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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DARLENE MCGEE

It is said "Time Flies When You Are Having Fun". Well this year has flown by. It seems like only yesterday that we were at Santee for the Swatter, Snagger, Shagger Event and in just a few weeks we will be back again.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your President this year. This was something I thought I could never do, but with my gracious Board of Directors it was a wonderful experience. Each and everyone who served this past year did all they could to help in any way and strived to keep the Association moving forward.

We are continually trying to find avenues to aid our Members and entice others to join our Association. The Insurance Committee, led by incoming President Steve Brewer, has joined with Fiserv Health to develop an affordable alternative Health Insurance Program for our Members. I encourage all Members to allow Fiserv the opportunity to quote your group coverage.

The Board voted to add a classification of Membership for Architects and Engineers. This should go a long way in promoting our Association and keeping the avenues open between all areas of the Construction Industry.

Our Website is in the capable hands of Mr. Mike Richardson and SCnet Solutions. They are working to bring the site to its full potential so that it will be a useful and necessary benefit to our Members.

The Association is staying abreast of all Legislative issues that could affect our Members. This past January a committee of our Members led by Mr. Bill Caldwell, formulated a position statement for the Association concerning the prospective changes to the SC Model Procurement Code. This was relayed to the State Engineer in a meeting at our State Office. Our position was well received and hopefully some of our suggestions and concerns will be acknowledged and addressed. I would like to thank all the Members who served on this committee for all their hard work for a job well done.

The Year-End Statewide Meeting in Columbia last year, with guest speaker, Governor Mark Sanford, was a huge success. We will again hold a Year-End Statewide Meeting at "The Coop", 1100 Key Road in Columbia on Wednesday, May 17th. The Members of the General Assembly will be our Special Guests. I encourage all our Members to attend and exhibit to these legislators the Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina is a force to be reckoned with.

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MARK YOUR

CALENDAR!

YEAR-END

STATEWIDE RALLY

AND BBQ

WED., MAY 17, '06

"THE COOP"

1100 KEY ROAD

COLUMBIA

PLEASE RSVP

Associate Member: Cregger Company, Inc.

Cregger Company is a Columbia based wholesale plumbing distributor with sixteen branch locations in NC, SC and IL. Additionally, Cregger Company has recently opened three "Design On Tap" high-end offsite decorative bath and kitchen galleries in Charleston, SC, Boone, NC and Shiloh, IL.

Doyle Varnadore joined Cregger Company in 1999, and together with Morris Cregger and Mike Gilmore, opened the branch in Conway, South Carolina. Cregger Company's Conway branch is conveniently located just off Hwy 501 at 125 East Cox Ferry Road. You have probably seen the branch on the left side of Hwy 501 on your way to Myrtle Beach.

Today, the Conway branch focuses on providing exceptional service and value to contractors in the single family, multi-family and commercial plumbing segments. Residentially, the Conway branch supplies apartment, condominium, single-family production, and single-family spec and custom projects. Most of the residential volume in Conway is generated by the Grand Strand's booming condominium, apartment and single-family production markets.

Commercially, Cregger Company in Conway supplies high-rise condominium, hotel, school, hospital/health care and retail projects. Cregger Company stocks Eljer and TOTO fixtures, and faucets by Delta, Moen, B&K, Price-Pfister, T&S Brass and Symmons. Additionally, the Conway branch is a stocking Rheem distributor, maintaining a broad inventory of commercial gas and electric water heaters in a variety of sizes and output ratings. Cregger in Conway also stocks Charlotte Pipe & Foundry's full line of PVC, CPVC and cast iron products including no-hub and service weight pipe and fittings. In addition to copper tube and fittings, hangers, all-thread rod and fasteners, the branch also stocks Tracpipe by OmegaFlex for commercial and residential gas distribution.

Like most good distributors today, Cregger Company in Conway provides competitive pricing to our customers. However, it's their focus on providing exceptional service that sets them apart. Doyle Varnadore and his team are dedicated to providing fast and accurate quotations, complete and timely deliveries, and unparalleled attention to detail. While they work very hard to provide competitive pricing to win orders, they work even harder to provide exceptional service to win customers.

Doyle Varnadore – Manager

Matthew Varnadore – Outside Sales

Brian Donahue – Inside Sales

Chad Jordan – Counter Sales

Ashley Leonard – Builder Sales

When you need exceptional service, call Doyle Varnadore and his team at 843-234-0293

Cregger Company, Inc.
125 East Cox Ferry Road, Conway, SC 29526-8185
Phone: 843. 234-0293 Fax: 843.234.0298

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Theresa Caldwell	May 4	Waldrop Heating & Air Conditioning	Wife of Bill
Phil Wilson	May 5	Control Management, Inc.	
John Minor	May 5	G-M Mechanical Corp.	
Tom Johnson	May 7	Past State President/Honorary Life Member	
Rob Stewart	May 7	Transworld	
Peter Bartsch	May 14	Bartsch Electric, Inc.	
Robbin Cullum	May 14	Cullum Mechanical Constr.	Wife of Rudy
Sally Paul	May 15	Sanitary Plumbing Contractors, Inc.	
Ray Watkins	May 18	Bernoulli Insulation Company	
Sam White	May 20	Walker White, Inc.	
A. A. "Bo" Shuler, Jr.	May 24	Past MCASC State President	
Karen Stewart	May 24	Transworld	Wife of Rob
Dayle Baxter	May 27	Tri-Star Constructors	Wife of Jerry
Bill Bowers	May 30	Hoffman & Hoffman - Greenville	
Ken Morelli	May 31	Triad Mechanical Contractors	

Happy Birthday!!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS! WE WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE YOURS!
PLEASE CALL THE BIRTHDAY HOTLINE AT (803) 772-7834 OR EMAIL TO mflowers@mcasc.com**

PROJECTS FOR BID & BID FORECAST

MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 P.O. Box 384, Columbia, South Carolina 29202 · 1504 Morninghill Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210
 PHONE (803)772-7834 · FAX (803)731-0390 · E-MAIL: mflowers@mcasc.com WEBSITE: www.mcasc.com

JOBS TO BE BID THROUGH THE MCASC BID PROCEDURE.
 ALL MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION BIDDING ON THESE ADVERTISED JOBS ARE
 INVITED AND URGED TO UTILIZE THE MCASC BID PROCEDURE PUBLISHED HEREIN.
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NOTES:

1. ALL JOBS LISTED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE MCASC FOUR-HOUR DESIGNATION ARE EITHER ZERO OR TWO-HOUR BID JOBS.
2. ALL ASPECTS OF THE MCASC FOUR-HOUR BID PLAN APPLY TO JOBS DESIGNATED AS EITHER ZERO OR TWO-HOUR JOBS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TIME & BID PROCEDURE OFFICE/SIGNATORY GENERAL CONTRACTOR INTERFACING.

*MCASC BID PROCEDURE SIGNATORY GC'S INDICATED WITH "O"

PIEDMONT AREA

CHAIRMAN DESIGNATING COMMITTEE
 DAVID BISHOP
 TEL: (864) 578-7252 FAX: 578-341

NO JOBS LISTED

MIDLANDS AREA

CHAIRMAN DESIGNATING COMMITTEE

NO JOBS LISTED

PEE DEE AREA

CHAIRMAN DESIGN. COMMITTEE	PAUL PREVATTE	JIMMY LEE
WILLIAM L. SELF	G'TOWN, HORRY & MARION	FLO, DAR, DIL, C'FLD & M'BORO
TEL: (803) 432-8519 FAX: 432-3845	TEL: (843) 272-4915 FAX: 272-6071	TEL: (843) 669-8243 FAX: 673-0826

NO JOBS LISTED

COASTAL AREA

CHAIRMAN DESIGNATING COMMITTEE
 RON RUNYON
 TEL: (843) 556-5636 FAX: 763-3091

NO JOBS LISTED

MCASC Would Like To Extend Our Thoughts And Prayers To The Following Families:

CONCERNS

Estelle Purvis (Mother of Darlene McGee) Bryce Mechanical Contractors, Florence
 Chris Kirkland, G-M Mechanical, Greenville

BEAR MECHANICAL SERVICES, LLC HAS MOVED TO A NEW LOCATION!

3044 N. Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201-1742
 New #s Phone: 803.252.9226 Fax: 803.252.9939

MCASC IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE FOLLOWING RECIPIENTS:

- Jason Ellis Buck - George W. Bryce, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**
Amanda Joi Elton - Piedmont Area MCASC Scholarship
Justin James Gable - MCASC Scholarship
Christopher Lee Gossett - MCASC Scholarship
Brian A. Osterkamp - MCASC Scholarship

Congratulations To These Individuals On Their Academic Pursuits

WEEK OF – MAY, 2006—JUNE, 2006

DAY	JOB NO.	4/HR	LOCATION	NAME	BID DATE	TIME
No Jobs Listed						

“Tool Box Talks”

Safety Tips

Lifting

Do you realize you may be risking serious injury? It's true if you don't lift correctly. Improper lifting causes back injuries that can take months and even years to heal. Many times these injuries are permanent and disabling. A little know-how can help you to lift safely.

When you are preparing to lift, check the load. If it looks too heavy, don't be afraid to ask for help. If the object has rough or sharp edges wear suitable work gloves. They'll give you a good grip and protect your hands. Also wear proper footwear. There is always a chance of dropping something on your toes, or losing your footing.

Know that you can lift the load. Is it too heavy or too awkward? If so, get some help. Check your path and make sure it is clear. Check to see if you have enough room, that there are no obstructions in the way and that there is nothing overhead. Be aware of uneven surfaces.

When you make the lift, squat down and get a good grip on the object. As you rise, lift with your legs, keeping the load as close to your body as possible. Remember that your legs are much stronger than your arms. If you have to place the load to your left or to your right, don't twist your body. Move your feet instead. When you have to lower the load, simply reverse the procedure.

Remember these points when you lift:

- ◆When lifting, get a firm footing, feet apart, one slightly behind the other for good balance.
- ◆Stand close to the load.
- ◆Always remember to lift with your legs and not your back.
- ◆Carry the load close to your body.
- ◆Never try to carry a load that is too heavy. Ask for help or get a machine such as a boom truck to do the heavy lift.

THINK - LIFT SAFELY!!

By: Mel Rosas – RSS Safety, LLC (note new company name)

Please note the following mailing address change to PO Box 2789, Indian Trail, NC 28079-2789

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

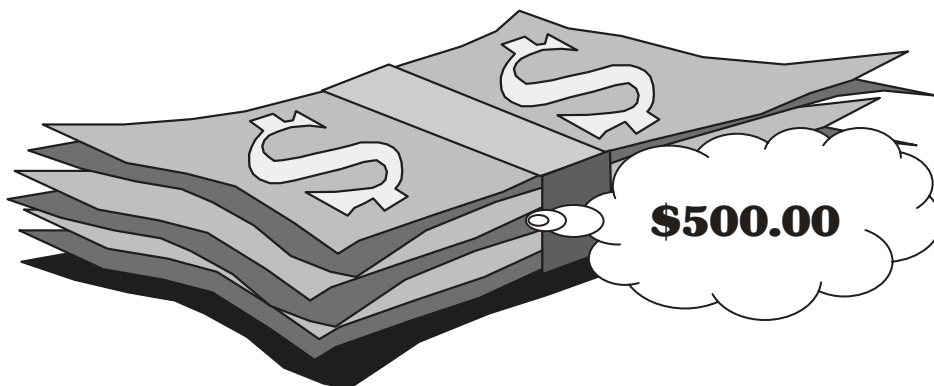
CRAIG'S PLUMBING, INC. — CRAIG & DONNA CASEY — MURRELLS INLET
 EMERGENCY SERVICES RESTORATION — CHARLES HARRIS — SIMPSONVILLE
 ENERGY PRO OF SC, LLC — DAN RAINES - WEST COLUMBIA
 STOVER MECHANICAL — DAVID HENSLEY — GREENVILLE
 SUNRISE TECHNOLOGY GROUP — STEVE MADDOX — CHARLOTTE

Outside Sales Engineer - James M. Pleasants Company, Inc.

Manufacturer's Rep Firm looking for an Outside Sales Engineer calling on Mechanical Contractors and Engineers in the Commercial HVAC & Plumbing industry. Oversee and manage all sales related activities, including system design and product application, for assigned accounts in the Columbia, SC area. HVAC & Plumbing system knowledge and experience are required. Past sales experience in the Columbia HVAC/PLBG market is preferred. www.jmpco.com

Competitive salary, commissions, benefits, and retirement package are offered.
 Mail cover letter and resume to PO Box 16706, Greensboro NC 27416, Attn: Chuck Moore or email to chuckm@jmp.com.

How would you like to win



IF SO, THEN MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE...

**15th Annual
 MCASC Scholarship Tournament
 Swatter-Snagger-Shagger Weekend
 June 2, 3, 4 2006 - Santee - Ramada Inn**

AGENDA

FRIDAY:

Check In - Ramada Inn
 GOLF: SANTEE NATIONAL (Play Your Own Ball)
 Hospitality Suite
 Poker
 Prime Rib Dinner

10:00AM* - UNTIL	*Provided room is ready
11:30 AM - Tee Times Begin (Tee Times Will Be Published)	
4:00PM - MIDNIGHT	Room 124
IT'S YOUR DEAL	Room 220
7:00PM	Hotel Pool Side

STURDAY:

Buffet Breakfast
 FISHING: BILLUPS LANDING
 GOLF: SANTEE-COOPER COUNTRY CLUB
 Hospitality Suite
 Poker
 Swatter-Snagger Awards & Door Prizes
 Seafood Dinner
 Shagging

6:00AM - 9:00AM	Garden Dining Room
5:30AM - UNTIL	
10:00AM - SHOTGUN START	Captain's Choice Format
4:00PM - MIDNIGHT	Room 124
IT'S YOUR DEAL	Room 220
6:00PM	Hotel Pool Side
6:30PM	Hotel Pool Side
After Dinner	L T's

SUNDAY:

Buffet Breakfast
 Check Out - Ramada Inn

6:00AM - 9:00AM	Garden Dining Room
12:00 NOON	Have A Safe Trip Home!!

\$500- Hole-In-One Contest

\$500 will be awarded for each hole-in-one made on Hole #8 (150 yds).

\$500 Angler Contest

\$500 will be awarded to the angler that captures the largest fish (weighed in ounces)
 IF their lucky number matches the winning number.



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REGISTRATION FORM AND INFORMATION

COST:

Swatter/Snagger - \$225.00/person (double occupancy)

Non-Sportster - \$150.00/person (double occupancy)

NOTES:

Any singles add \$45.00

Lounge cover charge waived with room key

If you choose to go down on Thursday, there will be an additional room cost of \$56.00

Please indicate below so we can make the necessary accommodations

Cancellations and/or Substitutions Accepted Thru May 19th

Hole Sponsor - \$125.00

Boat Sponsor - \$125.00

****Make checks payable to: MCASC Scholarship Fund****

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TODAY IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND!

Below, indicate activities with a ✓ mark

Complete registration form & fax to (803) 731-0390 or email to: mflowers@mcasc.com

NAME:	HCP	HOTEL THURS.	GOLF FRI.	GOLF SAT.	FISH SAT.	NO SPORT	SPONSOR
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							

IMPORTANT NOTE: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, Pre-arranged foursomes will be accepted both days provided you have contacted the MCASC State Office & submitted your team by no later than May 5, 2006. If you do not pre-arrange your foursome, & would like to play with a particular individual, please note on form. Otherwise, the Golf Committee will assign teams.

**Mechanical Member:
Bobby Belt Plumbing Co., Inc.**

Bobby Belt Plumbing Co. started in 1974 and was incorporated in 1976 as Bobby Belt Plumbing Co., Inc. They work in upstate South Carolina with an unlimited plumbing license.

Bobby Belt Plumbing Co., Inc. installs plumbing in schools, churches, restaurants, industrial, commercial and design built buildings. They are also involved with installing plumbing in residential tract builders and custom built homes.

Bobby Belt Plumbing Co., Inc. and their employees seek to provide quality workmanship to all of their valued customers.

They would like to thank Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina for the support they have given their company and all the other members. The Association has given all of the members in the construction business the opportunity to grow.

***Bobby Belt Plumbing Co., Inc.
PO Box 1605, Easley, SC 29641
4603 Old Easley Bridge Road, Easley, SC 29640
Phone: 864.269.4158
Fax: 864.269.4158***

**Congratulations to our next Associate & Mechanical Members who will be highlighted in the upcoming issue of "The Tool Box":
Energy Pro of SC, LLC — West Columbia
Maddux Supply Company — Greenville**

MAY 17, 2006 YEAR-END STATEWIDE MEETING

PIEDMONT AREA

Wednesday, May 17, 2006 @ 6:00 PM
Location: The Coop, 1100 Key Road, Columbia

Topic: Year-End Statewide Rally & Barbeque

MIDLANDS AREA

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Topic: Year-End Statewide Rally & Barbeque

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**Mechanicals make it happen -
Be part of the best!**

Message from President Darlene McGee ... (Continued from Page 1)

The Summer Convention at Sawgrass and the Winter Retreat at Myrtle Beach were both a huge success. Thanks to everyone who participated and for those who didn't, you missed a great time.

The Associate Members led by their President Mike Hough continues to work and support this Association. The Scholarship Fund is growing and this year we had five young people apply for Scholarship assistance. Thanks for all your hard work. It is very much appreciated.

I cannot thank Mona enough for all her hard work and dedication to this Association. We can rest well at night knowing our Association is in her capable hands. My suggestion to Steve is to hang on and try to keep up with her and she will take you everywhere you need to go.

As my year as President ends, thanks again to the Board of Directors for their support and to Mona for her dedication and hard work. I wish incoming President, Steve Brewer and his Board a great and prosperous year and I thank each Member for their support of this Organization.

Again it has been an honor and my privilege to serve this Association.

Darlene P. McGee
MCASC State President 2005-2006

Watch for Upcoming Announcements On The
MCASC 2006 Summer Convention July 20-23, 2006
Brasstown Valley Resort, Young Harris, Georgia