

AIANN President's Message – July 2008

Well I did it! I spent two nights neck deep in the web, searching sites, and reading consumer reports. Each night, my loving wife would ask me – “Did you buy one?” Not yet - I said but I have narrowed my choices to a couple of “Made in America” models. Hey, this is one of those built to last a lifetime decisions. The hook was when I found one that said “recommended by the Amish”. So I clicked “Buy It”.

It still feels like the right thing to do, but I am catching some flack from my father-in-law on this as he said “Tell me you’re not going Green on me?” My son thinks it’s pretty cool, but my neighbors still have their doubts. I still have not told my older brother yet, not sure if he will think it is neat or if he will feel that I have gone off the deep end.

It arrived in about two weeks and came in a large cardboard box, weighing more than I thought it would for sure. Of course the Y chromosome in me said that I did not need to read the directions to assemble it. Then after some backtracking and re-bolting, it was ready! I could hardly wait to take it for a spin! It is a candy apple red, with white stripping along the cowling, molded hand grips and it looks like it is moving fast just setting there parked! No - it is not my mid life “Hog”, just me following my other instincts.

It is the Porsche of reel lawn mowers, has 6 blades (in lieu of the standard 4!) and cuts through our tough northern Nevada grass like butter!



Filled with adrenalin, I raced through the front lawn and then took it around the back and in another 20 minutes was finished with that, but I realized a couple of things right away. I broke a sweat and needed to keep a brisk pace going to get the optimum rpm’s for the reel to keep slaying the grass. I realized that I got in a 30 minute cardio work out, just like the doctor recommends. I also realized that we could slow down the suburban crawl if everyone traded in their gas powered lawn mower or zero clearance riding mower for a reel mower. Homeowners would not want the full workout of mowing the half acre of grass surrounding their McMansion. We would inherently reduce our water usage, reduce our volume of lawn clippings headed to the landfill – and slim our waist line and reduce childhood obesity!

All of this by following a little advice from the Amish!

Tread Lightly,
Pat Pusich, AIA

Upcoming Events!

14 August

(Q3) Lunch Program - 'The social and economic health of the City of Reno'

Our featured speakers will be Charles McNeeley/City of Reno City Manager and Mark Lewis/City of Reno Redevelopment Director. We will get up to date on the AAA Ball Park and associated Retail District, the Market District, new downtown plaza, and Post Office Renovation Plans. We will also see how we as architects can help the City in the "process".

Invitations will be sent shortly!



18 August

AIANN Denny Askew Memorial Golf Tournament as sponsored by Rox Pro

We hope to see as many members as possible swinging their clubs (or looking for their ball like me) and enjoying the beautiful Montreux Golf Club. It will be a great day so please make time to join us. This is our largest academic scholarship benefit of the year. Go to www.aiann.org for more info.

ROX PRO
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AIA Northern Nevada
18th Annual Denny Askew Memorial
Rox Pro Golf Tournament – 18 August 2008

• For full details and to sign up, just log onto aiann.org

Early Bird Registration Ends June 15, 2008

- Individual Golfer:	\$225.00
- Team of 4 golfers:	\$900.00
- Tee Sign:	\$250.00

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7-8 November

The Triptych Design Conference and Awards program as sponsored by Basalite at the beautiful Resort at Squaw Creek.

Preparations are moving along smoothly, and we are pleased to have Basalite as our primary sponsor! It will be a terrific conference led by our Keynote Speaker, Eddie Jones of Jones Studio in Phoenix, AZ. We will have a day and a half of interesting and entertaining classes including “Beyond Green”, Integrated Project Delivery Methods, the NASCAR version of building failures, and a great round table discussion on a pure project team featuring the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism at AU. In all, attendees will be able to earn 8 Continuing Education Units.

There is going to be some fun “out of class” activities as well! Forrest and Mercedes are setting up a docent led tour for the Thunderbird Lodge. And to cap off Friday Night, Ron Gaunt, AIA (and possibly Brad Van Woert, AIA with some prompting!) will be playing guitars at our chapter party! It is going to be a great time to please plan on attending and catch the 8 CEU’s offered.



We can’t forget the AIA Nevada Design Awards Banquet that will wrap up the two day event. The Call for Entries has been released by AIA Nevada and the categories have been revised to match the criteria for AIA National. In keeping with the theme, a TRIPTYCH Collaboration Award has been created to recognize and encourage the design excellence achieved through the collaborative efforts of architects, contractors, and owners. Visit the AIA Nevada website (www.aianeveda.org) for the entry packet and look for the conference registration information that will be coming out soon!

Accomplishments for 2008 so far!

Canstruction 2008

This year's event, led by Fred Graham, AIA and Dave Eckes, AIA, raised over 33,300 pounds of food, equating to 26,600 meals for our areas people in need. The Canstruction Event is now the Foodbank of Northern Nevada's 3rd largest food/fundraiser!

This year's award winners:

Best Meal:

Hershenow + Klippenstein: "The Great Food Pyramid and the River Nile"

Best Use of Labels:

Carson High AutoCad Team #1 (HurriCAN): "We CAN Draw You Away From Hunger"

Structural Ingenuity:

Sierra Pacific Power Company: "Looks Funny, Saves Money"

Jurors Favorite:

The Glenn Group: "The Power of Cake"

Honorable Mention 1:

Carson High AutoCad Team #2 (Master Drafters): "Taking a Shot at Hunger"

Honorable Mention 2:

The Hunter Lake Fifth Grade Dragons: "The Hunter Lake DraCAN"



For additional photos, visit the CANstruction page on the AIANN website.

Scholarships!

The Ray Hellmann and Graham Erskine Memorial Scholarships awarded **\$3,500** this year Northern Nevada students seeking a career in architecture. This brings the total amount awarded since 1995 to \$25,900. The price of education increases greatly each year and our scholarships make a difference on new students entering the profession. Please remember this as you are asked to participate in our many programs that benefit scholarships.

2008 AIANN Ray Hellmann Scholarship Recipients:

Seanna Drew, Allison Dunn, Stefan Kaiser, Kent Lewis, Allen McKinley

2008 AIANN Graham Erskine Scholarship Recipients:

Natalie Malekos and Justin Darrow

In recognition of the long standing AIANN support of the Graham Erskine Scholarship, AIA National provides matching funds to each recipient of that scholarship.

Welcome 2008 New Members!

New Associate Members

- Delores Henderson
- Robert Scheel
- Valerie Whitt
- Kay Radzik
- Wan Lee
- Moises Barajas

New Allied Members

- Brett McElhaney / McElhaney Structural Engineers
- Lou Primak / Penta Building Group
- Insul Foam
- William Poe / Meadowood Crown Plaza
- Jody Sigstad / La Bella Vita
- Mike Reyman / Reyman Brothers Const.
- Ben Veach / Summit Engineering
- Christy Bingham / Creation Studios
- Luke Fry / Machabee Office Environments
- Patrick O'Flaherty / Luminosity
- Tony Price / MSA Engineering
- Jim Rice / Philadelphia Queen, Division of Shaw Enterprises
- Mark Schlosser / Beaudin Ganze Consulting Engineers
- Stanley Mentzer / Mentzer Insurance
- Kreg Mebust / Jeff Codega Planning and Design
- Becky Dimond / RO Anderson
- Rusty Heberger / Ranger Construction

We have a vibrant and expanding membership. Please let me know if you have any ideas for events or activities as we are all hear to meet membership's needs.

Enjoy the Summer!