March 13th @ YORK

CODES Update

The annual March Codes update meeting is scheduled to be held at YORK Tigard. 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, LEED AP, 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

TESSS 2014 Tournament & Black- jack 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.
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.
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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 Computer Lab.

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Gensco is a multi-state HVAC distributor and manufacturer serving the Northwestern United States. Gensco began business in 1947 as the General Sales Company and incorporated under the name Gensco, Inc. in 1948. The name Gensco is a contraction of the words General Sales Company. Over the last fifty years, Gensco has grown and currently operates from over twenty locations in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Montana and Idaho. We have approximately 550 employees. Our Corporate Offices are located in Fife, WA, approximately 25 miles south of Seattle. Our corporate building has over 200,000 sq. ft. of warehouse, manufacturing and office space.

Not a member? We’d love to serve you, too.
Texas Hold’M - Blackjack Night
April 4, 2014 - Fundraiser for Oregon ACCA

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.

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Texas Hold’m - Blackjack Night

Return the completed form and make check payable to:

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Funraiser for ORACCA, April 4, 2014

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 _____________________________
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Texas Hold’M □ Banquet Only □ Blackjack

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

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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.)

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Contributor receives:
- Patron Contribution: four free couple registrations
- Platinum Contribution: two free couple registrations
- Gold Contribution: one free couple registration
- Silver Contribution: one free couple registration
- Bronze Contribution: one free couple registration

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 event, 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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Planning Ahead ....

MEETING DATES

A. January 9, 2014 - Rebate program roundtable with ETO, PGE, NWN.
B. February 13, 2014 - Honeywell Presentation @ YORK Tigard
C. March 13, 2014 - Codes Update - York, Tigard
D. April 4, 2014 - Casino Night @ NW Natural
E. May 8, 2014 - GENSICO Presentation @ PGE Facility Wilsonville
F. June 12, 2014 - Thermal Supply Presentation - TBD
G. July 14, 2014 - Golf Tournament
H. August 2014 - No meeting
I. September 20, 2014 - Shoot out Canby Rod & Gun Club
J. October 9, 2014 - Johnson Air Presentation@ Johnson Air
K. November 13, 2014 - York Presentation at York, Tigard
L. December 11, 2014 - Xmas party - Lennox

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