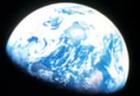




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Tribute to D. Brian Baker



D. Brian Baker (57) (seen above at left), a Winnipeg business owner, active and involved volunteer and participant in the HVAC/R sector, passed away from an aggressive cancer this past January. From being on the original government facilitated working group on ozone depleting substances back in 1992, to Chair of HRAI Canada and a Chair of RSES and an international rep., to being on the provincial trade advisory council, it would be hard to find anyone more engaged with the industry. Brian was also a long-time MOPIA trainer and independent instructor in the power engineering sector. Brian was a one-time MOPIA Board member and could be seen encouraging best practices and raising the bar from all he encountered. A memorial service has taken place. Brian leaves behind his wife Denise and three grown children and their families.

Manitoba Green Plan – Your Input is Sought by March 19

Manitoba's department of Sustainable Development is seeking your input on developing a new Manitoba Green Plan to address the following key issues:

reduce carbon emissions causing climate change; adapt to climate change impacts; preserve wetlands and vulnerable ecosystems; integrate water and land use; build new clean economy growth; foster sustainable living opportunities for people and communities.

Follow the link and provide your thoughts on the survey...

<http://www.manitoba.ca/climateandgreenplan/index.html>

MOPIA's 23rd Annual General Meeting is April 12



You are invited to attend MOPIA's 23rd Annual General Meeting (AGM)! Hear about our previous years activities and our solid financial position.

Are you interested to be on MOPIA's Board of Director's? Become a steward member (\$20) and you are then eligible to become nominated for a volunteer Board position.

The AGM is taking place Wednesday, April 12 beginning at 7 pm at the Canad Inn on McPhillips (in Winnipeg's Garden City area). There is no cost to attend. For more information, contact MOPIA or visit our website for the steward application and Board of Directors nomination form.

Next Certification Training Date is Wednesday, March 29

MOPIA's next one-day environmental and regulation awareness certification class will be held on Wednesday, March 29 at the Canad Inn (McPhillips) in Winnipeg.

If you know of anyone requiring the certification, please let them know. The class runs from 8 am – 5 pm and includes an examination. Anyone working on A/C or HVACR systems handling regulated products and refrigerants must have this certification or they risk penalties of up to \$50,000 and/or imprisonment not exceeding six months on a first offence.



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Sun Awareness – Skin Cancer Risks



Statistics show that 1 in 6 Manitoba's will develop some form of skin cancer over their lifetime. This rate of incidence has increased over time, attributed mostly to the reduced protection of the earth's stratospheric ozone layer.

See: <http://www.canadianskincancerfoundation.com/>
<http://www.cancer.ca/en/cancer-information/cancer-type/skin-melanoma/melanoma/?region=on>

MOPIA coming to Your Town

MOPIA will soon be deciding on what locations and dates for our annual cross-province awareness sessions. Each year, MOPIA hosts complimentary breakfast or lunch sessions to hear and engage with our stakeholders, bring forth emerging industry trends and regulatory issues. Environment Officers from the Department of Sustainable Development and other guests have participated to help answer questions and we look forward to their involvement again this year.

MOPIA's plan is to host at least one session in the following locations: Winkler/Morden, Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Winnipeg, Steinbach and Dauphin. However, if there is interest, other locations will be added. Whether it be in Thompson, Altona, Selkirk or anywhere in-between. We want to ensure is that there is a practical venue to host a session and the interest from our stakeholders.

The sessions are usually about 1 hour in length so as not to cut into your work day schedule much and include a light meal and snacks. The dates are likely to be between May – August when the industry is in full swing. Shoot us an email if you have some ideas for locations and topics you'd like discussed.



Ozone Layer Monitoring Part of International Space Station



Photo credit NASA
<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/langley/sage-iii-installed-on-its-new-home-on-the-international-space-station>

March 7 was when the final installation of the instrumentation of SAGE III took place on the International Space Station (ISS). Within 90 days, the activation and calibration of SAGE III will happen.

The instruments are designed to measure ozone molecules and other key aerosols in the atmosphere that will assist in mapping chemicals in the stratosphere. The launch is called CRS-10 (SAGE III).

For more info on this mission, follow the links below:

www.nasa.gov/topics/earth/features/sage3.html
www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVyNQXWxH24
www.spacex.com/

Get to Know Us



John Kub, Chair of MOPIA's Board of Directors, Laura Bjornson, Executive Assistant and Mark Miller, Executive Director (wearing a hat).



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