

**JOINT APPRENTICESHIP
TRAINING CENTER**

Due to the projected work load, the Local #88 Sheet Metal Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, has decided to bring in a partial 1st year class of apprentices in January 2007. The Apprenticeship accepts applicants the first Tuesday of each month. The last day to apply and be eligible for the January class is November 8, 2006. The applicant must provide a copy of the following (no exceptions):

- 1) Birth Certificate
- 2) High School Diploma or G.E.D.
- 3) High School Transcripts
- 4) Proof of previous experience (if applicable)
- 5) DD-214 (if applicable)
- 6) Valid driver's license

The applicants that have applied in September, October, or November will be scheduled to test on Friday - November 17, 2006. All applicants or pre-apprentices that have not applied are invited to attend a pre-math class on Wednesday - November 8, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. here at the Training Center. Once an applicant has passed the math and reading test, they will be scheduled for an interview, tentatively scheduled for the beginning of December. If the applicant is selected, they must pass a drug/alcohol test prior to beginning the program. If you or someone you know would like more information, please don't hesitate to stop by the Training Center or call our office at 632-3014.

Submitted by Dan Rose,
Training Coordinator

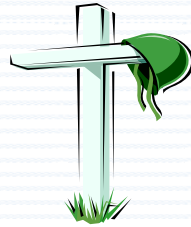
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
IN NOVEMBER TO:**



Paul Eliason
Ryan Mechanical

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday - Nov. 10, 2006
Veteran's Day Holiday
(Recognized Union Holiday)



Wed. - Nov. 15, 2006
Board of Directors Meeting
SMACNA Board Room



Thurs. & Friday
Nov. 23 & 24, 2006
Thanksgiving Holiday
(Recognized Union Holiday)



Thurs. - Dec. 7, 2006
SMACNA Membership Meeting & Holiday Get Together
4:00pm - 8:00pm
Big Dog's Tavern



SMACNA Duct Talk

Duct Talk is issued twelve times a year. If you have an idea for an article, please call the SMACNA of Southern Nevada office at (702) 384-1894. We want to hear from you! Deadline for submitting articles is the 25th of each month.

Executive Committee

- President - **Kim Gregory**
- Vice President - **Angelo Iannucci**
- Secretary/Treasurer - **Steve Kimmel**
- Executive Director - **Judy Nagle**
- Newsletter Editor - **Kelly Kealey**



DUCT TALK

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**MEMBERSHIP MEETING &
HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER!!**



**SMACNA CONTRACTORS &
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Bring your key employees and join us for a cocktail, a few hors d'oeuvres, and to wish your fellow contractors "Happy Holidays"!!!

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 7, 2006



4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
BIG DOGS TAVERN
6390 W. SAHARA AVENUE
(Sahara at Torrey Pines)

Please RSVP by fax to 384-2631, as soon as possible.

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OSHA'S HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM STANDARD NOVEMBER COMPLIANCE DATE



If your company conducts welding on stainless steel or chrome coated metals, you should be aware of a November compliance date for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standard on hexavalent chromium. The compliance date for the main provisions of the standard is November 27, 2006 for employers with 20 or more employees and May 30, 2007 for employers with 19 or fewer employees.

Over the past 12 months, SMACNA has developed and publicized compliance assistance information which is available on the safety page of the SMACNA Web site at www.smacna.org/safety. This information includes SMACNA's original comment letter to OSHA, a detailed summary of the final standard, a fact sheet of compliance requirements, air monitoring guidance, and an air monitor checklist.

Hexavalent chromium is found in the fumes generated by numerous welding activities. SMACNA members are encouraged to evaluate their welding processes and related activities, identify which process may generate excessive hexavalent chromium fumes, and implement a compliance plan. Initial air monitoring is likely needed and can be done in-house, by an insurance provider, or an outside consultant.

If you have any questions on this issue or did not receive SMACNA's 2006 Safety Bulletin on OSHA's Hexavalent Chromium Standard, please contact Kelly at the SMACNA office - 384-1894.

Compliance Timetable

November 27, 2006 - Employers with 20 or more employees must comply with the new PEL and all of the requirements, except engineering controls.

May 30, 2007, - Employers with 19 or fewer employees must comply with the new PEL and all of the requirements, except engineering controls.



SMACNA'S NEW PRESIDENT RICHARD J. CRAMER



Richard J. Cramer Sr., of Dee Cramer Inc., Holly, Mich., was elected by the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association (SMACNA) Board of Directors to serve as president. His term in office began Oct. 11 at the close of SMACNA's 63rd annual convention. "My family's ties with SMACNA go back a long way. I am excited, pleased and honored to be selected to serve as SMACNA's 61st president," Cramer said.

Named Contractor of the Year in 1997, Cramer's involvement in SMACNA spans close to thirty years and includes service on numerous committees. Currently, he is vice chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee and a member of the Investment Committee. He is also a member of the Best Practices Market Expansion Task Force, a member of the College of Fellows and a SMACNA representative on the Construction Users Roundtable (CURT).

A registered professional engineer, Cramer received his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Notre Dame and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan State University.

Cramer first entered the sheet metal industry in 1957 for a summer job and made it his career. His father, Dee Cramer founder of Dee Cramer Inc., served as SMACNA president from 1954 to 1955. Continuing in the family tradition, Cramer's two sons Richard II and Matthew are also in the business and serve on SMACNA committees.

NEW PROVIDER FOR SAFETY GLASSES PROGRAM



As of November 1, 2006, Gem Optical will be our new provider for SMACNA's Safety Glasses Program since Myer's Opticians will be going out of business. All procedures for completing the forms are the same as before.

The form requires the employees name, social security number, and a SMACNA code. Any employee who does not have the SMACNA code on their form will not receive service from Gem Optical. The form must be filled out in its entirety before employees can proceed to Gem Optical to receive their glasses. Please be sure to replace your old forms with the new one that has been sent out. Please inform your employees of the location for Gem Optical. They are located at 3300 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 20, Las Vegas, NV. (in the Renaissance III Shopping Center at E. Flamingo and Pecos). If you have any questions regarding eligibility, receiving forms, or obtaining a code, please contact Kelly at the SMACNA Office - 384 -1894.

SMACNA of Southern Nevada Prescription Safety Glasses Program

Present To: **GEM OPTICAL**
3300 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 20
Las Vegas, NV 89121
(702) 434-9919

Employee Name: _____

Employee S.S. #: _____ Date: _____

Contractor Name: _____

SMACNA Code: _____

Please accept this authorization for the above-named employee to purchase prescription safety glasses within the guidelines of the SMACNA contractors' plan.

THIS AUTHORIZATION IS VOID IF ANY LINES ARE LEFT BLANK

SMACNA of Southern Nevada
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ERRATA AVAILABLE FOR HVAC DUCT CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS



Errata for the third edition of the "HVAC Duct Construction Standards - Metal and Flexible," (ANSI/SMACNA 006-2006) has been issued. The corrections have been noted in shading for those cells in the tables affected. Please include this listing of corrections with your copy of the manual and reference it as needed.

The third edition of the "HVAC Duct Construction Standards - Metal and Flexible" is intended primarily for commercial and instructional duct construction and contains tables and details for constructing duct work for 1/2" to 10" wg positive and negative pressures.

New in this edition is an engineering and design chapter to provide additional information to design professionals, doublewall construction details, new casing construction details and additional accessory items.

Members may purchase the 390 page "HVAC Duct Construction Standards - Metal and Flexible," (third edition 2005), at the special member price of \$35. Architects and engineers may purchase the new publication at the discounted price of \$151. To order this publication or any other manuals, please contact Kelly at the SMACNA office - 384-1894.



SMACNA OF SOUTHERN NEVADA'S NEWEST MEMBER



SMACNA of Southern Nevada would like to welcome it's newest member, S3H Inc.

S3H Inc. is a privately owned "S" corporation specializing primarily in design assist HVAC and plumbing work. The company was incorporated in Nevada in 2005. S3H is located at 5425 S. Valley View Blvd. Las Vegas, NV. Although S3H is a new company, its talented employees have extensive experience in the HVAC and plumbing trades in Nevada and California. S3H was formed to create a successful business in order to serve select clientele, who appreciate high quality service provided by talented individuals in the construction industry.

Our core focus is design assist HVAC and plumbing services with core niche markets in hotels, casinos, condos, timeshares, office buildings, parking structures, as well as retail and commercial work.



SMACNA HARD HATS

Everyone in the construction industry knows that OSHA requires head protection based on the hazards present on the job site.

For many years, SMACNA of Southern Nevada has provided hard hats to it's members. You can order hard hats during our regular business hours by contacting Kelly at the SMACNA office. Each box ordered contains 12 hats. Once you have placed your order, our office contacts Al at Fasteners Inc. and authorizes you to pick up your hats. This is the only means we have of keeping track of how many hats are still available. It is imperative that you call the SMACNA office before going to Fasteners. Fasteners Inc is located at 4170 W. Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas, NV. They will no longer distribute hard hats to anyone unless the SAMCNA Office has been called. If you have any questions regarding hard hats or would like to place an order, please contact Kelly at the SMACNA office - 384-1894.



IAPMO, ICC END DISCUSSIONS ON PROPOSED JOINT CODES

The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) and the International Code Council (ICC) have ended their discussions of a possible joint venture to develop a single plumbing code and single mechanical code. A successful joint venture would have brought the Uniform Plumbing Code and Uniform Mechanical Code into the comprehensive, coordinated family of codes offered by both entities.

IAPMO subscribes to an ASI-style consensus process the involves participation of industry, governmental representatives and consumers, and reserves the decision on code content to a representative committee from various interest categories.

ICC uses a code development process that permits any interested party, including consumers and industry, to participate on committees, recommend code changes, testify, make motions, and vote. However, the process reserves the final decision on content for governmental members, who have no vested interest except public health and safety.

IAPMO and ICC began formal discussions in August of 2005, to explore the joint development of new plumbing and mechanical codes. But after several years of discussions, both parties were unable to agree on the Joint Venture.



PENSION PLAN REFORM SIGNED INTO LAW



On August 17, President Bush signed The Pension Protection Act, P.L. 109-280, which the Senate and House passed after years of debate just before the Congressional summer recess began. The law will affect all single and multiemployer defined benefit plans, including the National Pension Fund and local pension funds. Most of the new law's provisions will take effect in 2008.

Overall, the funding rules treat multiemployer plans much more favorably than single employer plans. The new law does tighten the funding rules for multiemployer plans with funding problems. For more information, SMACNA National has prepared a Legislative Bulletin on the pension law that has gone to SMACNA chapters and members. To view the bulletin, log on to the SMACNA National Web site at www.smacna.org/legislative/?fuseaction=pension.



SMACNA MANUALS

If you are interested in purchasing SMACNA Manuals, a list of titles are posted on our local web site at www.smacnalv.com. All titles listed on the site are available to buy at our office. We also have the Uniform Mechanical Codes and Uniform Plumbing as well as select manuals on CD-ROM. If you have any questions regarding manuals or are interested in a manual that is not listed, please contact Kelly at the SMACNA office - 384-1894.