

THE MECHANICAL INSPECTOR



Grayle Woodruff accepting the Carl Adamko Inspector of the Year Award from Past President William Paquette.

CARL ADAMKO AWARD

Each year at the MIAM Spring Conference the Board of Directors presents the Carl Adamko Award to the "Inspector of the Year." This year Grayle Woodruff, past MIAM President was the well deserved and gracious 13th recipient of the Carl Adamko Award.

A Few Words from the MIAM "Inspector of the Year" Grayle Woodruff ...What a great job done by all. The Education Committee did an outstanding job. It was excellent! So late in the cycle to have such good attendance.

I would personally like to thank all members and officers for the great honor you bestowed upon me with the Inspector of the Year Award. One of the highest honors I have had was being your President, working and learning with one of the greatest organizations I have ever been a part of. We can all be proud of the officers and board we have today. We will be stronger and better prepared for the future through their guidance. I still encourage all the younger members to get involved in committees and boards. The coming years are going to be very trying with the Fire Inspectors opening the Forbes Act and all the other House Bills that are on the table. Only as a unified organization can we show strength to the ICC and State of Michigan on where we stand with these items and bills.

How about my friends over at Pro Service located in Portage, first time sponsors with a \$1,000 donation for the Hospitality Room! On behalf of the membership I thank you and really appreciated this great gesture, you are a great company!

MIAM Spring Conference highlights inside...

Spring 2005



NEW MMIA Members

ACTIVE

- Terry Junod
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- Jeffrey Koss
Shelby Township
- Arnold Pollis, Jr.
Dearborn

ASSOCIATE

- Dan Jankowski
Quality Stainless Mfg.
- Thomas Jankowski
Quality Stainless Mfg.
- Dave Johnson Jr.
Johnson Thermol Temp, Inc.

NEW MIAM Members

ACTIVE

- Lar Braun
East Lansing
- Robert Helmus
Gaines Charter Township
- Jeffrey Koss
Shelby Township

CONTRIBUTING

- Dan Jankowski
Quality Stainless Mfg.
- Thomas Jankowski
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We Are Glad To Have You

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REMINDER

The publishing deadlines for the Mechanical Inspector magazine are as follows:

- Jan 1 deadline for Jan 15 mailing
- Apr 1 deadline for Apr 15 mailing
- Jul 1 deadline for Jul 15 mailing
- Oct 1 deadline for Oct 15 mailing

Anyone is welcome to submit articles, but the Education committee will decide publishing priority.

AN ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER IS ONLY GOOD BECAUSE OF IT'S MEMBERS!!!

Presidents' Corner



MIAM President John E Smith

What a conference! The Education Committee did a fantastic job. They put a lot of time and effort into this conference. I would like to thank them for all their hard work.

I would also like to thank all the members for voting me in as this year's President. It is an honor and I thank all of you very much. I hope that I will be able to do as good of a job as all the Presidents before me. I am sure if I need help I will be able to call on Past President Dick Denney for advice, whom I work with everyday, and Past President Grayle Woodruff is always just a beep away on the Nextel.

I would like to thank the Conference Committee and the staff for the fine job setting this conference up for all of us. Your hard work was much appreciated.

Spring is just around the corner and summer will soon follow, so get outside and enjoy it. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Conference.



MIAM Past President William Paquette

It has been a great year for me as president of MIAM. I was able to go to the ICC National Conference in Salt Lake City to represent the fine mechanical inspectors of the state I love. I presided over a great semi-annual conference in Battle Creek and another one in Clare. Without a doubt the biggest thrill of this past year, for me, was the honor of being the person to hand the Inspector of the Year Award to my friend Grayle Woodruff during the Spring Conference.

Now it is my turn to join the elite group of gentlemen who are so highly respected in and out of the HVAC industry, the MIAM Past Presidents. But this is not retirement, the Past Presidents are a busy group of guys. They make most of the arrangements for all of our conferences, they work on various boards and committees, and they do most of the "grunt work" that keeps this association running. I've aspired to be part of this group. So I'll be around, and I'll see you in Clare or maybe at Cobo Hall this Fall.



MMIA President Guy Mitchell

As we begin this year, we are faced with many more challenges than we have ever had to face in the past. We face these challenges and make many decisions everyday through our daily routines. We must make decisions that sometimes effect the way many people perform their jobs. Some of these decisions can have a deep financial impact on the people they effect.

We are skilled professionals working in a very wide ranging mechanical field and must make these decisions in the interest of public safety and welfare. We all worry about the cost of our decisions, but public safety must override unanticipated costs. We know that if the job was done correctly in the first place, there would be no additional costs.

We are all aware that additional work to correct an overlooked code requirement will add to the cost of the job. We must also be conscious not to include additional items that are not mandatory to meet code requirements. If only all contractors would read the code books.

However, several concerned well-meaning legislators in Lansing now feel the need to increase the regulations on how we perform our jobs. They want to form various committees to judge the way we make our decisions. They wish to substantially increase penalties, possibly up to \$10,000, if we make an incorrect decision in the field.

We now have two bills pending in Lansing that , in my opinion, are not good legislation. Senate Bill 150, introduced by Senator Wayne Kuipers, senwkui-pers@senate.michigan.gov, and House Bill 4507 introduced by Rick Baxter, rickbaxter@house.mi.gov, are now in their separate committees for review.

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Ask the Committee:

Send your questions about Mechanical Code enforcement to the Education Committee for discussion and research. As space permits, they will be answered in this Newsletter.

Ask the Committee:

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Email: mechinspect@bignet.net

Inform the Committee:

These articles are directed to membership participation. We welcome you to please submit your comments and answers.

MIAM Election Results Are In

MIAM held its election of officers at the Spring Conference in Clare and your new MIAM Officers are...



John E Smith
President

Robert Logan
Sr. Vice President



Guy Mitchell
Vice President

Joseph M Shaltz
Secretary



William Paquette
Treasurer

Congratulations MIAM on
a vote of confidence.

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I believe both bills are unnecessary legislation. I also believe that forming unnecessary review committees could cause an additional financial burden to this state. The authors of these bills are concerned individuals. They want to do what is best for the industry and our state. We want nothing less. But, we already have regulations and an appeal process in place to justify or overturn field decisions. We can face financial penalties, under the current Construction Code Act, if we do not perform our duties correctly.

So, why would the lawmakers in Lansing want to propose additional laws and regulations? Maybe because of a couple of bad apples among the all of the registered inspectors within the State of Michigan.

We are all human and humans are not perfect. We do make mistakes. But, these proposed bills are a severe over-reaction to a small problem. Let us use the laws and regulations that are currently in place. Let us follow and enforce only the current regulations that govern our industry and work. Let us inform our lawmakers in Lansing that we do NOT agree with these new bills.

We must contact the chairperson of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform, Senator Alan Sanborn, (517) 373-7670, senasanborn@senate.michigan.gov for Senate Bill 150 and chairperson of the House Committee on Commerce, Representative Bill Huizenga, (517) 373-0830, billhuizenga@house.mi.gov for House Bill 4507. We must let them know that these new bills with additional regulations are totally unnecessary and a waste of valuable state resources.

We must contact these lawmakers NOW and let your voice be heard or we all could face more personal liability.

From the Office of Certified Inspections

Joseph Otis, NFPA Liaison

NFPA 900

The most recent and comprehensive ANSI-accredited document for complying with EPACT (Energy Policy Act) is **NFPA 900, Building Energy Code**, which combines NFPA-developed administrative provisions with the technical standards provisions of ANSI / ASHRAE / IESNA 90.1 and 90.2 into one easy-to-use document.

NFPA 900 has requirements for the minimum energy-efficient design and construction of all new buildings and their systems, new portions of existing buildings and their systems and new systems and equipment in existing buildings, as well as criteria for determining compliance with these requirements.

NFPA 900 is unique because it is the only ANSI-accredited energy code and the only ANSI document covering energy efficiency issues that was jointly developed by two highly respected organizations. It also is the only code that directly incorporates all the specific technical standards mandated by the federal government as the required national minimum, as well as criteria for low-rise residential occupancies.

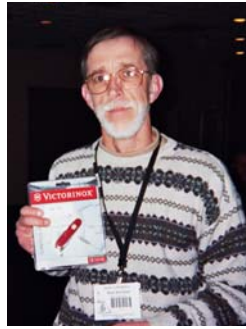
As required by EPACT, all states have two years to adopt the 1999 edition of ANSI / ASHRAE / IESNA 90.1 or upgrade their existing commercial building codes to meet or exceed its requirements. The standard applies to all new commercial buildings and all major remodels of renovations of existing commercial buildings. With NFPA 900, the administrative code requirements have been added to ASHRAE's technical requirements to provide all designers and code officials with one document.

Fraser, Allan B., CBI, CPCA "NFPA 900 just the first step."
NFPA Journal May/June 2004: 32.

MIAM Spring Conference



Congratulations Mr. John E. Smith...MIAM is excited to have you as our President.



Bette Moy, one lucky winner.



That is a lovely purse you have won.



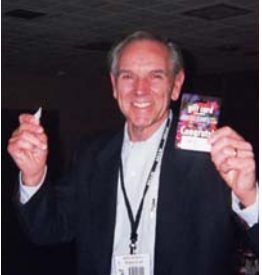
A Dynamic Duo



Disclaimer: MIAM does not encourage under aged alcohol consumption Kiddo!



A couple of friends sharing a laugh.



Past President Paquette...HAPPY to pass the microphone on to the new president.

Who could forget "The Bob & Victor Show"



Page 4 One very excited winner.



The Grand Prize Winner... enjoy that trip Garrett!



P.A. 54 TRAINING PROGRAMS

The Construction Code Commission is required to review and approve educational and training programs offered to building officials, inspectors and plan reviewers to meet the continuing education and training requirements as defined in ACT 54 of 1986, and the registration rules.

In an effort to provide more variety in courses offered, and improve service to our customers, the Office of Local Government and Consumer Services is in the process of evaluating and, where necessary, revising the training programs. If you have recently attended a PA 54 educational and training program, please complete the on-line evaluation for at: http://www.dleg.state.mi.us/email_parser/bccfs_training_eval.htm. Your input will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of current programs, as well as to develop future programs.

Fisher, Scott. "P.A. 54 Educational Training Program Evaluation." BULLETIN Winter 2005:6.

Education Committee Update

The MIAM Spring Conference in Clare was a hit. The thorough code study programs of the 2003 Michigan Mechanical Code Book were a great source of information for all of those who attended. We also had at least ten first time attendees at the Spring Conference, most of which were contractors seeking knowledge and feed back on the mechanical codes.

MIAM will remain at the Doherty Hotel in Clare through 2006. The Doherty is a great hotel and our members are very satisfied with the service, location and hospitality we receive there.

The Education Committee is currently working on the agenda for the Fall Conference. Look for the registration to be mailed in June. You can expect to see **PLAN REVIEW**, **COMMUNICATION** and **SPECIALTY** among the credits to be offered. Pay close attention to the registration, for there are changes to be noted such as **PRICING AND SCHEDULING**.

We look forward to seeing you at the next MIAM conference or the next MMIA seminar.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Senate Bill 150

Recently MIAM President John E. Smith was appointed by Senator Wayne Kuipers, who represents the 30th District of Michigan, to sit on a committee formed to discuss and update Senate Bill 150, which deals with inspector conduct. **President Smith urges members to send him your suggestions and concerns regarding SB150. Please state your information clearly and fax them directly to his office at 616-791-6881.**

MIAM and MMIA both have sent correspondence to Senator Alan Sanborn, Chairperson to the Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform where SB 150 now sits opposing the bill. **We strongly urge you to express your concerns regarding this bill to:**

**Senator Alan Sanborn, Chairperson
Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform
S-310 Capitol Building
Lansing, MI 48909
Phone 517-373-7670 Fax 517-373-5958**

House Bill 4507

HB 4507 is very similar to SB 150, and again MIAM and MMIA have sent correspondence to the entire Committee on Commerce members expressing our opposition to the bill. **You can send your concerns regarding this bill to:**

**Representative Bill Huizenga, Chairperson
Committee on Commerce
N 1194 House Office Building
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909
Phone 517-373-0830 Fax 517-373-7806**

Michigan Fire Inspectors Society Proposal on Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Fire Code Official

Recently MIAM and MMIA have sent correspondence to Henry Green at the BCC & FS stating the following, "the language in the latest proposal is unacceptable and must be made clear regarding the responsibility of the Fire Inspector." Further we suggested that meetings and discussions continue to be held toward developing a document which is satisfactory to all parties. There has been no recent updates regarding this proposal.

Dear MIAM Board Members,

We would like to thank you for the wonderful trip that was put together for the Grand Prize at the Fall Conference in Grand Rapids. We had the opportunity to go the end of January to Thunder Bay Resort and we had a wonderful time!



Viewing the elk herd was spectacular and the gourmet dinner was out of this world. We had very nice accommodations, they even let us check in early on Friday. We took a walk through the woods and on the golf course, the snow was fresh and beautiful, the sun was out and it was just a perfect day. Saturday we took a drive to see the area hoping to see some of the elk herd. We did find some elk behind the fences and later learned those were the elk that we would see later on our sleigh ride. The sleigh ride was so nice, it was a little chilly, but we were dressed for it with wool blankets to cover up with. We were in the same compound with the cows, and had to view the big boys behind a gate, but they were still very close. What a great weekend and a great idea for a getaway. Thank you very much.

Bob and Jan Massey



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MEMBER UPDATES

JIM HERSHBERGER, MIAM member with Construction Code Authority, has recently undergone back surgery. We wish him a very speedy recovery.

SHELDON LAUDERDALE, MIAM member in Comstock Township, recently had heart surgery. We hope he is recovering and ready to return to work soon.


GARRETT SMITH, MIAM member in St Clair and East China, was the lucky winner of the MIAM Spring Conference grand prize fishing charter trip. We wish him a safe and bountiful trip.

EVIE AND JAMIE, with the BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION CODES AND FIRE SAFETY have recently left their positions with the Bureau and we wish them good luck on their new careers. Evie and Jamie worked very closely with MIAM and MMIA getting all the approvals for the associations' education programs. Although we look forward to working with Eric and Dorothy, Evie and Jamie will be missed. Good luck ladies!

On behalf of the association and its members we would like to express our deepest sympathies to the families of

**James Bushway, Van Buren
Paul Fox, Past MIAM President
Frank Luxon, Past MMIA President
Dale Potts, Tuscola County
Dante Santavicca, Santavicca Ltd.**

They Will All Be Missed



We were also sorry to hear of the loss in the families of **Wayne Blossey, Bruce Dodge, Jerry Hobson, and Everett Goyings.**

You Are All In Our Prayers.

INSPECTOR EDUCATION

MMIA and MIAM would like to thank the speakers who volunteer their knowledge and time for a great cause! A special **THANK YOU** to...



Guy Mitchell, Bob Logan, Vern Pappas, Terry Carolan, Bill Vallance and Mark Riley for your contributions to the *MIAM Spring Conference*. We could not have done it without you. Excellent job all! **Guy Mitchell**, "*We All Need Combustion Air*" on March 17th. Another stellar performance. **Chris Eby**, "*Flexible Gas Piping*". We always

MMIA CLASS AND CREDIT UPDATE

MMIA—SEPTEMBER 18, 2002 THRU SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

REQUIRED		Totals to date (05-01-05)	
Administration	5	Administration	6
Technical	32	Technical	22
Communications	2	Communication	2
Specialty	24	Specialty	17
Plan Review**	16	Plan Review**	12
Total	79	Total	59

** Not a Mechanical requirement

- June 16, 2005
Peter Letzman Corruption / Sexual Harassment 2C/1A
- October 20, 2005
John DeRubbo New Product Information / Puron Installation 3S
- November 17, 2005
Mark Riley MRC Chapter 11 3T

MIAM Conference Format September 18, 2002 Thru September 17, 2006

REQUIRED		TOTALS TO DATE (04-06-04)	
Administration	5 Chrs	Administration	7 Chrs
Technical	32	Technical	31
Communication	2	Communication	0
Specialty	24	Specialty	15
Plan Review	16	Plan Review	10
Total	79	Total	63



IAEI SEMINAR SCHEDULE

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