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Vollmer Seminar ISKA Members

Continued Growth through Innovation and Communication

May 7th through May 9th, 2009

VOLLMER Headquarters
105 Broadway Ave
Carnegie, PA 15106

Member Appreciation Seminar
NO CHARGE

Please Fax Sign Up Sheet ASAP
John Mabee @ 419-589-2522

SPACE IS LIMITED

Deadline for Sign up: April 6th

Seminar Includes:

- Sharpening HSS Saws
- Sharpening Carbide Tip Saws
- Machine Demonstrations
& Applications
- PCD Tools
- Grinding Wheels
- and Much More

MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Radisson Hotel
Pittsburgh Green Tree
101 Radisson Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15205
1-800-333-3333

Room Rate: \$99 + Tax
Deadline: April 15th
GROUP: ISKA

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BOARD BRIEF

The winter meeting was called to order in Cancun, Mexico on February 27, 2009 at 9:10 AM. Directors present included:

President/Convention: Larry D'Antonio
Bull Sharpening Services

Vice president: Mike Lindsay
Eastside Saw & Sales

Secretary: Steve Bergerson
Western Saw

Treasurer/ Past president: John Mabee
Quality Saw & Tool

Education: Fred Oleson
Oleson Saw Technologies

Membership/Newsletter: Cheryl Rinicella
Saw Systems

Roster: Monica Garris
Farris Belt & Saw

Also attending: Julie Lindsay, Grace Mabee, Jeanne Bergerson, Natalie Brillhart (past President) Jim Fletcher JD Fletcher Enterprises, and Bill and Joe Zickel of WD Quinn Saw Company.

New Secretary Steve Bergerson read his report from the Atlanta August 2008 meeting which was approved.

Treasurer John Mabee reported:

Balance forward	\$77,599.24
Income	30,815.76
Expenditures	(30,991.31)
1/31/09 Ending balance	77,414.64
Approved as corrected.	

Convention updates were discussed by Larry D'Antonio as follows: Vollmer seminar rooms have been reserved at the Radisson, Las Vegas rooms at New York, New York with a reception and booth at the AWFS

show. An annual meeting will be held before this reception on Friday evening. ALL members urged to attend.

Fred Oleson presented plans which were finalized for the upcoming WEST COAST hammering seminar at Western Saw for the dates of Oct. 15-17th.



Cheryl Rinicella reported since the membership renewals were not completed there is not a current count of members. ISKA welcomes new Associate member Onsrud Cutters.

Monica Garris reported mailing all of the renewal information with a follow up email to all the members. 58 forms were returned as of the meeting date. If you have not mailed your change form or ad, please take a minute and do so now. We do not want to delay your roster book.

NEW Business :

Possible sites and topics for future seminars were discussed. All suggestions should be forwarded to Fred Oleson.

The five year plan was discussed and will be printed in the next issue. The by-laws and future elections were discussed after which the meeting was adjourned.

Fred Oleson organized a group dinner including the families which was a lot of fun.

NEW LOCATION FOR THE SAW HAMMERING SEMINAR

Western Saw, Inc. will be the site of the next ISKA hammering seminar. So, everyone regardless of location can learn the basics, practice developing skills or network with the experienced smiths.

Participants will become familiar with the diagnostic process and learn the corrections necessary to ensure the proper "running" of the saw blade.

When: October 15-17th, 2009

Where: Western Saw is a family owned business started in Los Angeles in 1930.

10 years ago they moved to a new 70,000 square foot facility in Oxnard, Ca.

The plant is located about 45 minutes north of Los Angeles just off US 101 in Oxnard.

They are about 10 minutes from the beach in Ventura, and close to the Channel Islands National Park.

Add nearby golf courses and lots of shopping for this unique west coast experience.

AWFS FAIR

ASSOCIATION OF
WOODWORKING & FURNISHINGS
SUPPLIERS

July 15 – 18, 2009
Las Vegas Convention Center
Las Vegas, Nevada

www.awfsfair.org

In July 2009, participants from across the country and around the world will gather to preview leading-edge woodworking products, machinery, and supplies and to take advantage of the finest conference in the industry. A full scale international event that's as exciting as it is cost effective; AWFS VEGAS is the woodworking industry's essential resource in a changing economy. Use it to strengthen your competitive position, uncover new opportunities, and build your business.

ISKA will host their very popular reception as well as their booth (# 1727) staffed with Las Vegas show girls (sorry, had to cancel the show girls because of the economic downturn.) The annual meeting will be held Friday, July 17, 2009 immediately followed by the reception. Locations will be published in the next newsletter.

IN MEMORIUM: Harry Van Hagens



Harry Van Hagens was born October 24, 1942 and passed away December 11, 2008 in San Jose, California. He died unexpectedly, due to a fatal heart attack, while en route to a business appointment

Harry was employed by Colonial Saw as a division manager at their Ontario, California branch. His technical engineering career in the tooling and sharpening industry spanned 40 years, the last 24 with Colonial. Customers, dealers, and technicians counted on Harry's knowledge, attention to detail, and incredible ability to meet deadlines.

Our condolences to all the friends, family, and business colleagues as we mourn the loss of such a well loved and respected member of our industry.

Eye Safety: Not just for work anymore!

Eye injuries at work are common. 70,000 workers injure their eyes annually. 90 percent of these are preventable. OSHA reports that nearly three out of five workers injured were not wearing eye protection at the time of their accident. What do I do as an employer or supervisor?

ANSI standards for eye protection are:

- 1) Unprotected workers will not knowingly be subjected to environmental hazards.
- 2) Protective eyewear is required where injury may occur.
- 3) Employers must provide eyewear suitable to task.
- 4) Employees are required to wear eye protection provided.

A written eye safety program should be implemented in the workplace. I know. Who has the time? ISKA is helping facilitate your safety meeting. Copy the enclosed training handout and sit down with your employees and assign some one to write your plan as you discuss your shop specific areas of concern.

- 1) Determine potential of injury for task.
- 2) Decide the best protection (glasses, goggles, shields)
- 3) Identify the visual needs of the job (dark lenses)
- 4) Post rules re: when & where protection is needed.
- 5) Provide readily available supplies.
- 6) Instruct employees on appropriate treatment in case of accident.

Eye protection is not just for work anymore!
Take home those safety glasses to use:

- 1) Using cleaners and / or solvents
- 2) Cooking with grease or oil
- 3) Working with hammers, drills, or other tools
- 4) Mowing the lawn
- 5) Working on your car

**Remember.....
BE CAREFUL OUT THERE !!!**

The Prez Sez...

As I sit here and write this update ISKA is looking at a very busy year. We have the Vollmer seminar in May in Pennsylvania which is already filling up so if you plan on going, you had better get in your reservation. We have the AWFS show in July, where we will have a booth at the show, a board meeting and a reception, we have some rooms available at New York New York if you need one. Then in October we have our first west coast hammering seminar at Western saw in Oxnard, Ca. So as you can see we have a busy year, I hope to see as many members that can, attend these events.

Larry D'Antonio, President

