

August Workshop In Lincoln, CA

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Daniel & I went to the August workshop in Lincoln, CA again this year. Aaron Zambrana sponsored the workshop and set up the itinerary. It was held at the home of his friend and customer, The workshop went well. There were a lot of attendees and the weather held to mild, but sunny, till 4pm, which was when we were breaking up anyway. It had been so hot up till that day that we were afraid we'd be burned to a crisp working outside all day.

The homeowner was a WONDERFUL host! He helped us set up in the morning, and had even gone to the Sacramento airport and brought back a sweep that had not gotten his ride to the workshop coordinated. His wife, parents and kids all treated us like friends and hung around all day to watch the proceedings.

The farm they live on was so much fun! They have very friendly animals all over the property. His wife has a daycare center at the home and wants the goats, horses, dogs, pig, ducks, pony and chickens to all be approachable, which I can personally confirm is true.

ChimScan of Fireplace and Levels of Evaluation
Our own past president and current NCSG Region 8 Director, Mr. Randy Brooks did a very nice presentation of a Level 2 evaluation, complete with ChimScan camera. There was no attic to access and the under floor was too

shallow to access, but seeing the camera working was good for those who hadn't seen one before. He did a thorough run through of possible scenarios. He also brought his laptop and showed Dale Feb's report software for use with reports and went over the NFPA's Level 1, 2, and 3 descriptions that are on the back of each copy of his report template.

Access Door Installation and Lining of a Masonry Fireplace

Aaron did a great job making sure there was plenty of hands-on work for everyone. There were a lot of helpers to cut the square hole out of the side of the chimney for an access door, parged the breast, install the door and line the chimney with a donated liner system. Thanks again to Protech for the donated liner!!!!

The workshop was a great success and we all enjoyed the work and the learning experiences made available. Thanks again to Aaron for putting this event together so well!

I'd better get back to the phones; the busy season approaches and it's not creeping in!

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