

August 2008 Telluride/MountainVillage Meeting Summary

Chad Root (Mountain Village) and Sam Samuelson (Telluride) hosted the two day Chapter Meeting on July 31 and August 1, 2008. A very big thank you goes out to Jackie Williams (Mountain Village) and Helen Schumack (Telluride) for making all of the arrangements for the meeting rooms, the food for the meetings, reserving the Telluride Town Park tent, and the food and drink for the Thursday night picnic.

We had approximately 40 people attend the two day meetings. The meetings were held in a room at the top of the “hill” between Mountain Village and Telluride. The only way to get there was by taking the free tram which runs between the two towns. The view was fantastic and the meeting presenters were very good.

The following is a short summary of the various presenters:

1.

Steve Barnes with Pentair Water and Spa (Worlds largest manufacturer of pool equipment) explained the issues of pool entrapment and how the Building Codes and federal legislation have been dealing with this serious problem.

He explained the 5 types of entrapment and also explained the various levels of protection that deal with the entrapment problem.

Steve also spent time explaining the recently passed federal legislation “Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act” which is effective on December 19, 2008.

Please go to www.APSP.org and click on “Pool and Spa Safety Act” for an up-to-date list of information that is appropriate for this topic.

I have attached a copy of the handout that Steve gave us for all of their contact information:



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Free Download of ANSI/APSP Pool & Spa Standards

If you are a Governmental Member of the International Code Council (ICC) and wish to download a FREE set of all the *ANSI/APSP Pool and Spa Standards*, go to the ICC website at: <http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/pmg/apsp.html>

If you want a free cd rom of all the ANSI/APSP Pool and Spa Standards send an email request to: cdigiovanni@apsp.org

(Please make this offer for the FREE download available to all the code officials in CO.)

Pool and Spa Safety Messages/Brochures

If you are interested in Pool and Spa safety Information for consumers, please go to www.APSP.org Be sure to check out the APSP safety PSA's featuring Leslie Nielsen.

If you're interested in receiving a DVD of these PSAs for your local radio or TV station, please contact Helen Bloch at: HBloch@apsp.org Getting these messages out saves lives!

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2.

Scott Bridger (owner of Bridger Construction Services) was the next presenter. Scott is a custom home builder working in the Telluride and Mountain Village area. He spent an hour talking about how he is transitioning to more energy efficient and sustainable building methods. This actually turned into an open discussion among the many code officials in attendance about the general concept of “green building codes and programs” and how they are being instituted in various areas of Colorado. The discussion also centered on what green building codes and programs should be in order to be effective. This was lively and very informative discussion.

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Joani Matranga with the Governors Energy Office (GEO) was the next presenter. She is the representative for the Western Slope and went over the long list of the various programs that are available to local jurisdictions and homeowners. These programs are all listed on the State Governors Energy Office website. The website is www.colorado.gov/energy . **Joani’s e-mail address is Joani.Matranga@state.co.us if you need to contact her.**

Some of the State programs are:

Commercial and Public buildings energy code grants

Residential Energy Programs (IECC training across the State to support the new Colorado Energy Code law, Energy Star, Insulate Colorado, Time of Sale Pilot Program)

Income based Energy Services Programs

Greening Government – State government lead by example

Colorado Carbon Fund – Voluntary carbon offset program

Renewable Energy Programs (Bio Fuel/Bio Mass, Methane gas capture, Wind Energy, Geothermal, and small hydro)

Residential Solar Program

Small Wind Incentive Program

GEO Utility Program (Electric and Gas Utility Programs)

Transmission Infrastructure Project

New Energy Economic Development Grants

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Michael Stewart with the State of Colorado OPS spent some time updating everyone on the elevator code requirements. Mahesh Albuquerque with the State of Colorado OPS School Inspection division spent some time explaining how the new school inspection law will work and how a building department will be able to become certified through the State to do school plan reviews and building inspections. Michael's e-mail address is michael.stewart@state.co.us and Mahesh's e-mail is mahesh.albuquerque@state.co.us and all of the information for both programs can be found on the State website www.oil.cdle.state.co.us

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The next presentation was done by the folks from The New Community Coalition. Kris Holstrum, Executive Director, gave us a general overview of the group. The TNCC is a non-profit organization for San Miguel County which includes Telluride and Mountain Village. This group has been working on the development of a comprehensive regional green building code. Kim Wheels then spent time on explaining the specific details of how the group worked with the public, builders, and building departments to get the first drafts finished. Sam Samuelson (CBO for Telluride) and Chad Root (CBO for Mountain Village) explained how their jurisdictions green building codes would relate to the regional green building code.

The following is the website address for this group and a short explanation of their group

<http://www.newcommunitycoalition.org/>

The New Community Coalition was formed in 2007 to implement sustainability efforts in San Miguel county. The organization is funded by the Town of Telluride, Town of Mountain Village, San Miguel County, the Telluride Foundation, and San Miguel Power Association.

TNCC coordinates and manages efforts that contribute to balanced regional sustainability. These efforts encompass the three tenants of sustainability: Natural Resources and Ecology, Society and Culture, and Local Economy. In addition to the role of coordinating entity, the annual work plan will emphasize energy conservation (including enhanced green building standards), renewable energy, food security, waste reduction, environmentally responsible waste disposal and recycling programs, and relocalization efforts. Five working groups have been developed to address these issues, and are comprised of TNCC staff and community members.

TNCC Action Plan

Our Staff

Kris Holstrom, Sustainability Coordinator and Executive Director

Colleen Trout, Administrator

Eliza Keating, Green Building Director

Kim Wheels, Energy Specialist, Green Building Director

Our Board The non-profit board consists of representatives from each government and several at-large seats currently filled by the president of our local power cooperative, a solar energy contractor, a building contractor and a former oil executive/current cattle rancher. We have requested that a representative from the ski area be appointed as well.

The New Community Coalition

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The next presentation was by Steve Dunn with SWEEP (Southwest Energy Efficiency Project). He spent some time explaining what SWEEP does and how they are concentrating on above code initiatives (the 30% solution). He talked about how energy efficiency is cost effective in terms of Return on Investment. He explained how money is available from various sources including the State of Colorado.

More information can be found at www.swenergy.org

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The final presentation was done by Robby Schwartz with Energy Logic. He explained the simulated performance path for code compliance. The simulated performance path takes advantage of sound integrated systems thinking, applied building science, and performance analysis and testing in order to meet the intent of the code.

He spent the time explaining the concepts behind the performance path as compared to the prescriptive requirements as outlined in the body of the Codes. He also spent time reviewing the specific areas to be looked at both at the plan review stage and the inspection stage.

Robby Schwartz is a principal with Energy Logic. Energy Logic provides energy auditing and energy rating of homes. Their website address is:

<http://www.nrglogic.com/index.shtml>