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Where Did Summer Go?

If you've been like me, summer is never the best time for a vacation: the seasonable weather is so agreeable for construction, the work is endless! I've heard it rumored that some of you are even showing your out-of-school children and grandchildren the ways of honorable, hard labor. Alas, the start of those back-to-school advertisements tell me that yet another summer has come and gone.

Heads Up!

Just a reminder that the planned next annual meeting is going to be more "brick and mud" than ever before. We're going to be building heaters and swapping those ever-helpful hints and probably more than a few job-site horror stories. It sure beats sitting in a stuffy meeting, and the opportunity to see how your fellow members have dealt with some of the problems you've encountered makes this an event not to be missed! Pull out your 1997 calendars now and clear the third week in April — that is the date we are hoping to reserve space at North Carolina's Wild Acres for our "reunion".

Did You Send In Your Questionnaire?

Photo Opportunities

How often do you get the chance for your work to be featured and given top billing in a medium your potential clients will see? We are working to develop an additional color brochure that may be used stand alone or in conjunction with the existing brochure. I know, I have asked before for some submissions, and I don't believe that none of you have cameras, so start documenting your creations. You're proud of them, let's show 'em to the world!

If you have suggestions for what this new brochure should say, contact Norbert Senf. If you have graphic arts talents, or just a burning idea for the layout, get in touch with Rod Zander.

With Deepest Regrets

May brought the untimely death of Larry Lamont, of Halifax Bricklayers' Co-operative. He'd attended the past two annual meetings, and worked closely with Norbert Senf and Doug Fry on a large heater about two years ago. Those of us who had met him knew him to have a thoughtful perspective on life, and a wonderful sense of humor. Norbert sent flowers to his family on MHA's behalf. Any condolences may be sent to his family in care of his wife, Margie Macdonald, 2033 Maynard Street, Halifax, NS B3K 3T1.

From the Welcoming Committee

We've had several members join since the last newsletter was mailed. Here is your chance to get to know some more heater builders, and help our association grow. Continue to spread the good news about high efficiency, renewable resource heating in the form of masonry heaters!

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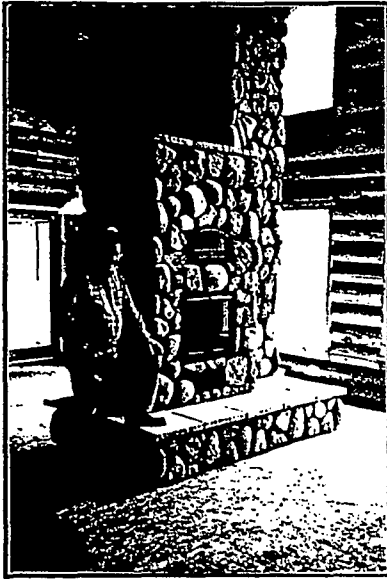
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SEND IN YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS!

Smile, You're On Candid Camera!



Guess who the builder of this stone-faced heater is?

None other than our own Gene Hedin!

Sorry for the resolution, folks. A copier just doesn't do justice to a nice color snapshot.

Our Own YellowPages

Thanks to the input from eight members, we now have available our own component directory. This project was discussed at the annual meeting, and the survey was mailed. It includes some sources of items from clean-out doors to hot water coils. You may wish to tape this to the inside of your pickup truck's glove compartment so you don't lose this valuable resource. Obviously, it is too late to make this edition, but if you've other sources that you'd like to share, send them to the administrative offices where I'll add them to a updated version.

Pickup Lines

No, I'm not trying to help you turn the head of the opposite sex the next time you go out for a cold one. . .I'm talking about the bits of information you send me between newsletters, collected as you gathered your thoughts in your pickup truck during commutes to the job site. This is meant to be a regular feature, so practice delivery of your own pickup lines. I want to hear them!

Jerry Frisch hit me up for copies of some information that was going to John Gulland, in the expectation that Mr. Gulland will produce a draft occupational analysis to get the heater builder certification moving forward. Norbert Senf and Jerry supplied him with a large amount of material, and we hope he can assimilate it into something that furthers MHA's goals.

Norbert also says that Masonry Stove Builders is very busy, with as much work as they can

handle, plus he has a shop expansion and equipment upgrade planned for the near future.

The Internet website for MHA had over 900 visits in the last 30 days! If you haven't already contacted Norbert to put a site on our homepage, do it today; Jerry Haupt of Kent Valley Masonry is already reporting a sale through his website, and it looks as if Masonry Stove Builders has one as well. The cost is so low, Norbert says one sale covers the Internet expenses for a year.

Speaking of electronic communication, twelve of you now have email and/or websites. Here is who's available by Email:

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And these members have sites (or have them in the works):

Gabriel Callender	Foyers Radiants	Debriel
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Norbert Senf	Masonry Stove Builders	
Ben Sotero	Sotero Masonry	

The MHA Home Page Address Is <http://MHA-Net.org>

Gene Hedin reports he built two heaters during July and the first part of August. The first was in a house just off the ship canal joining Lake Superior to the Duluth harbor, with scenic views of the world's ships right from the living room. The second heater has a face of cultured field stone, and is located in a log house in the Red River Valley farming district of Hawley, MN. He had his grandson, Andrew, help him with this one, and they camped out in the motorhome right on the job site. He reports the chimney rose a height of 18 feet to the ceiling.

Remember, keep in touch. That is what this newsletter is all about: to keep you informed with current news and the latest quips from fellow members. Until next time, Warm Wishes! - J.P.