

Bug Bytes

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New Commission web page

As we reported in the last BugBytes, the Commission has a new website address:

http://www2.georgia.gov/00/article/0,2086,38902732_0_154221470,00.html. It will take a few attempts for you to get comfortable with this portal, but it will be updated regularly and should be a more timely reference for you.

- 1 After you go to the above link, scroll down to structural pest control page.
- 2 On the left hand side of the page, click on "Structural Pest Control Commission"
- 3 Scroll down and you will see information about the members of the Commission, minutes of the meetings, etc.

GPCA LEGISLATIVE DAY

The GPCA Legislative Luncheon is scheduled for this Wednesday - January 20 - at the State Capitol. We have invited members of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees, Natural Resources and other key individuals. We will serve Sprayberry's Barbecue at noon in Room 125 (first floor) of the Capitol. If you would like to attend, please send me an email (Valera@gpca.org) - and feel free to invite your legislator to attend. We frequently have lawmakers asking, "do you have someone from Alpharetta (or Rome or Hazelhurst) here?" I think they really pay attention to the opportunity to visit with their constituents!

Dandy Ant will be parading around the Capitol for photo opportunities. All in all it is a feel-good opportunity to remind everyone that our industry is a vital part of the state's economy and consumer wellbeing.

New 99B forms available from GPCA -

FHA made a few changes in their 99A and 99B forms recently - and now mortgage lenders are asking for the new document. Usually we can just use the older form until supplies give out, but this time it appears that they changed a little more than just the date. In reviewing, we can't see anything major but it has a slightly different look.

If you need the forms for FHA loans which we hope are going to be popular in moving lots of empty houses this spring, GPCA has them. They are two-part NCR and cost \$29 per hundred. This is the member price and includes shipping and tax. We do not supply the 99A because this form is required for the Builder to complete.

GPCA JOB FAIR

You've probably read about it in the magazine. We have 10 pest control companies who have signed up to have a table with two company representatives attend. They will have an opportunity to meet and greet potential employees at the GPCA Job Fair on Friday, January 29 at our Norcross office. Based on the promotion that the PR Committee has accomplished, I think we can expect quite a crowd. Since this is our first effort, we don't know how it will turn out. But, there's a good likelihood that we will have another job fair.

Sorry, we can't take more than 10 companies. We will be meeting in our upstairs conference room and space will be tight. We will post information about a future job fair when available.

PCO Course – Saturdays!!!

For the first time, GPCA will offer the PCO course on Saturday. If your weekday evenings are too hectic, now you have the opportunity to prepare for the state PCO exam on six consecutive Saturdays, starting January 23. The class will be taught by Chuck Carney, at the Cook's Pest Control, in Marietta. Classes are from 8:30 to 3:30 PM and finish on February 20. Application on line at GPCA.org.

Road Shows – Dahlonega, Macon & Augusta & 4th Tuesday

GPCA has all day classes planned in regions throughout the State:

Dahlonega – Tuesday, February 9

Macon – Tuesday, March 16

Augusta – Tuesday, April 13

Each of these programs offers 3 hours HPC and 3 hours WDO for only \$10 for the whole day!!!! Registration information as well as classes offered will be listed on the GPCA website and in the January/February issue of the PROFILE.

Additionally, on Tuesday, January 26, we will offer a FREE (for members) 2 hour class at the GPCA office in Norcross. Rob Pinion will teach an HPC program. Call 770-417-1881 to register.

CATALOG IN JAN/FEB MAGAZINE

Be sure to check out the full catalog of forms and training materials available through GPCA. The new catalog is in the January/February issue of the PROFILE. You can also access the catalog on line by clicking on the magazine and scrolling to the catalog section.

Condolences:

GPCA is saddened to report that we have lost several family members during the past few weeks:

Jacob Bullock – 15 year old Jacob and his 14 year old cousin fell through the ice in Dacula on Saturday, January 9. Both boys died from their accident. Jacob's father – Jay Bullock – works for Arrow Exterminating in the Cumming Office.

Otis Carlisle – brother of Barbara McElroy. Barbara is the owner of MSI Termite & Pest Control in Peachtree City, Georgia.

Wrap up –

The 54th Athens Conference is a wrap. We had an excellent crowd and wonderful program. Attendance was close to 600 but final numbers will be available as soon as we count all the on site registrations. After we recovered from the shock of Mahler Auditorium now being Mahler multi-use room, everything went smoothly. We got rave reviews about the program, especially the service tickets by Chris Gorecki, the new agenda for the Department of Ag by Josh Wiley, and our Termite panel of experts. We hope you enjoyed the meeting and hope to see you next year in Athens!

For a complete listing of GPCA events, please go to the GPCA website – GPCA.org.