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Industry News

Holohan Takes The Show On The Road

Dan Holohan will be heading to Ohio and Michigan in May with his popular [Dead Men Steam Night Schools](#). Topics discussed include boiler sizing, good and proper piping, balancing with air vents, steam traps, condensate- and boiler-feed pumps, vacuum and pressure, and more. There is room for just 50 attendees in each class, and they fill quickly. The cost for the three-hour course is \$129. It opens with a buffet dinner. Upcoming dates and locations are:

Cleveland - May 22

Detroit - May 23

Grand Rapids - May 24

Visit HeatingHelp.com for further information and online registration.

Two I=B=R Schools Rescheduled

The [I=B=R Hydronic Heating Schools](#) slated for March 28-29 in Minneapolis and March 30-31 in Eau Claire, Wis., have been rescheduled for May 23-24 and May 25-26, respectively. I=B=R Schools for the Salt Lake City, Denver, Seattle, and Spokane locations remain as scheduled. If you have registered for the schools in Minneapolis or Eau Claire, you will be contacted with updated information. If you have not yet registered and would like to attend any of the I=B=R Schools,

Calendar Of Events

April 6
[MEC Seminar](#)
Manchester, NH

April 7
[MEC Seminar](#)
Providence, RI

April 8-11
[GAMA 71st Annual Meeting](#)
Phoenix

April 10-12
[Total Facilities Management Show](#)
Chicago

visit www.ibrschools.com; contact **Jessica Yamin** at 888/530-6714 or e-mail yaminj@bnpmmedia.com.

Hiring, Training Skilled Workers Top Priority Of UA

Finding and training skilled workers to help address the industry's labor shortage is a top priority for the [United Association](#), UA General President **Bill Hite** told members of the Union-Affiliated Contractors at its recent Unity Meeting in Longboat Key, Fla. UA locals will be increasing the number of apprentice classes offered, and will be "thinking outside the box" to recruit people with special skills, such as welding. The UA is also contacting various welding schools, and has started its own welder qualifications to fill demand.

Construction Holds Steady

[McGraw-Hill Construction](#) recently reported that February's construction activity held steady. For the first two months of 2006, total construction was 9% higher than in the same months of 2005. Nonresidential building starts rose 14%, residential building 8%, and nonbuilding 4%. According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), part of the increase over 2005 is attributable to higher construction materials costs.

Architect, Engineer Productivity Slightly Increases

From the [AGC's DataDIGest](#): The Bureau of Labor Statistics posted its first estimates of labor productivity in architectural and engineering services (www.bls.gov/lpc/iprsr06.pdf), covering 1987-2003, and discovered that output per hour increased at an average annual rate of 1.4% in architectural services and 0.6% in engineering services. The 1990s proved productive for architectural services, while engineers recovered in the latter half of the decade. From 2000 to 2003, productivity increased in architectural services but declined in engineering services.

NY Hydronics Seminar Qualifies For CEU Credits

This month's Syracuse, N.Y., [Modern Engineering Concepts](#) seminar (April 21) by **John Siegenthaler** now qualifies for CEU Credits for professional engineers and is recognized by AIA. To sign up for MEC courses or for further information, visit www.bnpevents.com/mec.

Latest Technology Training

[Viega North America](#) has announced its 2006 Training Program dates. The programs offer a great way to get up to speed on the latest technologies in the plumbing and heating industry. Select from 56 different training sessions on selling, planning and installing Viega radiant heating, plumbing and snowmelt systems. Courses include: Basic Radiant, Climate Panel, Controls, Radiant Wizard, Combi-Flex, Heavy Metals ProPress piping sessions, and How to Sell Radiant. For more information, contact service@viega.com or call 877/VIEGA-NA. <http://www.viega-na.com/shell1.asp?areald=2&ionId=6&subsectionId=0&pagelD=76>

It's Not Me, It's You

"Sick building syndrome" may be a misnomer, according to a recent British study of 4,000 government employees. Work stress - high job demands and perceptions of poor support - were more closely related to sick-building symptoms than were the physical conditions of the workplace. [reported in the journal Occupational and Environmental Medicine.](#)

April 19
[Radiant Basics Course](#)
Queens, NY

April 20
[MEC Seminar](#)
Edison, NJ

April 20
[Viessmann Academy 'Taking Control'](#)
Warwick, RI

April 20-21
[Lochinvar's Copper-Fin II Product School](#)
Lebanon, TN

April 21
[MEC Seminar](#)
Syracuse, NY

April 21-23
[Kitchen & Bath Industry Show](#)
Chicago

April 24-25
[I=B=R School](#)
Salt Lake City

April 27-28
[I=B=R School](#)
Denver

May 1-2
[RadFest West](#)
Tacoma, WA

May 2-4
[Green Design Solutions Conference: Education For A Green Today](#)
Atlanta

May 4
[Viega Training Program: Basic Radiant](#)
Bedford, MA

May 8-9
[I=B=R School](#)
Seattle

May 11-12
[I=B=R School](#)
Spokane, WA



Company News



Bradford White Announces 'Great Giveaway Days'

[Bradford White Corp.](#) introduced its Great Giveaway Days promotion. Wholesale distributors can choose to participate in any or all of the four available programs: Residential TTW®, Commercial eF Series®, PowerStor Series® or Defender Safety System®. Customers can receive items such as promotional gear, tools and entertainment merchandise. For more information, contact your Bradford White representative or visit www.bradfordwhite.com.

Lochinvar's Hydronic Heating Tour Continues

[Lochinvar Corp.'s](#) display van will continue the Hydronic Heating Tour from the Northeast to Canada and on to the Midwest. It features the Knight Heating Boiler and the Solution Boiler. Visitors will get a chance to see the products and receive a hands-on demonstration of industry-leading hot water solutions. The tour includes Toronto, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska.

Recent Industry Appointments

- **Mark Harrington** has been promoted to the position of vice president of boiler products for [Mestek](#). He most recently held the position of business unit manager for the boiler products group.
- [SpacePak](#), a Mestek company, has hired **Jeff Woods** as national sales manager. He recently served as a regional sales manager for [RBI](#).



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May 12
[Viessmann Academy 'Say Hello to Solar'](#)
Warwick, RI

May 14-18
[NAOHSM Convention & Trade Show](#)
Hartford, CT

May 22
[Dead Men Steam Night School](#)
Cleveland

May 23
[Viega Training Program: Combi-Flex](#)
Bedford, MA

May 23
[MEC Seminar](#)
Seattle

May 23
[Dead Men Steam Night School](#)
Detroit

May 23-24
[I=B=R Schools](#)
Minneapolis

May 24
[Dead Men Steam Night School](#)
Grand Rapids, MI

May 25
[MEC Seminar](#)
Anchorage, Alaska

May 25
[Viega Training Program: Heavy Metals](#)
Bedford, MA

May 25-26
[I=B=R Schools](#)
Eau Claire, WI

June 1
[Viessmann Academy 'Taking Control'](#)
Warwick, RI

June 12-13
[Innovative Thinking: Hiring-Training-Retention](#)
Lake Lanier Island, GA

June 23

Oil Heat Cares In April PM

This month's issue of *Plumbing & Mechanical* will feature a special supplement on [Oil Heat Cares](#), the non-profit organization of the [National Association of Oil Heat Service Managers](#). OHC is all about oil heat professionals giving back to their communities, helping those in need of oil heating appliances and system repairs. The 18-page supplement showcases the foundation's beginnings, special projects by NAOHSM Chapters, and a look at fund-raising activities, including "Care to Ride," an upcoming bike/hike for the charity set to take place May 15 during NAOHSM's annual conference in Hartford, Conn. You can also view the Oil Heat Cares supplement online at www.PMmag.com beginning this Wednesday.



[Viega Training Program: How to Sell Radiant](#)

Bedford, MA

July 20

[Viega Training Program: Combi-Flex](#)

Bedford, MA

July 28

[Viessmann Academy 'Say Hello to Solar'](#)

Warwick, RI

RADIANT FLOORING GUIDE 2006 EDITION



The 2006 Radiant Flooring Guide

The **2006 Radiant Flooring Guide** is the only annual publication that provides detailed articles on how to match various floor covering and subflooring materials with radiant heating systems. This important resource guide from the **Radiant Panel Association** is jam-packed with photographs, illustrations, charts and tables, and provides the insight and knowledge to create both a beautiful and comfortable floor. Includes an updated directory of radiant floor product

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5 Critical Training Needs For Hispanic Employees

The Hispanic workforce is unique to our contemporary business environment. As a group of people, this workforce is considered to be critical to the success of the construction industry. In *Plumbing & Mechanical's* March issue, **Ricardo González**, renown speaker on Hispanic employment issues and featured lecturer at the upcoming [Innovative Thinking: Hiring-Training-Retention](#) conference, explains how members of the Hispanic workforce have special training needs that their Anglo counterparts do not have.

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Did You Know . . .

The human comfort range for ambient relative humidity is between 30% and 60% at an ambient temperature range of 65 degrees F to 75 degrees F. The warmer the air temperature, and the more humid it is, the warmer it will feel.

Reducing the relative humidity (RH), while keeping the air temperature the same will make you feel cooler. It's not only about comfort: at ambient humidities below 20%RH, your mucous membranes dry out, and itchy, watery eyes result as well. At RH levels over 70%, mold and other organic growth issues become very significant. Controlling humidity in the home is just as important as ventilation and temperature control.

Excerpted from "[Residential Humidity Control Strategies for Radiant Conditioned Homes](#)" By Geoff McDonell P.Eng. LEED AP, Copyright 2005, All Rights Reserved. With permission from www.healthyheating.com.

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