October 8th

Please join us for our Monthly Business Meeting on Thursday, October 8th
Guest speaker: Randy Pitts
with Triangle Contractors, Inc.
Randy will be discussing "Renewable Energy"
Thursday, October 8, 2015

Market on Main
535 Main Ave SW
Hickory, NC 28602

Social Hour: 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Dinner & Meeting: 6:30 PM
Dinner Menu: TBD

PLEASE REGISTER/RSVP NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, October 6th!

Bring a guest/potential member
and let them see the benefits of PCEA! **
(Guest Registration is FREE)

Register online at:
www.pcea-catawbavalley.org
HEALTH & HAPPINESS

Mrs. Helen S. Kerr, mother of members James & Roger Kerr passed away.
Helen Carter Kerr, 91, passed away August 28, 2015 at Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory. She was born September 4, 1923 in Rowan County to the late Jonas E. and Esther Troutman Carter. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband James Pressley Kerr Sr.; and twelve brothers and sisters. Helen was a member of West Hickory Baptist Church. She was Vice President and Chairmen of the Board of Kerr's Hickory Ready Mix Concrete and Co-owner of Kerr Sand Company. She is survived by her daughters, Katrina Kerr Hayes and husband, Frank of Charlotte and Mary Kerr Luckadoo and husband, Tommy of Hickory; sons, James Pressley Kerr Jr. and wife, Jennifer of Hickory and Roger Stephen Kerr and wife, Melinda of Hickory; granddaughters, Heather Nichole Cox of Charlotte, Rebecca Kerr Smith and husband, Aaron of Bolivia, NC, Emily Marie Kerr of Hickory, Kaitlyn Jennifer Kerr of Hickory, Sarah Olivia Luckadoo of Hickory, and Emma Kerr Luckadoo of Hickory; and great-granddaughter, Kylie Madison Smith of Bolivia, NC. Memorials may be made to West Hickory Baptist Church Music Fund, 40 12th St. NW, Hickory, NC 28601.

April Williams, wife of member Randall Williams, had minor surgery this week, please keep April, Randall & family in your thoughts & prayers.

Please send any Health & Happiness to Teresa Cottrell,
Catawba County Building Inspections
NEW STANDARDS FOR CONFINED SPACES IN CONSTRUCTION

By J. Edgar Geddie, Ph.D.

Standards Officer

Federal OSHA published a new standard for working in confined spaces in construction on May 4, 2015. The standard, which is located in a new Subpart AA of 29 CFR Part 1926 (construction), closely resembles the standard for permit-required confined spaces in general industry. However, there are several notable differences as well.

- The new construction confined space standard requires continuous monitoring instead of periodic monitoring for atmospheric and engulfment hazards while entrants are working in the confined space.
- The new standard requires contractors and employers on multi-employer worksites to exchange specific information about confined spaces and the types of hazards.
- Emergency responders must notify the employer if the rescue service is unavailable to provide rescue service at the time of work in a permit space.
- Permits may be suspended instead of canceled when temporary changes occur, for example, in the event of a loss of power or if the fire department becomes temporarily unavailable for rescue.

The effective date of the new standard for employers working in states under federal OSHA jurisdiction was Aug. 3, 2015. The effective date in North Carolina is Oct. 2, 2015. Federal OSHA has a fact sheet with answers to frequently asked questions about the new standard available on its website at www.osha.gov/confinedspaces/faq.html.

Info found in NCDOL newsletter 10-03-15

Thanks to all who participated in the Annual Kenneth N. Houston Memorial Golf Tournament. And a huge thanks to John Walker for coordinating the tournament. The proceeds have been estimated over $5,000, will be used for our scholarship program.
PCEA Annual Gun Raffle
It's time once again for the PCEA Annual Gun Raffle!
This year the Catawba Valley PCEA is raffling a
1911 KIMBER CUSTOM CRIMSON CARRY II® .45 ACP Handgun

GRAND PRIZE
1911 KIMBER Custom Crimson Carry II® .45 ACP Handgun
Grand Prize Includes: Above Handgun with: Match Grade 5-inch Barrel, Fixed Low-Profile Sights, Rosewood Double Diamond Crimson Trace® Lasergrips, 8-Round Capacity Magazine
50 Rounds of Practice Ammo
25 Rounds of Personal Defense Ammo
(Total Value = $1,205.00 + tax)

2nd Prize = $100.00 CA$H!
3rd Prize = $50.00 CA$H!

~ Tickets are $10/each or a Book of 5 Tickets for $40 ~
Only 500 tickets printed for this raffle!!
Buy Your Tickets TODAY
Before they are all sold out!!

Grand Prize Winner is Responsible for All Permits & Paperwork Required by Federal & State Handgun Laws.
In lieu of the handgun, winner may opt for a $1,000 store credit to Lyndon's Riverview Sports
Winner will be drawn on Dec. 18th at the PCEA Christmas Party.
You DO NOT have to be present to win!!
Board of Directors Meeting Dates
(Please Save these Dates)

October 28th
November 18th
December 30th
January 27th
February 24th
March 30th

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