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Upcoming Meetings

Central Wisconsin Chapter

Wednesday, November 16

Social 6 p.m., dinner/meeting 6:30 p.m.

Palms Supper Club Steak House
5912 Bus. Hwy 51, Schofield

Speaker: Scott Tatro, building inspector.

Chippewa Valley Chapter

Wednesday, November 9

Dinner 6 p.m., meeting 6:30 p.m.

Jade Garden Restaurant
3620 Gateway Dr., Eau Claire

Speaker: Jason Veith of View Electric, on main entrance panel wiring, grounding, and Gastite grounding procedures.

Fox Valley Chapter

Tuesday, November 15 - New Location

Roundtable 6 p.m., dinner 6:45 p.m.,
speaker 7:15 p.m.

Beefeaters British Grille & Ale House
2331 E. Evergreen Dr., Appleton

Speaker: Toni Widowski on mobile homes.

Madison Chapter

Note: No meeting in November or December

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Rex's Inkeeper

301 N. Century Ave., Waunakee

Topic: Radon and radon testing.

Milwaukee Chapter

Tuesday, November 8

Social 6 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.

Klemmer's Banquet Center

104th & Oklahoma Ave., West Allis

Speaker: Affiliate member Ben Sibley of Rozga Plumbing & Heating, on boiler systems.

From the President

Fall Seminar Coming Soon: Be There!



Another busy summer season has come and gone. Hopefully you all have had a profitable year so far.

As we turn to late fall and winter, I would like to remind you all that the WAHI fall seminar is almost upon us. This year it will be held in Neenah at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk.

The seminar starts Friday morning with the Peer Review. If you have never done a peer review, I do encourage you to do so. It will only help you to be a better inspector.

There are no grades, there is no pressure -- it is simply a way for you to find out how you are doing as a home inspector. Here's how it works: you inspect the house, then present your findings to a panel of experienced inspectors that went through the house earlier. Many inspectors find that they missed issues that they would have liked to have caught -- but will never miss again.

Not only is the process fun, but you learn a lot, both about inspecting and about yourself. This is a great way to keep learning and hopefully keep yourself out of trouble over time.

Friday afternoon, we will have a four hour training session, with a presentation on inspecting in accordance with the Wisconsin State Standards of Practice. This is a hands-on look at what we must be inspecting and what we must be reporting to our clients to meet state standards.

Also on Friday afternoon, we will have a WAHI Board meeting which is open for any member to attend. If you would like to see first-hand what your board members are doing for you, come join us for that meeting we have many new subjects on the agenda

On Friday evening we will again have the vendors cocktail party, a great time to meet our vendors, shop their products, have some great appetizers, and maybe even collect a door prize. This will be followed by a hospitality party, where we will have a slide show of the major defects found at the peer review house.

President

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Come join us and swap war stories with your fellow inspectors. You never know who you will meet or what you may learn. I have found over the years that this is where I meet great people and learn many interesting stories about inspecting. I have made lasting contacts at these sessions and sometimes I walk away with more information from my fellow-inspectors than what was presented at the classroom.

On Saturday we'll have another full day of continuing education credits, beginning with a continental breakfast. Our morning sessions will be an overview of paint problems, followed by a session on Radon testing and miti-

gation. In the afternoon we will finish the day with a presentation on electrical inspections.

Not only is this a great way to get your required continuing education credits, but you can also meet your fellow inspectors from around the state.

I hope to see all of you at the seminar, and if you have questions or concerns about the direction WAHI is going, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. I'll always take the time to listen and act on any concerns you have.

Mike Von Gunten

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Please learn from my mistake.

I hurt my elbow during the past few weeks and it had some inflammation in it. One day, it just blew up and looked ridiculously big. Once it started turning red, I decided to go to the doctor. Doctor said I had an infection and prescribed some antibiotics.

Everything was going fine for a few days when my stomach started giving me some severe pains. It reached a point where it hurt to talk. Ended up going to the emergency room and was admitted to the hospital overnight to find out that antibiotics can not only kill the infection you have in your body, but can also kill the good bacteria in your stomach. From what I have learned, I guess this is pretty common.

So if you ever have to take antibiotics for anything, please ask your doctor to also prescribe the medicine that promotes the good bacteria in your stomach (florastor is one brand - other brands can be bought over the counter). This several-thousand-dollar hospital bill that will be coming out of my HSA account may have been avoided had I known to get this stomach nutrient.

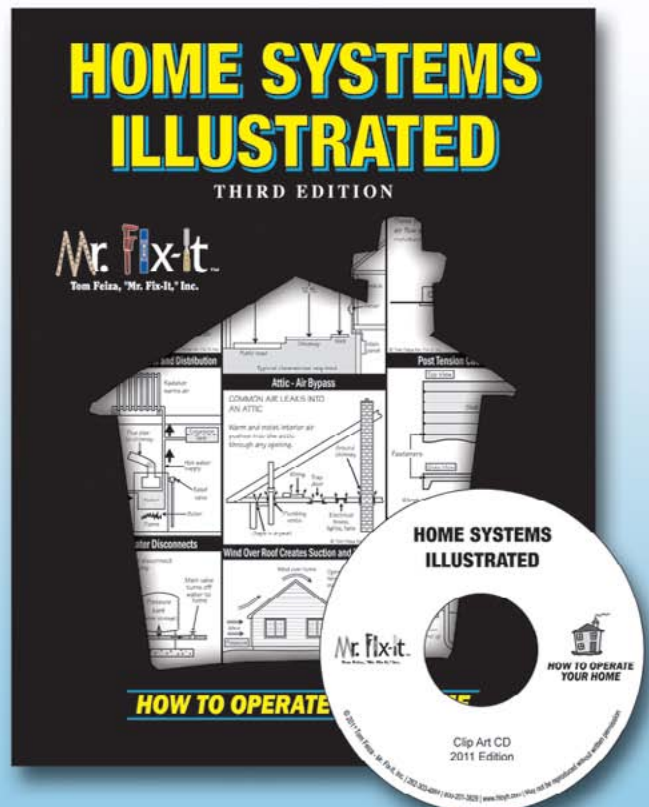
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Chapter Meeting Highlights



Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 16th. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at Palms Supper Club Steak House, 5912 Bus. Hwy 51 in Schofield. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost to attend a monthly chapter meeting is \$25 with dinner or \$10 without the meal. Contact Rich Duerkop with any questions at 715-241-8222 or e-mail americansentry1@charter.net. Our speaker will be Scott Tatro, the building inspector for the villages of Weston and Kronenwetter.



Our speaker was Jack Rabedeaux from Gulfeagle Supply, out of the Eau Claire area. Jack talked about the different types of metal-style roofing material that is now available. He distributed to each member some brochures illustrating residential and commercial applications for his products. He discussed the proper installation methods of the metal roof and the importance of proper ventilation. Jack also shared cost comparisons from the variety of steel roofing material his company offers, and their warranties. We followed up with discussion from some on-site inspection photos that were brought by our members.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 9th at Jade Garden Restaurant, 3620 Gateway Dr., Eau Claire. The dinner begins at 6 p.m., meeting at 6:30 p.m., usually followed by a Q&A period. The cost of the meeting is \$20, which includes a buffet supper (tip extra). Our speaker will be Jason Veith, owner of Veith Electric in Eau Claire. Jason has spoken to us before, and brings many years of experience in the electrical contracting business. He will be talking about various main entrance panel wiring and grounding issues, and bringing us up-to-date regarding the Gastite grounding procedures. We encourage our members to bring along any unusual electrical on-site photos, so that our speaker may be able to assist us in documenting our findings.



October speaker was WAHI Affiliate member Doug Newhouse from Sure-Dry Basement Systems.

Note Special Location: The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 15th at Beefeaters British Grille & Ale House, 2331 E. Evergreen Dr., Appleton. Cocktails and roundtable discussion start at 6 p.m., 6:45 dinner, 7:15 speaker, meeting to follow. Our speaker will be Toni Widowski on mobile home issues.

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Speakers were Paul Burnside and Mike from Professional Equipment from Janesville. They gave a presentation on "Top 10 questions from home inspectors." They covered 10. flashlights, 9. datalogers, 8. radon testing, 7. proper PPE for mold, 6. borescopes, 5. Infrared thermometers, 4. C/O monitors, 3. gas detectors, 2. moisture meters, 1. IR cameras. It was a very informative presentation.

We will not meet in November or December. Our next meeting will be January 19, 2012. Our speaker will address radon and radon testing. Note: In 2012, the chapter will meet in January, February, May, June, September and October.



Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 8th at Klemmer's Banquet Center, 104th & Oklahoma Ave. in West Allis. Social at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25, which includes dinner and the continuing education. Our speaker will be Ben Sibley of WAHI affiliate Rozga Plumbing and Heating Corporation, with a presentation on boiler systems. Note: The chapter will not meet in December 2011.

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Newsletter Delivery Change

The WAHI Inspector will arrive from a new e-mail address – wahinews@wahigroup.com – starting with the December 2011 issue. Please be sure to add this e-mail address to your contact list/address book. By doing so, your email account (yahoo, gmail, msn, etc.) will not filter the monthly newsletter as spam.

We plan to use this system for other WAHI announcements as well. The December WAHI *Inspector* will go out the week of December 5th. If you do not receive the issue, contact Julie Arnstein at juliewahi@wi.rr.com.

Fall 2011 Training Seminar

It's not too late to register for the seminar coming up on Friday, November 4th and Saturday, November 5th. See pages 12-13 of this newsletter! This fall we will hold our event at the Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk in Neenah, WI. Our Education Committee has finalized the Saturday speaker line-up, as well as our Friday

Education House. Hope you plan to join us for the Friday evening cocktail party in our vendor room and WAHI hospitality suite.

Important Education House Details

All registrants for the Education House (Inspection Review and/or Training) should report directly to the property at 738 Commercial St. in Neenah. Morning participants are to report by 7:30 a.m. for registration and a prompt 8 a.m. start. Afternoon participants are to report by 12:30 for registration and a prompt 1 p.m. start.

Questions should be directed to Education House Chair Mike von Gunten at (262) 945-2446 or mike@wahigroup.com.

Board of Directors Meeting

The next WAHI Board of Directors meeting will be held in conjunction with the WAHI Fall 2011 Training Seminar, on Friday, November 4th from 3-6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Neenah

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Riverwalk. All WAHI members are welcome to attend. Contact Julie Arnstein immediately if you are interested. She can be reached at juliewahi@wi.rr.com or (877) 399-WAHI.

Ride Along Program

In October of 2010, the Milwaukee chapter discussed starting a Ride Along Program, intended to assist new members as they embark on their business. Experienced members would allow a less-experienced member to accompany them on a home inspection. The idea was presented to the Board of Directors at the November board meeting and the program was approved. WAHI members interested in sharing their knowledge and experience with a fellow member are asked to contact Julie Arnstein. Julie will add their name to a list given to a member looking for guidance of this type. Contact Julie at (414) 299-9766 or (877) 399-WAHI or juliewahi@wi.rr.com.

2011 Membership Roster

The updated 2011 WAHI Membership Roster has been posted on www.wahigroup.com. You will find it in the drop down menu of the Members tab on the home page.

Office Max Discount

President Mike von Gunten investigated an Office Max corporate discount and they have agreed to extend the offer to all members of WAHI. Purchases can be made online at www.OfficeMaxSolutions.com. The user name is wahi and the password is member1. In-store purchases require use of a WAHI Retail Connect Card. Print yours from page 11 in this newsletter. Office Max will laminate it for you on your first visit. See pages 9-10 of this newsletter for further information and happy shopping, happy savings. Way to go Mike!

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Member News

Share your Member News – joys, recognitions achieved, temporary setbacks (be they illness or injury), etc. Privacy should be recognized, and information provided must be okayed by the person involved. Send submissions to Julie at juliewahi@wi.rr.com. Deadline for inclusion is the 20th of the month before the newsletter (ie. March 20th for the April issue).

WAHI Legal Support (WLS)

Attorneys Roy Wagner and Gregory Kotsonis of von Briesen and Roper offer risk-free initial counseling to members with legal concerns. If further legal assistance is requested, the cost of the initial consultation will be included in the bill. Call (414) 276-1122. Note: The WLS program is completely independent of the WAHI Arbitration System.

Chapter Secretaries

Chapter Secretaries are reminded to include upcoming speaker and topic information when submitting monthly meeting minutes to Julie Arnstein. The information will be included in the newsletter and will also be posted on our Web site at www.wahigroup.com.

Chapter Presidents

Please give your WAHI Board Member-at-Large an opportunity to share information from recent Board meetings. They are the liaison between your chapter and the WAHI Board.

Communication

All member-to-member or member-to-association disputes must go through the Membership Committee. A member going public with a member or association dispute will be grounds for disciplinary action. The Membership Committee will implement this policy. Members are to contact new Membership Committee Chair Rob Fischer at (414) 476-6879 or inspectbyinsight@yahoo.com.

WAHI Arbitration Program

All members are encouraged to make every effort to resolve homeowner/inspector disputes without outside help. When that is not successful, know that the WAHI Dispute Resolution Program is there for you. The process begins when the complainant (homeowner) contacts Resolute Systems, the program administrator, via mail at 1550 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee 53202, e-mail at info@ResoluteSystems.com or their Web site at www.resolutesystems.com.

For more information contact Arbitration Committee Chair Tom Feiza at (262) 303-4884 or tom@misterfix-it.com.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline of the 20th of each month for submissions to the newsletter will be strictly enforced, with the occasional exception when a chapter meeting falls after that date. Chapter secretaries should provide the minutes as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Add a Photo to the WAHI Web Site & Link to Your Site

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Fall 2011 Training Seminar - 15 Credits

Friday November 4 and Saturday November 5, 2011

Friday November 4th (up to 7 credits)

Saturday November 5th (8 credits)

Education House

7:30 am Registration
 8:00 am **Inspection Review Begins**
 12:00 pm Inspection Review Concludes
Break for Lunch (on own)
 1:00 pm **Training Rotation Begins**
 5:00 pm Education Rotation Concludes
 Distribution of CEU Certificates
 (See event details and registration form on the back of this sheet)

7 - 9 pm Vendor Room Cocktail Party
 Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk

Classroom Training

7 - 8 am Registration and Breakfast
 8:00 am **Paint Problems**
Mark Kowald & Steve Olsen, Lindsay Hallman Paint
 9:45 am Break and Visit the Vendors
 10:15 am **Radon Testing and Mitigation Standards**
Nancy Schatzman, American Radon Testing
 12:00 pm Lunch and Visit the Vendors
 1:00 pm **Electrical Inspections - Part 1**
Steve Preins, Quality Education Group, Inc.
 2:45 pm Break and Visit the Vendors
 3:15 pm **Electrical Inspections - Part 2**
Steve Preins, Quality Education Group, Inc.
 5:00 pm Distribution of CEU Certificates

Friday November 4th, 7-9 pm Cocktail Party in the Vendor Room!
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This seminar is approved for up to 15 continuing education credits with the State of WI,
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To reserve a room, call 1-800-725-6348. A block of rooms is being held for Friday November 4 and Saturday November 5 at a rate of \$89.00 per night. Be sure to mention the WAHI block when reserving your room.
Room block expires on Friday Oct. 14th

-----Please Submit **Saturday** Registration Form-----

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 Questions? (877) 399-WAHI

- I plan to attend the Education House on Friday Nov 4th. (Complete form on other side)
- I plan to attend the Friday Night Cocktail Party, 7 - 9 pm in the Vendor Room
- I plan to bring a guest on Friday night

Education House - Inspection Review and Training

Friday November 4, 2011

This on-site inspection event is comprised of 2 parts – an inspection educational *review* in the morning, followed by inspection *training* in the afternoon. WAHI has obtained the use of a home in the Neenah area for this program.

Inspection Review

This peer review event is an opportunity for you to evaluate and refine your inspection skills with the aid of a panel of your peers, rather than a person with a black robe and a big “hammer” (i.e. gavel). Results will be kept strictly confidential.

Participants will have two hours to complete their inspection (electrical panels will already be removed, ladders in place, cover off the furnace, etc. to aid in the time limit) The first group will inspect from 8:00 am until 10:00 am, the second group from 10:05 am until 12:05 pm. Upon completion participants will immediately present their findings and their completed report to the panel as if to a client - the panel of judges have inspected the house and identified defects. Participants will be required to bring 2 additional inspection reports (recently completed) for review by the panel to see if they are meeting state standards. There will be “must find, must report” items (previously identified by the review panel) that the panel will be looking for. The panel will be focusing on the identification of major defects, not issues such as windows or doors sticking. During the inspection process communication between participants will not be allowed as this event is intended to help participants evaluate their personal skill level. The morning session will be worth 3 continuing education credits and is limited to the first 10 registrants.

Inspection Training

The afternoon session will be inspection training at the same property. Experienced experts will be posted throughout the house in numerous locations to provide approximately 45 minute presentations on how to inspect various components, focusing on the WI Standards of Practice. Participants will then rotate to the next area/presenter. The training will take place from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and will be worth 4 continuing education credits. The afternoon portion will be limited to the first 40 registrants.

WAHI Member cost to attend this event is as follows, non-members add \$30.00:

Inspection Review (morning) **or** Inspection Training (afternoon) - \$50.00

Review **and** Training (all day) - \$75.00

All participants must preregister as space is limited – no on-site registrations.

All participants will be notified by a member of the Education House Committee with the specific location.

Lunch break from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm for all day participants - on own.

For further information contact Mike von Gunten at (262) 945-2446 or mike@lahigroup.com

-----Please Submit **Friday** Registration Form-----

Name and Company Name _____

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- I plan to attend the Inspection Review Only (Morning) - \$50.00
- I plan to attend the Inspection Training Only (Afternoon) - \$50.00
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