

# NEWS & VIEWS

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## Thursday, December 2nd ORACCA meeting is Cancelled! Happy Holidays Everyone!!



I am sure all of you are busy getting ready for the Holiday season. Perhaps somewhat differently than in the past but hopefully still looking forward to some semblance of friends and family gatherings. Being asked to stay home, rather than gathering socially at restaurants and bars puts a strain on many of us.. Especially the bar part, but that's just me.

In the interim, I urge everyone who can to give support and remember the brave folks who are still working on the front lines. Health care, Police and Fire, Sanitation, City workers, everyone in the supply chain and truckers.

And in that group are the trades people, like us, who keep our environment functioning. God bless them all

Keep Safe and stay strong until we meet again! And to everyone, have the best Holiday possible.

### BRAZING CERTIFICATION

The Board and Staff of ORACCA have been working hard to upgrade our braze test training. So far, we have revised the study booklet and are working to make our video training more accessible on our website, rather than using an outside source, as in the past.

**NEW TEST DATE:** We have scheduled a brazing test for **December 17, 2021**. Testing will run hourly, starting at **8:00am**. The test will be at **Mar-Hy Distributors, 3850 SE International Way, Milwaukie, OR 97222**.

**Here is a link for registration: <https://oracca.org/brazing-certification-testing-signup-form/>**

Be sure to get your registration forms in soon to ensure your techs have reserved spot.

We are hoping to have our video training available on the ORACCA website for this test.



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## What?

## December Meeting CANCELLED

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS to EVERYONE!!





## *Did You Know ...*

Membership with ORACCA is a benefit for all members of the company!

To help keep your team well-informed with important industry news, special member perks and discounts, as well as training workshops and webinars opportunities -- we encourage our member companies to make all of their employees aware of ORACCA updates.

There are many benefits of an ORACCA membership. **Here are the top several mentioned by existing members.**

**1. Networking with other contractors. This source of information is invaluable in handling problems within your own company. ORACCA members help fellow members to be successful**

**2. Training discounts. Brazing Certification, NATE Certification, Manuals J, D, S and T Certification, CFC certification. Special pricing for members more than offsets the cost of membership.**

**3. Medical insurance coverage. The ORACCA Health plan offers plans that could more than pay for your ORACCA membership.**

**4. Many of our educational monthly meetings qualify for either NATE CEU's and/or CCB CE's**

**5. Quarterly meetings with Oregon Code officials. Get your code enforcement questions answered here.**

Additional reason for membership are:

- Company membership applies to all employees of your firm
- Access to local experts from NW Natural, PGE, ETO and Local and State Building Code Division personnel for your technical and code questions.
- Monthly meetings with informative presentations that benefit both the Contractor and Supplier.
- Relevant technical training and educational classes.
- Monthly newsletters and email communications filled with industry information and updates.
- Reduced rates on materials, conferences, and training.



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 [dan@oracca.org](mailto:dan@oracca.org)



‘Tis the season of Christmas, and of all the bad luck, we’re all stuck here with Dan, who thinks this whole thing just sucks. While others keep busy with their holiday rush, he’s mumbling obscenities that would make the Grinch blush.

The crew is all happy, decorating the shop and the fax machines humming, the orders won’t stop. The financials look great, this year has been super, but none of that changes his holiday stupor.

So he sits in his office, alone, Christmas Eve and what happens next he just doesn’t believe. He heard a jingling outside, and the scraping of hooves. “OH NO!” he exclaimed as he climbed to the roof.



Sure enough, there he stood in all of his glory, It was Santa, just like you’d see him in a holiday story. He dismounted his sleigh and pulled Buck aside, he said, “Let’s go inside and talk before I continue my ride”.

So they climbed down through the hatch and descended the ladder, Santa said, “C’mon, Dan, tell me what’s the matter. We need to discuss



your holiday mood, I’m starting to think you’re one bitter old dude!”

“Bitter?” Dan said, “Now that’s kind of funny. Compared to last year my disposition is sunny! “Seriously,” he added, “I wouldn’t lie to you, the year we’ve just had is too good to be true.”

“Great, “ Santa said “If it’s true that’s fantastic! But it’s hard to tell if you’re just being sarcastic. The holidays come just one time each year, would it kill you to show just a hint of good cheer?”

As he stood up to leave, Santa said with a smile, “I want you to sit here and think for a while. Consider all the things for which you should be grateful, and find a way to express them without being mordant and hateful.”



Santa went back upstairs, and they both said goodbye. “Merry Christmas, friend Dan!” he said, already on the fly. Dan returned to his desk, once again all alone, and sat down to create this brief Christmas poem.

To all of our ORACCA members, prospective, old and new, thanks for joining us! We’re all indebted to you! We wish you good times, prosperity, and cheer, success in the future, and big profits in the upcoming year!





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## TRAINING/ TESTING

On-Demand Training /Testing. This means the tests are scheduled with both your availability and that of the the Proctor in mind. Once you feel comfortable to take the test, a date and place are set up through the ORACCA office. Call 360-824-3805 for information.  
These on demand trainng/testing sessions include the following:

**EPA 608 CFC Training/Test - Now Available!**

**NATE Training/Test Core, Gas Heat and Heat Pump**

**Brazing Certification Test,**

**December 17, 2021** at MarHy Distributors. Tests start at 8:00 and continue hourly til done. Get your registration now to ensure you will have a spot for the last test of the year.



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

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