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THE NEWSLETTER OF UTAH'S HVACR INDUSTRY

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT-ELECT ADAM MERRITT

It is an honor to be considered for president of the RMGA. As we look toward the future of the HVAC and plumbing industries here in Utah, our mission remains clear, to champion the safe, efficient, and reliable use of natural gas while supporting the professionals who keep our communities warm. While serving as President I hope to continue and build on previous presidents' goals and initiatives as well as the amazing board of directors that are currently serving. I hope to continue expanding the presence of the RMGA throughout our great state as well as neighboring states to bring as much public awareness as possible. I believe that through awareness and the education of consumers we will be able to expand our presence and reach and elevate our industry to whole new levels.



Get your tickets for February 2nd Sweetheart Social Utah Mammoth Hockey!



Cost is \$125 per couple and includes dinner (5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at RMGA Office, 153 S 900 E), two tickets to the Utah Mammoth vs. Canada's Canucks (7:30 p.m.), game snacks, and two chances to win Mammoth Swag!

Tickets will go fast, so order today by emailing: John@utrmga.com



Pictured above are RMGA Board members with Rick Carman and his retirement award

RMGA BOARD BRIEFING NOV/DEC 2025

AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING, Dave Hill (UPHCA) presented the Utah Subcontractors Alliance (USA) to the RMGA board, explaining it as a unified voice for subcontractor interests without membership dues. He outlined plans for fundraising through events and donations to support a \$100,000 annual budget for lobbying and campaign contributions. The alliance aims to represent over 500 companies, with current members including the Utah Masonry Council, Utah Roofers Contractors Association, and UPHCA. The board voted to join!

The board discussed and

approved putting Brent Ursenbach on retainer to provide code expertise to RMGA Members, and for responding to an "Ask the Expert" feature on the website.

A cheating incident at a testing center led to the board creating a cheating policy that includes a 90-day ban on retesting, and that the incident may be reported to their employer and to DOPL. The policy verbiage is being added to RMGA Test Vouchers. The board also wants a 10-minute ethics discussion as part of the RMGA certification course, and having examinees confirm they understand that RMGA takes

cheating seriously.

In December, the board approved Kevin Musar (Innovative Solutions) and Jeff Heinz (MTech) to be RMGA board members.

The group was excited about the RMGA office creating "Leave behind" folders filled with RMGA information to distribute to potential contractor members, state legislators, inspectors, etc.

Our next board meeting will be on ZOOM, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. Email: John@utrmga.com and join us! ■

Dear RMGA Members & Friends,

Achieving a healthy work-life balance is especially important in the HVAC industry, where long hours, emergency calls, and physically demanding tasks are part of the daily routine. Technicians often juggle unpredictable schedules, travel between job sites, and manage customer expectations—factors that can make it difficult to carve out personal time. Without careful planning, the constant pressure can lead to fatigue and burnout, affecting both job performance and overall well-being. Recognizing the unique demands of the trade is the first step toward creating a healthier balance.

Establishing clear boundaries is essential for those working in HVAC. Because the industry frequently involves after-hours service calls, it's important for technicians and employers to agree on reasonable scheduling practices. Setting limits on overtime, rotating on-call responsibilities, and communicating schedule constraints can make workloads more manageable. When professionals feel empowered to set expectations with their teams and customers, they're better equipped to maintain the separation between their work responsibilities and personal life.

Personal well-being should also be a priority. HVAC work is physically taxing, so adequate rest, exercise, and proper nutrition are vital for staying healthy on the job. Beyond physical care, making time for hobbies, family,

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and relaxation helps technicians decompress from the stresses of the field. Even small routines—like spending time outdoors, enjoying a meal with loved ones, or setting aside moments to unwind—can significantly improve mental resilience and job satisfaction.

Ultimately, maintaining work-life balance in the HVAC industry requires ongoing awareness and a proactive approach. Companies play a major role by fostering supportive work environments, offering flexible scheduling, and emphasizing safety and wellness. Likewise, technicians must continually assess their own limits and prioritize self-care. When both employers and employees commit to balance, it results in higher productivity, better morale, and a more sustainable career—allowing HVAC professionals to thrive both on and off the job.

WELCOME OUR NEW RMGA MEMBERS!

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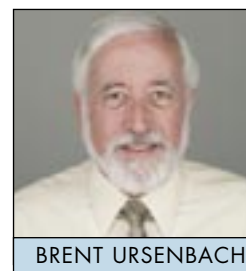
MECHANICAL CODE DISCUSSION

Underground Gas Pipe Sizing Tables

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AS WE BEGIN 2026, I want to extend my warmest wishes to everyone. May the coming year bring you peace, success, and happiness in all aspects of your life. I hope that your business endeavors flourish and that you find joy and fulfillment with your family throughout the year.

During the recent discussion, a question was raised regarding the appropriate method for sizing a 1,000-foot, 5-psi plastic underground gas line intended to supply a remote boiler with a demand of two million BTU/hr. It was noted that the International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC) tables are limited, as they only provide

sizing data for pressures up to 2 psi and for lengths up to 500 feet.

Given the limitations of the International Fuel Gas Code

(IFGC) tables—which provide sizing information only up to 2 psi and for lengths up to 500 feet, it is important to seek alternative sources when planning installations that exceed these parameters. For example, a 1,000-foot, 5-psi plastic underground gas line intended to supply a remote boiler with a demand of two million BTU/hr. cannot be accurately sized with the



IFGC tables alone.

In this situation, it is recommended to consult the manufacturers' websites for polyethylene pipe sizing charts. These manufacturer resources

offer comprehensive and detailed data, covering higher pressures up to 10 psi, which is needed in this installation, and longer pipe runs,

sometimes reaching 1,500 feet. This directly addresses the concerns and requirements specific to installations like the one discussed.

As a reference, GasTite provides an example of such a sizing chart, which can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www.gastite.com/downloads/pdfs/PE-Sizing-Guide.pdf>

As we discussed in the ensuing discussion included:

- Acceptable Underground gas line materials
- Cathodic protection for metal piping
- Burial requirements and recommendations including depth, tracer wiring, and warning ribbons
- Joints and connections – must comply with manufacturer's installation instructions
- Gas utility concerns
- Pressure testing
- Pressure regulator and OPDs, overpressure devices

We will continue this discussion in future issues of The Pipeline. Thank you for your ongoing support and feedback. Please keep in touch. Best, Brent ■

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Meet and Get to Know: JEREMY HORN

Q. Tell us about your company.

A. Service Right is located in Southern Utah. We are a small, close-knit company serving the residential market. Most of our growth comes from referrals.

Q. If you weren't an HVACR Contractor, what would you like to be?

A. An archeologist.

Q. Do you have a motto to live by?

A. If it's worth doing, it's worth doing right.

Q. What is your worst habit?

A. Saying yes to everyone.

Q. What is your favorite hobby? When did you last do it?

A. Playing football and cooking. Thanksgiving morning.

Q. What is a talent you don't have that you wish you did?



JEREMY HORN

A. I wish I could sing, but I can't carry a tune very well.

Q. What is the first thing you do when you get home from work?

A. Say hi to my family and dogs then check up on emails.

Q. If you won a \$50,000,000 lottery, what would you do?

A. Go on a nice cruise with my family and then help people.

Q. If you could invite three people to dinner (dead or alive), who would you invite and why?

A. Ty Detmer — I loved watching him play football in college. Truman Madsen — He is a great scholar, I enjoy reading his work. My Dad — He is always there for me and a great support.

Q. People would be surprised to know...

A. I am fluent in Spanish. ■

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Friday, January 9 &

Saturday, January 10

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Salt Lake City

Thursday, March 12

Friday, March 13 &

Saturday, March 14

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Enbridge Gas CTC Room

1000 West 100 South

Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

MAY IN PERSON

(And on Zoom)

Salt Lake City

Thursday, May 7

Friday, May 8 &

Saturday, May 9

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Enbridge Gas CTC Room

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Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

All Certification Classes are \$400. Price includes the RMGA Study Guide, IFGC, online video access, 24 hours of instruction, and 2 attempts at the exam (if necessary). Technicians should attend ALL sessions. In-person attendees should bring lunch or plan to visit a local restaurant during the lunch hour. **Take the Pre-Test to evaluate your readiness for the exam at <https://utrmga.org/certification/pretest>**

Partial funding of RMGA training programs has been provided by the Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing from the 1% surcharge funds on all building permits.

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