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Upcoming Meetings

Central Wisconsin Chapter

Wednesday, June 18

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

Palms Supper Club Steak House

5912 Bus. Hwy 51, Schofield

Speaker: Craig Czerwinski, City of Wausau electrical inspector, on electrical changes.

Chippewa Valley Chapter

Wednesday, June 4

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

Jade Garden Restaurant

3620 Gateway Dr., Eau Claire

Speaker: Greg Wiess of Certified Inc. on air conditioning systems, boilers, flues, and furnaces. Bill Pabich on radon.

Fox Valley Chapter

Tuesday, June 17

Special Meeting: Tour of Spancrete plant in Valders at 1 p.m., then tour of Valders Stone & Marble and dinner and business meeting at Mr. Lucky's. See p. 2 for details & addresses.

Madison Chapter

Thursday, June 19

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

Rex's Inkeeper

301 N. Century Ave., Waunakee

Speaker: See website for details

Milwaukee Chapter

Tuesday, June 10

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 Cassidy Kuchenbecker of Environmental Initiatives LLC, with part 2 of "Detection of Moisture Behind Brick and Stone Facades."

From the President:

WAHI Prez Visits Chapters



Finally, it is spring! At least I think it is. Three days in a row of over 70 degrees for the first time this year. Next the weather will be 90 and raining. I am always the positive thinker!

I have been doing my best to visit all five chapters to experience, in person, how each is doing. I want to hear members' thoughts and opinions about what each chapter needs or wants, as well as let you know my own

thoughts and goals for your association.

Unfortunately, timing has not been my strong suit! I missed the first Chippewa Valley meeting by a week (even after going online to check the meeting date), and was late for the last Milwaukee meeting due to a long inspection (but made it, for a short time). Then I found out that Madison is not meeting for awhile. Someone want to get me a calendar?

I do not have a smart phone for scheduling. In fact, I have a flip phone. Apparently, I now have the nickname of "Flip," per our State VP Doug Hoerth. I did manage to make it to all chapters but Madison. I've visited Madison within the last eight months, so I am feeling somewhat in tune.

While visiting, I have met some really awesome members, experienced a large amount of positive input, and learned many new ideas on how to run chapter meetings. Witnessing what is useful in each chapter, and what may work to incorporate into each chapter education, was also a very valuable lesson. I plan to continue to visit each chapter at a minimum of three times throughout my presidency and get as much member input as possible to work towards what members want and need from the Board of Directors and your association.

We have a board meeting in June, so feel free to contact your chapter representative to let us know what we can do to help you become a better inspector. Have a suggestion for a meeting or seminar? We'd like to hear it. Your ideas and feedback make us a better organization.

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend. To all of you who have served our great country, thank you all from the bottom of our red, white, and blue hearts. You are the best.

Your President,
Kent Schwanke

Chapter Meeting Highlights



Having received advance notice from numerous members that they were unable to attend the May meeting, we were forced to cancel it. This is the first time in the past 15 years this has happened. Central Chapter President Rich Duerkop knew the speaker very well and he understood and appreciated the chapter making the decision. Hopefully this is a one-time incident.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 18th 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 Craig Czerwinski, the City of Wausau electrical inspector. Craig says there are some electrical changes coming. Please make every effort to attend.



Our May meeting speaker was Neal Anderson from Anderson Electric. Neal gave a presentation on main panels. He showed numerous different types of panels, cross breaker types, grounding and bonding. Following Neal's presentation, we had a photo session from members and discussion.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 4th 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). Our speaker will be Greg Wiess from Certified Inc. in Altoona. Greg will present information on air conditioning systems, boilers, flues, and furnaces. We encourage members to bring photos to present. Also, Bill Pabich will be present for some information on radon.

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.



Our May educators were State and Fox Valley officers President Kent Schwanke and VP Doug Hoerth. They provided photo examples of various inspection issues and discussed how they might be reported. Kent discussed a handout he provided titled "How to Avoid Inspection Problems and Complaints." Doug showed cross-connection examples and how to identify an "approved" hose-mounted shower head and kitchen faucet hose sprayer. You should find A112.18.1 on the device which indicates it contains a backflow preventer.

Special Field Trip Meeting in June

Our Tuesday, June 17 education session will include a field trip to Valders, WI. At 1 p.m. we will tour the Spancrete plant (2331 Spancrete Rd.) and then Valders Stone & Marble (318 Washington St.). We'll follow with a dinner and business meeting at Mr. Lucky's (151 Tyler St.). If you have them, bring a hard hat and safety glasses, and wear safety shoes. Further details will be furnished by e-mail.

Note: The Realtors Association of Northeast Wisconsin (RANW) MLS Services has a promo that allows Supra Display Key holders to upgrade to the new eKey at no cost. The promo runs through August 15th. Those interested should contact Angela Schilling at aschilling@ranw.org.

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We had a last minute cancellation for our May speaker. However, affiliate member Tracey Schultz from Enviromental Inititives filled in. She was very energetic and kept the members involved and informed. Tracey talked about “chemically-sensitive buyers” and radon testing. She brought a unique prosective on how to identify and deal with buyers who may be sensitive to issues in the home and/or may have some other issues. We were able to relate from past dealings with these types of buyers. Tracey answered our questions and we gained very useful information. A very big thank you to her for filling in at the last minute.

Madison Chapter Treasurer Roger Howard has resigned. He is retiring and plans to travel the world. Dan Kruger will be taking over the treasurer duties. We are looking for a member to serve as secretary too. Please contact Denny Kruger if you are interested.

The chapter meets six times per year on the 3rd Thursday in January, February, May, June, September and October. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 19th at Rex’s Inkeeper, 301 N. Century Ave., Waunakee. Roundtable begins at 6 p.m., dinner/meeting at 6:30 p.m. and speaker at 7 p.m. Anyone with a good speaker for the meeting please contact Ron Miller or Dennis Kruger.

Looking ahead, we are working on an early-fall tour of Forest Products Laboratory. This tour has always been very informative. It will be an afternoon start with dinner and a short business meeting to follow. Other chapter members are welcome to attend. Watch for more details in a future issue.



Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 10th 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 Cassidy Kuchenbecker of Environmental Initiatives LLC, who will provide part 2 of the presentation "Detection of Moisture Behind Brick and Stone Facades." Pictures depicting evidence of underlying damage will be presented, along with explanations. Evidence can be collected both on the interior and exterior with or without use of moisture meters. Colored handouts of the pictures may be available.

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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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Fireplace draft properly?

I was at a home that a couple had recently purchased. When they went to use the fireplace (a couple months ago) they got smoke back into the home. When I was there, I noticed that they had a corner fireplace with one and a half sides open. The flue was meant for only a 30" by 30" fireplace opening. Theirs was much bigger. They also took a set of old glass doors off the fireplace, which were there when they bought it. I told them that the glass doors were probably there to reduce the fireplace opening and stop fireplace from spilling smoke.

The homeowner then grumbled about the home inspector for not noticing the flue was not big enough. I mentioned that, honestly, there are certain chimney guys who wouldn't know that this is the problem.

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For information contact Arbitration Committee Chair Dave Strandberg at 608-255-3966 or dstrand8@tds.net.

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Mystery Photo

By Doug Hoerth

Special Spaces

Andrew Risch, longtime Milwaukee Chapter member and architectural designer for Embassy Homes, is involved with a valuable program. Special Spaces is a non-profit organization that creates dream bedrooms for children with life threatening illnesses. The

program is seeking volunteers. For information, contact Andrew at 262-241-8510, x111 or Andrew@emabassyhomes.com, or visit www.specialspacesmilwaukee.org.

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.

Dear Mystery Photo,
I saw this at an inspection this month and wonder if this is an approved installation for furnace filters.

Doug Hoerth answers: NO!



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 gcschmidt1@att.net).

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