

# NEWS & VIEWS

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## Thursday, February 2nd ORACCA meeting

**The February ORACCA meeting will be held at Mar-Hy Distributors, 3850 SE International Way, Milwaukie, Or. Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 11:30am. Lunch and door prize will be sponsored by Mar-Hy**

For those of you who live to far from Portland to attend in person , the meeting will be available to view on zoom. Paste this ink into your web browser and join the presentation remotely.

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Why you should attend ORACCA's February meeting will be because it is both a presentation on tools for A2L and a Tabletop mini trade show to allow you to view and handle the many offerings.



Tim Trantham with Pacific Product Sales will present on multiple products such as Python - New line set system from Gastite. Pert-AL-Pert with brass fitting system. Also, Smart Lock Fittings - Compression style fittings that offer a metal to metal seal for connections on copper line sets.

This is a big deal as refrigerants become flammable contractors are wanting to move away from "Hot" connections.

Tim will also include Panasonic - New ERV to meet OR and WA codes along with New Supco Trade-Fox Tools. Tools designed by contractors for contractors. Like the new vise wrench.



Damien Hendricks with Build Products NW will be talking about A2L tools from Yellow Jacket and some combustion meters



Nolan Bozarth will be talking about the NAVAC Power Tubing Bender and the A2L Compatible Vacuum Pumps.

Cascade Products has been in business since 1978. Nolan has been in the industry for 30 years in both wholesale distribution and as a manufacturers rep.

**M. BRADY & ASSOCIATES** Scott Snider with M. Brady & Associates and will present on three products, all from Diversitech. He will also review the line set cleanout tool.

In addition, Scott will cover one of their new condensate switches and the Mini-UV-Led for indoor ductless heads.

New A2L refrigerants intended to replace HFCs will require us to re-examine how we store, handle, and work with mildly flammable gasses. As more sophisticated systems are put into service, smart tools & diagnostics will be required to ensure that these systems operate as effectively and efficiently. Are you ready?

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### WHERE:

**Mar-Hy Distributors  
3850 SE International Way  
Milwaukie, Or. 97222**

### WHEN:

**Thursday,  
February 2, 2023  
at 11:30am.**

### WHAT:

**Table Top Tool Show  
and  
Presentation on Tools  
for A2L Refrigerants**

# Oregon State approved CCB CEU credits for Contractors Business licenses

ORACCA is a source for continuing education units. Many of our monthly meetings qualify for NATE CEUs and or CCB CE's. In addition, we are developing a library of on line on demand videos that also qualify for NATE CEU's. To help clarify the CEU issue, NATE requires that each person participate in ongoing training to maintain their certification. NATE requires 16 CEU hours every two years, in order to keep the certification active.

The Construction Contractors Board, which is responsible for issuing business licenses in the State of Oregon also requires continuing education. This program is for existing contractors who must complete continuing education every two years to renew their licenses. Unless exempt, all residential contractors need the following continuing education every two year license period: 3 hours of CCB laws, regulations and business practices classes, PLUS, 5 hours of other approved courses that relate to business practices or your trade. Following are some samples of our hybrid meetings schedule from past months programs. This video library will qualify for the needed CE's

**THE CHANGES IN EFFICIENCY HVAC**

ORACCA Meeting, October 6th, 2022

Anyone who is selling HVAC equipment in North America should attend this meeting, as all unitary equipment ratings will change effective January 1, 2023

  
Jim Wheeler  
Ruud - Distric Sales Manager

**THE CHANGES IN EFFICIENCY HVAC EQUIPMENT**  
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ORACCA's October meeting will be a presentation by Jim Wheeler (Ruud District Sales Manager), who will discuss how these changes came about, and how they may impact certain federal / local incentives going forward.

There is a huge change in how air conditioning efficiency is rated after January 1, 2023, which will increase the prices consumers will pay for minimum efficiency air conditioner and heat pump replacements.

**Panel Discussion on Best Business Practices for HVAC Companies**

ORACCA Meeting, September 27th, 2022

Why do ORACCA members and other HVAC companies need this discussion?

Most small business owners of HVAC companies do not have a deep or accurate understanding of business fundamentals, especially overhead.

  
Travis Smith  
Sky Heating

  
Loren Watts  
Watts Heating

  
Moderated By  
John Karasaki, PGE

ORACCA's September meeting was a presentation on **Best Practices for HVAC companies**, presented by ORACCA Contractor members who have been there.

**Why do ORACCA members and other HVAC companies need this discussion?** Most small business owners of HVAC companies do not have a deep or accurate understanding of business fundamentals, especially overhead.

John Karasaki, PGE moderated the presentation using a target audience: \$1-3 million revenue companies that want to grow or at least have something truly profitable to sell for retirement, or for their next generation.

**A2L & Low GPW Refrigerants**

ORACCA Meeting, May 5, 2022

**Changes in Refrigerants and Efficiencies are on the Horizon Nationally.**

**How will that impact us?**



  
Len Crawford  
Reg. Sales Mgr.



## Say Farewell to R-410A Refrigerants??

Are you prepared for the transition to different refrigerants being used in new production units entering the US market? This is a presentation by Len Crawford, who will briefly overview Daikin's new Atmosphaera R-32 ductless product and then have generic discussion of A2L and low GWP refrigerants for the upcoming federal requirements.

The HVAC industry is changing refrigerants in new products once again. Say goodbye to R-410A and hello to R-32 and R-454B. What are these new refrigerants? Professional HVAC tradespeople need to stay on top of the new and innovative technology as it enters our respective markets.

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These on demand trainng/testing sessions include the following:

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

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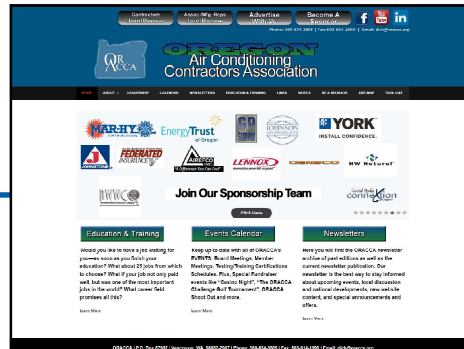
Brazing Certification Test,

**March 17, 2023** at MarHy Distributing Facility. Tests start at 8:00 and continue hourly til done. Get your registration now to ensure you will have a spot.

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

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