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TOM THOMPSON RECEIVES BERYL WALLACE AWARD

In recognition for his contributions to the Colorado Chapter, Tom Thompson was awarded the coveted Beryl Wallace Award at the Chapter Annual Meeting in December. Tom is the Building Official for the City of Broomfield and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the International Conference of Building Officials. Tom has been a member of the chapter since 1979 and continues to be very active with the organization.

Tom served as Chapter President in 1987. He has also served as chairman of several chapter committees and currently serves as the chairman of the Code Change Committee. He served as co-coordinator on the chapter's disaster response team to the Limon tornado disaster in 1990. Tom has been a valuable asset to the chapter over the many years that he has been a member. He was very honored and pleased to receive the award at the annual dinner.

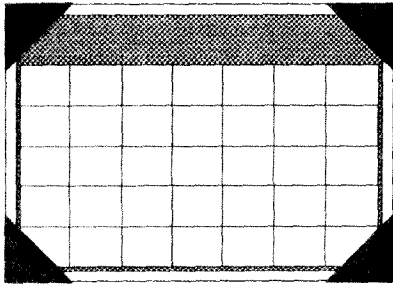
The Beryl Wallace Award is given to chapter members who have strived to meet the same standards that Beryl had set for himself and the chapter. Beryl was a long time member of the chapter and building official for the City of Englewood during the 1960's. He retired in 1969 and continued as an active member of the chapter. He and his wife served as the First Timers Committee at the ICBO Annual Business Meetings where they began the tradition of giving corsages to ladies attending the ABM for the first time. Beryl passed away in 1989.

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CHAPTER MEETING DATES SET

The dates for the Chapter meetings during 1993 have been set by the Board of Directors. The meetings are being held across the state in an effort to assist members in the amount of time involved in traveling to and from the location. The dates and times are:

June 4-5	Canon City
August 13-14	Glenwood Springs
October 22	Fort Collins
December 9-10	Lakewood

The host members are involved in the planning of the meetings based on a basic theme developed by the Program Committee. Meeting notices will be sent to each member outlining details on the meeting and location information. If you have any ideas on subjects for chapter meeting contact Noel Vargo at the City of Arvada, 431-3032.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chapter President, Dan Nickle, has made appointments to all committees for 1993. A summary of these appointments is included with this newsletter. If you are interested in working on a committee, contact Dan at 987-7500.

CHAPTER OFFICERS ELECTED



Members of the Colorado Chapter unanimously elected the 1993 Officers and Board of Directors in December. The election was held at the Chapter's annual meeting in Lakewood.

Elected to President was **Dan Nickle**, Building Official, City of Lakewood. Other officers elected included 1st Vice President, **Gerry Best**, Building Official, Eagle County; 2nd Vice President, **Bruce Wilson**, Building Official, City of Greenwood Village; Secretary, **Jerry Wooldridge**, Building Official, Summit County; and Treasurer, **Bill Baldaccini, P.E.**, Technical Coordinator, City of Denver.

The Board of Directors elected for 1993 were **Gary Goodell**, Building Official, Boulder County; **Philip Goddard**, Building Official, City of Brighton; **Wayne Hoeben**, Building Inspector, City of Longmont; **Michael Stensland**, Building Official, City of Glenwood Springs; and **Clint Tawse**, Building Official, Pueblo Regional Building Department. **Becky Baker**, Building Official, City of Englewood will serve on the board as the immediate past president.

PAST PRESIDENTS COMMITTEE CREATED

A new committee was formed by Dan Nickle for 1993. It will be called the Past Presidents Committee and consist of members who have been a chapter president in the past. This diverse group will be meeting to discuss several issues that face the chapter. The board of directors and chapter officers have asked that the committee look at the long and short term goals of the chapter as well as how to improve the chapter in the future.

The chairman of the committee is Marvin Fischer, Building Official Grand County. Marv was president of the chapter in 1984. The committee has come up with several areas that they are planning on discussing at a meeting the end of May. Some of the subjects that will be covered include:

1. Long and short term goals for the chapter.
2. Ideas for programs.
3. A Scholarship program for the Educational Institute.
4. Charitable activities for the chapter.
5. The possibility of hosting a future ICBO ABM in Colorado

The committee is excited about the potential that this group could have in assisting the board and officers of the chapter. The member's experience spans over two decades of the chapter's recent history and should provide great insight and ideas to the chapter. They have struggled with these issues before and can assist in preventing problems from occurring again.

COLORADO CHAPTER ICBO
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AWARDS

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Dan Nickle, Lakewood
Tom Tompson, Broomfield

CODE CHANGES

Chairman: Tom Thompson, Broomfield

Bill Baldaccini, Denver
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Steve Ferris, Sheridan
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Pete Tyree, Parker
Noel Vargo, Arvada

PROGRAM

Chairman: Noel Vargo, Arvada
Clint Tawse, Pueblo

March Mtg-Gerry George/Bob Foote
April Mtg-Steve Ferris/Tom Thompson
June Mtg-Greg Hutchison/Pete Tyree
August Mtg-Mike Stensland/Gerry Best
October Mtg-Steve Thomas/Brice Miller
December Mtg-Dan Nickle/Marv Fischer

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Dan Nickle,
Chapter President

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to serve as president of the Colorado Chapter for 1993. This year represents the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Chapter, and planning has started to commemorate this milestone in the Chapter's history. The Colorado Chapter is truly one of the premier chapters in ICBO and we are indebted to those early members who laid the foundation on which has been built one of the finest professional organizations in the country.



Thanks to all of you who have volunteered your time to serve on committees this year. I know first hand how time consuming committee work can be. Also, I know how gratifying it is to witness the results of a successful year of committee involvement.

The Code Change Committee is in the middle of what I'm sure will be another successful year of code change activity. This group was well represented and well prepared in Omaha at the Code Development Committee hearings.

There is not enough space to acknowledge individually all of those who contributed to the success of the 8th Annual Educational Institute. Our institute is quite simply the best anywhere.

I look forward to working with each of you in the coming months as together we continue to build on a long and successful history.

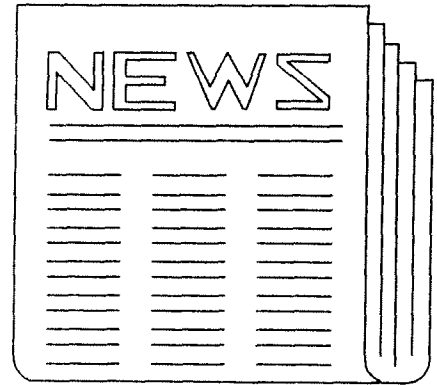
ADVANCE NOTICES FOR CANON CITY MEETING MAILED

You should have already received an advanced notice about the next Chapter meeting in Canon City June 4-5. Since this is the premier time of year for tourists in this area, it is very important that you make reservations right away. If you do not make reservations early, you may not be able to get a room to stay in.

Clint Tawse, Pueblo Regional Building Department and Greg Hutchinson, Canon City will be co-hosting the meeting. They have promised a great meeting and they are always great hosts. They have arranged for informative speakers and extra curricular activities in the evenings. It is sure to be a great meeting!

CODE DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM ANNOUNCED

The ICBO Board of Directors has instituted a code development moratorium (a year in which there are not code development hearings). This will allow for incorporation and integration of the "common code format" and the introduction of the metric system into the code. With both of these tasks occurring at the same time, trying to incorporate more changes into the code may produce an inadequate document. Both undertakings will involve months of technical and editorial work to produce the quality code that we expect from ICBO. Tom Thompson, Broomfield can answer questions about the board decision.



HELP !

Steve Thomas, Newsletter Editor

I would like to apologize to the chapter for having the newsletter out so late. I have been very busy in my jurisdiction and I have had a difficult time getting enough time to sit down and work on it. However, I have gotten this one out and I hope that it is informative.

The newsletter is a great way to communicate with the members of the chapter. I know that some people cannot attend chapter meetings on a regular basis and the newsletter is the only way that they find out what is going on.

As you can see there is not very much in this newsletter. That's because we need people to write articles. If you have an interesting subject that would be of interest to the rest of the chapter, please get the information to me. It doesn't involve any additional meetings or travel. You just have to sit down and write an article and send it to me. I will review it and put it into the newsletter. If you have an article please send it to:

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The newsletter is done on WordPerfect, so you can put the article on a disk and send it to me if it is easier.

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CHAPTER RECEIVES ICBO CHAPTER AWARD

The Chapter received the ICBO Chapter Award for Special Meritorious Achievement for the development and distribution of the Colorado ICBO Disaster Team Operations Manual for Building Damage Assessment. Dan Nickle, Chapter President, and Steve Thomas, current Chairman of the Disaster Mitigation Committee accepted the award on behalf of the chapter from ICBO at the Annual Business Meeting in Sacramento, California. The award was presented by ICBO Chairman Phil Herrington and Rick Breezee, Chairman of the ICBO Education Committee. The award was established to recognize outstanding accomplishments of an ICBO chapter in the combined area of code enforcement, public safety, education, Conference support, legislative activity and chapter vitality.

The manual was developed by the Disaster Mitigation Committee after the Limon tornado in conjunction with the Colorado Office of Emergency Management. It is a comprehensive plan for initiating the state disaster assessment team. This team is activated by the state to perform damage assessment of buildings damaged by a major disaster. It also has information that local building officials can use in assessing damage from smaller disasters that do not involve a state declared disaster.

The manuals were distributed to all jurisdictions across Colorado. They were mailed to the Manager or Clerk in each city or county. They were asked to forward the copy to the Building Official or the person responsible for building inspection. If you have not received your copy, check with your City or County Manager, or contact Steve Thomas at (303) 759-1513 or Wally Prebis at (303)238-5674.

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COLORADO CHAPTER MEETING NEWS

OCTOBER 22, 1993

Felix Lee, Building Official for the City of Fort Collins, welcomed twenty-five members of the Colorado Chapter to the October Meeting. Steve Thomas, Building Official for Glendale, presented a program on Hurricane Andrew and the Building Department Experience in Southern Florida. Steve had the opportunity to visit Homestead, Florida in January of this year as a member of the Colorado Disaster Mitigation Team to review the Homestead Building Department's performance during and after the disaster. Prior to the disaster, the building department had four full time employees.

One of the problems or challenges faced by the building department in the wake of this disaster was mobilization. All of the department's vehicles were destroyed by the hurricane. Even when a vehicle was available, the streets were almost impassable due to the large amount of debris scattered throughout. Another problem faced by the department was dealing with homeowner permits. People were pulling permits without proof of ownership. Many people simply walked away from their homes leaving everything exactly as it was left by the hurricane. Also, all of the street signs were destroyed by the hurricane. Even long time residents had trouble locating addresses.

In order to deal with these problems, the building department installed a new computer program which included hand held terminals for the inspectors. This allowed the information to be downloaded at each inspection. Reports were done by using a small computer dropped off at a central repository which was checked

each night. Clerical staff would process the inspections at night which allowed inspections to occur within twenty-four to forty-eight hours after getting the request. The department was issuing 6,000 permits per month. During normal times, the department did not issue that many permits during the course of an entire year.

In Dade County, Florida the building department had to assess and survey 92,000 structures. In addition to the tremendous volume of work, the lack of addresses caused a great deal of

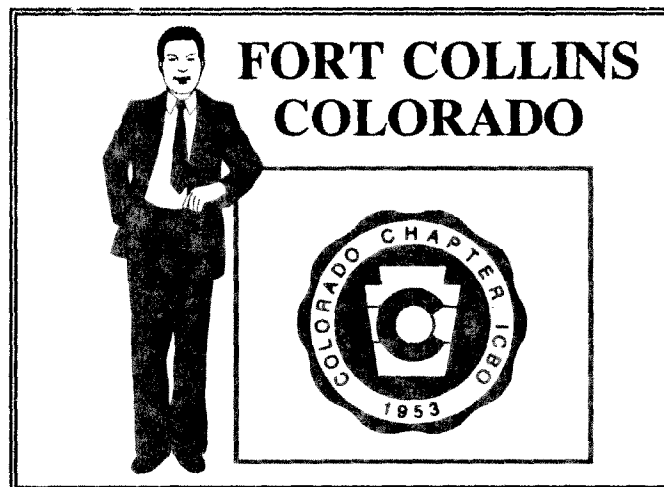
and were actually selling inspection results.

Steve learned that there were many factors associated with such a disaster. Personal factors involved building officials having nervous breakdowns, people not showing up for work in order to take care of personal needs, and other people simply leaving the affected area. Steve suggests that the State should set up some type of a computer system which could be taken into a disaster area and used for the issuance of permits and the assessment of damages. Another step is to encourage the use of annual updates of aerial photography to assist in determining what was in existence at the time of the disaster and to assist with locating addresses. Steve also encouraged the formation of interagency agreements to help in obtaining assistance during these times.

Steve visited the site five months after the hurricane had struck Florida. The amount of damage that was still in existence even that long after the incident was incredible. Many people rented mobile homes to set in their yards while they rebuilt their house. Steve said that it appeared that those buildings which were constructed to meet all of the local codes fared well in the face of the hurricane.

ICBO Board Report

Tom Thompson reported that ICBO has laid off fourteen people in an effort to reduce expenditures by approximately 15%. For the most part, this reduction is due to a cash flow problem, not a financial or asset problem, and is primarily the result of the work reduction in California.



confusion between the assessment and the issuance of the permits. Another source of problems came from the different volunteers who tried to assist with the problems. Many people did not know the proper procedures to follow to make sure that FEMA could reimburse Dade County through their assistance program.

Dade County used aerial photography to try to assist with addressing problems. Also architects and engineers were enlisted to assist with building inspections during the rebuilding process. Unfortunately, it appears that some of these people simply took advantage of the situation

For example, publication sales are down over 15% which equates to over one million dollars. Publication sales account for almost 50% of ICBO's total revenue. Tom attributed this reduction in sales to the fact that many jurisdictions were reluctant to adopt the 1991 editions of the codes due to changes incorporated into that edition. The same situation is very likely to occur with the 1994 edition of the UBC since it will be in the new model code format and will include metrification as well. The 1994 edition of the UBC will now be three volumes. One volume will be designed for inspectors in the field. The second volume will have many of the design requirements in it. The third volume will contain the standards and be much the same as it currently is. Also of interest, the next edition of the code will be in a six inch by nine inch format instead of the five and three-eighths inch by eight inch document currently in use.

Tom also reported that IAPMO and ICBO continue to have discussions and problems. Only a small amount of progress has been made in resolving these disputes. Tom read from a document dated September, 1978 which indicated that the same problems between the two groups were in existence then and that little to no changes have been realized. Tom stated that ICBO is under an obligation to support the Uniform Plumbing Code through December 31, 1993 and that no efforts are being made to investigate the use of an alternative code at this time.

Steve Thomas encouraged those of us who are IAPMO members to take an interest in that organization as well as ICBO. Probably one third of the Colorado Chapter's ICBO members are also members of IAPMO.

Tom reported that ICBO membership has grown from approximately 1,500 members in 1973 to over fifteen thousand members in 1993. Class A members represent only about 20% of the total membership of ICBO.

The ICBO Board of Directors has also determined that it is in the interest of the organization to participate in contractor licensing and registration. The various Kansas ICBO chapters have expressed a great interest in having ICBO involved in the development of a statewide contractor registration program. Tom stated that those of us in Colorado who are interested in administering a reciprocal registration program should contact Doug Thornburg of ICBO and let him know of our desires and to see what type of input he might have for us.

Code Change Results

On the matter of code changes approved at Sacramento, Tom stated that the number of code changes submitted was fairly typical for a third year of the code change cycle. Also about one third of all code change committee opinions are challenged and heard by the membership at the ABM. Only about six percent of the various code committee's decisions are overturned at the ABM.

Disaster Assessment

Bob Kistner from the Colorado Natural Hazards Mitigation Council provided a course on Building Assessment Training. There are basically four types of damage assessment:

Windshield Survey This method quickly divides the structures into minor damage, major damage, and destroyed categories.

Initial The initial damage assessment centers on saving lives and personal property. This method is used to get a quick look at the disaster situation, but it is more involved than the windshield survey.

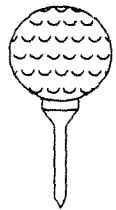
Preliminary This report is used to support FEMA's recommendations for additional assistance or federal declarations. The type of damage surveyed under this category includes debris clearance, emergency protective measures, roads and bridges, water control facilities,

public buildings and equipment, utilities, and recreation and other items.

Detailed This method would include both a physical damage assessment and a socio-economic impact assessment. This information is used to justify state and federal relief and recovery assistance.

Fred Sibley walked chapter members through the steps necessary to calculate an initial damage survey assessment using the actual documents that FEMA would use during a real event.

GOLFERS ENJOY ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



August 9th was a great day for golf. It was sunny, free of wind and rain and the scenery at Perry Park Country Club was as great as ever. Wally Prebis produced another great tournament this year enjoyed by 84 players. The contest was an 18-hole scramble mixed with closest-to-the-pin and longest drive competition. An added attraction won by Bert Welz, was a shoot-out which tested the players sand bunker ability.

RESULTS

1st Place

Ron Drey	Scott Darden
Bart Corfee	Dick Wakefield

2nd Place

Jim Atkinson	Tom Blizzard
Dave Brown	John Lund

3rd Place

Mark Anderson	John Davis
Gar McInnis	Frank Cotten

Closest to Pin

A/B Players:

Jeff Perkins

C/D Players

Dave Brodhacker

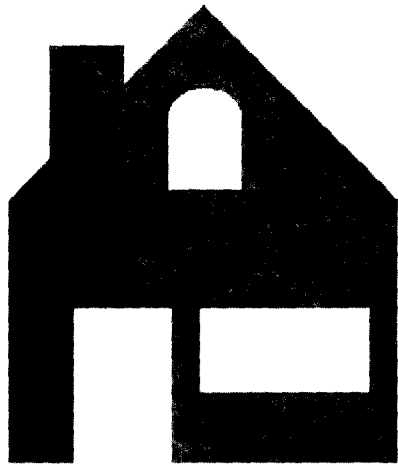
Longest Drive

A/B Players/

Frank Cash

C/D Players

Tim Graham



Manufactured Housing Decisions Unleash Threats Against Local Code Enforcement

The Colorado Manufactured Housing Association (CMHA) is using a February 1993 Court of Appeals decision to assert that local building and zoning codes are preempted by the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 5401, *et seq.*

The case of *Colorado Manufactured Housing Association v. Pueblo County*, 17 BTR 238, marked the first time the Colorado courts have addressed the inter-relationship of the federal Act and local codes. The Colorado Supreme Court recently refused to hear the case.

In its September newsletter CMHA stated:

This decision means that local building officials must allow HUD code manufactured houses on any property in their jurisdiction where UBC homes are allowed. Further, Colorado now recognizes that the HUD code prohibits local governments from imposing any standards which are different or more stringent than the construction standards set out in the HUD code.

Reportedly, CMHA or its members

have also threatened to sue several municipalities which have refused permits for manufactured homes. They claim that the Court of Appeals granted them virtual *carte blanche* to install manufactured homes in any residential district.

In so doing, CMHA is exaggerating the import of the holding in *CMHA v. Pueblo County*. The decision was based on fairly narrow, technical legal grounds related to the standing of the plaintiffs to sue. The case was remanded for a trial on merits. The parties are now facing months or even years of additional litigation before a final decision is rendered on the preemption questions.

The Pueblo County dispute rose when county officials refused a permit for a manufactured home in an R-2 zoning district. According to their own zoning regulations, only site-built homes constructed to UBC standards would be permitted in the district. Suit was brought by two manufactured home dealers and CMHA, claiming that they lost a sale due to the County's interpretation. Significantly the affected landowner was not a part to the suit.

The District Court dismissed all claims on the theory that the plaintiffs did not have standing to sue. All former case law indicated that only landowners have standing to challenge a zoning law. However, the Court of Appeals reversed, finding that the plaintiffs may have suffered an injury to a legally protected interest under various federal laws, including the National Manufactured Housing Act.

According to attorneys for the County, now that the case has been remanded, additional motions will be filed and evidence will be taken to more fully explore the relationship between the County's code and federal law.

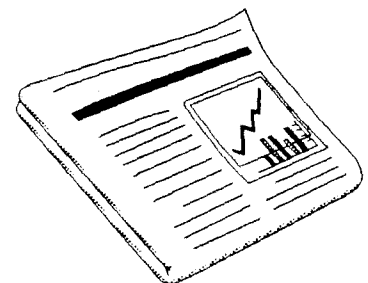
Among other things, it is important to

recognize that none of the parties to this case have addressed the meaning and importance of state laws which address zoning and manufactured housing, e.g. C.R.S. 31-23-301(5)(A). The statutes indicate that municipalities and counties cannot discriminate against manufactured houses in their zoning codes, but can require such homes to comply with the "equivalent performance engineering" standards which we applied to other dwelling units.

The Pueblo County Attorney's office recently distributed a memo on the *CMHA v. Pueblo County* case to municipal and county attorneys throughout the state. If you would like a copy of this memo or if you have any other questions about the case, contact David Broadwell, League Staff Attorney.

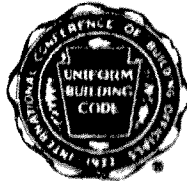
by David Broadwell,
CML Staff Attorney

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HELP WANTED

Newsletter Editor - Person interested in Colorado Chapter activities and in notifying members of those activities wanted to serve as editor for this newsletter. The current editor, Steve Thomas will not be able to carry on the responsibility of this publication. Persons interested in taking on the responsibility should contact Dan Nickle, City of Lakewood or Gerry Best, Eagle County.



A LETTER FROM TOM THOMPSON

Dear Colorado Chapter Members:

We had a very interesting Board meeting in Sacramento. There are many exciting issues facing the ICBO today. The 1994 UBC is scheduled to be available in May, 1994. It will be in common code format, and include metric measurement. It also takes into account the expanded Group B, F, M, S, and U Categories and has the most complete answer to the ADA, ever via a revised Chapter 31. The 1994 Edition will be published in three (3) volumes rather than two (2), and be a larger size - 6" x 9" (current 5 3/8" x 8"). Various Chapters and committee members have been reviewing the final draft of the document for the last six (6) weeks.

The Design Evaluation and Consultive Service (DECS) program is off and running. Professionals can now approach ICBO direct with their questions.

ICBO has been working with the Insurance Industry Natural Loss Reduction Committee to develop a Code Enforcement Grading system. The system will not be in place for a couple of years. Eventually, it will provide a mechanism to reflect the value of effective code enforcement into the insurance rate structures of specific communities.

It does not appear IAPMO and ICBO will agree to any mutually beneficial merger conditions. The current contract outlining our relationship runs through December 31, 1993. It will be interesting to see what develops in this situation.

ICBO will be sending one of our engineers, Jim Sheffield, to Japan as part of a three month exchange program. Jim will be working for the Building Center of Japan. It is amazing how small our world is getting in regard to building code and standards development, cooperation, and research.

You may have already noticed some recent changes to ICBO's marketing approach. The Board has directed staff to develop a detailed marketing plan with specific target goals and strategies. New techniques in advertising are also being tested as well as new markets. We are hopeful these efforts will help insure that all of those affected by our work are aware of the variety of products ICBO produces.

Well, I could go on and on, but will close now. I just wanted to take this opportunity to highlight some of the items nationally for those who were unable to attend the Fort Collins meeting. Please give me a call if I can provide any additional information.

I would also like to thank you for your support for my unsuccessful bid for Second Vice Chairman in Sacramento. I will evaluate and decide whether or not to run again in Indianapolis and let you know early next year.

Sincerely,

Tom Thompson
ICBO Board Liaison
Central District



Retired building inspector for Adams County, Russell Poitz, passed away at his home of cancer on May 18, 1993. Services were by Olinger Highland Mortuary Chapel on May 23, 1993. In addition to his wife, Mr. Poitz is survived by a daughter, Pamela Poitz of Westminster; a son, Roy Adams of Fort Collins; a brother, Herbert Poitz of Houston; and one grandchild.

Prior to being employed by the Adams County Building Department in 1963, he worked for a building contractor on residential and commercial construction and was a volunteer fire fighter for the West Adams County Fire Department for 25 years. These positions gave him a good background for building inspection work, and ultimately was appointed Assistant Director and head plan check positions by the Building Director, Mack Larson.

Mr. Poitz retired in 1986 and spent his remaining years on their acreage on East 144th Avenue and Washington Street.

**Happy
Holidays
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RADON AND THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Brice Miller, Larimer County Bldg. Official

After successfully piloting a new radon course, the Western Regional Radon Training Center (WRRTC), is offering a course specifically designed for Colorado Building Departments. According to the U. S. Surgeon General, radon is currently the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States.

The WRRTC at CSU, the U. S. EPA and the Colorado Dept. of Health have joined forces to create the class. The program will be code driven and cover radon mitigation in buildings. It also explores new developments in generating radon guidelines. Topics include radon measurement, mitigation for existing structures, and radon planning for new construction.

In addition the course will answer the following:

- How harmful is radon?
- What are the health effects of radon?
- Is radon unpredictable?
- How active are the federal, state and local agencies?
- Do radon guidelines belong in the code?
- Would regulations be a service or disservice to your community?

◦ Are energy efficient homes causing radon levels to elevate?

◦ Is radon in my jurisdiction?

The seminar will end with a question and answer roundtable on local radon issues.

I have had the opportunity to attend EPA's program on Radon Technology for Mitigators and will assist in the opening discussion and a look at possible code issues. The other presenters have extensive building experience and teach a practical approach to radon.

The one day seminar will be offered in three Colorado locations.

The schedule is:

Feb. 15, 9:00-4:00	Colorado Springs
Feb. 16, 9:00-4:00	Denver
Feb. 17, 9:00-4:00	Grand Junction

The Colorado Dept. of Health has underwritten the course. A nominal fee of \$15 will be charged to cover course materials, lunch and refreshments. Seating is limited to 30 per site. For information or reservations, please call WRRTC at 491-7742.

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