



# SAABE TIMES

A publication of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers

June 2007

Mark Your Calendar—

## JOIN US FOR OUR JUNE LUNCHEON

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on Wednesday, June 20 at the Alamo Cafe on 281 (just north of Bitters). The meeting topic will be announced soon. Visit [www.saabe.org](http://www.saabe.org) for updates, and watch for another meeting announcement soon.

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.

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

**PLEASE RSVP so we can be sure to have enough meals on hand!**

We hope to see you there! ♦

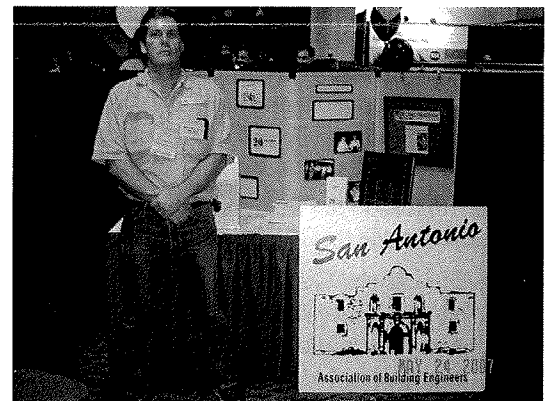
## “VIVA LAS VEGAS!”

## 2007 SAABE/SABOMA TRADE SHOW THURSDAY, MAY 24



Best Booth winner (as usual) Saniters

*Surely* 2nd VP Mike Halvorsen is having a better time than *this!*



“Dealer Ladies” Jan Hall and Laura Bray ham it up.

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See more Trade Show pictures online at [www.saabe.org](http://www.saabe.org). Many thanks to EVERYONE who made this year's event such a success!

## A Message from the President

by Charles Mikolajczyk

We hope everyone enjoyed last month...the Third Annual SAABE Picnic at the lake, the SAABE/SA BOMA Tradeshow, the great weather, etc! Thank all of you who were able to attend these events and we hope you had a great time...I know I did! ☺

Here is a recap of the picnic. The weather was awesome; however, someone should have heated up the lake water just a bit. We ran into a snag when we discovered that bank fishing and wading were unavailable due to the low water level and the steep drop offs at the waters edge (this will be evaluated beforehand next year, and I deeply apologize). The food turned out great. There were absolutely fabulous and plentiful door prizes (see page six, and huge thanks to Dimensions Contracting). Matt Dunn and Bob Harper are the new horseshoe champions...I think Matt's psychological warfare involving his attire had something to do with it though! About the only thing that went wrong was the day seemed to have been unusually short for some reason or another. Thanks again for all those who attended and contributed time and effort, and the persons and vendors who provided food, refreshments, and door prizes (did I mention Dimensions Contracting?) that made this event one to remember! Oh yeah, thank all of you who made the effort to thank Billy on his BBQ. In conversation the next day, Billy expressed how he was beside himself at how many persons personally came up to him and commented/thanked him for the treats! Thank all of you for your wonderful comments!

Many thanks to the following vendors whose contributions made this event great:

- Dimensions Contracting
- Howell Crane & Rigging
- American Light/Design Electric
- Blackmon Mooring
- Trane
- TD Industries
- CPS Energy
- Filter Technology

In regards to the Trade Show, the motto was "what happens at Trade Show stays at Trade Show" needed an addendum that "what is seen at Trade Show should only be remembered at the Trade Show." My brain has been scarred for life! LOL.

The vendors did a great job with their booths/tables, and the camaraderie was fantastic. It was great to see so many people and get the chance to chat and see new technology/ideas. Being in a gambling environment was especially favored as well. See page four for a list of door prizes and winners. There were many prizes and winners, but I somehow ended up with amnesia on the parts I want to remember, not the ones I would like to forget...just kidding,



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it was a great time! P.S. Did anyone recognize Richard Alexander with Sanitors??? Or how about SABOMA Lynn, aka Lola the Showgirl... WOW! ☺ Thanks to everyone who attended and to all the vendors whom helped made this a great success!

Back to the real world, aw lets not go there yet! Has anyone been fishing or on an adventure lately? Perhaps you have caught something on your game camera of interest? I would sure like to see some photos if you have some to share with me and my mailing list. It's that time of year when great events happen...mine will be the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Deep Sea Roundup at Port A July 5<sup>th</sup> thru the 7<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see some of you down there!

See you all at the next SAABE Luncheon! ❖



**SAABE Library**

by Tom Lasater

After many months of vacation, the SAABE Library will return this June at our monthly meeting, with CDs on corrosion, fire testing, lighting, etc., which can be checked out. We are looking for vendors who have CDs on their products or on their field of engineering who will donate those to the SAABE Library. Tim Young with Munters has donated a handbook on moisture, its nature, and removal to our Library also.

We have a Dell computer available at Jock Tilghman's building (Corporate Square, 4801 NW Loop 410 between Babcock and Evers on the north side of 410). The computer and its programs (including PowerPoint, and photo editing) could allow you to edit and produce your photos of a chiller or cooling tower rebuild or replacement at your site. This computer is available to all SAABE engineers during business hours.

We welcome any comments or ideas to help make this an educational tool for our members to increase their knowledge in various engineering fields. Please contact me at 771-5824 if you have comments or questions. ❖

**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 geographical 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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## Trade Show Prize Winners

Grand Prize Winner: Hotel Getaway (\$1,500) sponsored by Longhorn Lot Maintenance, won by Debra Whittington of Sanitors

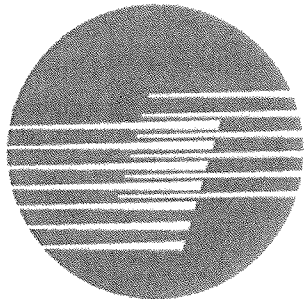
Silver Level Prize Winners:

- Surge Suppressor, sponsored by Power Tech
- \$250 HEB Gift Card, sponsored by Holt CAT Power Systems, won by Debbie Morris of AIS
- \$250 Lowe's Gift Card, sponsored by Future Electric, won by Cindy Reyes of RM Crowe
- \$250 Bass Pro Gift Card, sponsored by Cite Corp, won by Julie Estrada of Transwestern
- \$250 Ruth's Chris Steak House Gift Card, sponsored by Millsap Waterproofing, Inc., won by Jackie Mallette, Reata
- \$250 La Cantera/North Star Gift Card, sponsored by Gerloff Company, won by Elsa Villarreal

Door Prize Winners (all \$100 gift cards unless otherwise noted):

- Academy, sponsored by Wheeler Coatings SA, won by Veronica Rios of Port San Antonio
- Bass Pro, sponsored by Empire Roofing, won by Mike Miller of MMT
- Bass Pro, sponsored by South Texas Interiors, won by Monica Montoto
- Bed Bath and Beyond, sponsored by George Worth Pump & Motor Service, won by Martha Murray of RL Worth
- Job Site Radio, sponsored by Pavecon, won by Jerry Robinson of Sanitors
- Chili's/Santikos (\$50 each), sponsored by TD Industries, won by Myra Lee of ACRA
- Coldwater Creek, sponsored by Mechanical Maintenance of Texas/Ward Systems, won by Mychel Jordan of First National Bank
- Olympia Hills Golf Course Pro Shop, sponsored by MEI-McCrory Inc., won by Carlos de la Garza of Koontz McCombs
- HEB, sponsored by ABM Janitorial Services, won by Sally Flanagan of Koontz McCombs
- HEB, sponsored by Sanitors, won by Jesi Rozelle of Servpro NESAs
- Home Depot, sponsored by Firetrol, Chris Archer of Allied Barton Security

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### Trade Show Prize Winners (con'd)

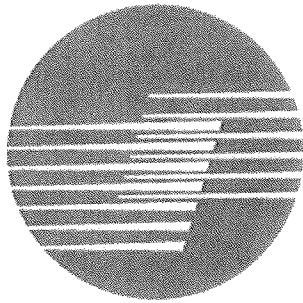
- La Cantera/North Star, sponsored by Matera Paper Company, won by Patty McDonald of MSG
- Saltgrass Steak House, sponsored by Allied Barton Security, won by Chad Hines of UGM
- Sea World, two silver passes, sponsored by PJS, won by Jessica Reyna of Cambridge
- Target, sponsored by Hill Country Nursery and Landscaping, won by Rosa Valadez of ABM Janitorial
- Beveled Mirror, sponsored by Samuel's Glass, won by Ernest Brown, Endeavor Real Estate
- Reciprocating saw, sponsored by Dimensions Contracting, won by Mitchell Bass of Western Waterproofing
- Texas Land and Cattle, sponsored by Joe W. Fly Co. Inc., won by Gilbert Vasquez of Cushman and Wakefield
- Wal Mart, sponsored by National Building Services, won by Joi Taylor of Rector Management

Many thanks to our door prize donors! ❖

### BOMI Discussion/Action Group

- Every first and second Thursday at Transwestern's Bank of America tower downtown, 11:30am-1:00pm.
- Led by Tom Lasater.
- Free to SAABE members. Bring a sack lunch.
- For additional information contact Doug Graves (828-7712) or Tom Lasater (771-5824).

Contact Laura Bray (408-1699) if you know of other courses or events. ❖



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## 2007 SAABE Picnic at the Lake!

Good food and fun was in abundance at the 2007 SAABE picnic at Medina Lake (see the web for photos; no room here!). First prize (\$400) in the horseshoe tournament went to Matt Dunn and Bob Harper; second prize (\$200) went to Alfred Medina and Albert Gonzales. The barbecue, prepared by our own Charlie Mikolajczyk and Billy Kotara, was out of this world! Great tunes were being spun by Todd Wilburn of Filter Technologies. Many thanks also to our drink and door prize donors! Don't miss this fun event next year!

**Donor, cooler of beer:** Dimensions Contracting

**Donor, cooler of soft drinks:** American Light

### Prize Winners and Donors

- Portfolio Folder, Tanner Uresti (donor - CPS Energy)
- Maglite/Shears, Jock Tilghman, Sr. (donor - Blackmon Mooring)
- Cooler, Linda Shaner (donor - Gerloff)
- \$25 Fuel Card, Julia Wilburn (donor - TD Industries)
- \$50 Academy Gift Card, Veronica Gonzales (donor - Howell Crane)
- \$25 Sportman's Warehouse Gift Card, Yadira Ronduillo (donor - Trane)
- \$50 Texas Land & Cattle Gift Card, Bob Harper (donor - Dimensions Contracting)
- Fishing Pole, Charles Mikolajczyk III (donor - Blackmon Mooring)
- Portfolio Folder, Ronnie Shaner (donor - CPS Energy)
- \$50 Target Gift Card, Pam Uresti (donor - Dimensions Contracting)
- \$150 Cleaning of Carpet and Air Ducts, Audie Howell (donor - Blackmon Mooring)
- Maglite/Shears, Rod (donor - Blackmon Mooring)
- \$50 Academy Gift Card, Robert Andrews, Jr. (donor - Howell Crane)
- \$50 Johnny Carinos Gift Card, Jill Poppy (donor - Dimensions Contracting)
- \$25 Fuel Card, Michele Kinsey (donor - TD Industries)
- Fishing Pole, Rick Kinsey (donor - Blackmon Mooring)
- \$25 Sportman's Warehouse Gift Card, Mandy Andrews (donor - Trane)
- \$50 Target Gift Card, Joseph Wilburn (donor - Dimensions Contracting)
- \$150 Cleaning of Carpet and Air Ducts, Madi Dunn (donor - Blackmon Mooring)
- \$50 Academy Gift Card, Alexis Uresti (donor - Dimensions Contracting)
- \$50 Lowe's Gift Card, Michael Halverson (donor - Dimensions Contracting)
- \$50 Best Buy Gift Card, Oscar Bertrand (donor - Dimensions Contracting)
- \$50 Academy Gift Card, J. R. Uresti (donor - Dimensions Contracting)
- \$50 Lowe's Gift Card, Trey Steel (donor - Dimensions Contracting)
- \$50 Best Buy Gift Card, Justin Wilburn (donor - Dimensions Contracting)
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## Engineer Spotlight

by Jeff Turov

### John Cauley

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#### • How long in the building engineer trade?

John has been involved in the engineering trade here in San Antonio for seventeen years. Over this long tenure, he has been involved in buildings such as Riverview Towers, Valero HQ, Datapoint, and his current assignment of Fountainhead I & II.

#### • Any awards, recognition, or special training?

Continuously working to improve his value as an engineer, John recently obtained his CBE-J. He was also a finalist for the 2006 Building Engineer of the Year award and is currently pursuing his Service Maintenance Technician (SMT) designation. John has also obtained the State Maintenance Electrician license.



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

As an avid outdoorsman, John enjoys just about any activity that will get him outside—from snow skiing, tubing, hunting, to fishing. If it involves the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat, John has done it. In fact, during high school, John went from playing football to motor-cross to joining the rodeo team just to keep is

Evil Knievel alter ego at bay.

#### • Family/Children?

John has been married to his wife for nineteen years – these days that is an accomplishment in itself. He also has a seventeen-year-old son and a fourteen-year-old daughter. Of all the things John likes to do, spending time with his family is number one.

#### • Advice you would share with those just entering or considering the trade?

No matter who you are working with, whether it be a superior or a subordinate, always keep an open mind and listen to their suggestions and way of thinking.

### How are you involved in SAABE?

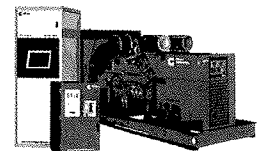
Recently the SAABE board was looking for a volunteer to head up the mentoring program. It sounded interesting to John, so he decided to volunteer. Although he has run in to some obstacles in getting the program off the ground, John continues to pursue ways to get younger folks involved in becoming interested and pursuing a career in the engineering trade. Thanks John for your involvement and dedication. ❖

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### *Final Thought:*

*"People may habitually turn to you for particular tasks because you have, in effect, trained them to do so." — Alan Lakein, "How to Get Control of Your Time and Your Life"*

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### Membership Luncheon Wednesday, June 20, 2007

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Location: Alamo Cafe on 281  
Program to be Announced

Upcoming Program:  
Wednesday, July 18  
Program to be Announced

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