when you get the permit. I have attached the information on the fees I am working on get the application for the HAZMAT permit. We will be updating the web site to include the application for the permit.

## 12th ANNUAL SAABE / PHIL ANDERSON MEMORIAL PICNIC

by Lauren Littlefield

This year was one for the books.... Literally! We had a record turnout totaling 87 attendees! With that came a lot of delicious hot dogs, juicy burgers and who could forget the brisket grilled up by our own John Leifester.

We handed out many raffle prizes, with the grand prize being a smoker! We would like to thank our amazing sponsors, Blackmon Mooring, Way Engineering, Texas 5<sup>th</sup> Wall Roofing, Voss Lighting, Gerloff Company and FSG.

Not only did we have a record turnout of attendees, but who knew we had so many competitive horse shoe throwers? We had 12 teams complete for the top 4 spots, it was a tough battle, but Mike Skinner & father took 4th place, Oscar Flores and his daughter took 3rd place, Lee Moore & Andrew Perez took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and bringing home the bacon for 1<sup>st</sup> was Joe Garza and friend, nice job guys!

A big shout out goes to our president, Mr. Robert Andrews for refereeing the horse shoe tournament and keeping up with the bracket, you guys, I think we need to talk him into a SAABE final four bracket competition! Thank you again for all those who came and supported, and continue to support our social events, we can't wait to see what next year brings! Stay cool my friends, I hear it's a year!



Way to GO!



Picnic





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## BESST UPDATE

by David Ellis

## When's the next Tour?

July is upon us, the heat, the traffic, the complaints as well as the feverish satisfaction of being the Building Engineer. As Robert ventured to share in one of his previous writings and adding to it myself, in paraphrase—the professional will remain calm, otherwise connected through his training, experience and understanding and levity of the situation, the position he must take to protect his client, usually the owner, and at this level your collective efforts will insure the best outcome of an otherwise readily declining situation that becomes uncontrollable leading to questions about your decisions and liability of your current position. Welcome to SAABE, your home away from home.

SAABE is YOUR main corridor for showing, seeing, learning and experiencing advanced “LIVE” applications of construction, property presentation, mechanical/electrical, pneumatic, plumbing, HVAC, safety, structural, security and their integrated automated systems used in today's complex buildings, event centers, medical office buildings, data centers and manufacturing plants. You name it! AND an avenue to ask what-if's in things like, what if the elevator falls? What if there is a shooter? I've had both with death so they can happen, even hydraulic elevators—one early in my career fell three floors resulting in vindication of the ownership of any liabilities due records I had kept for twelve years! Always ask questions and come to the BESST of SAABE.

Most will never experience all of these arenas, even if they choose to stay in this career field—but HERE you can build your knowledge base, enforce your current understandings of building equipment and how to provide excellent service to your employer and tenants to assist in successes through your career path. That is if you are an active participating and willing to learn. And these activities and sharing of experiences do count toward your Certification at all offered Levels given out by SAABE. (See Rules for details)

**SET: Max slot/seat participants = 10 (Restrictions Apply^^)**

**What:** Two 60 Ton Evaporative water cooled direct expansion self-contained RTU's, heat wheel, OS dampers, variable flow DX system. ANNON system controllers, yes with built in cooling towers combined with condensate collection facility wide, etc. A single story Five pipe wet and dry sprinkler system. Multiple fire and life safety and security systems, PA systems with custom prerecorded instructions which are seldom seen.

**Who's Invited:** SAABE Building Engineers / Regular Members only with I.D.

**Where:** 10103 Wurzbach Rd. San Antonio Texas 78230 – Meet in Lobby

**Parking is available:** Park outside the gate in front of the building.

**When:** 11:30am SHARP– 1:00pm, July 27<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 2017

**What's for Lunch:** Snacks and drinks available at ridiculous prices. No lunch planned

RSVP's and any questions should ONLY be sent to the BESST of SAABE Committee Chairman [David.Ellis@Transwestern.com](mailto:David.Ellis@Transwestern.com) ^^If you do not get a “CONFIRMATION” email you will not be allowed to attend. (no walk-ins)

## SAABE SPOTLIGHT

By Justin Titus

Tell us about yourself.

I was born and raised in Chicago and spent the first 18 years of my life there. Upon graduating High School, I joined the Marine Corps and spent the next 20 years of my life fighting for our Freedom. When I retired from the Military I moved to San Antonio because many people I was stationed with told me how wonderful the city is. My wife and I have been here since May of 2015.

Have you received any awards/recognition/special training?

I am a Veteran and I also have my CAFS (Certified Air Filter Specialist)

Family and Children?

I have a beautiful wife that I have been married to for 20 years. We have been together since we first met in High School. We have two daughters ages 12 and 10.

What hobbies keep you busy?

When I am not busy selling filters and air quality testing, you can find me on the shooting range or selling real estate in the Canyon Lake New Braunfels areas. I love shooting all kinds of guns, but AR-15's are my favorite. I am very proud of my shooting skills and precision and was awarded has a top shooter in the Marine Corps.

What is your favorite place that you have been to?

The Marine Corps took me all over the world and back again. I experienced some interesting destinations, such as Iraq, Countries in Asia, Okinawa Japan, and Thailand in the Philippines. Interestingly enough my favorite has been Iraq. The reason why, is that I was able to do my duty for my Country and fight with my brothers to protect our freedoms. It was the best thing that I have ever done, and I would do it again in heartbeat.

What Advice would you share with those thinking about joining SAABE?

SAABE is a great organization and I always tell people that they need to join. I always explain that the networking is great and there is an abundance in knowledge that is shared in the meetings.

Jose Blancas, CAFS

Sales Consultant

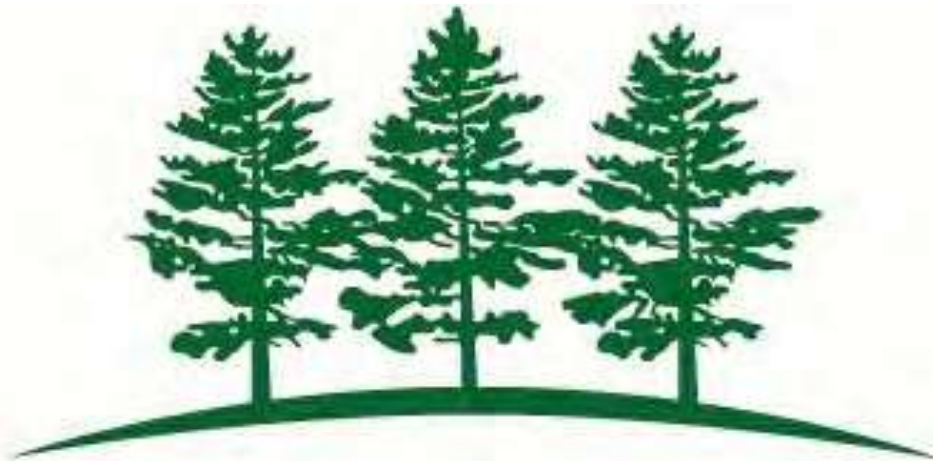
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*Final Thought:*

**A lot of parents pack up their troubles and send them off to summer camp.**

-- Raymond Duncan

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