



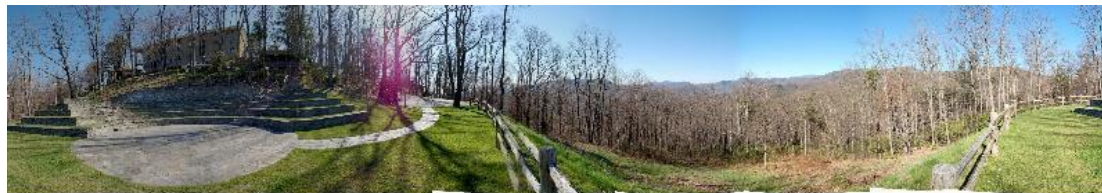
MHA Member,

It's a new year and there's a whole lot going on in the Masonry Heater Association. Below are two items that members should be made aware of, the annual meeting in April and the building of a bake oven and masonry heater in Las Vegas in February.

This year's annual meeting has come together with great workshops and seminars. There's a lot of interest in Peter Van den Berg's Rocket Stove Technology. He will lead a hands-on building of a single masonry bell, with a coupled bench implemented as a dead end. The combustion chamber will be built as batch fed rocket. This core pyrolysis is largely separated from secondary combustion and turbulence is mainly achieved by the shape of the innards instead of air injection. The technical committee will bring us up to date on the NSPS and the computer work being done in conjunction with testing.

This is also an election year. You will be receiving postal mail asking you to consider running for the board of directors or nominate a fellow member. Give some thought to the elections and who you want to lead MHA into the future.

Richard Smith
Executive Director



2015 Annual Meeting Registration Begins

When: April 13 - 19th, 2015

Where: [Wildacres Retreat](#), Little Switzerland, N.C.

Cost: \$425/person the same as last year. Includes meals, lodging, workshops, seminars, clinics, Pizza Party and Annual Auction.

Workshops:

- Rocket Heater Technology Incorporated In A Masonry/Bell, Rocket/Bell by Peter Van den Berg
- 5 Run Heater Used for Demonstrating Testing and Computer Program by Technical Committee and Damien Lehmann
- Finnish ContraFlow For The Novice Mason by Marty Pearson and Jeff Owens
- Grundofen Cabin Stove with a Cooktop by Eric Moshier
- Masonry Smoker by Chris Prior
- Masonry Pizza Oven by Pat Manley
- Integrating Alternate Energy with a Heater Build by Joe Copeland and Dan Givens
- Bricklaying Clinic by Mike Gilmore
- Mini Clinics (Chimney Connections, Door Installation, Etc.)



Seminars:

- Rocket Heater Technology by Peter Van Den Berg
- Masonry Heater Challenges in Australia by Alan Burdon and Fiona Kotvojs
- Negative Pressure Issues by Gene and Marge Padgitt
- Integrating Alternate Energy with Masonry Heaters by Joe Copeland and Dan Givens

MHA Educational Classes:

- HMED (Heater Masons Education and Development Program "Level 1 - The Theory and Basics of the Masonry Heater")

(Class is \$600 in addition to the annual meeting costs)

New this Year! A demonstration area down by the workshops.

- Fire Tube from Germany by Alex Schmitz
- Ecco Stove from United Kingdom by David Ashmore

There may be more workshops/clinics/demonstrations as they present themselves. But there maybe workshops/clinics/demonstrations that have to be cancelled as well.

You can register using this link or from the homepage of the [MHA Website](#):

[2015 MHA Annual Meeting Registration Form & Payment](#)

All registrations are on a first come first serve basis. We've come really close to filling up the retreat the past three four years and with the schedule above we may fill up early and close registration. So register early and be safe.

Masonry Heater and Bake Oven Demonstration Scheduled BUT.....Maybe NOT.

Once again this year MHA has been asked to build a heater and pizza oven at the World of Concrete and Masonry, Feb. 3-6,2015 in Las Vegas. And once again we may not have enough volunteers to make it possible. It would be a huge loss if we do not have enough people and MHA cannot demonstrate and market heaters and bake ovens.



Last year was the greatest year thus far. Attendance at the events exceeded 60,000 people. We had thousands walk by our demonstrations and had new members signup, attend the annual meeting and take HMEMD class. We need to keep the momentum going. People actually look us up from year to year just to see what is new and hear more about what we are building.

MHA needs your help. If you can possibly volunteer your time to attend the World of Concrete and help us build, it would be a great help. We can get you passes into the event and you don't have to build every minute, go out and take in the Expo. Flights to

Vegas can be very economical, lodging is really cheap, and Vegas has much to offer. We stay on the strip so meals and evening entertainment is readily available. It's a great time and you'll have the opportunity to learn from certified heater builders.

So please give it some thought and join us. Phone the MHA office for more information or get your name added to the list of MHA volunteers. This is your chance to help MHA if you're not on a committee or hold office.

What makes MHA the association what it is. Simple - you the members. We pride ourselves on a bottom-up structure where volunteers and membership support dictate what MHA does, how it operates and what it provides.

Support MHA by being active. Help demonstrate in Vegas, come to the annual meeting or join a committee. As MHA grows we need more and more volunteers.

How can you help.....think about it.

Sincerely,
Richard Smith, Executive Director

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