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Florida Air Conditioning Apprenticeship Graduation



Peter Montana of ACProsite.com presents an award to the Graduate of the Year Cody Hull

Sara Baxter, Palm Beach County Commissioner District 6, spoke to the graduates about their value to build the community. She also said to keep learning and to excel in their business.

Steve Sparks introduced the instructors and presented the graduates, along with Sara Baxter, and Kelly McCann. Graduates received their certificates along with gifts from Tropic Supply, Yellow Jacket, and the Florida Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors Association.

Cody Hull was named Graduate of the Year and received an award from Peter Montana of ACProsite.com.

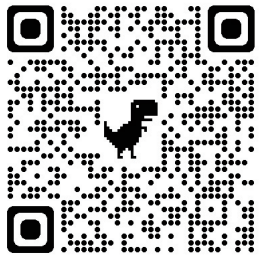
Steve Sparks reminded them of the PBACCA Maury Jacob Scholarships that is available to assist all motivated students.

The Florida Air Conditioning Apprenticeship Association (FACAA), in conjunction with the Palm Beach Air Conditioning Contractors Association (PBACCA), honored 21 2023 graduates at a banquet held on August 3, 2023 at The Beach Club in Lake Worth Beach, FL.

More than 50 instructors, employers, friends, families and other industry members attended the event to congratulate the graduates and celebrate with them. FACAA Program Director and past PBACCA President Steve Sparks and FACAA Committee Members hosted the banquet, which began with the PBACCA General Membership Meeting. Steve congratulated the graduates for their commitment, thanked their families for the sacrifices they endured and recognized the sponsoring employers for enabling the students to participate over the past four years.



Keynote Speaker was Sara Baxter, Palm Beach County Commissioner District 6 who spoke about their value to the community



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PBACCA Presents
General Meeting - 9th Annual Food Drive

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Thursday, October 5, 2023

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President's Perspective



Robin Worrell

Greetings everyone. Here we are in September and Labor Day is upon us. To many of us, this will mean a well deserved long weekend. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday.

We just celebrated PBACCA and Florida Air Conditioning Apprenticeship Dinner on August 3. What a great night. With all our graduates and family and friends, we had a terrific turnout to honor all our dedicated graduates. A very special thanks to our guest speaker, Palm Beach County Commissioner, Sara Baxter. She spoke about the importance and need for education in the trades. We are very grateful for her attendance and support.

PBACCA has a GREAT offer right now that we are running. A membership special. Join PBACCA for 2023 membership and receive 2024 for FREE. You simply cannot find a better organization to belong to. Join us and get involved. We need your enthusiasm, energy and ideas.

Our next big event is the 21st Annual Golf Tournament on October 28 at Winston Trails Golf Club. This has always been a well attended fun event. (Further details are in this plenum)

Remember, all of us at PBACCA are here to assist our members. Just give us a call or email with any concerns you may have or any ideas you think might help us improve for you. Until next month, be safe and well.

Robin

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PBACCA UP COMING EVENTS



21st Annual Golf Tournament

To be held on October 28, 2023

Winston Trails Golf Club

6101 Winston Trails Blvd, Lake Worth, FL 33463



4th Annual Casino Night, 10th annual toy Drive, & 2024 Board Election

To be held on December 9, 2023

Winston Trails Golf Club

6101 Winston Trails Blvd, Lake Worth, FL 33463



2nd Annual Clay Shoot

To be held on February 10th, 2024

OK Corral Gun Club

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We are working during a time in our industry that has machines equipped with “charge mode.” Manufacturers are designing their equipment with sensors, transducers, and boards to achieve the “optimum” charge. The board looks at pressures, temperatures, compressor and fan speeds to ensure the system is in the correct mode for charging. The only thing left for the technician to do is to “add” the refrigerant until the light tells us we’re done. It seems like the act of charging a system could become a lost art. In this month’s topic we will discuss charging a system without computer assistance.



In previous articles we have talked about leak detection, system evacuation and recovery, which all can play a role in the process of charging a system. Either we are starting a new system or opening the system to make a repair and then re-charge it. After a repair we typically pressurize with nitrogen for a standing pressure test. If we are on a new system start up, many companies will pressurize the lines during the equipment set phase. After the system passes the pressure test, we are ready for evacuation. Recalling the previous articles on evacuation remember it's the microns we are concerned with not necessarily the 29.92 in. Hg, that is when the work starts. In the micron scale, a perfect vacuum is 0 microns, and increasing pressure is represented by an increase in the measurement.

Therefore, a measurement of 25,400 microns (the equivalent of 1 in. Hg or 28.92 in. Hg vacuum) is a higher pressure than 0 microns. Remember that inch's mercury (Hg) vacuum goes up numerically with increasing vacuum (lower pressure), and micron measurements go down with increasing vacuum (lower pressure). In practice a good micron level to achieve is 500 microns.

Once the vacuum is complete, we are ready to introduce refrigerant. Remember to break the vacuum with the refrigerant you are installing into the system. On a new system open the service valves, I open the vapor (suction) line first then the liquid line. I do this to limit the amount of oil that can be pushed out of the compressor, opening the suction line first provides some pressure on the system to limit the velocity of the refrigerant. Weighing in the charge is a preferred method. The weight is specified in the manufacturer's literature; don't forget to add the refrigerant line length to the equation. Remember to check the manufacturer's literature to verify the specifics. The next step is crucial, but I feel it's sometimes overlooked, verifying the system's airflow. We must verify the correct airflow before charging the system. Airflow settings should be verified, static pressure is checked, checking the filter and ductwork for restrictions are all part of the charging process. The airflow must be correct for a correct charge. Think of the sensible capacity formula: $1.08 \times \text{CFM} \times \Delta T$ you can see the cfm, along with the temperature (refrigerant charge), airflow is a significant value. Once the system is operational look at the subcooling and superheat. Remember to check both values even though it may have a TXV. Subcooling is used for charging; however, we use superheat to check txv and coil performance. Take the time to allow the refrigerant charge to stabilize prior to making adjustments.

Things to consider are the entering air conditions both dry bulb and wet bulb temperatures. If there is warm air entering the coil your pressures will seem off. Allowing time for the refrigerant to stabilize will allow heat to be removed from the space and your pressures (and superheat) will fall in place. The moral of the story is to not rush the process; having good tools that you trust will help. As always, stay safe in all you do!

2023 Apprenticeship Graduation



Robin Worrell, PBACCA President welcomed the graduates and attendees, and gave an update of future events



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Florida Air Conditioning Apprenticeship 2023 Graduates

Ryan Busse	James Murray
Ben FanFan	Ian Nelson
Michael Hall	Joshua Newman
Fredi Hernandez	Monroe Ramage
Cody Hull	Trevor Robinson
Hunter Kuhn	Jonathan Shipp
Cody Marx	Brandon Smith
Robert McCulloch	Frank Spargo
Keneil McIntosh	Cedric Stoner
Austin Mettler	Anthony Williams
Perry Monteiro	



Instructor Jimmy Stanford, Jonathan Shipp, Cedric Stoner, Anthony Williams, Trevor Robinson, Joshua Newman, Frank Spargo, Monroe Ramage, Brandon Smith



Instructor Jimmy Stanford, Ian Nelson, Austin Mettler, Cody Marx, Cody Hull, Keneil McIntosh, Ryan Busse, Robert McCulloch, Michael Hall, Fredi Hernandez

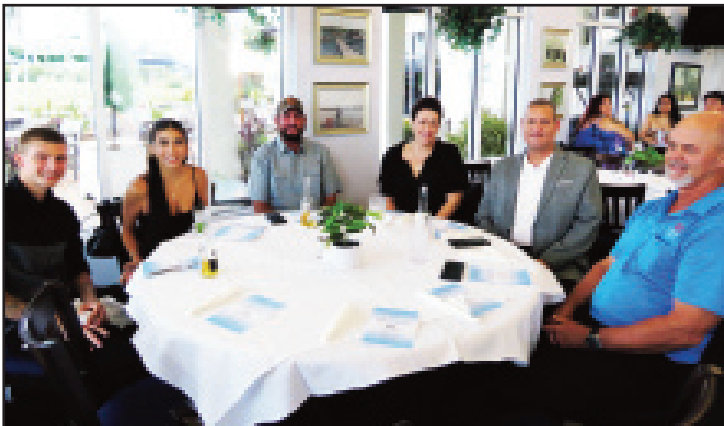
Celebrating the 2023 Apprenticeship Graduation at The Beach House



Instructors: Steve Sparks Director of FACCA, Kelly McCann, Jimmy Stanford, Nick De Canto, and Mike Swartz



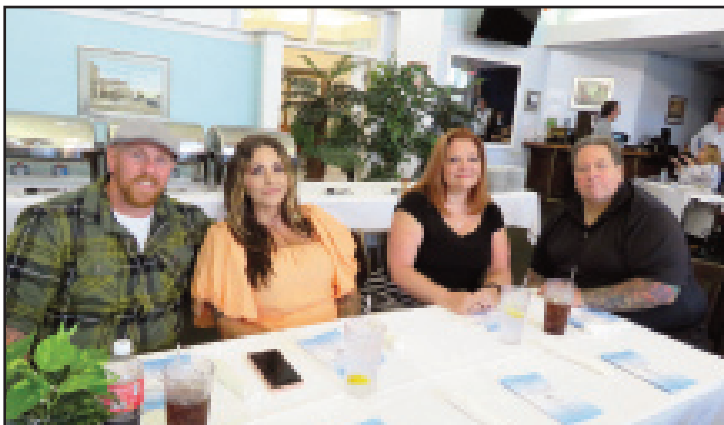
John Riley-AI Packer Ford-Lincoln, Steven Castillo of Robert R McGill Air Conditioning, and Arturo Alba of Arco Supply



Josh Newman, Fiona Domingas, Chris Rhodes, Morgan Brantley, Kelly McCann, and David Hutchison of CMI Air Conditioning



Jimmy Stanford, Nick De Canto, Steve Cardona, Justin Resario, and Keneil McIntosh of TWC Air Conditioning



Robert McCulloch (Spectrum AC), Jennifer McWilliams, Robert and Naomi McCulloch



Cody Hull, Leslie Barron, Marina Martinez, Craig and Lisa Hull



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PBACCA's 21st Annual Golf **Tournament**

Palm Beach Air Conditioning
Contractors Association

WHERE

Winston Trails Golf Club... 6101 Winston Trails Blvd. Lake Worth, FL 33463

WHEN

Saturday October 28th 2023

8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start Scramble

- Continental Breakfast will be served before tee-off 8:30 (7a.m. check-in)
 - Drinks provided on the course
 - Trophy and Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place
 - Prizes for longest drive straightest drive, closest to pin and more!
 - Raffle prizes for everyone!
 - FREE Barbecue lunch included with green fees to be held at **Winston trails Golf CLUB Ballroom.**
- (Sponsorships still available)

The Awards Ceremony : After you finish, join us for the awards banquet at Winston Trails Golf Club Ballroom. We will serve barbecue chicken, burgers, and hot dogs, slaw, potato salad, beans and more! Your family and friends are welcome to join for the awards ceremony and lunch.

Saturday October 28th Winston trails Golf Club

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We have specific sponsorships available, but will be open to other types of sponsorship suggestions. Please review the following list of opportunities, fill in the form below and mail to the specified address. Sponsorships on this list are first come-first serve basis. The earlier you confirm your sponsorship the more recognition you'll receive in future marketing.

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Best Practices Topic:

Allied: Increasing Profits with the System Shield Labor Concession Program



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Event Time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

WHERE

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2023 CALENDAR of EVENTS

- Sept 7 **Board Meeting** - 4:30 p.m.- **Via Zoom**
- Oct 5 **General Meeting** - 5:30 p.m.
The Beach Club, 1 7th Ave. North Lake Worth Beach
9th annual food drive
- Oct 28 **21st Annual Golf Tournament:**
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2024 Board Election
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Little Girl

This is truly a heartwarming story about the bond formed between a little girl and some construction workers. This makes you want to believe in the goodness of people and that there is hope for the human race. A young family moved into a house next door to a vacant lot. One day a construction crew turned up to start building a house on the empty lot. The young family's 5-year-old daughter naturally took an interest in all the activity going on next door and started talking with the workers. She hung around and eventually the construction crew, all of them gems-in-the-rough, more or less adopted her as a kind of project mascot. They chatted with her, let her sit with them while they had coffee and lunch breaks, and gave her little jobs to do here and there to make her feel important. At the end of the first week they even presented her with a pay envelope containing a dollar. The little girl took this home to her mother who said all the appropriate words of admiration and suggested that they take the dollar pay she had received to the bank the next day to start a savings account. When they got to the bank the teller was equally impressed with the story and asked the little girl how she had come by her very own pay check at such a young age. The little girl proudly replied, "I worked all last week with a crew building a house." "My goodness gracious," said the teller, "and will you be working on the house again this week, too?" The little girl replied, "I will if those useless sons-a-bitches at Home Depot ever bring us any drywall that's worth a crap!"




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