



The WAHI Inspector

From the President: **SEEKING RADON FEEDBACK**



Welcome to Summer 2015! The weather seems to be quite different depending on where you live, work or drive in our lovely state. Since my company has inspectors covering the Fox Valley, Milwaukee, Central and Madison areas, every day can offer a different challenge weather-wise. During my recent travels I experienced showers, a thunderstorm with predictions of hail, and beautiful sunshine, followed by muggy, 80+ degree temps. Ah, thank you Wisconsin!

How are you enjoying the new 70 mph speed limits? Traffic goes from a motocross speedway to a standstill. This, of course, is dependent on the “5th season” in Wisconsin, the construction season! The sheriff in Fond du Lac has informed the public that their department will now issue tickets to drivers going 71 mph, however, I have been passed in that area while doing 78 mph. When the speed limit was 65 mph, 73 was considered normal... go figure.

Enough about weather and traffic! I want to get some opinions from Home Inspector and Affiliate members who offer radon testing and/or radon mitigation. In the Fox Valley area we have had a dramatic increase in the past year of radon mitigation companies offering radon testing at no cost.

To all Affiliate members who perform radon mitigation, please do not take offense with me broaching this subject. As a business owner, I understand the need for any company to keep up with their competition - home inspectors do the same. However, many home inspectors feel it's important to keep a separation between an independent (**unbiased**) company performing radon testing and a test performed by a company also offering mitigation. Add to that, the loss of income to home inspectors who offer testing as an add-on service, as well as other companies strictly offering radon testing.

There has been mention of, and minor legislative attempts, to create licensing of both radon testing and mitigation requirements. Therein lies my 2 questions and want for discussion/feedback.

Question #1: Should there be a separation between companies who offer radon testing and those that perform radon mitigation?

Question #2: Would you like WAHI to explore credentialing or licensing of radon testing and radon mitigation companies in Wisconsin?

Please express your opinion to (877) 399-WAHI or julie@wahigroup.com. Please keep your response to a **YES** or **NO** answer for each question.

Respectfully submitted,
Kent Schwanke

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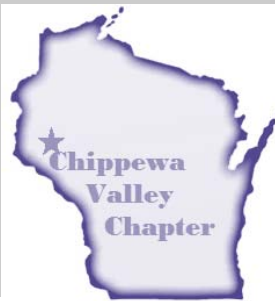


NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 15

Social at 6:00 p.m. & Dinner/Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Palms Supper Club Steak House, 5912 Business Hwy 51, Schofield

Speaker: Scott Tatro, Village of Weston Electrical and Building Inspector



NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 1

Buffet Dinner at 5:30 p.m. & Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Jade Garden Restaurant, 3620 Gateway Dr., Eau Claire

Speaker: Jesse Green, Water Source of Eau Claire

Jesse is a designer and installer of geo thermal heating and cooling systems.

He will be giving a presentation on geo thermal systems, installation and provide trouble shooting information.

Our June speaker was Affiliate member, Cassidy Kuchenbecker of Environmental Initiatives. Casey, who is always so informative, gave a presentation on water damage and mold.



NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 21

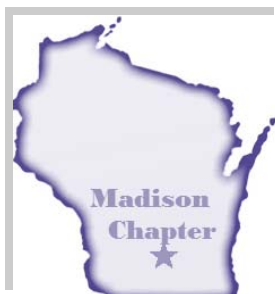
Onsite Home Meeting: To be determined & Meeting/Dinner to follow

Stone Toad, 1109 S. Oneida St., Menasha

Speaker: Paul Birschbach, Fox Valley's Chapter Education Chair

Our July meeting will be onsite at an under-construction home. Paul is also a Home and UDC Inspector and will cover current construction techniques and standards - both observed and described. Paul will announce our start time and location- stay tuned!

**The Madison Chapter meets only the following months: January, February, May, June, September and October.*



NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 17*

Roundtable at 6:00 p.m. & Meeting/Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Rocky Rococo's Pizza, 1753 Thierer Rd., Madison

Speaker: To be determined

*Next meeting is in September - Enjoy your summer!



NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 14

Social at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Klemmer's Banquet Center 10401 W. Oklahoma Ave., West Allis

Speaker: Bob Larson, Greater Milwaukee Association of Realtors

Bob will address the relationship and interactions between home inspectors and realtors in the real estate transaction process.

MADISON CHAPTER ELECTION RESULTS OMISSION



In our announcement last month of the 2015-2017 Madison State of Officers, we omitted a listing of one position.

David Strandberg, longtime Madison member and current Legislative Committee Chair, will serve another 2-year term on the Board of Directors as the Madison Chapter-Elected Member at Large.

Thank you, David, for your past, present and hopefully future service to WAHI!

What's New

We encourage members to keep in contact and make sure their information is current!

We want other members and potential clients to be able to contact you. Also, we send interesting, timely emails that you may miss out on if your contact information is out of date.

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Kent's Chapter Meeting Challenge – Now through November 30, 2015!

I am hoping you have not forgotten the challenge I presented to all WAHI members in my May 2015 President's Article. Just in case it has slipped your minds already...I will give a \$50 gas card to the WAHI member who visits the most chapter meetings outside of their own chapter from the dates of May 1, 2015 - November 30, 2015. The only condition - you MUST have a minimum of three other chapter visits (it can be the same chapter). There are over 30 chapter meetings between now and November 30th.

I encourage you to visit other chapter meetings. What do you have to lose? Nothing! What do you have to gain? A LOT! At a minimum, you will meet new members and who knows what they may offer to help you become a better inspector.

Over the course of my 17+ year membership in WAHI, I have visited Fox Valley (my chapter) over 90 times, Milwaukee over 45 times, Madison over 10 times, Central at least 8 times and Chippewa Valley 4 times. I have learned new ideas, different points of view and gained new perspectives. These chapter experiences have been invaluable to my business decisions - ranging from report writing to business/company policies. It's amazing how different each chapter looks at various issues.

I ask you, I encourage you, I challenge you to do this. I suspect less than 5% of the membership has attended another chapter meeting. For that matter, I bet it is less than that who has attended multiple outside chapter meetings. Challenge yourself, experience other points of view, become better for the effort... and possibly win the \$50.00 gas card!

Stay in touch with WAHI's Facebook page.

Our WAHI Facebook page gives you the perfect opportunity to make chapter announcements, post minutes, post meeting changes or just see what your fellow members have been up to.



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Your renewal must be submitted by July 1st to avoid a \$25.00 late fee.

Contact Julie Arnstein with any questions – 877.399.WAHI or julie@wahigroup.com.

The May board meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday July 28, 2015 from 12 to 3 in Mauston.

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However, some mass emails get rejected by email accounts because they believe them to be spam. In order to ensure you receive WAHI emails in your inbox, and they don't return as undeliverable or filter to your junk/spam folders, **the WAHI Website Committee is asking all members to please add wahinews@wahigroup.com to their email address book or contact list.**

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Get your calendars out and "save the dates" of our **2015 Fall training event** held at The Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

The event dates are set for the weekend of November 6 and 7, 2015.

We will again offer our education house and classroom training.

More details to follow.



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4. You should now be on the "My Profile" page. **Select "EDIT PROFILE"** in the gray rectangular box.
5. After making your changes/updates, **select "SAVE"** in the gray rectangular box at the bottom of the page.

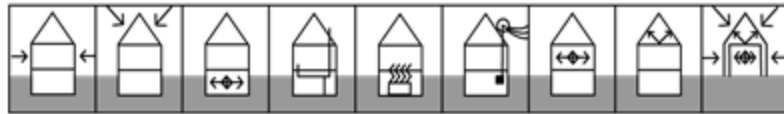


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You are reminded to include upcoming speakers and topic information when you submit monthly meeting minutes to Julie Arnstein at Julie@wahigroup.com

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Please let Julie know if any of your frequently purchased items are not included in the program.

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WAHI Ride Along

The WAHI Board of Directors has decided to discontinue the Ride Along Program, effective immediately. This was, and remains, a valuable learning opportunity for new inspectors.

However, concern has been raised regarding liability issues that come into play with a WAHI program of this nature. Members who wish to offer this to a fellow member on a personal level may certainly do so but it would not be WAHI sanctioned. Our thanks to all of the WAHI members who have offered their time and experience to a new member!



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For more information, please contact Arbitration Committee Chair, **Mark Thomas**
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WAHI Legal Support



Attorney Roy Wagner of von Briesen and Roper continues to 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.

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