

**MARCH 2013**

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**Next Meeting is  
Tuesday,  
March 26, 2013  
at 7:00 P.M.**

**Board of Directors  
Meeting  
5:00 - 5:50 PM**

**Associates Hour  
6:00 - 6:55 PM**

### **The Associate Hour**

#### **Topic & Speaker:**

Dan Foley

Foley Mechanical, Inc.,

TOPIC: Hydronics

#### **The Meeting's Topic & Speaker:**

Shawn Rafferty

Security Specialist

TOPIC: Doing business/inspect-  
ing homes in a culturally diverse  
market.

(see more info on page 5)

#### **Meeting Location:**

Northern Virginia

Resource Center

NVRC Offices

3951 Pender Drive

Suite 130

Fairfax, Virginia 22030

## **President's Notes:**



22" of snow here on Wednesday the 6th, 60° on Sunday the 10th. The creeks are risin' out here.

Another seminar or two done and gone. Joe Ferry had an amazing amount of information about liability and complaints/lawsuits against home inspectors. Most of them involve no negligence or mistakes by the inspector involved. Many of them cite issues clearly documented in the report. Very interesting!

Mike Menz of EMSL also loaded us up with useful information about moisture management and mold. He presented information on the history of asbestos mining and usage. It's properties lend itself to incorporation in an amazing range of products.

Saturday, Chuck Faigle explained the hazards of lead poisoning from renovations, children as young as one year old can be severely affected by almost invisible lead dust. We learned how to have the cleanest floors in the house, 1 square foot at a time.

Our Associate's Hour speaker will keep us in hot water, Dan Foley of Foley Mechanical. The meeting speaker, Shawn Rafferty, will be speaking about providing business services in the culturally diverse area that we live in.

I hope your phone is ringing. Spring has sprung.

Dave

El Presidente

## March Inspection Questions by Dave Rushton

- Which of the following concerns is NOT required to be reported when inspecting an old house:
  - Safety
  - Health
  - Expense
  - Grandfathered Considerations
- What potential concern is typically found with houses built before 1960:
  - Unstable foundations
  - Untreated wood in contact with masonry
  - Amateur modifications or repairs
  - Undersize framing members
- Antique roofing materials, those that may be over 50 years old, are always of suspect quality and a examination by a specialist should always be recommended:
  - True
  - False
- Openings in masonry walls will generally be structurally stable when supported by:
  - Circular arches
  - Elliptical arches
  - Wood lintels
  - Jack arches

## ANSWER'S TO LAST MONTH'S

### FEBRUARY answers (in bold/underlined)

- An accumulator is usually found on
  - A. An air conditioning unit**
  - B. On a gas hot air furnace
  - C. On a gas boiler
  - D. On a heat pump
- The proper size wire for use with a breaker rated for 30 amps is:
  - A. Either 14 AWG copper or 12 AWG aluminum
  - B. Either 8 AWG copper or 10 AWG aluminum
  - C. Either 12 AWG copper or 14 AWG aluminum
  - D. Either 10 AWG copper or 8 AWG**
- A/C units should have the disconnect
  - A. Directly behind the unit
  - B. At least 2' off the ground
  - C. Wiring sized per the NEC
  - D. Within sight of the unit**
- Swamp coolers are usually found
  - A. In wet climates
  - B. In dry climates**
  - C. In swamps
  - D. Only on roofs

## The NOVA ASHI Library

The library now contains the latest technical manuals from Carson Dunlop.  
See Bil Greg or Jim Kasterko for information or checking out or returning a reference material.  
Remember, books are not to be kept more than one month.

### TRAINING AND REFERENCE SOURCES FOR ALL ASHI MEMBERS

#### SMART TRACK - ONLINE LEARNING FOR THE INDIVIDUAL

Free to the ASHI membership, the Smart Track online education program covers the core subjects of ASHI's Standards of Practice: Roofing, Exterior, Heating, Electrical, Interior, Structure, Plumbing, Professional Practice, Cooling, Wood Heating and Insulation.

Successful completion will earn the individual 2 hours of ASHI continuing education for each module; limited to 10 CEs per year obtained from Smart Track.

Accepted by 14 States - All on-line Smart Track courses (except Professional Practice) have been granted approval or meet the requirements for continuing education in the following states:

Alaska, Arkansas, Connecticut, Indiana, Kansas, New Hampshire, Mississippi, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee and Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin

A certificate of completion is accessible in the Smart Track Program upon successful completion of the course. The individual is responsible to submit a copy of the certificate of completion to the state as evidence of completion.

Each module includes dynamic exercises and a comprehensive exam. Contact us at [hq@ashi.org](mailto:hq@ashi.org) or by phone at 847-759-2820 to get your login information. Click here to login. Following login, please click on ASHI Smart Track Program found on the right under My Courses, to enter program.

#### HELPFUL REFERENCE MATERIAL AND FORUMS:

There is an abundance of free, useful information on the internet. Here are some places to look for technical information, to ask questions of other home inspectors, although there is plenty of knowledge within the chapter:

InspectAPedia.com - Free Online Encyclopedia of Building and Environmental Inspection, Testing, Diagnosis, Repair, Causation, Loss Prevention: In depth expert building, building ...

The ASHI Forums – The ASHI discussion forum can be found at the ASHI website.

The Inspectors Journal - [www.inspectorsjournal.com/](http://www.inspectorsjournal.com/) The Inspector's Journal is an interactive webzine written by home inspectors for and about the home inspection industry.

Inspection News - [www.inspectionnews.net/](http://www.inspectionnews.net/). InspectionNews.net is the first, largest and still the BEST independent home inspection resource and message board.

#### GREAT REFERENCES TO HAVE HANDY

These references cost but are well worth the money:

CODE CHECK: The Code Check books or now Book as you can purchase all combined. They provide brief statements on common building practice issues, provide information and point you to the code.

THE USER FRIENDLY HOME is an encyclopedia on the home. This reference was developed here in the US, with contributions from some of our own chapter members. This can be a learning tool and reference for the home inspector and a great tool for the home owner. Some inspectors provide these books (CD's or thumb drives) to their clients.

THE HOME REFERENCE BOOK is also an encyclopedia on the home developed in Canada by Carson Dumlop.

# NOVA ASHI Spring 2013 Seminar



*Chuck Faigle*



*Dust Sampling*



*Joe Ferry*



*Mike Menz*

## March 26, 2013 Meeting

**Associate Hour**

**Topic & Speaker:**

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Topic: Hydronics

**Membership Meeting /  
Educational Session**

**Topic & Speaker:**

Topic: Dealing with other Cultures.

Shawn Rafferty, Security Specialist. 20 years of experience in military, law enforcement, and international security. Mr. Rafferty has worked and lived in the Middle East for over 7 years.

Traveled to many different countries, experienced and worked with many different cultures.

## Incentive to Get New Members for NOVA-ASHI

The Board has approved the following:  
If you bring a GUEST to our Chapter meeting and  
If that GUEST becomes a member,  
When you renew your dues for next year you will  
GET \$50 OFF\*

\*There is a limit of 2 guests per year per member (total \$100)  
and an 'Instructor' can't count students

This offer is only good in the US and its territories.  
The offer expires June 31, 2013 unless it does not.



## RADIO SHOW

Reggie Marston has his own radio show nationally syndicated. He went live January 1st, and will be on Sundays 7:00-8:00 PM on the IRN/USA network, [www.irnusanews.com](http://www.irnusanews.com).

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**Reggie Marston's radio show, The House P.I.**, featured Fernando Barrientos and Dave Rushton speaking about electrical concerns in older homes.

The show is available as a podcast courtesy of Reggie. Fortunately, the show is not available on video as we were all sitting in the studio in our underwear.

[http://02a73a0.netsolhost.com/images/Electshw\\_webcopy.mp3](http://02a73a0.netsolhost.com/images/Electshw_webcopy.mp3)

## PROPOSED NEW ASHI STANDARDS

### **Busy, Busy, Busy – We never have the time to Read the ASHI reporter**

ASHI's Standards of Practice Committee has issued proposed improvements to ASHI's Standard of Practice for Home Inspections. The Committee encourages all interested parties to submit comments and suggestions for other improvements to this Standard. Please email your comments and suggestions to [bruce@dreamhomeconsultants.com](mailto:bruce@dreamhomeconsultants.com).

Check out the proposed new ASHI Standards of Practice for Home Inspections  
Click on this link:

[www.homeinspector.org/email\\_documents/sop\\_change5.0.pdf](http://www.homeinspector.org/email_documents/sop_change5.0.pdf)

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

MAC ASH is having its Spring seminar this weekend 3/23/2013 at their usual spot

### **Steve Thomas**

Presenting

“Building code changes and requirements ”

Also

### **Matt Rudy, P.E. and Charlie Angelilli ,P.E.**

Presenting

“Commonly found faults in engineered wood beams and joists”

More information available at

MAC ASHI SEMINAR

[http://www.b-surehomeinspection.com/MAC\\_ASHI\\_Seminar.pdf](http://www.b-surehomeinspection.com/MAC_ASHI_Seminar.pdf)

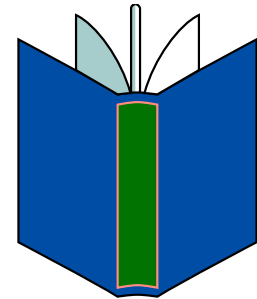


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# The NOVA ASHI Library



Our lending library is available for all of you as a benefit of chapter membership. Amongst other items, we have the ASHI @ Home series; a \$2000.00 set of reference and learning materials, at your disposal. We need to know who has what materials out. Please see Jim Kasterko, Bil Greg if you have library materials checked out or wish to check out materials.

Take your time off to hone those killer inspection skills!

