

July 2003

July meeting will be a cowboy cookout picnic in the park ICC President Paul Meyers will be special guest for OVNARI event at Sharon Woods

July will be a special meeting month for Ohio Valley NARI. Not only will we make another excursion to Sharon Woods--this year for a cowboy cookout--we will have a very special guest at the cookout.

Paul Myers, CBO, is assistant director of the Cincinnati Department of Buildings and Inspections. Paul is also president of the International Code Council, the first person to serve in this capacity since the consolidation of BOCA, SBCCI, and ICBO into a single international professional organization for building officials. In other words, Paul is the elected leader of more than 50,000 building officials in all 50 states, and several foreign countries. That's quite an honor for one of our building industry colleagues from right here in Cincinnati!

Paul began his rise to international leadership in 1983 when he was

elected treasurer of the Southwest Ohio Building Officials Association. He moved through the SWOBOA officer ranks, then moved on to leadership positions with the Ohio Building Officials Association and BOCA. In 1999 the members of BOCA elected Paul president of that regional association.

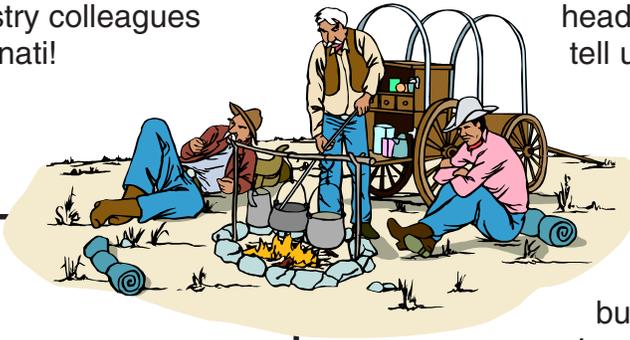
In his work as a Cincinnati building official and as an elected leader of the local, state, regional, and international associations Paul has been a strong advocate for improved education and information for all code users. We have asked Paul to give us an informal report on where ICC came from, where it

stands today, and where it is headed in the future, and to tell us about the information and training resources

ICC has for contractors to help us join building officials in our mutual goal of constructing better, safer buildings.

In addition to a great dinner and a celebrity guest there's another reason for you to be at Sharon Woods for the cookout. We'll wrap up the evening with a tool swap in the parking lot.

The fun starts at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 10, at the Great Meadow Shelter at Sharon Woods. The cost is just \$15 per person. Bring your whole family; bring your whole crew! As ordered by the board of directors, this shelter is about 1,000 feet closer to the rest rooms than where we were last year!



Call to RSVP

- What:** 2003 OVNARI Picnic
- When:** Thursday, July 10, 2003
- Where:** Sharon Woods
Great Meadow Shelter
- Time:** 6:30 p.m.
- RSVP:** Ohio Valley NARI at (800) 498-NARI
- Cost:** \$15.00 per person

Window installation is focus of June meeting hosted by Pella

The June 12 Ohio Valley NARI dinner meeting, hosted by Pella at the Design Center, was another evening packed with fellowship and information.

An all-you-can-eat buffet, well-stocked with hamburgers, brats, and plenty of slaw, potato salad, and beans, and iced coolers filled with an assortment of beverages to please all tastes, got the meeting off to a fine start. If anyone left hungry it was their own fault!



The educational program focused on an issue of growing significance in an era when contractors, home owners, and lawyers(!) are more aware than ever before of the consequences of water

incursion into walls. Brent Rice, Tyvek product specialist, with Parksite Plunkett-Webster, distributors of Du Pont Tyvek house wrap in the Cincinnati-Dayton area, showed photos of problem window installations. After showing several examples of what not to do, Brent gave a demonstration of how to use Tyvek to produce a leak-free installation.



Coming Events

July 10, 2003

Topic: Paul Meyers, Assistant Building Official Cincinnati, President of the International Code Council
Location: Sharon Woods

August 14, 2003

Golf Outing at Twin Oaks

September 11, 2003 - 6:30 p.m.

Topic: Design/Build

Presenter: Stan Better

Home needs of older Americans

Most middle-aged Americans believe they will stay in their home for the rest of their life, according to an AARP study, but the authors of the report note that those surveyed may be overly optimistic about their long-range physical and economic health.

They suggest that older home owners should focus on features in their homes that will enable them to age in place and live independently. With the demographic shift to an older population this implies a growing market for home improvements to help seniors maintain an independent life style.

About 88% of the study group said a bedroom and bathroom on the main floor would be important to them; 75% already have that feature in their home. A garage or covered parking was valued by 75% of survey respondents, and 75% already have that feature at their current address. However, current homes fall short in providing other features that are considered important for aging-in-place:

- About 80% want non-slip floor surfaces; 54% currently have them.
- About 80% want bathroom aids such as grab bars or a bathing stool; only about one-third have them in their home.
- About 80% said a personal alert system to summon help in emergencies would be important; only 13% have one.
- An entrance without steps was important to 77% of those surveyed; 37% now have one.

Other features that enhance living in place, such as handled doorknobs and easier-to-reach outlets and switches, can be added to the home fairly easily. Remodelers would serve themselves and their customers by being attentive to such details when helping clients plan home improvement projects.

You can read and download the complete study report, "These Four Walls...Americans 45+ Talk About Home and Community," at www.research.aarp.org.

Ohio Valley NARI is still seeking players and sponsors for 2003 golf tournament on August 14

It's now just about five weeks until the 2003 Ohio Valley NARI Golf Tournament. We'll tee off in a shotgun start at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, August 14, at Twin Oaks Golf Course, 43rd and Michigan Avenue, Covington.

Sponsorships and player registrations are coming in on a regular basis, but we need more. To make this year's tournament the most successful NARI golf outing ever we need the support of every NARI member company. You can participate in two ways, by supporting the event as a hole sponsor, and by registering to play in the tournament.

Hole sponsorship is just \$125; player fees



are just \$85 - and that includes a great steak dinner!

In addition to financial sponsorship and golfers in the tee box, we need grab bag and raffle prizes. These can be remodeling-related (e.g., tools or materials), golf-related (e.g., shirts, caps, balls, clubs), or personal (e.g., restaurant gift certificates). We can use as many prizes as we can get.

As an OVNARI Golf Tournament sponsor you will receive signage recognition on your hole, recognition on all printed materials associated with the tournament and in the Ohio Valley NARI newsletter, and personal recognition during the awarding of prizes. You are encouraged to have an activity at the tee or the green of the hole you sponsor to promote your support of NARI and its members.

To add your company name to the list of OVNARI Golf Tournament sponsors fill out the sponsorship form and send it to the NARI office by mail or FAX. All sponsorship payments must reach NARI by Monday, August 4. After that date we can't guarantee that you will have the signage recognition to which you are otherwise entitled.

Remember, contractors can be sponsors too! It's a way to show support for your industry and your association.

Players are what the tournament is all about, and that's the other way you can support this event. Treat your suppliers, subs, employees, and customers to a great day on the golf course. It's a great way to show appreciation for their contributions to your business success, and to build stronger relationships. Player fees are only \$85 per person, or \$340 for a foursome.

Don't delay send your sponsorship and golfer registration forms to the Ohio Valley NARI office today. You can register a foursome and add the names later, if you like.

NARI remodels web site

On the evening of May 1, NARI National launched its new web site. When you visit the site at www.remodeltoday.com you will see the following changes:

- The masthead is visible on every page the visitor clicks for easy navigation.
- The "Find" feature, which permits searching for a professional remodeler, national member and chapter is higher on the page, making it easier to locate.
- The search function for prospective members to join has been improved. NARI National recently purchased new software to help determine which zip codes belong to various chapters. Hopefully this will cut down on confusion when a prospective member is located "between chapters."
- The NARI Store will be available online for convenient online ordering.
- And the login box is now on the left side of the page, right under the NARI logo.



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Pace of remodeling activity picks up in first quarter

The Harvard University Remodeling Activity Indicator for the first quarter of 2003 showed that home owners increased their spending on renovations and improvements at a 6.1% annual pace in the months of January, February, and March. This was an increase from the 5% annualized growth rate reported for the final quarter of 2002.

“A recovering economy has helped accel-

erate the annual growth rate for remodeling spending,” said Kermit Baker, director of Harvard University’s Joint Center for Housing Studies’ Remodeling Futures Program. “As long as mortgage rates stay in favorable ranges, home sales and the resulting home improvement projects will remain strong.”

Residential mortgage rates reached a 40-year low in March and have lingered close to that level since, encouraging refinancings and enabling home owners to cash out some equity. About 35% of this cash is spent on home remodeling, said Baker.

The mission of Ohio Valley NARI is:

- ✓ To establish and maintain the association’s firm commitment to developing and sustaining programs that expand and unite the remodeling industry as well as to ensure the industry’s growth and security.
- ✓ To encourage ethical conduct, sound business practices, and professionalism in the remodeling industry.
- ✓ To present NARI as the recognized authority in the remodeling industry.

These missions are carried out by:

- ✓ Promoting the common business interests of those engaged in the industry.
- ✓ Sponsoring educational programs and activities for members.
- ✓ Enlightening consumers to the needs and advantages of home remodeling and maintenance, thereby improving the nation’s housing inventory.
- ✓ Recommending legislative and regulatory action that safeguards and preserves the remodeling industry, and stimulates the marketplace.

Goals of chapter to accomplish mission:

- ✓ To provide education to enhance professional and personal competencies.
- ✓ To create and encourage networking.
- ✓ To develop and promote the profession.
- ✓ To serve as a resource center.
- ✓ To provide quality publications to members.
- ✓ To improve membership and membership participation.
- ✓ To improve consumer awareness.
- ✓ To remain proactive on current and pending legislation.



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