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ASSOCIATE APPRECIATION FISH FRY THIS MONTH

The Associate Appreciation Fish Fry is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19th at the Overlook Pavilion on Lake Belton. This event is **FREE** for everyone!! This is an annual event that is sponsored by the Builder Members of TABA to show their appreciation for all of our Associate Members - suppliers and sub contractors - who provide our industry with countless hours of work and commitment to bring quality housing to this community. Associate members are also a very important part of this Association in participation, sponsorships and memberships.

We invite all of our members to join us for some great fish, provided by AI's BBQ, great fellowship and much appreciation. This event also gives us a chance to introduce members who have joined this year. This is your opportunity to get in front of the membership and introduce yourself and your company. Come out and give everyone a chance to get to know you and what you do.

Invitations will be mailed soon but mark your calendars now for August 19th beginning at 6:15pm at the Overlook Pavilion for the Annual TABA Associate Appreciation Fish Fry.

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President's Message

Derrick Hunt

Well, the Reverse Raffle lived up to all the hype I was promoting last month, and then some. What a terrific event! Congratulations to all the Membership and Meetings Committee members and especially Chairman, Mat Naegele of Lamar Advertising. Super job! I'd also like to issue a special thank you to Eddy Lange for emceeding the event and coaxing ever last penny out of the bidders. Eddy played a key role in TABA exceeding our fundraising goal for the event. Thank you Eddy! If this event gets any bigger, we are going to have to look at a bigger venue next year. K.C. Hall was busting at the seams, there were very few empty seats, and everyone seemed to stay around for the entire event. These are all signs that people were having a good time.

All of our fundraisers take a small army of folks behind the scenes working diligently to make everything go smoothly. The Reverse Raffle is no different. I'd like to thank our Treasurer, Lisa McKinnon, for calmly and accurately keeping track of all the money. Lisa, we couldn't have done it with out you. Also, hats off to all of the tickets sellers. When we got together to sell the remaining tickets, they were gone in less than an hour. So again, great job on the ticket sales. Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't thank Cheryl and Troy for all of their efforts. These two do the hard work day in and day out to make TABA the organization that it is.

Now For Home PAC

As I noted last month, the Reverse Raffle was our last fundraiser and moves us into [Home PAC](#) season. The one and only fundraiser for Home PAC is the Skeet Shoot that is coming up on Tuesday, September 9th. This all day shoot is another one of those don't miss events. You can read more about the event [elsewhere in this newsletter](#).

What I'd like to spend a moment on is a question that seems to continue to surface. "What is the difference between TABA and Home PAC?" TABA is the local branch, so to speak, that operates under the state branch, the Texas Association of Builders (TAB), all of which is under the National Association of Builders (NAHB). We are the grassroots part of the homebuilding lobby that works with our local cities and county. When we pursue statewide issues, we work with the Texas Association of Builders. And of course, NAHB handles national issues in Washington.

Operating completely independently of TABA, with it's own board and bylaws is TABA Home PAC. Home PAC is the political action committee aligned with TABA, hence the last three letters in the name (PAC), which raises the money to support candidates, causes, and issues related to improving our ability to operate businesses in the homebuilding industry. Our local PAC is regulated by laws that limit the types of organizations we can accept money from and what types of candidates we can support--TABA Home PAC is not able to support any federal candidates. TABA is a non-profit organization that is prohibited from supporting any candidate period. So, if you are wondering why we are asking you to join both TABA and Home PAC, now you know why.

A portion of your membership dues paid to TABA go to TAB and NAHB. The fundraisers for TABA go directly to our operating budget, which enables us to consistently interact with our local governments and to provide networking opportunities for our members. Your Home PAC contributions go directly to the support of local pro-growth candidates and issues that are relevant to protecting and enhancing the homebuilding industry.

Hope this helps shed a little light on the difference between TABA and Home PAC. If you are not currently a member of Home PAC, please contact Troy about a membership.

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Troy Glasson
Executive Officer

2008 NEC Could Increase Housing Costs

September 1st will bring about some significant changes for builders who are planning projects outside city limits. Not only will they be dealing with the new [TRCC 3rd Party Inspection](#) requirements, rural builders will also be dealing with additional requirements that will come about as a result of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations adoption of 2008 National Electric Code installation requirements.

In effort to make sure our builders know everything that they can about this code change, TABA will host a [City of Temple Construction Safety Department](#) sponsored seminar to help you prepare. Please reserve the morning of Wednesday, August 20th to familiarize yourself with NEC 2008. For more information, please see our [online flyer](#).

Those who build inside the city limits should plan to attend this event as well. It is very likely that most municipalities will adopt some version of the 2008 NEC by January 2009.

Significant and costly changes will include:

- *GFCI Protection Requirements for Receptacles in Dwelling Unit Garages
- *Combination-type AFCI-protective Devices
- *Equipment Grounding Conductors Supplying Separate Structures
- *NM Cables (Romex) in Attics
- *Tamper Resistant Receptacles in Dwelling Units.

County Inspections Workshop

TABA has asked [Stephen Polozola](#), construction attorney with Decker Jones, to provide a workshop briefing about the upcoming TRCC rules for building outside a municipality. As you likely know, any house not contracted or permitted for construction outside a municipality will be subject to inspections after September 1, 2008. Three inspections are required (foundation, framing/mechanical, final). To find an inspector [click here](#). Please join us for 2 hours continuing education credit as we review the new requirements at the TABA office on September 30th.

Details Available on Housing Stimulus

The recently passed Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 could be a boon to your business. Explore the details of the program [here](#).

Storm Water Self-Certified

You shouldn't have to look far to figure out that your association is hard at work advocating for you on all levels of government. Whether it be monitoring and participating in activities of local government, providing education on new regulations close to home, achieving economic assistance in Washington D.C., or promoting more user-friendly compliance practices, your association is at work for you. A great example of this is what has recently been achieved by a [collaboration involving the Texas Association of Builders \(TAB\), the EPA, and TCEQ](#).

As noted on the TAB website, "Beginning in late fall 2008, builder members of the Texas Association of Builders may choose to complete a "Self-Assessment Checklist" for each of their Notices of Intent. For each fully completed checklist, the builder will receive on "Storm Water Self-Certified" sticker to place on the corresponding permit. Sites that display the certification sticker will be a lower priority for routine inspections."

Area 6 (which includes Temple) Vice President Steve Sorrells, who led the charge on this effort, said of the new practice that "the Texas Association of Builders is looking forward to continuing our work with EPA and TCEQ to provide education to builders to further reduce storm water runoff and protect the environment. Our past collaborations and this agreement demonstrate that trade associations, regulatory agencies and businesses can work successfully together toward achieving common goals."

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2nd Annual Reverse Raffle - HUGE SUCCESS!!!!

TABA's 2nd Annual Reverse Raffle was a phenomenal success. All 240 tickets were sold before the drawing began and we served over 300 meals at the event! The KC Hall was packed with people who used all kinds of strategies to stay on the board to the very end in order to assure themselves of one of our awesome prize packages.

TABA would like to thank Eddy Lange for serving as our MC and auctioneer for the evening's events. Everyone seemed to have a great time, but none as much as Derek Martin who came out the big winner of the top prize - the John Deere gator.

We would also like to thank Compass bank for sponsoring this event and Inhouse Systems, Weber's Guns and Coufal Prater Equipment for helping us out with the prizes. Check our pictures out below.



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NEW HOME STARTS

	July '08	July '07	'08 YTD	'07 YTD
Temple	38	40	286	303
Belton	4	8	54	61
Morgan's Point	0	1	7	13
Totals	42	49	347	377

ALL HOME CLOSINGS

July '08	174	'08 YTD	1,258
July '07	241	'07 YTD	1,456

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EO's Comments

Cheryl Hunka
Executive Officer

Membership Directory

The 2008-2009 Membership Directory will show up in your mailbox soon. All of the information has been collected and put together to make a first rate member phonebook. Many members like to keep several copies on hand for use from their office and vehicle. These directories are also provided to every new member that joins TABA throughout the year. If you advertised in the directory, I want to say thank you! It is your advertising dollars that allow us to put together such a useful tool for the membership.

August Meeting

Our August membership meeting is the Annual Associate Appreciation Fish Fry at Overlook Pavilion (Lake Belton) on August 19th. This event is **FREE** for the entire membership. We introduce all of our newest members on this evening so if you joined in 2008,

please make a special effort to attend so that you may be recognized. Thank you to our Builder Members for sponsoring this event.

2009 Planning

Can you believe we are in the last month of the summer? School will be starting and so will planning for the 2009 year and all of its events. *Home & Garden Show* meetings have already begun and information will be mailed this month to the 2008 exhibitors to begin booking booth space. If you are interested in exhibiting but did not exhibit last year please contact me so I can put your name on the contact list.

If you plan to have a home on Parade next year then you will want to note that the 2009 *Parade of Homes* will be scheduled for April 18, 19, 25 & 26.

If you are interested on serving on the 2009 Board of Directors or any of our committees, please contact me.

That's it from my desk. Hope to see everyone at the Overlook Pavilion on August 19th. After this event, Home-PAC season is in full swing and they have two great events planned - you won't want to miss it!

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Lengefeld Lumber Company has agreed to be the primary sponsor of the 2008 Home PAC Skeet Shoot at Weber's in Troy on September 9th! Please make plans to join us for what is sure to be an entertaining day.

Our first shoot attracted 60 shooters. Last year we had almost 100, and this year we hope to have as many as 120. Our committee is working hard to make sure that there is plenty to do for shooters and non-shooters alike. Please [sign up here](#) to sponsor and/or participate!

The most exciting change is that we intend to shake up our prize distribution. Only 1st Place will be assured of a prize, after that it could be anyone's game. We hope this will encourage shooters of all skill levels to participate. Food and drinks throughout the day, along with a meal in the evening come with the price of admission for all shooters.

Side attractions such as the availability of Flurry, Five Stand, and the rifle and pistol ranges should make for an action packed day. Of course, we'll wrap the event up with an award's ceremony and auction that is sure to offer something for everyone.

TABA Home PAC and Lengefeld Lumber Company look forward to seeing you next month out at Weber's in Troy.

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SKEET SHOOT ENTRY/SPONSOR FORM

WEBER'S SHOOTING CENTER • TROY, TX • Tuesday, September 9, 2008

SCHEDULE :

SHOOTER CHECK-IN THROUGHOUT DAY OF EVENT. COMPETITION BEGINS AT 8:30 am.

FOOD, PRIZES, RAFFLE ITEMS & AUCTION FOLLOWING SHOOT

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADDITIONAL SHOOTING AFTER CONTESTS & AUCTION

FOUR MAN FLIGHTS :

YOU MAY FORM YOUR OWN FOUR MAN TEAM. INDIVIDUAL SHOOTERS WILL BE PLACED ON A TEAM BY THE COMMITTEE.

AWARDS:

CASH & HUNTING/FISHING PRIZES.

SCORING:

Lewis Class. 1st Place only team guaranteed a prize. Other places will be determined through Lewis Class system.

WHAT ELSE:

❖ RIFLE RANGE ❖ PISTOL RANGE ❖ DOOR PRIZES TO INCLUDE SHOTGUN, CASES OF SHOTGUN SHELLS, POCKET KNIVES, BINOCULARS, OTHER GIFT CERTIFICATES TO AREA BUSINESSES.

ENTRY FEE:

\$100 PER SHOOTER—INCLUDES T-SHIRT, DOOR PRIZE ENTRY, FOOD & REFRESHMENTS, CART SHUTTLES, BBQ DINNER AND DRINKS FOLLOWING SHOOT.

ENTRY FEE MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION. WE ACCEPT CASH, CHECK OR MC/VISA.

ENTRY DEADLINE:

MONDAY, September 1st. SHOOT LIMITED TO FIRST 120 SHOOTERS.

SPONSORSHIPS:

\$400 Big House Sponsors (SOLD OUT)

***Your company banner(s) on a big house (entire viewable area of each house)**

***Company logo on event t-shirt**

***Company's logo in the August, September and October editions of On the Level**

***Recognition during the dinner program**

\$250 Field BANNER Sponsors (unlimited)/\$275 If you'd like us to provide 3'x4' banner with your logo.

***Provide your own company banner to be displayed or let us provide one for you**

***Company logo on the event t-shirt**

***Company logo in the September and October editions of On the Level**

***Recognition during the dinner program**

\$100 Field SIGN Sponsors (unlimited)

***Company sign in a shooting field (Home PAC will provide)**

***Company's name in the October edition of On the Level**

\$50 Five Stand Sponsor

***Company name on five stand banner.**

\$500 Team Package

***Company sign in a shooting field**

***4 shooter sponsorship**

***Team/Company name on event t-shirt**

REGISTRATION FORM

Shooter #1 Company _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Shooter #2 Company _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Shooter #3 Company _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Shooter #4 Company _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

SPONSOR LEVEL: _____

Total Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

CHECK __ CREDIT CARD__ (VISA AND MC ONLY)

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RETURN WITH ENTRY FEE TO: TABA, P.O. BOX 2002, TEMPLE, TEXAS 76503. PHONE 254-773-0445, FAX 254-774-7273.

TABA HOME PAC SKEET COMMITTEE: Chairman Mitch Johnson, Vice Chairman Brandon Tarnow, Troy Glasson, Cheryl Copeland, Todd Weber, Jason Carothers, Bruce Walker, Ashley Drews, Jared Bryan, Tony Gallagher, Debbie Swift, Kelly Hosch, Mike Pilkington, Mat Naegele, Brad Turner, Jeffrey Schneider, Jason Parker, and Jon Locklin.

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Are You Prepared 2008 National Electrical Code

Don't miss your chance to learn about the significant changes between the 2005 National Electrical Code (NEC) and the new 2008 NEC at this in-depth informational seminar.

The 2008 NEC will be adopted by many local cities by the end of 2008. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) will require electricians in unincorporated areas to meet the 2008 NEC installation requirements starting September 1, 2008.

Significant changes will include:

- GFCI Protection Requirements for Receptacles in Dwelling Unit Garages
- Combination-type AFCI-protective Devices
- Equipment Grounding Conductors Supplying Separate Structures
- NM Cables (romex) in Attics
- Tamper-Resistant Receptacles in Dwelling

Presented by

Gary Jones, Texas Chapter, International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI).

Gary is retired Chief Electrical Inspector for the City of Ft. Worth, Texas with over 30 years of service. Currently an adjunct instructor for both the International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI) and Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service teaching the OSHA Electrical Standards. Gary's career includes working as a licensed journeyman electrician on residential, commercial, and industrial projects. He is a Licensed Master Electrician, and past owner of an electrical contracting and service company. Gary has instructed for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Independent Electrical Contractor's Apprenticeship Program, and for the Building Professional Institute.

**Wednesday, August 20
8:30am to 12:00pm**

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Questions???

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