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ACRA's Mission

Our mission is to promote the professional, ethical, and business practices of the cultural resources industry, including all of its affiliated disciplines, for the benefit of the resources, the public, and the members of the association by:

- promoting and supporting the business needs of cultural resources practitioners;
- promoting professionalism in the cultural resources industry;
- promoting and providing educational and training opportunities for the cultural resources industry; and
- promoting public awareness of cultural resources and its diverse fields.

A basic tenet of ACRA's philosophy is the cost efficiency of private-sector firms in meeting the need for expertise in cultural resource management. ACRA is strongly opposed to unfair competition from tax-supported contracting programs. We believe that a greater benefit to society, and to the resources, derives from the existence of a healthy community of tax-paying, job-generating, private-sector CRM businesses.

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Notice.. ACRA Website Overhaul

The ACRA website committee is planning a long-overdue overhaul of the ACRA website. A small amount of 'seed money' has been budgeted to get the wheels in motion for a full site re-design. We will begin with a site clean-up, removing redundant pages, making key pages cleaner, and improving navigation links. One of our first tasks will be to update and improve the 'Hire a Consultant' pages, which many ACRA members have identified as an important but underutilized member benefit. The committee would like to solicit constructive feedback about the website and its current and potential content. What needs improvement and what should stay 'as is'? Please contact Denise DeJoseph (ddejoseph@hrassoc.com) or Sarah Herr (sherr@desert.com) with your comments.

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING AHEAD

By Scott Stull, Executive Secretary

The biggest news of the year came at the beginning of December, with the passage of the "clean reauthorization" of aspects of the National Historic Preservation Act. While some people thought it was too much of the status quo, it did not gut Section 106 or make other changes to benefit developers at the sake of the national heritage that our industry serves. The work that ACRA undertook on this spread across 20 months, with several trips to Washington and employees of ACRA members being directly involved with consultations on the language and potential impact of the various proposed bills. ACRA can take pride in the work that was done to help prevent disastrous changes to the National Historic Preservation Act.

The annual meeting was in Columbus, Ohio, and among other things had the premiere of the "Business of CRM" workshop. This workshop proved so compelling that a second session was opened up to meet the demand. There were useful ideas for brand new firms and old hands, including the people who designed and taught the earlier course on the same topic. If you get a chance, attend the workshop. It's worth it.

One of the big changes at the fall board meeting was the creation of the new office, the membership secretary. This has already shown its value, with the 2007 dues notices already sent out and the first checks in the bank.

ACRA has completed its corporate reauthorization, a requirement to maintain its status as a corporation in Washington DC. While this is mainly

handled through our agent and lawyer in DC, it is an important certification to keep current. We next reauthorize in 2008. Other news from Washington includes sending comments to the FCC, consulting with the Small Business Administration, and a group formed to work with the Census Bureau on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

What's next? ACRA will again attend the Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) and Society for American Archaeology (SAA) meetings. The SHA meeting will have a new approach, with a booth in the bookroom rather than a one-hour meeting space. This will get ACRA more exposure, and hopefully attract more good employees to ACRA firms and more firms to join the association. The SAA meeting will have the CRM fair, which is always a good boost to ACRA and its members.

The spring board meeting will be in San Luis Obispo, California, at the end of March. Agenda items are already being collected, so if any member firm wants to have the board consider a topic, please contact any board member or officer. Members may also attend the board meeting, so if you want to do that you are welcome. The fall annual meeting will be in late September in St. Petersburg, Florida, with many interesting projects in the works. Watch for more news as the year progresses.

State-level issues have always been a hard issue for ACRA. The national association has always been interested in working on state issues, but state politicians don't give any weight to statements of support from outside the state, and such statements

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LIAISON COMMITTEE UPDATE

can sometimes even be detrimental. Several ideas are actively being floated around on how to make things work, including facilitating ACRA member firms within a state or local region to meet to work out responses to issues of interest within the state. The national organization will happily support those efforts, and if anyone has comments or brilliant ideas on ways to develop state-level activity, please contact the board or an officer. More on this will be coming in the next few months, with hopefully something solid by the fall meeting.

When January rolls around, a new group of politicians will be walking the halls of Congress. Many new faces will need education about historic preservation and CRM, but luckily for us our national heritage is a nonpartisan topic. Some old friends will be back, and some new friends will be found. Maybe with this Congress we can get sensible and necessary changes and updates to legislation rather than defending the core principles we stand by. ACRA has made its presence known, and has become one of the groups that members of Congress and our national government turns to when they need advice on issues related to our industry, and we are all happy to serve in that capacity. Here's looking forward to a new year full of promise and success!

By Laura Black

The ACRA Liaison Committee intends to continue and expand communications between ACRA and liaison organizations using streamlined strategies developed by the committee this past year. These include exchanges of articles, announcements, and news, and attendance/participation at conferences and meetings.

The following ACRA members currently serve as liaisons:

- | Diana Painter (Society of Architectural Historians)
- | Mike Polk (Society for Historical Archaeology)
- | Laura Black (National Council on Public History)
- | Cory Breternitz (Society for American Archaeology; SAA Committee on Consulting Archaeology, SAA's CRM Task Force)
- | Marvin Brown (Vernacular Architecture Forum)
- | Don Weir (Register of Professional Archaeologists)
- | Charissa Wang Durst (American Institute of Architects)
- | Chad Moffett (American Society of Landscape Architects)
- | Hope Luhman (Transportation Research Board, Committee ADC50)
- | Al Tonetti (Ohio Archaeological Council, Government Affairs)

Please feel free to inform the committee of any thoughts, issues, news, or announcements that may be of interest to ACRA and a liaison organization.

If you are involved with CRM industry or client-related organizations, are able to express why a liaison relationship would be valuable, and would like to be an ACRA liaison, please contact Laura Black at lblack@chrsinc.com.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

By Steve Dasovich, Chair

Since the Fall 2006 board meeting, the membership committee has been hard at work on several important tasks. First, working with the new Membership Secretary, Lucy Wayne, we have completed the recruitment letter that Lucy signed and distributed to our current and nearly current members. Following up on this letter, we hope to work on increasing the list of member benefits through the introduction of new benefits. While there are many possibilities, most cost money and as we work on this issue, we need to remember the cost/benefit ratio. If you have ideas for new benefits, please contact Steve Dasovich at: sdasovich@sciengineering.com.

Next, we have been tasked by Karen Hartgen to study the current dues schedule and proposed revisions. The last board meeting identified issues with the size categories and the associated dues. We will be looking into the possibility of expanding the size categories and changing the revenue levels for each. Finally, we will address any suggested changes for the dues amounts for each level. In order to best evaluate each size category, we currently have two members on this committee from the small and medium categories, and one from the large category. We will soon have our second from the large category. Look for emails from this committee starting in January after the SHA

meetings soliciting input on this issue. We welcome your thoughts and comments.

Finally, as part of our efforts to present information on membership benefits to members and potential members, we want to highlight these benefits whenever possible. One such benefit that ACRA has lauded is networking among member companies. We have all heard that the possibility of teaming up with other member firms occurs regularly, but we rarely see it presented to the membership. Therefore, the membership committee encourages you to send in your basic information on successful networking. We hope to see examples published in each bulletin. Please make sure you have permission and agreement with your networking/teaming partners before you send it in to the bulletin editors. There is no need to be specific, but you are welcome to be as specific as you and your teaming partners wish. Please also state what ACRA event or ACRA avenue led to the teaming opportunity. To get this started, here is one basic, yet real example:

In 2006, SCI Engineering, Inc., and Mid-Continental Research Associates Inc., have teamed up on two active projects in their region. These teaming opportunities came about as a result of meeting at the annual conference in Washington D.C. in 2004.

PRESERVE AMERICA SUMMIT: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSES JANUARY 16TH

By Ian Burrow, Chair, Government Affairs Committee

As reported on Members Only last month, five people with ACRA connections attended the Preserve America Summit in October in New Orleans. The Summit comprised a series of workshops sandwiched between opening and closing plenary sessions. There were also two evening receptions and final luncheon. The general atmosphere was collegial and positive: we all made new contacts as well as re-connecting with people we already knew. This was an exciting event to be a part of.



The Early 18th Century Ursuline Convent in New Orleans. The church roof was lifted and dropped by Katrina.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is now seeking comments from the historic preservation community on the draft papers from the Summit. These are now available on the Advisory Council Website. Comments are requested by Close of Business on January 16th 2007.

There are 10 reports, each containing multiple recommendations. The emphasis overall is on updating and improving the existing structure rather than creating new legal or organizational frameworks. There were rumors that the creation of a new national body for



The U.S. Customs House: setting for the Summit.

coordinating the heritage would be among the recommendations, but this does not appear to be the case. However, there are many specific ideas, many of them to be found in more than one report.

Prominent among these are:

- | Expansion of survey and inventory activities at all levels
- | Review of the National Register process to permit the inclusion of a wider range of resources while maintaining standards
- | Providing more information via the internet on the methods and benefits of historic preservation
- | Making historic preservation part of the core curriculum in public schools
- | Expanding tax credits as an incentive to historic preservation
- | Re-engagement with the international Preservation Community



ACRA and friends hard at work in a French Quarter Restaurant .

The individual issue reports are online at the ACHP website:

- | Building a Preservation Ethic and Public Appreciation for History
- | Coordinating the Stewardship and Use of Our Cultural Patrimony
- | Determining What's Important
- | Protecting Places That Matter
- | Improving the Preservation Program Infrastructure
- | Dealing With the Unexpected
- | Using Historic Properties as Economic Assets
- | Involving All Cultures
- | Fostering Innovation
- | Participating in the Global Preservation Community

Sending Comments:

ACRA will be sending comments as an organization. If there is something you want ACRA to say, please email Ian Burrow at ianbacra@comcast.net.

You can also send comments directly as follows:

- | By [e-mail](#) to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation;
- | By fax to (202) 606-0321; or

- | By mail, to:
Preserve America Summit, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Old Post Office Building
100 Pa. Ave., N.W., #803
Washington, DC 20004.

We'd be glad to get copies of your comments as well.



Julie King (Advisory Council on Historic Preservation), Terry Klein (SRI Foundation), Donna Seifert (JMA and SHA), Nellie Longworth (ACRA), Professor Kathleen Degan, and Douglas Scott (President of SHA) in one of the many huddles at the Summit.



John Nau (Chair ACHP) and Lynn Scarlett (Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior) making the Preserve America Awards .

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Nellie Longworth, Government Affairs Consultant

Senate "Clean" Historic Preservation Amendments Passes In The House. Next Stop - The White House Where The President's Signature Will Make It Law.

A "Lame Duck" session of Congress is always a wild ride. As the Congress prepares to adjourn, bills are flying everywhere seeking needed votes before the gavel falls. S. 1378 - the Senate "clean" Historic Preservation Act Amendments - went to the House floor at 2:05 am on Saturday morning, December 9th, and was introduced by out-going Rep. Richard Pombo (R-CA) who requested a "unanimous consent vote" on the measure. As you might guess, at 2:05 am, bills move quickly and successfully and S, 1378 was passed.



Nellie Longworth, ACRA's Government Affairs Consultant, during an annual report to ACRA membership.

However, this was really the 4th day of action on the Historic Preservation Amendments last week.

There were inklings that John Nau III, Chair of the Advisory Council, was continuing his effort to get the amendments passed during the 109th Congress. On Wednesday morning, December 6, the Congressional Quarterly surprised everyone with a headline "House Package Includes Historic Preservation Measure."

Yes, the Advisory Council was supporting the inclusion of House-passed preservation amendments (HR 5861) as one of three attachments to a Senate Virgin Island tax measure - S. 1829. S.1829 passed the House on December 6 "by unanimous consent" and returned to the Senate for quick approval. However, there was opposition to the inclusion of the House version of Historic Preservation Amendments from the Tribes, who have always opposed the amendment that elevates a regulation into law. The provision in question stated that "if the SHPO, Tribal representative or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer fails to respond within 30 days after an adequately documented finding of no historic properties affected or no adverse effect as provided in the regulations implementing Section 106, the Federal agency may assume that the SHPO or THPO has no objection to the finding." The opposition of the Tribes to the House language looked grim for the HP Amendments.

As Congress began its last day of the session on Friday, December 8th, the suspense rose. It was known that Rep. Mike Turner, Co-Chair of the Historic Preservation Caucus, and both House and Senate committee leadership were involved in finding a solution. It was further known that New Mexico members of the House and Senate including Sen. Pete Domenici (R-NM), Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) and House National Parks Subcommittee Chair Stevan Pearce (R-NM) were anxious to mitigate the Tribal objection.

Suspense ended at 2:01 AM, Saturday morning when Resources Committee Chair Richard Pombo, in his last official role in Congress, offered S. 1378 - the "Clean Bill" - in the House and it passed "without objection" at 2:05 AM. When signed by the President, the Amendments will become law.

Thank You!

Special thanks to Advisory Council Chair John Nau III and all of the preservation partners for a job well done. Kudos to Lynne Sebastian and Terry Klein from SRI for authoring the Section 101 language that led to a positive vote on the House floor last July. And, for all who took the time out of their busy schedules to lobby on Capitol Hill in the past 20 months to insure that Section 106 would not be limited to National Register listing or eligibility as proposed in the Discussion Draft - it would not have happened without you!

Thank you to Senator James Talent (R-MO), who introduced the Senate "Clean Bill" that will now become law. Sen. Talent will be remembered fondly for the excellent amendments to strengthen the National Historic Preservation Act and he will be missed in the next Congress. Thank you also to Rep. Stevan Pearce (R-NM) and Preservation Caucus Co-Chairs - Mike Turner (R-OH) and Brad Miller (D-NC) - for their support and involvement throughout the process. And thank you Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) who introduced a "clean bill" in the House and will become the Chair of the Resources Committee in the next Congress. It is a great victory!

To review the amendments, go to Thomas.loc.gov. In Thomas, fill in the Search box with S. 1378 and click on "Bill Number." And then: Search."

The Democratic Majorities In The Next Congress May Bode Well For Historic Preservation

The news in Washington is still the November election that put the Democrats in the majority of both the Senate and House. Victims of the Democratic sweep included the powerful Resources Chair, Richard Pombo. Rep. Pombo was defeated by the environmental community and Sierra Club who raised \$1 million for his opponent and raised questions about his relationship to lobbyist Jack Abramoff. His defeat laid to rest concerns about dramatic changes to the Historic Preservation Act (Section 106), the Endangered Species Act, and the Environmental Policy Act.

Both Democrats and Republicans returned to Washington shortly after the election to tackle the reorganization of the next Congress. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) was confirmed as the first woman to be Majority Leader which puts her third in line to ascend to the Presidency in the event that both President and Vice-President are unable to serve. Steny Hoyer (R-MD) staved off a challenge from Rep. John Murtha (R-PA) to become House Majority Leader. Hoyer has been an advocate for parks, preservation and conservation and very supportive of the Chesapeake Bay.

The new chair of the House Resources Committee will be Nick Rahall (D-WV). He has served on the National Parks Subcommittee for many years. He strongly opposed the changes to Section 106 in the Pombo historic preservation amendments discussion bill and responded by introducing a "clean bill" identical to the Senate measure. The "clean" bills simply reauthorize the Historic Preservation Fund and Advisory Council funding and includes amendments to the Advisory

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Council supported by the Council. The Ranking Minority member of the Resources Committee has four Republican members vying for the position. Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) will take the helm at the Energy and Natural Resources Committee with Sen. Pete Domenici (R-NM) will be the Ranking Minority Member. It is good news that the co-chairs of the Preservation Caucus - Mike Turner (R-OH) and Brad Miller -(D-NC) - were easily re-elected.

The Ways and Means Committee Chair will be Charlie Rangel (D-NY) from Harlem. There is strong support in his district for needed improvements to the Historic Preservation Tax Credits that include a rehab tax credit for historic owner-occupied homes. The likely ranking Minority member is Democrat Jim McCrery (R-LA) from Natchitoches and Shreveport LA, a strong supporter of historic preservation tax credits.

The Interior Appropriations Subcommittee will be chaired by Norman Dicks (D-WA), a key player in the successful passage of the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA) in 1999. The CARA program provided \$12 billion from offshore oil leasing revenue for a wide array of programs supporting conservation, preservation, recreation, parkland, coastal areas, wild life and endangered species over six years. The Historic Preservation Fund was eligible to receive \$150 million per year. Though agreed to by both the Senate and House and President Clinton, President Bush has opted not to support the program since FY01.

The House will sport a new look in leadership with women and Afro American members holding key positions. Afro-American James Clyburn (D-SC) is the newly appointed House Majority Whip, the third ranking member of the House Leadership. He is from Columbia, SC and has served on the House Appropriations Committee. He is joined by Charles Rangel (D-NY), the representative from Harlem, who will take the reins of the Ways and Means Committee and John Conyers Jr, (D-MI), the Representative for Detroit since 1965 who will

lead the House Judiciary Committee.

Special Thanks And Good Luck To Congressional Friends Of Preservation Who Were Defeated In November.

A number of steady supporters of historic preservation issues will not be returning to Congress next year. Sen. Michael DeWine (R-OH) came up short when the Ohio electorate dramatically changed the state color from Red to Blue. He was a strong advocate of preservation issues and an active supporter of the Ohio Historical Society. Sen. Lincoln Chafee (R-RI) supported increased funding for preservation, parks recreation, and conservation but found himself on the loser's end of a tight race. Sen. Conrad Burns (R-MT) was a vocal supporter of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and supported preservation by often attending Preservation Action's Congressional Breakfasts during Lobby Days.

In the House, Historic Preservation Caucus had 4 Republican members caught up in the Democratic sweep They include Charles Bass NH, Jeb Bradley NH, Jim Gerlach PA and Jim Leach IA.

MARY BOMAR TAKES REINS AS DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

By Nellie Longworth, Government Affairs Consultant

In the shadow of Independence Hall, Philadelphia on October 17th, Mary Bomar became the 17th Director of the National Park Service. She was sworn in by Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne to replace former director Fran Mainella who resigned in July. During the ceremony, Secretary Kempt Horne said, "I admire the passion that Mary brings to her work in the Northeast Region. That passion for our national parks mirrors that of the American people. I am confident that Mary is the right person to ensure that our national parks endure for the enjoyment of future generations. "Bomar has served the NPS for many years and leaves her position as Director of the 13-state Northeast Region of the NPS to serve as Director. Her experience includes being the Director of Independence Park where she managed the largest urban revitalization project in the nation, which ultimately increased visitation by 35 percent. Bomar held earlier responsibilities that include being named the first superintendent of the Oklahoma National Memorial and serving at Rocky Mountain National Park and the San Antonio Missions. Mary was raised in Leicester, England and became a US citizen in 1977."By choice,"

During a visit to Wyoming' last month, Bomar expressed concern about the drop in National Park visitation over the past three years caused by the high cost of gasoline, world events and shifting patterns in American travel preferences. To resolve this concern, she wants to re-engage the American public with the national parks, increase the capacity of the national park system, and develop a new generation of leaders for the Park Service. Bomar added, "We must reach our base audiences and shift our methods to keep pace with the tastes, technology and changing demography of the 21st century. We must make inroads into the maintenance needs that come with the aging infrastructure of parks that make them vibrant, attractive, compelling paces for the next century. And we must recruit, train, retain, and develop National Park Service leader - the next generation - for the 21st century."

Bomar is a strong supporter of the recently issued Park Management Policies that reaffirm the NPS commitment to conservation. Overcoming a last minute lobbying effort by the off-road vehicle industry to elevate recreation as a park priority, the final policy restores a preservation mission that protects air quality, wilderness, and natural quiet to enhance the experience of the visitors.

2007 ACRA CONFERENCE IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

By Jeanne Ward, Conference Chair

ACI and SouthArch, Inc. are well underway in planning for the 2007 annual conference. The conference will be held at the Hilton Inn in downtown St. Petersburg, Florida September 27 through 29, 2007. The Hilton is modern, spacious, and comfortable with views of Tampa Bay and plenty of meeting space to accommodate our needs. They offer amenities such as free shuttle service in the downtown area and rooms are only \$89 per night. Preliminary plans include a presentation of the Business of CRM workshop, which was so popular in Columbus, concurrent with the Board meeting. There is even talk of a dinner cruise but nothing firm yet.

So why would Joan Deming (ACI) and Lucy Wayne (SouthArc, Inc.) and all the previous unsung hosts of ACRA's annual conference expend so much time, effort, and (yes) money to host. Well, the main answer might be "because somebody has to do it!" As an organization, ACRA depends heavily upon contributions from its members. The officers and the board are all volunteers and pay their own expenses to meetings and conferences. The host of the annual conference shoulders a great deal of responsibility for its success. There is a conference committee and we have begun to gather enough corporate knowledge concerning what does and does not work that the committee can advise the host but, in the end, the host

chooses the hotel, they choose the food, they choose the speakers, they choose who sits at the registration desk, they plan tours, they plan the program, they plan the banners, they pull in more favors than they are probably owed when someone cancels at the last minute. In sum, they choose to step up and say "ACRA is important".

If you have ever been to an ACRA conference you know how much you get out of it. Just the energy in any one room is enough to make you want to go home and run your business better. It is enough to make you feel like you are in the loop on national affairs affecting our industry. It allows us to meet and understand people doing similar work all over the country.

At this time the Conference Committee is seeking future hosts - 2008 and forward. In general the conference needs to be held in a city with a major airport at a hotel (preferably historic) with enough room to accommodate approximately 125 attendees. This must include hotels rooms and reasonable meeting and display space. If you think you and your company are located in an area that meets those requirements and you are ready to step up please contact me, Jeanne A. Ward, at (410) 224-3402 or jeanneward@hotmail.com. I would love to talk to you.

FCC CONDUCTS ANNUAL REVIEW OF CELL TOWER NPA

By Ellen Turco, Cell Tower Subcommittee

On December 12, 2006 the FCC held a meeting to review the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement (NPA) outlining Section 106 compliance procedures for cell towers. This annual review by the signatories is stipulated in the NPA. Participants include the FCC, the National Council of State Historic Preservation Officers and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The review provides an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss the day-to-day functioning of the agreement.

ACRA helped draft the NPA through participation in the Telecommunications Working Group. Because of this relationship, the FCC contacted ACRA prior to the annual review and requested our written comments. Comments from cell tower industry groups and THPOs were also solicited. Via posting on members-only, member comments were collected. The strong response to the request for input highlights our continued work in the compliance field for the telecommunications industry. A summarized version of member's comments was drafted by the Cell Tower Subcommittee and forwarded to the FCC. Comments focused primarily on two areas; concerns over the process as outlined in the NPA, and the interpretation the NPA by SHPOs and THPOs.

The FCC has promised to provide ACRA with a summary of the annual review. Look for a future article on this topic.

ACRA's Cell Tower Subcommittee is a subcommittee of the Government Relations Committee. Ellen Turco chairs the committee. Anyone interested in serving on the committee can contact her (eturco@circa-in.com) to be added to our email list.

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EDITION

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ACRA's Members-Only Listserver

ACRA now has an online discussion group just for members. "MembersOnly" is a listserver that operates much the same way as ACRA-L, with the exception that it is only available to ACRA members. Its purpose is to offer the board, members, and the executive director a venue to share the latest news from ACRA; promote dialogue between members on current issues; and enable members to post announcements or inquiries.

To subscribe to the list, a member must contact ACRA's Executive Secretary, Scott Stull. Once you have supplied Scott with your e-mail address, he will subscribe you to this list. Contact Scott e-mail: scott@hartgen.com.

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