

Johns Manville Retirees Association

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## **Board Nominations**

The Retirees Association always appreciates the work of the Nominating Committee. Their diligence in nominating qualified candidates to fill vacancies keeps your organization functioning smoothly.

In accordance with the by-laws of The Johns Manville Retirees Association, the Nominating Committee met on June 14, 2010. The Committee consisted of Jerry Attridge, Fern Balaun, Bob Clark, Jack Kingery and Andy Sokal. The committee elected Andy Sokal as chairperson. These nominates have been contacted and are willing to serve for the 2011-2012 term:

President and Director - Andy Sokal (replacing Rocco Russo) Secretary and Director - Norm Zettel (replacing Bill Snyder) Newsletter Editor and Director - Ronnie Lostak (replacing Tom Krzemien) Director - John Leasher (incumbent Director - Bob Clark (incumbent) Director - Bob Whitt (replaces George Kinzer)

Rocco Russo has agreed to fill Andy Sokal's unexpired term as Vice-President, which runs through 2011. Lou Stravato, Ed Bettinardi, Jack Ellis and Dick Graves also serve through 2011.

Bill Snyder and Tom Krzemien have agree to serve as Directors Emeritus to help in the transition of new members. These positions were approved by the board on September 7, 2010. They are temporary and non-voting.

Additional Nominations: The by-laws state, "Nominations may be made by any five or more members if filed with the Secretary within thirty days after mailing of the list of nominees, with permission of the candidate(s)." Additional nominations should be sent to: Bill Snyder, Secretary, Johns Manville Retirees Association, 1952 W. Ridge Rd, Littleton, CO 80120. The nomination should be signed by at least five association members in good standing as well as by the candidate(s) indicating willingness to serve if elected. If there are additional nominations, secret ballots will be mailed to members. Should there be no additional nominations, the Secretary will be directed to cast a ballot for the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee at the annual meeting. The time and place of the annual meeting will be announced when ballots or proxies are mailed to members.

You should receive your proxy in the mail or by e-mail. We thank you for returning your proxy when it is received. It is important in order to have a quorum at the annual meeting.

## JMRA resigns from NRLN

fter a presentation to the JMRA Board of Directors, it was decided to resign from the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN).

The NRLN Board is no longer sensitive to our needs, and given the expense and our limited resources, it was in the Retirees Association best interest to resign. The JM board will continue to monitor legislation as it affects us.

## **Change of Address**

**T**f you recently moved or have a new e-mail address please let your Johns Manville Retirees Association know. Use the "JMRA Membership" form that is part of this newsletter or use the link on <u>http://www.jmretirees.org</u>

### **Help Wanted**

JMRA needs your help as a Regional Representative. Your Retirees Association needs your help in maintaining contact with the membership if you live in one of the following areas:

Alexandria/Richmond IN Parkersburg WV Ridgewood NJ Tuscon AZ Waukegan IL

As a Johns Manville Retirees Association Regional Representative you coordinate fellow employee input with the Directors and Newsletter staff. Contact your newsletter editor or one of the JMRA Directors.

## Main River Fishing Lodge

ne of the best kept secrets in JM's history is the Main River Fishing Lodge in Newfoundland. The lodge was built and opened in 1962 as a company retreat to entertain customers of the Advocate asbestos mine in Baie Verte, Newfoundland. Over the following years, hundreds of JM's best customers were given the opportunity to fly fish for Atlantic salmon on the pristine waters of the Main River, now a Canadian Heritage River.

The lodge would not have been possible without the help of JM's business partner, Gene Manion. With his bush pilot airline company, Gene supplied aircraft services to the Advocate mine as well as many other remote Newfoundland companies. Gene was asked by the mine management to select a site, make arrangements with the Newfoundland government for a site lease, and build the lodge. Each July season in the years following, Gene managed at the lodge, arranging for fishing licenses, guides, food, cooks, float-plane access, and even helicopter fishing for those lucky to spend a week at the lodge.

For anyone who has visited the lodge, one of the most memorable experiences was listening to Gene relate stories of his flying-fishing/hunting/political ventures in Newfoundland/Labrador. For those who never had that opportunity, Gene has now written a book, "Flying on the Edge," a chronicle of his experiences from 1960 to 2000. The book opens:

"It was while lurking behind a tree early one freezing winter's morning in 1961, taking a bead with a 30.06 on the doorsill of my former partner, with my crew scrambling to steal back the plane he had stolen from us, that I began to seriously question whether becoming a bush pilot in Newfoundland had been, after all, a good idea"

To quote one reviewer, "This is a fascinating, thoughtful and engaging account of 'flying by the ass of your pants' in the most dangerous and hazardous conditions imaginable...the events related herein encompass the feats and deeds of which great yarns are spun."

An entire chapter is devoted to the lodge, but because of Gene's close association with JM and the Advocate mine, many JMers from the 1960s through the 1980s are mentioned throughout the book.

The book is not easily available in the US, but it can be purchased directly from the publisher, DRC Publishing, St. John's, Newfoundland, Telephone 709-726-0960, or from Tidespoint.com at 877-738-3435. The book is now in its second printing and moving up the best seller list in Canada.

Flying on the Edge by Gene Manion ISBN 978-1-926689-05-0  $\mathbf{2}$ 

## Vacation Travel

Tom Krzemien

• You will never be disappointed if you plan for the unexpected when traveling. Airport and cruise terminals are subject to dramatic swings in security based on events taking place in other parts of the world. A case in point:

We disembarked a cruise ship in Lisbon, Portugal one May morning in 2010. When we returned a few hours later, New York City had experienced a suspected terrorist attack, a botched SUV car bombing in Times Square. The Port of Lisbon was now at a high security level; all hand baggage and individuals were subject to intense screening. Picture over 2,000 people lined up waiting to get back onboard the ship. In this case, the ship was not going to leave any passengers regardless of the sailing time. The result probably would have been a lot different had this been an airport with scheduled departure times.

The State Department of the United States reports that 2,000 Americans report their passports stolen or lost in Paris each year. Professional pickpockets work in pairs or larger groups. As tourists, we are easy to spot and women are the victims of over 70% of these crimes. I speak from experience, that a lady's handbag with zippers, or the pocket of a man's trousers is no problem for a professional pickpocket.

Usually, the pickpocket only wants the money tourists tend to carry. In Paris, the wallet, minus the cash, is usually discarded and will eventually turn up in at the "lost and found" of Prefecture De Police. Carry only the documents you absolutely need to mitigate your loss.

Once notified that your personal property is in possession of the police, you may face the problem that claiming property requires a personal appearance. The Consular Section of the United States Embassy can help you here and has an information sheet on how to replace items such as credit cards and airline tickets. They can also issue a replacement if your passport has been stolen.

If the personal items are turned in to the US Embassy or consulate, they will attempt to locate you and return your belongings. In Paris, *The American Aid Society of Paris* handles lost and found matters for the American Embassy. They regularly send a messenger service to the police "lost and found" and pick up as many items as possible. There are some fees associated with this service. A good place to start when attempting to get lost personal property returned is by asking for help on <u>citizeninfo@state.gov</u>.

Always carry copies of your travel documents, credit card account numbers and their corresponding customer service numbers in a safe place other than your wallet or purse.

# **Open-Cell Spray Foam Insulation**

t the end of May, Johns Manville introduced JM ocSPF insulation, a low-density polyurethane open-cell spray foam insulation designed for commercial and residential applications. Recommended for walls, floors, vented and unvented attics and ceilings, JM ocSPF insulation will insulate cavities of any shape, creating a "seamless" protective air barrier that minimizes or eliminates air leakage for maximum building envelope performance.

JM ocSPF insulation is mold and mildew resistant, minimizes sound transmission and provides an R-value of 3.8 at one inch, R-13 at 3.5 inches and R-19 at 5.5 inches. It is considered an air impermeable insulation at a thickness of 3.5 inches. The product can be applied at up to 6 inches per pass and, when properly installed, expands 120 times its initial volume, sealing all voids, gaps and crevices. Unlike many other open-cell products on the market, JM ocSPF insulation is formulated with 100 percent reactive catalysts to minimize emissions during spraying, resulting in lower job-site odor and improved safety for installers.

In addition, JM is introducing JM IB Coating, an intumescent ignition barrier coating recommended for use over JM ocSPF insulation in unvented attic and crawl space applications. JM IB Coating is an effective ignition barrier over JM ocSPF insulation at a minimum application rate of 0.6 gallons per 100 square feet.

"We're excited to announce the expansion of our spray foam product line with the launch of JM ocSPF insulation," said Mike Lawrence, vice president and general manager for JM's Insulation Systems business. "Similar to our premium closed-cell product, JM Corbond III™ spray foam insulation, JM ocSPF insulation can be installed together with any of JM's fiber glass building insulation products to create customized insulation systems for residential, commercial and industrial applications."

JM ocSPF insulation and JM IB Coating will be initially distributed from our Winder, Ga. and McPherson, Kan. manufacturing plants.

#### **JM Brand Recognition**

This summer, JM launched a nationwide advertising campaign to inform consumers that they can take an active role in creating a healthier living environment by choosing JM Formaldehyde-free™ insulation.

The integrated campaign includes TV, print, and digital banner ads and emphasizes the improved indoor air quality and health benefits of JM insulation. Print ads in major publications such as *Better Homes and Gardens, Money* and *Popular Mechanics* launched in late July, and cable network TV and digital ads began in early August.

Senior Brand and Marketing Communications Manager Mark Ziegert said the campaign, which represents a significant investment in consumer advertising, will position JM as an innovator in delivering products that contribute to better living.

"All insulation is manufactured to save energy, so that's somewhat of a given," said Ziegert. "This campaign drives awareness of JM's focus on improved indoor air quality and the fact that we're positioning our Formaldehyde-free™ fiber glass building insulation products for family health and wellbeing."

Ziegert explained that while some JM competitors are recognized more readily by consumers, their ad messaging differs greatly from JM's focus on products that provide meaningful benefits to homeowners. Competitors that have included health-related messaging use the Greenguard Certified label, which recognizes that formaldehyde emissions from their advertised product are in an acceptable range. To date, JM is the only manufacturer that offers a complete line of certified formaldehyde free insulation.

"We believe that the benefits of JM Formaldehyde-free insulation are so compelling that consumers will be influenced to actively seek them out," said Mike Lawrence, vice president of Insulation Systems. The campaign also lets homeowners know that JM Formaldehyde-free insulation can be purchased at Lowe's. In October 2009, JM and Lowe's announced an exclusive, multi-year agreement in which Lowe's 1,700 North American stores would exclusively carry JM building insulation.

"Although JM has manufactured building insulation made without formaldehyde since 2002, it's sometimes called our best-kept secret," said Lawrence. "By telling the nation about the health benefits of our products we influence preference for JM and reinforce our leadership role in the development of products that deliver healthier homes."

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# In Memory

-This list is assembled from many sources. We try to be accurate, but if you find an error please let your editor know.

Charles H Barger	Centennial, CO
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#### Friends & Family

What happens at Colorado Credit Union shouldn't have to stay there— and we promise it won't end up on YouTube either. When you have a good thing, you like to keep it at secret. Well, at Colorado Credit Union, we want you to share the secret. Why keep great rates and personalized service all to yourself? Your friends and family want to be let in on your secret!

Right now, every time you refer a friend, neighbor, family member, dog walker, babysitter, etc, we will enter your name into a drawing\* for a trip to Vegas, where you get to decide what stays there! The more you refer the more chances you get.

Unlike those slot machines in Vegas, you are always a winner at CCU.

\* Drawing for Vegas Trip Voucher will occur on December 30, 2010. Winner will be notified by phone. Please see www.ccu.org for contest details or ask for contest rules at any of our locations. Credit Union membership is required with an opening minimum \$5.00 savings account balance. Account must be open a minimum of 90 days or early account closure fee will be applied.

### JMRA Membership

Johns Manville Retirees Association is a nonprofit, self-funded, not tax deductible organization. Your association is dedicated to protecting and improving your benefits. Our greatest concern is your medical and prescription plans—vital benefits promised to you but not guaranteed.

We always welcome new members. If you know JM Salaried Retirees who are not members, please invite them to join by using our website <u>http://www.jmretirees.org/</u> or by completing the membership form. Also, please use the membership form if you recently moved or have a new e-mail address.

We collect dues every two years, in the odd-numbered year. Look at your mailing label for your dues status. Thank you for your continued support.

Please mail membership information, new members or changes in membership information, to: Johns Manville Retirees Association, P.O. Box 3336, Centennial, CO 80161-3336

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