

I would like to share some of my thoughts about David Moore. First let me say that he is a quiet un-sung hero and treasure of the MHA. He has a big heart, great sense of humor, a very talented heater mason and scrounger extraordinaire. (see Chris Springers comments). He is a 44 magnum, and it makes me happy to know someone of such high caliber.

Put Dave Moore on a task, and he attacks it like a Pitbull at full speed.

A few years ago the board decided to completely revamp the heater certification program. Dave was the first person to volunteer to be on the committee, and got very involved in the process. There were three aspects to the revamp. Update the existing certification manual, and turn it into the MHA reference manual. Redo the hands-on test. And finally, compose a new written test. I hoped that Dave would pick one of the aspects and work on it. I was wrong. He got involved with all three. Dave along with help from Steve Bushway, analyzed and completely rewrote the written test, and removed all the gotcha questions. Dave made sure that the answer to every question could be found directly from the text. Dave managed to insert some very funny possible answers in many of the multiple choice questions. I really have come to love his humor.

He took it upon himself to completely re-designed the hands-on portion of the certification test to better represent the masonry skills involved in heater core building. Before an applicant had to build a "6 around" brick column to a specific height. He thought that building a specific shape with firebrick would be far more appropriate for the certification. Dave tried setting firebrick in various configurations, until we settled on the current form. I was involved in the rewrite of the reference manual while I was on my four month recovery from foot surgery. Dave said he would love to proof the ever evolving document. Every few days I would send him the current version to critique. He was like a forensic scientist looking at not only the text, but every punctuation mark. Toward the end of the process, he got so nit-picky that if there was an extra space between a word, he called me out on it.

I could go on for many more paragraphs about the wonderful things Dave has done for the betterment of the MHA, but I will simply say: Congratulations David Moore, you deserve this award.

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