MHA Adds vBulletin Forums To The Website

It's finally here. It took over a year, server upgrades, purchasing software and board action, but a new feature is revealed on the MHA website. Forums have been added and are now available to members only. A new way to stay informed, ask questions, make suggestions and work within committees. More information below.....

What Is A Forum and Why Should I Register?

vBulletin is much like a message board and forums are basically subjects members can post (write something) or read what another member has posted.

Members that have already registered do not have to register again.

At the present time, the new vBulletin is going to start with the following forums:
- Bake Oven Related Issues
- Masonry Heater Related Issues
- Annual Meeting
- Buy n Sell (Want Ads)
- Help Needed or Wanted
- Board of Directors
- Education Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Technical Committee

As a registered user, you as a member can add a topic to forums. If a member has posted a topic, as a registered user you can post to that subject and see what other members have posted to that subject.

The process is simple, once you register with your log-in and password, the office will confirm you are a current member and open vBulletin to you. Want to register and see what it is all about? Here's how you get started.....

How To Register And Get Started:
Everything starts by going to the MHA website @ www.mha-net.org
Across the top of the homepage there is a black bar with links. The very last link is "Forums" and you will need to open that link to go to vBulletin to register and login.

When you open the "Forums" link on the MHA homepage you are taken to the vBulletin page. In the very upper right hand corner is "Login or Sign up". After you are registered can then use the Login link from then on. If you are signing up for the first time a small box will pop up and you will need to open the sign up link. This takes you to your personal information.

Once you have filled in your personal information it will be sent to the office for verification. Once verified that you are a current member you will be notified by the email you submitted that you are now able to enter the vBulletin Forums of MHA. It may take a day or two and it may be go to your spam folder. If the verification email goes into your spam folder, you will need to make it a safe email so future notifications are directed into your inbox.

Registered And Want To Read or Start A Topic In A Forum:

It's really easy....just go to the Forum you want and click on the title. It will open the Forum and you'll be able to read Topics other members submitted. Or if you'd like to start a Topic within that forum just open the "New Topic" link and enter your comment. It's that easy!

What You Can't Do:

The vBulletin Forums of MHA are intended to be used by its members in a professional and ethical manner. Consequently foul language, cursing and swearing, off color sexual jokes, religious and political opinions will not be tolerated. Offenders will be taken off the Forums.

The board of director's forum and committee forums are not open to the general membership. If you would like to become involved in committee work please contact the MHA office.

What You Can Do:

Want to be notified by email if someone posts something?

First you have to be a registered user and signed into the Forums. Then you'll notice a link bar across the top. Your name should appear on the very right with a downward arrow to the right of it. Click on the down arrow and three options will appear:

- My Profile where you can add information about yourself.

- User Settings where you can set your profile, account, privacy and notification. Open notification if you want an email letting you know someone made a post.

- Log Off when you are finished using vBulletin

Want to see a new forum? All you need to do is email the request to the MHA office where it will be considered.

You will also be able post photos and attachment as you become more familiar the how vBulletin is used.
With a little bit of time and getting use to all the features, members will be able to not only ask questions, buy or sell equipment, setup carpools to the annual meeting, see who needs help or is looking for employment/experience, plus much more. It's a great benefit and has unlimited potential. But if all depends upon the membership and using it.

Register today and start enjoying MHA Forums.