

NEWS & VIEWS

March, 2014

March 13th @ YORK CODES Update

The annual March Codes update meeting is scheduled to be held at YORK Tigar. 7245 SW Durham Rd. Tigard, OR. 97224 at 11:30AM, Thursday, March 13th.

Lunch is being provided by YORK, so bring your appetite and join your fellow HVAC contractors to network and hear about these exciting programs.

As in the past, we have invited code officials from State and local jurisdictions to present.

Among our Presenters are *Mark Heizer, PE, LEEDAP*, Policy Analyst, and *Dennis Clements*, Electric Program Chief, Oregon Building Codes Division.

Plus, we have invited representatives from the Portland Bureau of Development Services and the surrounding area, who will discuss the status of the current codes and advise the attendees of any changes, which are imminent or will be coming on-line in the near future.

Mark will discuss some of the upcoming changes involved with the Oregon code and will answer questions on current and future HVAC code issues. Dennis will cover the most current information on progress for adoption of the 2014 NEC. The BDS representatives will discuss the changes occurring in their various departments.

All interesting and important subjects which can and will affect your businesses, so plan to attend and learn.

This is a must attend meeting, if you wish to keep up to date on code issues. The people who can answer your questions will be there, so don't miss it.

See you at York! Have lunch, and listen to the people who can answer your code questions.

Texas Hold'M-Blackjack

TEXAS HOLD'M Tournament & Blackjack Fund-raiser, April 4th, 6:00PM at NW Natural. Texas Hold'm is the game, the first hour and a half there are re-buy's for \$25 all chips must be off the table blinds go up every half hour for the first hour and a half then every 20 min after that. There is a break at an hour and a half and at that time you are allowed to purchase an "add on" for \$25.00 but must have chips on the table to do that, at the break we will do raffle prizes and draw 50/50 can, then re-resume and finish playing no more rebuys, add ons and when you are out of chips you are done. For those of you not into Hold'M, we offer blackjack. Sign up early as spaces are limited. Details on the ORACCA website.

Training/Testing

The upcoming months offer a number of training/testing opportunities.

- March 21st Brazing Certification
- April 12th - NATE Heat Pump Testing/ Training
- May 10th - NATE Gas Heat Testing/ Training

Medical Insurance

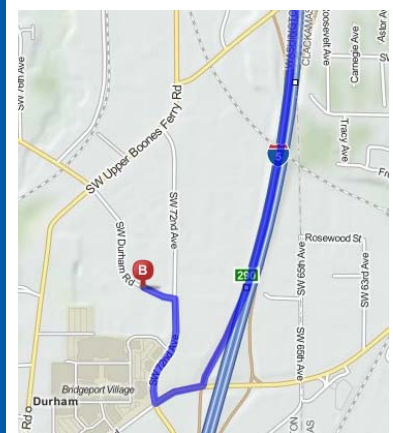
Did you know? A member benefit for all ORACCA members is a better rate for medical insurance. At a previous month's meeting, our presenter mentioned that being part of a larger group gives companies a 10 to 15% cost advantage over non affiliated companies. Membership does have its advantages.



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What?

Annual Codes review

When?

11:30AM, March 13th at
YORK

7245 SW Durham Road
Tigard, OR. 97224

NATE Update

The changes NATE is making to its certification requirements are based on industry feedback. The goal is to make it simpler to maintain NATE certification by better recognizing the HVACR industry training that technicians already attend while lowering maintenance costs where possible.

Here are the [top three changes](#) made to the program that are effective as of Jan. 1, 2014.

NATE certification period is valid for two years and continuing education requirements have been lowered to 16 hours per two years. This averages out to 8 hours of training a year.

The cost to maintain your certification with CEU's is \$25.00 for two years and \$5.00 per specialty. If your certification expires in 2014, you have a one time option, to renew for five years (with the appropriate 60 CEU's) for \$95.00 or transition into the new program.

As before you must submit the certification application before your certification expires. You worked hard for your certification, don't let it lapse.

ORACCA has held several NATE training/Testing sessions over the past 14 months. The results of these sessions gives ORACCA an 88% pass rate overall. Our last two sessions had a 96% pass rate.

The reason for this commentary is that during these sessions, we observed some interesting traits among the participants. First, listening to the interaction between the instructor and the participants showed that certain persons displayed knowledge levels that lead us to think that they would almost certainly pass the test. This proved to be the case for each session. Conversely, those that appeared to lack certain knowledge areas and perhaps did not study the materials provided before the test would not pass. This also proved to be the case.

So, what does all this mean? Select your participants from personnel who have some field experience. Require that they study the materials sent them as preparation before the test date. Finally, send them to a testing session that provides training, such as ORACCA or other local entities. The payoff? They get the review they need and have a greater chance of becoming certified. Simply put, NATE certification makes good business sense. Aside from certifying advanced training and proficiency to those in the HVACR industry, NATE-certification delivers a strong sense of pride, professionalism and trust in those who wear the NATE patch.

NATE certification is a sign of knowledge excellence in the HVAC industry. These certifications set technicians apart in terms of worth to an organization and in the level of expertise they provide to the consumer. It is an acknowledged requirement to be listed with any of the local entities as a preferred service provider. An HVAC contractor needs NATE certified technicians on its staff as part of the qualification requirements to achieve this preferred status.

Do yourself and your business a favor, select those individuals who display a desire to excel and you will get better employees and members of your team!

The association's new website has been upgraded to give you more on-line capabilities, such as on-line registration for testing/training, registration for events and a multitude of other features. Go to www.oracca.org and check it out.



ORACCA distributes NEWS & VIEWS on a monthly basis to members and selected non-members, so that all those in the HVAC/R industry can keep informed of issues regarding our trade, and Chapter activities. We hope the non-members will see this newsletter as an example of the quality services that ORACCA provides. Contributions or suggestions can be faxed to Association Headquarters at 503-914-1999 or emailed to dick@oracca.org

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TRAINING/TESTING

**Brazing Certification Test, March 21, 2014,
PCC, Cascade Campus**

**NATE HEAT PUMP Training/Testing.
April 12, 2014, 8:00AM, PGE
Facility in Wilsonville.**

**NATE GAS HEAT Training/Testing.
May 10, 2014, 8:00AM, NW Natural Com-
puter Lab.**

Not a member? We'd love to serve you, too.

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Texas Hold'M - Blackjack Night April 4, 2014 - FUNDRAISER FOR Oregon ACCA

\$50.00

Texas Hold'M
Buy In

\$25.00

Texas Hold'M
Re-Buy's
1St 3 Rounds

**Full House
Can**

(\$5.00 perTicket)

50/50 Can

(\$1.00 per Ticket)

\$50.00

Blackjack
Buy In

Raffle Tickets

(\$10.00 for
5 Tickets)

\$25.00

Banquet Only

ORACCA is holding a "Texas Hold'M" tournament! Also, we have several tables of Blackjack for those you who are so inclined. Spaces are limited to 60 players for Texas Hold'M and 18 players for Blackjack.

There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for Texas Hold'M
The Prizes for Blackjack will be chips for raffle tickets. Great prizes!

Proceeds from this event benefit the Oregon Air Conditioning Association of America (ORACCA). Join us for a great night of food, drink, gambling, networking, and FUN!
The facilities, food and beverages are sponsored by NW Natural !!!

**Use the registration form,
included to register players for
either game or the Banquet only.**

**Table sponsorships are available
for \$150.00 each.
Use included sponsorship form to
become a sponsor for this event.**



NW Natural[®]

Friday, April 4, 2014

NW NATURAL - 4th Floor

220 NW Second Avenue

Portland, Oregon 97204

6:00-10:00PM

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Texas Hold'm - Blackjack Night



Return the completed form and make check payable to:

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Fundraiser for ORACCA, April 4, 2014

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COMPANY CONTACT INFORMATION

Company _____ Name _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____ ORACCA Member

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

REGISTRANTS INFORMATION

TEST RESULTS ARE MAILED TO THE HOME ADDRESS UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, USE ADDITIONAL PAPER FOR MORE REGISTRATIONS

1) _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Texas Hold'M

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Blackjack

Register additional attendees on the reverse side of this page

ORDERING INFORMATION

Catalog	Description	Qty	Mbr Price
FUN	Texas Hold'm Only		\$50.00
FUN	BlackJack Only		\$50.00
FUN	Banquet Only		\$25.00
Total			

Texas Hold'm is the game, the first hour and a half there are re-buy's for \$25 all chips must be off the table blinds go up every half hour for the first hour and a half then every 20min after that. There is a break at an hour and a half and at that time you are allowed to purchase an "add on" for \$25.00 but must have chips on the table to do that, at the break we will do raffle prizes and draw 50/50 can, then re resume and finish playing no more rebuys, add ons and when you are out of chips you are done. Beer and Alcohol are welcome, BYOB.

Decision on any disputes are strictly up to the host and are final.

Visa M/C Amex

Credit Card # _____

Check # _____

Exp Date _____ Security Code _____

Sent to

Card Holder Name _____

ORACCA Headquarters

PO Box 87907

Vancouver, WA 98687

Zip Code _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Received by _____ Date _____

ADDITIONAL REGISTRANTS

Texas Hold'm - Blackjack Night

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2) _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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5) _____ Phone _____ Email _____

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Support Commitment Form

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 future orders

April 4, 2014

Yes, our company would like to help make this FUND Raiser a resounding success. We would like to commit to the following: *(Sponsorships are generally tax deductible to a 501-C6 non profit organization. Please consult your tax advisor for specifics.)*

	Amount
Patron Contribution (\$2000 or more) Contributor receives four free couple registrations	\$ _____
Platinum Contribution (\$1000 or more) Contributor receives two free couple registrations	\$ _____
Gold Contribution (\$500 to \$999) Contributor receives one free couple registration	\$ _____
Silver Contribution (\$250 to \$499)	\$ _____
Bronze Contribution (Up to \$249)	\$ _____

OR SPONSOR YOUR OWN GAMING TABLE OF YOUR CHOICE FOR \$150.00
(First Come First Served) OR BE A SPONSOR FOR THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE
CALL HEADQUARTERS FOR DETAILS

Method of payment: _____ Check enclosed _____ Please Bill Us, P.O. # _____
 Credit Card MC • Visa Card # _____ Exp Date. _____
 Signature _____

YES, in addition to this general contribution, we will make the following contribution of Gift Baskets, Prizes, Tools and Equipment, Blazer Tickets, etc. to the Texas Hold’M/Blackjack Night Raffle:

All Contributions will be recognized and acknowledged during and after the event. To appear in the printed program for eventt, commitments must be received by April 1, 2014.

Signed _____ Date _____
 Name (Printed) _____
 Company _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State/ _____ Zip _____
 Phone AC(_____) _____
 FAX AC(_____) _____

Return this fact sheet along with your Casino Night Registration Form to:

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