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First Thing
A Monthly Update from The American Society of Home Inspectors

November & December

Financing Now Available When You Attend The ASHI School
Do you qualify for G.I. Bill Benefits or Chapter 31?

Saturday, November 7th 9am-1pm PST on sale for our conference price of $77, only 100 spots available.

Last week Inspector Marketing Academy (IMA) was unveiled at Inspection Universe in Las Vegas to over 500 inspectors and it was a BIG hit. We offered all conference attendees special pricing of $77 which is over a 60% savings from our regular price of $197 for IMA’s online 1 day boot camp.

Thanks to ASHI’s staff, we are extending this same special offer to all ASHI Members. This offer is limited to only 100 signups!

This event WILL fill up fast as spots are limited! Click below to get the $77 price and secure your spot.

www.InspectorMarketingAcademy.com
(888) 820-5700

EXCLUSIVE INVITATION
120 Hour Classes
Columbus, OH: Nov. 2-13
Lakewood, CO: Nov. 2-13
Leesburg, VA: Nov. 2-13
Des Plaines, IL: Nov. 9-20
St. Louis, MO: Nov. 9-20
Cincinnati, OH: 11/30 - 12/11
Cumming, GA: 11/30 - 12/11
Tampa, FL: 11/30 - 12/11

93 Hour Classes
Brentwood, TN: Nov. 9-14

160 Hour Classes
Bellevue, WA: Nov. 9-20

4-Point Inspection & Wind Mitigation Class
Tampa, FL: Dec. 5

Accomplishments from the October Board of Directors Meeting

Motion: to accept the Accounting Manual in the P&P

Motion: All committee annual budgetary requests must be made in writing with rationale to the finance committee via the Board Liaison by May 31st

Motion: that the board provides the 2015 ASHI Strategic Planning Committee Report to staff for guidance in future ASHI operations.

Motion: to dissolve Drone Task Force

Motion: that the list of Committee Chairs and Board Liaisons be accepted as presented.

On occasion, the Zonolite Attic Insulation Trust has a need to confirm or clarify the status of vermiculite abatement in a claimant's home. On such occasions, the Trust plans to retain a home inspector to perform a limited inspection. The inspection would typically consist of visually verifying the presence, or absence, of vermiculite and/or other insulation in the attic and taking pictures and filling out a short form/checklist and emailing the findings to the Trust. The fee will be based on the inspector's normal rate, not to exceed $200. Unusual or special
circumstances that justify a higher rate, e.g., lengthy travel time, can be discussed in advance. The fee will be paid upon receipt of an invoice and report from the home inspector. The specifics of what the Trust seeks to confirm or clarify will be discussed with the home inspector in advance and confirmed in report form to be provided to the Home inspector.

**Step 1:** If interested in participating please email the Trust @ ZaiHire@gmail.com and provide your name, email, phone number and general location in which you do inspections, e.g., “Pittsburgh metro area” (We will keep the info on file and only use it should we need to retain a home inspector in your area)

**Step 2:** We would contact you as needed and provide a short statement and report form, e.g., “The trust would like you to inspect the attic of the home at 123 Oak St, Pittsburgh, PA, and visually verify that the vermiculite has been abated as well as the approximate size of the attic. The Trust would provide a report form setting forth the relevant questions to be answered.

**Step 3:** Email the report form and photos to the Trust at Zaihire@gmail.com along with your invoice.

The Trust would obtain authorization for the inspection from the home owner and provide you with the owners contact info to schedule the inspection.

It may be hard to imagine right now how
Jan 24-27, 2016
InspectionWorld
San Diego, CA

Feb 22-25, 2016
3 Days of Secrets Revealed
Dallas, TX

Mar 4-6, 2016
OHIO ASHI Conference
Columbus, OH

Mar 7-9, 2016
BRExpo 2016
Atlanta, GA

awesome InspectionWorld 2016
San Diego is going to be because it is only November 2nd.
However, come January 24, 2016, we are going to blow the roof off the Town & Country. We have so much planned that you'll need to rest for a couple of days after.

With 45 courses during InspectionWorld and a few pre-and-post conference courses, and not too mention the events, activities, dunk tank (yes, Dunk. Tank.) and the town to take in; you'll need to take two alka-seltzers and call no one in the morning...you'll be sleeping in!

Join us this January 24-27, 2016 in San Diego at the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center for two 40th anniversary celebrations that you sure don't want to miss!

Top 8 Considerations When Buying an Android for Home Inspection Reporting

By Toby Adamson, CEO and Co-Founder of HomeHubZone

Home inspectors have a lot to consider when buying a new tablet that can withstand the rigors of a home inspection and efficiently run a home inspection reporting app. As much as I would like to tell you to buy model X, the answer is not that cut and dried.

We’ve identified 8 major considerations, many unique to home inspectors, that will affect your tablet-buying decision. Before listing those, let’s establish a common language.

Buying an Android is not the same as buying an iPad

First, Android is an operating system (OS), not hardware. So when you are buying an Android tablet you are buying a device running the Android operating system from Google. But, the manufacturer can be one of many companies including Google, Samsung, LG and a slew of other brands.
It's ASHI Affiliate Membership Renewal time. If you haven't renewed your membership in the most respected home inspection association, then you're missing out!

As a member, you receive a ton of benefits that places you in front of our home inspector members (the movers and shakers of the industry) in print, online and through social media. Download the Affiliate Membership Form, fill out and turn back in to Dave Kogan at davek@ashi.org.

And now you can get involved with The ASHI School with the additional TAS+ program. Get in front of students while they are starting their career in home inspection.

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Tip

#14: Thump, Thump..It's the Water Heater

It's annoying when your water heater thumps, pops and whomps whenever you use hot water.

What can you do?
The water heater's thumping is caused by sediment that has built up in the bottom of the metal tank or around the electrical heating elements. The illustration shows a gas water heater with this problem. The sediment interferes with even heat transfer and allows steam bubbles to form. The bubbles float upward and then implode with a muffled thump.

You could try to drain sediment from the bottom of the tank. Attach a hose to the drain valve and route it to a safe plumbing fixture, such as a floor drain. Be careful; the water will be hot. Drain a few gallons; repeat this several times. Often, though, sediment is difficult to remove from the tank.

The thumping does not cause any damage to the water heater, but it certainly is annoying. Consider installing a water softener to eliminate the hard water sediment.

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As an ASHI member, you have access to millions of products for the home, office, breakroom, bathroom, technology and so much more - plus you get huge discounts and free shipping on all orders (that means on one pen or a million pens - no shipping charge!) Sign up today and refill your
supplies from the comfort of your home or office. Go to: http://www.quill.com/ashi to register today!

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