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Upcoming Meetings

Central Wisconsin Chapter

Wednesday, July 16

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

Palms Supper Club Steak House

5912 Bus. Hwy 51, Schofield

Speaker: Kent Schwanke, President of WAHI.

Chippewa Valley Chapter

Wednesday, August 6

Dinner 5:30 p.m., meeting 6 p.m.

Jade Garden Restaurant

3620 Gateway Dr., Eau Claire

Speaker: See website for details.

Fox Valley Chapter

Tuesday, July 15

Special Meeting: On-site training at new construction homes in Harrison. Meet at the Stone Toad, 1109 S. Oneida Street in Menasha, at 6 p.m.

Madison Chapter

Thursday, September 18

Roundtable 6 p.m., dinner/meeting 6:30 p.m., speaker 7 p.m.

New Location:

Rocky Rococo's

1753 Thierer Rd., Madison

Speaker: See website for details.

Milwaukee Chapter

Tuesday, July 8

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

Klemmer's Banquet Center

10401 W. Oklahoma Ave., West Allis

Speaker: Affiliate member Mike Shadid, of Mike Shadid Foundation Consulting, on "back to basics."

From the President:

A More Professional WAHI



Hope you all had a great and safe 4th of July. Happy Birthday America! I was busy with friends in northeastern Minnesota, on a very quaint lake where the residents shoot off fireworks all around the lake. I am in charge of bringing the fireworks, and also shooting them off. (I'm actually writing this article before we go "up Nort, you know hey", so hopefully I had fun, and still have all my fingers. I know I'll be broke after buying the fireworks!

As many of you know, WAHI's Board of Directors met recently in Mauston. The theme of the meeting was 'A Look In the Mirror' for WAHI. The goal was to examine what the BOD can do to better serve our members. The meeting was also a review of what our jobs are as individual board members, and how we can bring more professionalism to the association.

This theme of 'A Look In the Mirror' is going to be a part of all future Board of Directors meetings. Our primary goals are to provide better education, improve the effectiveness of our organization, and improve WAHI membership as well as our involvement as board members with each chapter. Additional goals are to review our expenses, review the methodology and content of our seminars, and improve the tools we can provide to help WAHI members with education and professionalism. We are a very good association, but we would like to be a great association. Your board members need your feedback to help us with these tasks. To better know in what direction we need to head, we need you to speak up, be involved, attend meetings more often, and, yes, volunteer to help!

We are currently looking at a membership drive, adding not just home inspector members, but really working on adding more affiliate members.

Affiliate members – service providers who are experts in their fields – are important to WAHI for many reasons. Affiliate members provide education at chapter meetings and our Spring and Fall Seminars. Affiliate members are also essential connections for WAHI members as trusted referrals who truly understand what home inspectors do and how we do it, as well as what we can see, and what we can't. Affiliate

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members are also available for inspector questions, which is important when you're standing in a house with a client, staring at something you've never seen before. This happens to all of us, even inspectors with thousands of completed inspections, and having a WAHI affiliate to call can make a big difference.

We have also set up new protocols for chapter meetings, giving better direction to the chapter boards so they can bring more to your chapter.

These protocols are simple tools that help you as a member be more in touch with what is going on in your association.

Again, please talk with your chapter board representative at chapter meetings. They are there to help you. Let them know what your WAHI Board can do to help.

Your President,
Kent Schwanke

Chapter Meeting Highlights



Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 16th 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 Kent Schwanke, President of WAHI, who will be giving a presentation.



In June, our speaker was Greg Weiss from Certified Inc. Greg presented information on boilers and furnaces. Bill Pabich also gave a presentation on radon testing and mitigation. Following their presentation we had a photo session from members and a discussion. Our July presentation addressed exterior stone veneer siding and modular panels.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 6th at Jade Garden Restaurant, 3620 Gateway Dr., Eau Claire. The buffet supper starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by our meeting at 6 p.m. The cost of supper and meeting is \$20 (tip extra). See website for speaker details.

The chapter normally meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Due to production dates, members may not receive a newsletter issue until very close to our meeting date, or even after. To avoid missing a meeting, please mark your calendar in advance.

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In June we toured the Spancrete plant in Valders and witnessed the manufacture of precast concrete planks, panels and structural members. Their products are used in residential and commercial construction. To learn more about Spancrete go to www.spancrete.com. Following Spancrete we toured the Valders Stone plant and quarry and saw the mining and processing of architectural limestone components. The Type III limestone quarried in Valders is manufactured into architectural and dimensional cut stone and is the highest quality limestone in the world. Their products are also used in residential and commercial construction. To learn more about Valders Stone go to www.valdersstone.com.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 15th and include an “on-site training” at a couple of new construction homes in Harrison. We will meet at the Stone Toad, 1109 S. Oneida Street in Menasha, at 6 p.m.



Our June 19th meeting was a discussion of the changes and the Standards of Practice led by Dennis Kruger and Casey New. We had a very recent copy of an inspection done by a State licensed inspector. There were numerous items that had no connection to the Standards. We "dissected" the report to see if it met the Standards - using no names of course. This inspection report was a prime example of how not to do an inspection. By the way, the inspector was not a WAHI member. The report was done as a pre-sale inspection and was included on the MLS listing.

Changes are coming to the Madison Chapter! We are moving our meetings to a new location starting Sept 18th - Rocky Rococo's, just off the interstate at 1753 Thierer Rd, Madison. We will have use of a private room with audio-visual equipment.

Our October 16th meeting will be a tour of the Forest Products Lab on the UW campus. The private tour will be from 3-5 p.m. Afterwards there will be a short business meeting and dinner at the Great Dane, just a few blocks away. More details to come. Any WAHI member or guest is invited.



Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 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 affiliate member Mike Shadid, of Mike Shadid Foundation Consulting. Mike will provide a presentation entitled “Back to Basics.” He will demonstrate what he initially looks for upon entering a basement, telltale signs, and common clues. In addition, he will give commentary on how he goes about measuring walls and how he makes his decisions regarding the condition of a foundation. He plans to also talk more about the need (or no need) for drain tile testing, both interior and exterior. We will also have a brief presentation by Bob Nielsen, the owner of RV Accurate Inspection. Bob will address RV inspections.

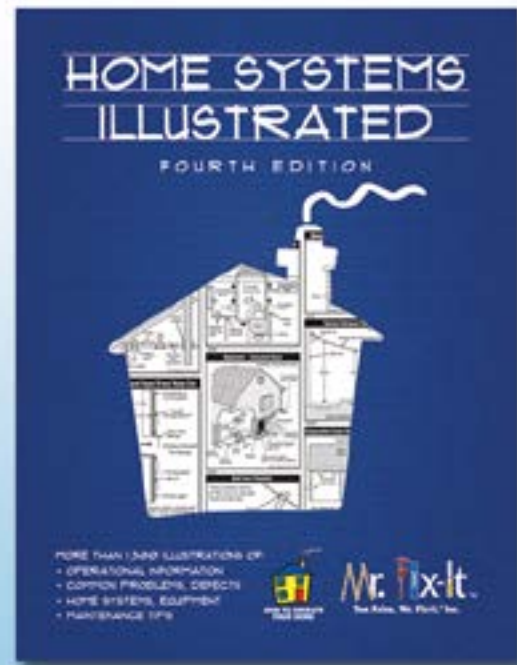
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How do I sign up for Facebook Account?

To create an account, go to www.facebook.com. Enter your name, birthday, gender and email address. Then create a password. After you

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How do I find the WAHI page?

After you have created your Facebook page, type Wisconsin Association of Home Inspectors in the search box. Request to be "liked." You will get a response when WAHI accepts the request. The WAHI Facebook page is a closed group – only WAHI members can view and participate on the page.

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Where is the masonry chimney?

Let me describe the house. Two story, 15 years old, full masonry brick chimney in center of roof with a metal chase cover (no poured concrete crown). Prefabricated fireplace vents up chimney. Homeowner complains of chimney leaking. Had new flashing installed three years ago.

Once inside, I wanted to get into the attic to see how the chimney was constructed. The attic showed no masonry at all, but you could see the prefabricated fireplace piping going 10' straight up and metal lintels right at the roof line, with wood studs angled into the metal lintels. In other words, the masonry chimney was being held up by angled wood studs. I would guess that the builder had all this approved when the house was built, because I have seen this once before!

I recommended that the homeowner tear the masonry chimney out and turn it into a wood chased chimney with aluminum siding on it that matches the house.



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Membership Renewal

By now you should have received (and submitted!) your 2014-2015 membership renewal. Membership renewal was to be paid by July 1st to avoid a \$25 late fee. Members who have not renewed by August 1st will be removed from the database and website and be asked to cease the use of the WAHI name, emblem, and any insignia on any marketing materials and/or websites.

2014-2015 WAHI Membership Roster

A new, printable membership roster will be completed by September 1st, based on the renewals received by August 1st. Make sure to submit any updates to Julie at juliewahi@gmail.com so your contact info is current in the new roster and on the website.

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Please update your email address book for Julie Arnstein. Her current address is juliewahi@gmail.com.

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Member News

Share your news, joys, recognitions, temporary setbacks (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 is the 20th of the month before the newsletter (ie. March 20th for the April issue).

Updating Your Contact Info

Please visit www.wahigroup.com and find your listing under the members tab on the home page. If you have recently moved or if your information is not correct/complete, please contact Julie at juliewahi@gmail.com, 877-399-WAHI or fax at 262-785-6765. Updates are listed every month in the WAHI Inspector.

Special Spaces

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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.

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. Contact Committee co-chairs Doug Hoerth (920-375-0723 or finallookinspectionsservices@yahoo.com) or Glenn Schmidt (920-923-0440 or gschmidt1@att.net).

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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.

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