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To offer high-quality educational opportunities for HVAC-related industry members, toward better appreciation and implementation of the building codes governing the industry and toward improvement of the industry generally.

Southeast Louisiana Coalition of the Air Conditioning Industry

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SELACACI Announces April 7 Meeting - Energy Code Enforcement & May 7 Meeting – Minisplits & Variable Speed Units



Allison Bailes

“For better or worse”... the new 2012 Mechanical & 2009 Energy Code have hit the ground in Hot Humid Louisiana, & many contractors are actively, positively responding – by attending classes, acquiring new tools, & staying in touch to see how things go... Distributors have been jumping at the business opportunity by hosting classes to educate contractors about duct testing, & more contractors are getting certified & purchasing equipment, with the expectation that it will pay off.

SELACACI has held Duct

Testing Demonstrations in the past, presented by various speakers. Now that the new code is in place, our effort is to ensure that there is good understanding between the Enforcement community & area contractors on questions that arise – such as regarding Certification, Third Party testing, proper procedure & reporting, etc.

On April 7 pm, SELACACI will host representatives from large & small Code Enforcement agencies around New Orleans, who have agreed to be available to answer questions, to clarify issues for contractors on the new codes that technically kicked in on January 1 of this year. SELACACI's role is simply as “Moderator” – encouraging communication that will hopefully for everyone's benefit. Mark Roberts of the International Code Council (ICC) will recap the new Mechanical & Energy Codes, & provide discounts for code books ordered at the meeting. SELACACI. Duct Testing equipment & setup questions

also welcome. 5:30 pm (food), with program 6-8 pm.

On May 7 pm, SELACACI will host a popular speaker at the national level – Allison Bailes of Atlanta-based Energy Vanguard – on the subject of “MINI-SPLITS & Variable Speed Units” – at the University of New Orleans (UNO) Engineering Hall. Allison offers webinar classes & has presented at national conferences on this subject. He is an HVAC System Designer, affiliated with ACCA & various other national organizations. We guarantee satisfaction from this training, & invite anyone interested to check out Allison further on YouTube, Energy-Vanguard.com, or SELACACI.org under Resources, where Allison's “Beyond Mini-Splits: An Introduction to Variable Capacity Units for Whole House HVAC Design” presentation (for the 2014 RESNET conference) is posted. 5:30 pm (food), with program 6-8 pm.

Next month's column will report on the “Fire & Fumes” program featured in last month's

issue – a program featuring local experts: Naquin, LaGrange, Chaisson, & Oliveaux (moderated by Leaumont). French influence remains strong in South Louisiana, & the panelists are all passionate on the topic.

Stay tuned to SELACACI.org for updates. Normally, we meet at the Plumber's Hall in Metairie, courtesy of Local 60, a large & central location. For the May 7 meeting, UNO's Engineering Dept. offered its Hall. Delgado Community College helped facilitate the formation of SELACACI, & the HVAC Dept. head there remains on the Board.

With continued support, SELACACI will have a chance to more fully address & correct issues in common to all segments of the industry. Code officials have been regularly attending, along with home performance specialists. SELACACI has grown & now serves roughly 600 contractors – also reflecting a need beyond the Greater New Orleans area. The leadership volunteers its work as a public



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service.

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Scenes From the Classes Held at the Factory Certified Samsung Training Facility at A/C Supply in Harahan

