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February 2008

Mark Your Calendar—

JOIN US FOR OUR FEBRUARY MEETING!

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on Wednesday, February 20, at the Alamo Cafe on 281 (just north of Bitters). This month's speaker will be Will Fawcett with the Joe Fly Group. He will be speaking about UV lighting—the important uses of UV lights for your equipment and the associated health and cost benefits they provide.

The meeting will be held in the first floor Travis/Bowie rooms, to the right of the entrance. There is plenty of parking at the back of the restaurant. **Please make sure to check in at the front desk when you arrive.** Please do not leave valuables in your vehicle, as members have reported attempted break-ins in the restaurant parking lot.

RSVP to (210) 408-1699 by Tuesday, February 19.

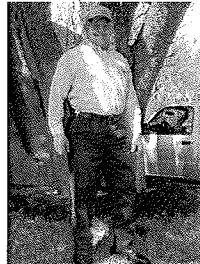
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Engineer Spotlight

by Jeff Turov

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• How long in the building engineer trade?

I have worked in the building engineer trade for the past five years, and all of them have been with Transwestern at Corporate Square. Prior to this, I worked as a Site Commander/Shift Supervisor and Training Coordinator for a security company. I also served in the United States Navy as a Sergeant 3rd Class Petty Officer. I served two tours of duty in Vietnam on the USS Somers at Yankee Station on the Gulf of Tonkin.

• Any awards, recognition, or special training?

My Corporate Square Transwestern co-workers and I share the 2006 "Best Building Team of the Year" award. I have also been attending the Last-Thursdays training seminars and have learned quite a bit from them.

• What do you find most challenging about the building engineer trade?

One of the things I take the most pride in is working to maintain a positive relationship with the building tenants. A positive first impression is always the best one to make and can be maintained by consistent follow-up until all issues are resolved.

• What could SAABE do more of in the future?

SAABE could work more towards motivating vendor members to sponsor luncheons and provide educational presentations on their products and/or services. For instance, I would like to learn more about chillers and how they operate.

• Hobbies/what do you enjoy during off-hours?

I am an avid hunter, fisherman, camper, gardener and landscaper. If you put me in the outdoors, I will either try to plant or catch something.

• Family/Children?

I have been married for twenty-six years and have raised one daughter and two sons. I am a very proud grandfather of six girls. One of my favorite hobbies (that I didn't mention above) is spoiling my granddaughters. "Spoil 'em and send 'em home"!

• Where do you see yourself in ten years?

In ten years, I would like to be living closer to my grandchildren—in the country, by a river with lots of fish in it!! Kerrville, Johnson City or Burnet would do nicely. ❖

A Message from the President

by Charles Mikolajczyk, CBE-M

Yee-haw— that time of year is here again... Stock Show weather. Dust off the felt hats and polish up those boots... its Rodeo time!

This is the time of year the three worst elements come together and make life/work outside miserable! In looking back at last year's weather, San Antonio never recorded a 100 degree day. In fact, the hottest day of the year was 98 degrees and the coldest was 24 degrees. In one day we had 5.73" of rain, and an annual rainfall amount of 47.25". Compare that to five years ago in 2002— 100 and 19 degrees were the high and the low. On July 1st, 2002 we had 9.52" of rain in one day and an annual amount of 46.22". What does this mean for 2008... I don't have a clue, but we've sure had some events that we'll have a lifetime to remember!

Anyone notice anything with your 401K? The gains that took all year to make were obliterated in the first 15 days of January. Some things to consider lately in regards to your investments: the critics are reciting recession, it's an election year, and even with the rate cuts by the Fed, the market doesn't respond. I'm not suggesting what to do, but please watch your investments!

Something to ponder: It sure would be great if you could find the time to participate in a SAABE committee in 2008! Please contact any committee chair if you would like to participate in a SAABE committee this year. It really is exciting! Thanks to Matt Dunn and David Felts for their participation!

Also, thanks to everyone who has been participating in what we can call the SAABE Hotline/Network. Your assistance has proven to save valuable time and provide some excellent contacts. So what is this hotline? I have a SAABE mailing list of regular members. When someone is in need of something, it is typically

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sent to me via e-mail, and I forward it to those (regular) SAABE members on my mailing list. However, my list is not perfect... if you are a regular member and do not occasionally receive a SAABE related e-mail from me and would like to be on this list, please contact me at cm@satx.rr.com

By the way, Bob Beal (past SAABE President) is doing well up in Johnson City. Would you believe Bob's daughter is already 2? Trevor is also 7! Bob said he loves the Hill Country and has been very busy with work because he has lots of construction going. He has replaced all of the roofs and carpeting in all of their buildings, including the headquarters. Bob stated he misses things [we take for granted] like chillers, pumps, cooling towers, central plants etc. But, he "really misses SAABE"! Drop him a line or e-mail the next time you have the chance... I'm sure he would like to hear from you!

Once again, if you've any photos of a project or hunts to share, please send them my way.

In parting, please be sure and RSVP to the SAABE luncheons.... and, please be sure and RSVP to the SAABE luncheons. Till then, FISH ON! ❖

Vendor Rep Report

by Allen Mangrum

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

Date	Topic	Sponsor
1/16	"Rebates & Infrared Scanning"	CPS
2/20/08	"UV Lighting"	Joe Fly Group
3/19/08	"GREEN Buildings/LEEDS"	ChemSearch
4/16/08	"City MEP Inspectors"	SAWS
5/21/08	TBD	Dimension Contracting
6/14/08	Summer Social - Picnic	
7/16/08	"Maintenance & Regulations"	Holt CAT
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

As you can see, there are some exciting things happening this year. In February, Will Fawcett with the Joe Fly Group will provide information on the important uses of UV lights for your equipment and the associated health and cost benefits that they provide. These

lights are one of the most underutilized and misunderstood products in our industry. And, having new "light" shed on the matter can benefit us all. In March, we will be announcing the BOETY winners.

For any vendors out there who are still interested in sponsoring a luncheon, the October and November luncheons are available. Also, stay tuned for the June picnic sponsorship opportunities. If you are interested in sponsoring either of the events, please contact me 210-414-6529 or Laura Bray at 210-408-1699.

Thank you again to all the vendors that provide support to SAABE.

See ya'll at the luncheon.

P.S. Remember to RSVP for the luncheons!! ♦

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- Cost: \$399
- Visit www.pryor.com to register

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- Sponsored by National Seminars Training
- March 24, Doubletree Airport
- Cost: \$199
- Visit www.nationalseminarstraining.com to register

Basic Electricity for the Non-Electrician

- Sponsored by American Trainco
- March 31-April 1, Comfort Inn & Suites Airport
- Hands-on course for building, plant and facility maintenance
- Cost: \$890
- Visit www.americantrainco.com to register

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

- Sponsored by American Trainco
- April 7-8, Comfort Inn & Suites Airport
- Cost: \$890
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Boiler Operation, Maintenance & Safety

- Sponsored by American Trainco
- April 9-10, Comfort Inn & Suites Airport
- Cost: \$890
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Green or Sustainable Construction

- Sponsored by Lorman Education Services
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Last-Thursday Training Seminar: "Principles of Refrigeration 101"

This month's Last-Thursday Training Seminar is presented by Brandt Engineering. The topic is "Principles of Refrigeration 101." Training manuals will be provided, and a tour of the prefab shop will be given after the seminar.

Where: Brandt Engineering (6023 Corridor Parkway, Suite 100, Schertz - just off of Hwy. 3009)

When: Thursday, February 28, 11:30 am. (Lunch provided by Brandt Engineering)

RSVP to Laura Bray at 408-1699 or email laurabray@braycommunications.com.

Brandt Engineering is Texas's largest air conditioning, electrical and plumbing service provider and has been in business for over 55 years. For more information about Brandt Engineering, visit their website at www.brandteng.com.

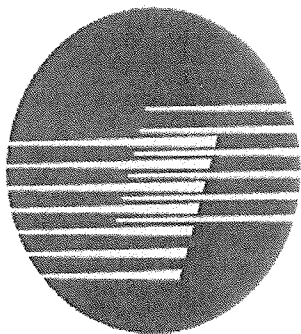
The seminar is open to all SAABE members. RSVP soon, since classes fill up quickly. Limited to the first 25 RSVPs. ❖

February Lunch Summary by Robert Andrews, Jr.

The first monthly meeting of the year started out with a bang. With every seat in the house filled, those that were able to attend the January luncheon enjoyed an informative discussion with Bob Nelson and Fred Beebe from CPS. We were all reminded to take advantage of the free energy audits and infrared scans. We were also told about the funds left over for 2007 energy rebates; so, take advantage while you can.

There were a staggering 98 RSVPs for the January meeting, and, unfortunately, we had to turn away a few people that did not RSVP. I watched a couple of people walk in, see the limited space and walk right back out. The search is still on for a larger meeting area; so, if you have any ideas, please pass them on to any of the board members.

Please remember to RSVP for the February meeting on the 20th. Space may be limited for the presentation by the Joe Fly Group. ❖



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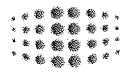
Apply for the SAABE Scholarship/Educational Assistance Program

SAABE now offers a program to provide scholarships and educational assistance to SAABE members for participation in courses related to property maintenance (especially SMT/SMA* programs offered by the BOMI Institute).

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.

For full details, rules, and an application, visit the SAABE website at www.saabe.org. ❖

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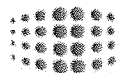


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There will be plenty of hot boiled crawfish with corn, potatoes, sausage and all the fixins. And, to help wash it down, ice cold beer, cokes and frozen margaritas!!

Make sure you bring your business cards to be entered into the drawings.

RSVP to Dolores at 210-270-8400. ❖

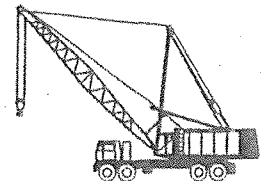
BOMI Discussion/Action Group

- Every first and second Thursday at Union Plaza (10101 Reunion Place, suite 170), 11:30 am—1:00 pm. Parking is at the rear of the building adjacent to the loading dock. Reunion Place is off Jones-Maltsberger from the south or Sandau Rd. from the west. The building is located to the south of the airport adjacent to the warehouses and repair hangers on the airport.
- Led by Tom Lasater.
- Free to SAABE members. Bring a sack lunch.
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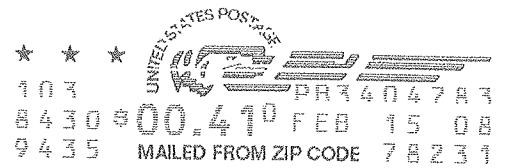
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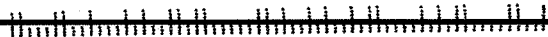
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