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JOIN US FOR OUR AUGUST MEETING!

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2017 at the Embassy Suites San Antonio Northwest, located at 7750 Briaridge, San Antonio, TX 78230.

PRESENTATION AND SPONSOR TO BE ANNOUNCED

RSVPs are due no later than Monday, August 14, 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 AUGUST 14TH AT 5:00PM so we can cancel your meal. Cancellations received after this time will still be invoiced.

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LAST QUARTER PROMOTION!

DO YOU KNOW ANY ENGINEERS OR VENDORS THAT SHOULD BECOME A PART OF SAABE? ANYONE THAT HAS ATTENDED AS A GUEST AND NEEDS TO MAKE IT OFFICIAL?

SAABE WILL BE RUNNING OUR LAST QUARTER PROMOTION AGAIN THIS YEAR. FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS THAT JOIN AND PAY FOR THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THE LAST QUARTER OF 2017, THEY WILL GET THE REST OF 2017 AND ALL OF 2018 FOR JUST THE COST OF 2018! **THAT'S THREE MONTHS OF BENEFITS FOR NO ADDITIONAL COST!**

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Above the Ceiling

by Robert Andrews, SAABE President

The 100 degree are back again which means any hiccup from the HVAC will cause you a bad day. Now is a great time to take some temperature readings of your supply and mixed air to ensure that those outside air dampers that **can't be seen, are closed or not leaking "too much"**. On a hot day outside you will quickly find the areas that aren't working as designed, plus you can sit inside the unit while doing so to keep you cool. That there is what they call a win-win.

Those of us with high rises (classified by COSA as anything **above 75' from the highest point to the closest fire curb**) have or will be soon visited by the fire department for their annual inspection. This began a couple of years ago after the **Wedgewood fire that killed 5**. Last year's inspection focused mainly on emergency generator signage, permitting and inspections. This year is fire lanes, FDC's, and sprinkler / alarm inspections. Don't be surprised if you have a knock on the door if your building falls into this classification.

Summer also means family time while the kids are out of school. Every year we plan one big week long trip as a family getaway. Our trip this year was to Colorado, where we got to feel what a high of 87 feels like. A few years back we visited Tucson with a low of 87 which made us appreciate the weather here a little bit more. This was our first trip with our combined 17,000 pound truck and trailer combination and I can honestly say I am not ready for that again. It took us 24 hours for our return trip of which 21 hours was on the road. Got to love road construction and 65 mph limited tires!



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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.

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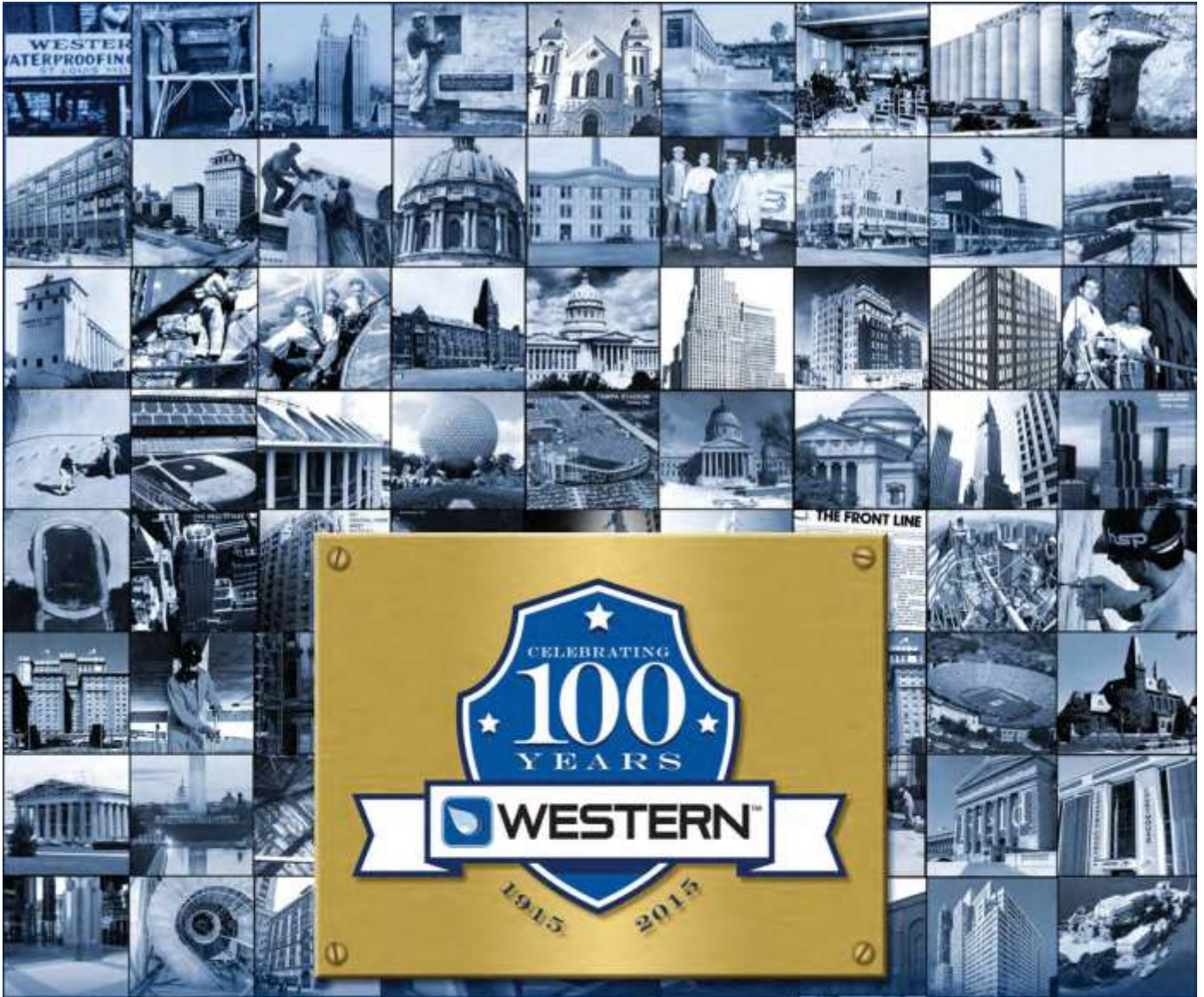


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BESST UPDATE

by David Ellis



Can you believe August is around the corner? We will all be ripe with A/C wise and landscape worry as the Texas temperatures come upon us. We are on restricted watering. There is nothing more important during these times as it effects all else, the things we do to meet our clients and tenant expectations while obtaining a balance of acceptance is, at times, nothing short of magical. This levity and magnitude does apply to SAABE and its members as an association of professionals which was designed to assist, train, educate and expand the knowledge of our members dedicated to this profession.

Come and see things you might not see until you get “that” job and need to reach out. Our association offers the “doors” for information, training through “on the tour” training with questions, answers and direction.

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. Yes, I’ve wrote these same words before. Listen, learn, offer new ideals, explain why you’re here. Ask questions at the regular meetings make suggestions; make known any complaints---we, SAABE wants to be the best and not just an affordable meal with door prizes for a membership.

I believe the Association has room for improvement, which is something we all strive for. While opinions vary, there are many ways to go about making change, which can also vary in execution. With this, I respectfully resign as the committee chairman of BESST, and as the current “webmaster”. While this was not my desire, I believe it is the best choice for me. But, I will remain an active member on the BESST committee, a dedicated member as to enhance our member’s experiences and training and offer marketing recommendations via OUR social network. Let’s do this!!

Education Corner

By John Leifester



Howdy! We are seeking sponsors for the 1st Thursday Trainings for 2017. If you haven't sponsored before, please take a moment to consider. 20-30 engineers in

a captive audience listening to you educate them on your field and products related to it. That is a dream audience.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at john@dedicatedls.com or on my cell at 210-771-7081.



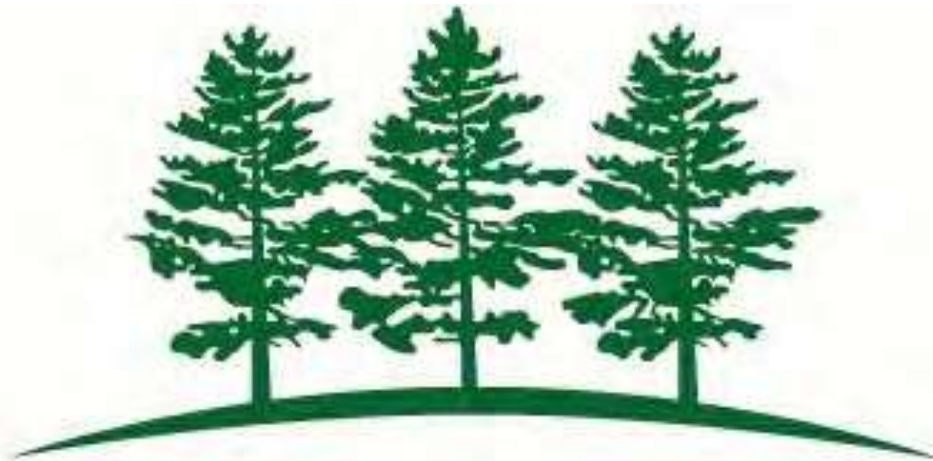
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HAVE SOME IDEAS ON WAYS WE CAN IMPROVE
AND INCREASE OUR MEMBER BENEFITS?

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WE ARE NOT AGAINST CHANGE! WE ASK OUR EXISTING MEMBERSHIP TO HELP US LEARN AND GROW!

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Final Thought:

“August rain: the best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time.”

~ Sylvia Plath

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