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BAT FORUM

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On March 18th the Group held its annual BAT Forum in Tacoma at the La Quinta Suites in Tacoma.

Vice Chair Chris Sutton kicked off the meeting by introducing the vendors that attended: They were Branom Instruments, Partworks, Coast to Coast, BMI Software Products, Bavco, Gordon & Associates and Mechanical Agents.

We, as always appreciate the support of these fine companies and their fabulous door prizes!



Vice Chair Chris Sutton and Chair Tony Peredo have the honors of picking names from the hat.

Chris introduced the officers and the State Officials that attended. We missed Terri Notestine this time, but were fortunate that she sent her boss Chris McCord to take her place. (So sorry, I have no picture☺) Chris has been active in the Cross Connection Division in the past and has recently been able to direct his attention back to the program again. He spoke of the Revised Operator Cert. Rule and BAT duties, Test Report Content, USC Approved Assemblies List, and Marijuana Growth Operations. I've attached his presentation and contact information to the email.

I would like to introduce the new guy in the State family. He is Bill Bernier and will assist Terri as the Cross Connection and Distribution Specialist.



This is Bill seated next to the gorgeous Rachel Neville, BAT Program Manager for Washington Certification Services.

Rachel spoke briefly about the reporting periods and Professional Growth Exams for all of you that have not met your recertification requirements. There are 1,104 certified BATS with professional growth periods ending December 31 2015. 283 have met those requirements and 821 have not. So, if you are one of those 821, you should get moving soon. I have also attached her presentation and contact info. Do you all receive the BATalk Newsletter? If not, you can sign up or read it every quarter at www.wacertservices.org. You can also find just about anything else you need to know at that site.

After a break, Chris asked everyone to break up into groups and identify and discuss topics and points of interest that everyone would like to see covered in the future. Everyone came up with quite a few different items. At our next meeting, Tony will bring the comprised list and we will decide what are the common questions and concerns. We hope to have them identified and have them covered in detail by the appropriate expert for all at the October Seminar.

Here are some more pics of our friends:



Larry Holmes & Bob Eastwood

Carlos (always smiling)

Tom Hempel



Dominic McLaughlin

Ron Brown & Linda Pfeiffer

Chris McCord



Tim Cantwell with his group

Chris Sutton and his group

Kate Mattimore

So with another BAT Forum under our belt, The Group would again like to thank the planners, vendors, officers, Chris for doing an excellent job and especially all of the BATS that attended. Good job to all!!

The next meeting will be held at the City of Redmond on April 15th-18080 NE 76th St, 98052. We will be discussing the information that was collected at the Forum, addressing a couple more changes to the bylaws, and begin looking ahead to assigning committees for the October Seminar.

After all bills from the BAT Forum were paid and the purchase of a projector, Dennis reports the bank balance at \$16,918.76.

Please note that if you have not paid your 2015 dues, your name will be dropped from the membership list in April. Contact me if you are not sure if you're paid up or not.

Thanks,

Signing off---

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