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**Next Meeting is
Tuesday,
November 22, 2011
at 7:00 P.M.**

**Associates Hours
Begins at 6:00 PM**

**The Associate Hour
Topic & Speaker:**

Topic: Electrical Systems and
the ASHI Standards of
Practice, presented by
Fernando Barrientos, ACI

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

Topic: "Bookkeeping for a
Home Inspection Business"
and "Record Keeping for the
IRS" presented by Tiffany Kao,
CPA, Count 'Em Beans, LLC
and Mike Glucksman, business
development for Jack & Monte,
LLC

Meeting Location:

Northern Virginia
Resource Center
NVRC Offices
3951 Pender Drive
Suite 130
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

President's Notes:



I am delighted to report that we had a great turn out for the PEER Review on Friday Oct. 28th. We not only had several Chapter members who went through the PEER Review process but also had a group of attentive listeners to the Educational Review conducted by Mike Stephens. The next day we had one of the 'best seminars' ever according to many of the attendees. Our seminar meeting place was the Fairfax Best Western and they did a good job of providing accommodations and food for the participants.

ASHI Inspection World is fast approaching and I hope many of you are planning to attend January 4-7 2012 in Phoenix Arizona. There is a superb line up of excellent conference course speakers as well as the important business ASHI needs to conduct for the membership.

Happy Thanksgiving to all ! As Dr. John Bouldin is fond of saying: 'It's a great day to be a Home Inspector'. Let's be thankful to be gainfully employed in an honorable profession that helps the community to have safer homes and saves lives in the process.

Pete

Jim Funkhouser's 5-Minute Seminar

Tinkerbell Hit's The Turf

by Jim Funkhouser

I ran into something interesting a month ago and thought I'd share this almost-useless bit of information.

What the heck is this ?



So, I'm walking around the exterior and I notice this strange pattern in the front lawn. It was a circle of lush, tall grass and mushrooms about 10 feet in diameter. The tall, greener grass in a line would suggest a water or drain pipe leak, right? But this was in a circle. Now, all of

you golfers out there don't spoil the surprise for the rest...zip your lips.

I spent an inordinate amount of time poking and probing and studying this...this...What Is This?! Well, as it normally turns out right after I blatantly display my ignorance to those around me, my customer says "Oh that? It's a Fairy Ring, Dummy". OK, he didn't say the WORD "Dummy"... but I could hear it nonetheless. Off To Google!

This phenomenon has been documented by Alabama A&M and Auburn University in a pamphlet cleverly titled "Fairy Rings". It turns out that these rings are a result of any one of 50 species of fungi growing from buried logs or lumber. This affects turf grass and can be just

lush grass, just mushrooms or a combination of the two. Rings can be anywhere from 3 feet to 20 feet in diameter. While these rings can kill the grass, the damage is just unsightly, not serious.

But Jim, How Do We Kill The Fairy Rings?! Glad you asked generic reader. You can tell your customer's to apply "PROSTAR 50W" at 6 ounces at a thousand square feet AND "HERITAGE 50W" at 0.4 ounces at a thousand square feet. This will suppress the fungi responsible.

Well, at least I can see to it that you all don't look as ill informed as I did.

Jim

ASHI School Corner

ASHI OCTOBER School questions by Fred Heppner:

1. The maximum number of disconnects to de-energize the entire building is:
 - a. 3
 - b. 4
 - c. 6
 - d. 8

2. The main bonding jumper should only be connected where?
 - a. sub-panels
 - b. A/C or heat pump disconnects
 - c. water heater timers
 - d. the main panel disconnect

3. Neutral or grounded conductor terminal bars in sub-panels should be:
 - a. bonded
 - b. nickel plated
 - c. floating
 - d. minimum 6" long

4. The maximum sill height for a window that serves as an emergency egress should be no more than
 - a. 36"
 - b. 44"
 - c. 28"
 - d. 52"

ANSWER'S TO LAST MONTH'S

ASHI SEPTEMBER School questions by Fred Heppner:

1. A bedroom egress window should open at least:
24"

2. A/C units should have the disconnect

D. Within sight of the unit

3. An accumulator is usually found on

D. On a heat pump

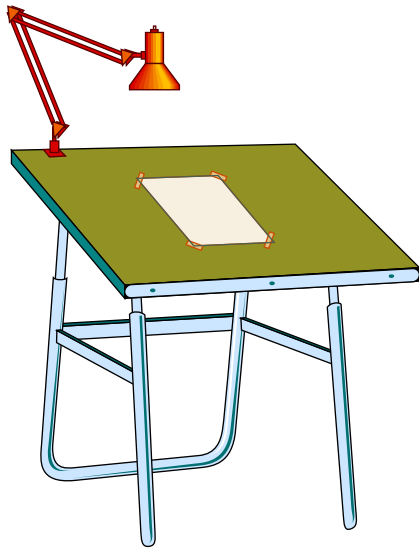
4. The clearance to combustibles around the front of a masonry fireplace should be at least:

A. 6 inches

FISBO

Announcing the start of a new area in the newsletter called FISBO.

This is where members in the chapter can advertise tools, books, office equipment, etc... for sale. Just provide a picture of the item, a brief de-



scription of what it is and its condition, your name and a contact number and/or



email address and submit it to:

JFUNKHOUSR@aol.com

Below are supplies for sale at a discounted price.

- 2 ITA Deluxe Matrix Binders
- 7 ITA Deluxe contracts
- 40 ITA Advantage contracts
- 60 ITA Deluxe General Notes pages

- 26 ITA Pre-Drywall Inspection contracts & reports
- 9 ITA Maintenance Check Up contracts & reports
- 20 Miscellaneous Extra Inspection pages
- 3 Dupont "Tyvek" Protective Suits
- 1 Radon Informational DVD
- 1 Radon Informational VCR tape

- 100 ASHI Post-Inspection Survey postcards
- 25 Electric (ASHI brochure)
- 40 Roofs (ASHI brochure)
- 40 Attics (ASHI brochure)
- 40 Wet Basements (ASHI bro.)
- 110 ASHI Inspection brochure (Spanish)
- 30 Marketing Postcards (from ITA)

- 554 Items

I can work out the details with anyone who is interested in one or more of these items.

Let me know if you have any questions. Many thanks!

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CCG MEETING

There will be a CCG Meeting in Phoenix:

It will be in the Flagstaff room. The CCG is scheduled to have the room from 9:00 -Noon on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. This will be in the same room as the CoR Meeting which will begin at 1:00 pm.

REMEMBER, and let EVERYONE know ALL ARE WELCOME:

“Basically the CCG is a group structured to brainstorm whatever subjects come to our attention. Some issues we are able to resolve and/or implement -- others are passed on to the Council Communications Committee (CCC) as issues we recommend to be addressed through proper ASHI entities.”

Its goal is to have the results of its efforts submitted to appropriate individual task forces, committees, and/or ASHI Staff personnel, to specifically analyze and develop recommendations for implementation.

The CCG a “group” -- all individual ideas and beliefs are all equally pertinent. As a “group”, it falls under no official guidelines or policies, have no mandated task or timelines -- it controls its own destiny and success. The CCG is able to adjust its priorities however/whenever it may choose.

What it brings new to the table, is a vehicle to collect concerns and wants from the very grass roots of our society. The CCG intends to represent all aspects of ASHI, and welcome input from all entities: Staff, Board, CoR, Committees, Task Forces, Group Leaders, and perhaps most importantly the General Membership.

Hopefully, such effort, openness, and function, will lend itself to making the CoR what it is meant to be. Identifying new ideas and desires, logical resolution direction to on going concerns; and assimilating such into meaningful structured information to be passed on for official analysis and presentation.

PLEASE, IF YOU'LL BE IN PHOENIX TUESDAY MORNING, COME TO THE CCG MEETING. (Considering the golf outing? - rather than paying the \$175 golf fee, why not pay yourself \$175 to attend the CCG meeting.)

FYI: Yet to be announced, the last hour of the meeting 11-12:00 will include presentation sessions on how to navigate within, and utilize Facebook and Twitter.

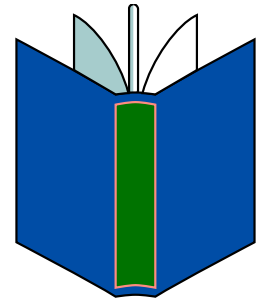
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The NOVA ASHI Library



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 or myself if you have library materials checked out or wish to check out materials.

Take your time off to hone those killer inspection skills!

