



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 12th 2006

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President's Message

Recently I spent two very rewarding days in Ontario, California; now why would anyone of sound mind leave San Diego and drive 1 1/2 hours to spend two days in Ontario? Because I had the opportunity to join up with the latest "Installer Certification" training program sponsored by the Tile roof Institute (TRI).

The TRI (www.tilerroofing.org) is the non-profit organization that has standardized the installation of tile roofs throughout the nation. In fact, their latest installation manual is now pending it's own ICC approval and will be available for contractors within a few weeks. In conjunction with the publication of the new manual, the TRI has now developed an Installer Training Certification Program. The first class was held last April in Arizona. The training received great reviews by the participants. John Pack of Seguro Contracting in Houston, Texas, was quoted in the TRI's press release saying; "The program helps contractors understand the theory and dynamics of properly installing tile roofs. Installers will stop relying on old adages and 'that's the way I've always been told to do it', and begin to rely on the construction details provided by TRI. Also our own SDRCA board member Gary Martin was quoted in the same release; "I've been a tile roofing contractor for 30 years, and have learned my trade primarily through trial and error, ...had this training been available back when I started, I could have saved 20 years of mistakes."

I probably shouldn't admit the fact that I personally went to the training to receive the latest installation updates and the Installer Certificate but assumed the class would be dry, repetitive and remedial, However, I found the training far exceeded all my expectations. I instead found the training to be well organized, informative; fast paced but also having a great environment for open discussions on questions. The presenters for this course were all well prepared and very informative, which were lead by Rick Olsen and Jerry Vandewater, both members of TRI's Technical Committee (yes, the guys who wrote the book).

The TRI have plans to continue with this training program through out the country and have scheduled a future class in San Diego this August (further information of this class will found on the SDRCA's website in the future). If you, as a contractor, do anything with tile roofs, this Installer Certification Program is a must for your company. Don't be left behind using old roofing practices, take the time to learn how to do it right.

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Law Signed Mandating WC Insurance for Roofers

Calif. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law a bill that will make workers' compensation coverage mandatory for all roofing contractors -- even those that claim they have no employees.

The California Roofing Contractors Association supported the measure, Assembly Bill 881 by William Emmerson, R-Rancho Cucamonga, saying that it closes a loophole that allows fly-by-night companies to unfairly compete against legitimate businesses that take care of their employees.

Even though the roofing industry had to lobby for two years to win passage, Roofing Contractors Association Executive Director Ward Connerly said he is not surprised that the measure is finally becoming law.

"I think the wisdom of it should be readily apparent," Connerly said. "It is not many industries that would come forward and ask for more government regulation, and secondly admit that there is fraud within their industry. This in my view bespeaks to a pretty enlightened industry that says 'Look, we have a problem' and goes about solving that problem."

Schwarzenegger made no comment in announcing his signature on the measure.

New Member

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NRCA Affiliate Relations Committee

The Executive Director of the San Diego Roofing Contractors Association will be attending the Mid-year meetings in Chicago, Illinois on July 13th and 14th. Part of these meetings will include discussions on what other associations are currently providing to its membership. The SDRCA will also a report on what it does for the industry. There will be a report in the August Newsletter on the findings of these meetings.

Newsletter Expansion

Thank you to all who have sent in the member surveys. Some members expressed interest in a more detailed newsletter. For the time being, the expanded version will be available electronically. If there are any members that wish to submit an article, please send your electronic article to ed@sdrc.com. Any suppliers or manufacturers that have any upcoming training, industry news, etc... is encouraged to submit. Please include any pictures.

July Workshop on California Building Standards

California Energy Commission staff will conduct workshops for presentation of potential revisions to *Building Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential and Nonresidential Buildings* (Standards) (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 6) and to obtain public suggestions and comment for the 2008 Standards on Wednesday, July 12 and Thursday, July 13, 2006 at 1516 Ninth Street, first floor, hearing room A, Sacramento, CA 95814.

If you have questions or need additional information, feel free to call me at Ram Verma (916) 654-8435.

IRS announces tax deduction for energy-efficient commercial buildings

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) released an advance copy of a notice about tax deductions available for commercial building owners or lessees who install energy-efficient property. Taxpayers with buildings that have 50 percent energy savings can deduct up to \$1.80 per square foot.

To learn more about the energy efficient deduction, visit <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-06-52.pdf>.

Thank you to the NRCA for their E-News alert on this subject.

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A moment with Lyle Orth (Cool Roof Systems)

Our member interview for July



Grew up in: Grand Junction Colorado until 12 years old, then Torrance California.

First job was: At age 10, working for a large hog farm in Colorado. Helping take care of 400 head taught me to handle hard work and a demanding boss.

Became a roofing contractor: After completing 4 years in the Marines, I started working as a laborer, then moved to insulation contracting which introduced me to Foam Roofing & Insulation. After learning how to spray foam I started my own company 6 months later and have been roofing for about 20 years now. I am currently serving as Chairman of the Accreditation Committee with the Sprayed Polyurethane Foam Alliance which provides training for Roofing and Insulation Contractors, Specifiers, and Applicators.

Most unusual roofing project: Foaming a de-commissioned nuclear building closed. 60,000 square feet with a 6 man crew completed in 9 days. (9 long and hard days).

Challenging aspects of a roofing contractor: The compliance with the ever-growing number of governmental regulations. Being committed to providing excellent customer service, high quality workmanship and a great working environment for our employees used to be the hallmark of a great contractor. Today, many great contractors are being overwhelmed when trying to comply with today's and future regulations.

Hobbies: Fly Fishing and Street Rods.

Future of the roofing industry: The Future: Our industry is going to see ever increasing demands for more energy efficient answers for roofing and waterproofing. One recent study indicated that if an additional 15% of conditioned building were to receive a "Cool Roof", it would have the same environmental impact as removing 3,000,000 cars from the freeways in Southern California. Everyone needs to acknowledge that we have a finite amount of resources on this planet and we need to be heavily involved in developing viable solutions to protect our planet for future generations.

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Member News

David Del Brocco has been named commercial vice president of Hanson Roof Tile

Polyglass has introduced its improved bilingual Adeso technology flyer

CertainTeed Coporation has a new full-line residential insulation product catalog

Emilio and Caeli Figueroa of Gaslamp Insurance announce the arrival of Jonah Figueroa born on June 4th, 2006



Barry Hager presents at the June 21st luncheon.

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San Diego Roofing Contractors' Association

Wednesday, July 12th, 2006

The Butcher Shop Steakhouse
5255 Kearny Villa Road
San Diego, CA 92123
858-565-2272

July Quarterly Dinner Meeting
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Social
6:30 PM – Dinner & Program

Immigrant Worker Laws and Guidelines

US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) a division of the Department of Homeland Security will give a presentation.

Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Jennifer Silliman will help us understand what we must do to comply? Also, how do you know if someone is here legally to work?

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The SDRCA will also feature a \$100.00 bill as a raffle prize. Must be present to win!

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SDRCA Dinner Meeting Reservation

Due by Thursday, July 6th, 2006



Company: _____

Attendee: _____

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