



PIPELINE

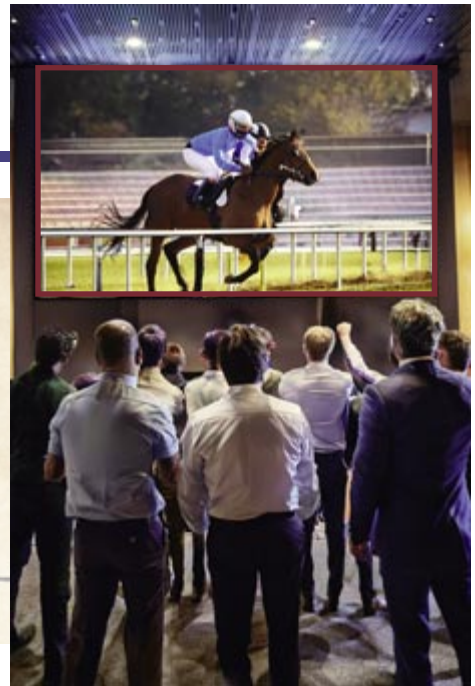
FUEL FOR YOUR BUSINESS

JUL/AUG 2026

THE NEWSLETTER OF UTAH'S HVACR INDUSTRY

153 SOUTH 900 EAST, # 3 • SLC, UT 84102 • WWW.RMGA.ORG

RMGA Derby



Back By Popular Demand!

1	White cap, Green silk HOBBY HORSE B. (1983) Favorite Pasture—My Best Horse	P. Jay 118
---	---	---------------

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

RMGA
EDUCATION
SUMMIT
2026

DOUBLETREE HOTEL SLC

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The DoubleTree Salt Lake City
(110 W 600 S) downtown SLC

- Hearty Breakfast
- Networking
- All 6 hours required CE
- Free Parking
- Delicious Lunch
- Horse Racing w/ prizes
- Still only \$100!

Find the Education Summit Agenda on Page 7 and Registration Form on Back Page

8	Red cap, Red/White silk NAG NAG NAG B. (1983) Harry's Help
9	Orange cap, Orange/Bk ROUND A B B. (1983) Outside Agri
10	Yellow cap, Black/Bk WURTHA FC G. (1983) Back Gold
11	RIDGE RUN
12	CASSEROLE

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

ADAM MERRITT

ADAM@ABTMECHANICAL.COM



Fellow RMGA Members,

One of the greatest responsibilities we share as employers and employees in the HVAC industry is our commitment to continuous learning. Technology, codes, safety standards, and industry best practices continue to evolve, and it is our duty to stay at the top of our game by investing in education, training, and professional development.

Training is more than a requirement—it is an opportunity. It sharpens our skills, improves safety, strengthens our professionalism, and helps us better serve our customers and communities. When we commit to learning, we invest not only in ourselves, but also in the future of our companies and our industry.

With that in mind, I encourage all RMGA members to

attend the RMGA Education Summit on September 9th. This year's Summit will feature outstanding keynote speakers and valuable training sessions focused on topics that directly impact the HVAC trade. While many of us attend to fulfill required training hours, the true value of the Summit goes far beyond compliance. It is an opportunity to gain new insights, learn from industry experts, exchange ideas with peers, and return to work with knowledge that can make a real difference.

I also encourage you to reach out to others within our industry who may not yet be familiar with RMGA or the Education Summit. Invite your coworkers, business partners, and fellow professionals to join us. The more we share knowledge and encourage participation, the stronger our workforce and industry become.

Thank you for your continued support of RMGA and your commitment to excellence. I look forward to seeing you at the RMGA Education Summit on September 9th as we come together to learn, grow, and strengthen the future of our industry. ■

RMGA BOARD BRIEFING MAY/JUNE 2026

Several board members attended the USA Legislative Meet and Greet that took place at the State Capitol on May 20th where contractors and associates from all the member organizations met with State legislators attending interim day. USA is also holding monthly legislative meetings, scheduled for the third Thursday of each month. Contact John if you want to be on the distribution list.

In May, ACCA reached out to Senator Mike Lee and Congressman Blake Moore in an effort to set up a meeting at Davis Tech to discuss federal legislative issues. No headway was made, so we shifted our request to Senator John Curtis and holding the meeting at M-Tech. Adam Merritt reported progress on coordinating with the Senator's office with plans for an August visit in the works.

Regarding the State of Utah's HVAC Exam required for H-100 applicants, Brent Ursenbach plans to take the exam in early July and report back at our next board meeting. Brent confirmed that the board would like him to develop a training course to help H-100 applicants prepare for the exam.

In May, there was a question: Who has to take the H-100 HVAC exam, if they are already an S-350

contractor? Answer: All current S-350 contractors are grandfathered without taking the recently developed H-100 HVAC exam. However, in November 2027, when it is time to renew contractor licenses, if a grandfathered H-100 contractor is not certified or doesn't have an RMGA certified qualifier, then they will lose their H-100 license.

In June, the board discussed website upgrades to better engage consumers and members as a resource. We explored marketing opportunities through Google. The RMGA member referral system was discussed with geo-targeted pricing and website design improvements to make RMGA more valuable to members.

The board decided to get cost estimates from several web designers and review them at our next board meeting.

The group also wants to be sure RMGA Spanish language exam questions make sense to the majority of Spanish speakers, so a review is pending to ensure accuracy.

Our next board meeting is in-person beginning at 11:00 a.m. on July 8th at Mountainland Supply Company at 1505 W. 130 S. in Orem. All are welcome! ■

2026 RMGA GAS CERTIFICATION CLASSES

You can now request registration on the new RMGA website: <https://utrmga.org/certification>

CALL 801.521.8340
OR EMAIL
RMGAUTAH@GMAIL.COM
TO REGISTER



JULY IN PERSON

(And on Zoom)

Salt Lake City

Thursday, July 9
Friday, July 10 &
Saturday, July 11
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Enbridge Gas CTC Room
1000 West 100 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

SEPTEMBER IN PERSON

(And on Zoom)

Salt Lake City

Thursday, September 17
Friday, September 18 &
Saturday, September 19
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Enbridge Gas CTC Room
1000 West 100 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

NOVEMBER IN PERSON

(And on Zoom)

Salt Lake City

Thursday, November 12
Friday, November 13 &
Saturday, November 14
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Enbridge Gas CTC Room
1000 West 100 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84104

All Certification Classes are \$400. Price includes the RMGA Study Guide, IRC, online video access, 24 hours of instruction, and 2 attempts at the exam (if necessary). Technicians should attend ALL sessions. In-person attendees should bring lunch or plan to visit a local restaurant during the lunch hour. **Take the Pre-Test to evaluate your readiness for the exam at <https://utrmga.org/certification/pretest>**

Partial funding of RMGA training programs has been provided by the Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing from the 1% surcharge funds on all building permits.

Special offer!
**RMGA Spanish
language
Certification Study
Guide and Spanish
IFGC, available
together for only
\$200!**

MECHANICAL CODE

Furnaces and Air Handlers Located in Attics

I'M CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING a home with three HVAC systems that have numerous code violations and performance issues. We may cover those defects in a future discussion; for now, I want to focus on the access and service requirements for attic-mounted equipment and appliances. You may also notice some of those additional concerns in the photos.

Since the relevant IRC code sections are too lengthy to quote in full, I've summarized them in a checklist with section references. Please note there are similar code sections for commercial construction found in the IBC and IMC.

- **IRC R807** – Attic access panel size must be 22" x 30" minimum.
- **IRC M1305.1.2** – Attic passageway to unit must be minimum 22 inches wide and 30" high, attached to supporting structure. Passageway must be larger if required to remove and replace the appliance. Each appliance shall have a 30" X 30" level working space / platform on all control sides for service and repair.
- **IRC M1305.1.3.1** – Lights required at service side of appliance with switch at the entry of access opening.

These photos illustrate these issues more clearly than words can:

(1.) The furnace access opening width is 14 inches, 10 inches at the line set.

1.



(2.) 18-inch access width at floor level.

2.



DISCUSSION



BRENT URSEBACH

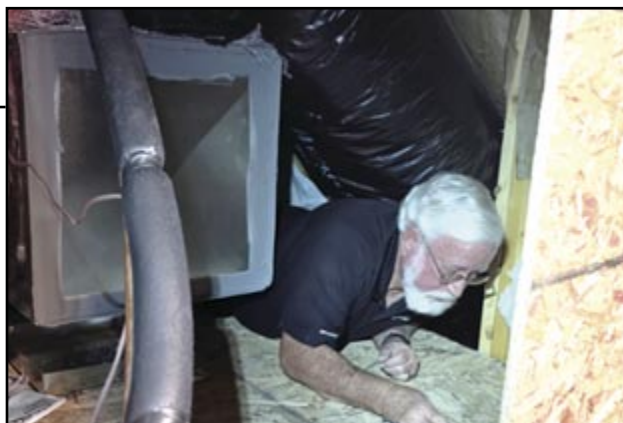
BRENT URSEBACH

**HVAC EDUCATOR/
EXPERT WITNESS**

bursenbach@gmail.com
801-381-1449

(3.) Compressing flex duct allows limited but non-compliant access.

3.



These photos raise several questions: Shouldn't the builder or HVAC contractor have recognized these issues, and how did they pass inspection? Please email or text me with any other code violations you identify in the photos.

Thanks for your continued support, comments and questions. Please feel free to contact me with concerns, and photos you are willing to share. — Brent ■

How Can Succession Planning Benefit Your Business?

You've spent years carefully building your business, but how much time have you spent creating a plan to pass your life's work on to the next generation? Help to make your legacy secure with a sound business succession and estate plan.

Scan to learn more about business succession and estate planning and the options available to help you plan for the future.

Don't Risk What You Have Worked To Build

The content of this publication is for general information purposes only and should not be considered legal advice or an offer of insurance. Coverage will be determined solely by the terms of your policy, if approved for issue. Consult with a qualified professional to discuss questions specific to your circumstances.

Federated Mutual Insurance Company and its subsidiaries*

federatedinsurance.com | *Not licensed in all states.
25.02 Ed. 1/26 © 2026 Federated Mutual Insurance Company

Meet and Get to Know: KALANI WHITE

Q. Tell us about your company.

A. I have been in the HVAC business for 30 years now. I love the HVAC distribution business, working with contactors, helping them with their business, finding solutions to problems, making distribution a better experience, meeting new people. Every day is a new exciting day and I am happy to part of it.

Q. If you weren't in the HVAC business, what would you like to be?

A. I would be an astrophysicist.

Q. Do you have a motto to live by?

A. Everything is Awesome!

Q. What is your worst habit?

A. Playing chess online.

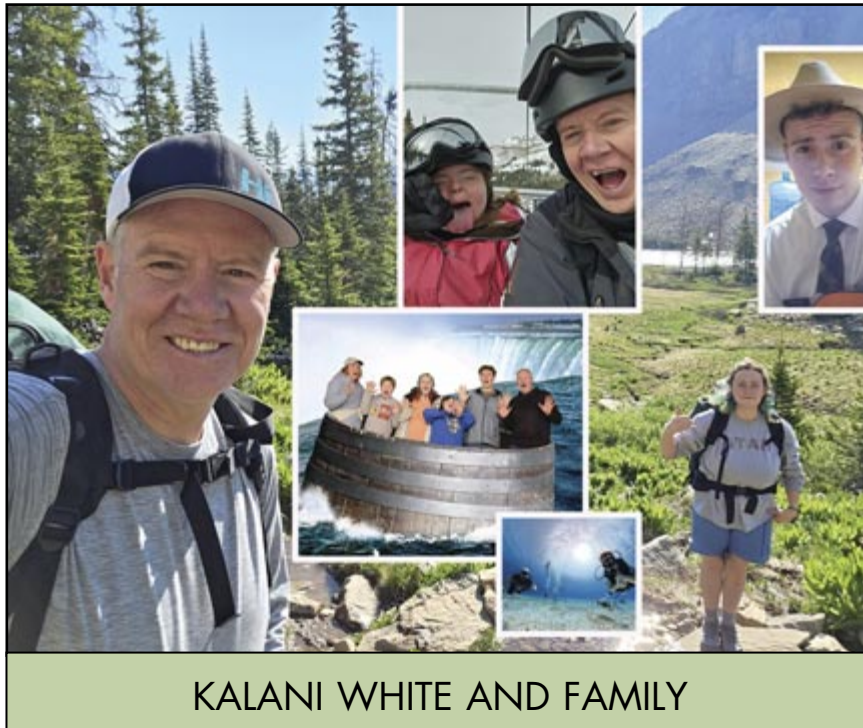
Q. What are your favorite hobbies?

A. Outdoors everything, hiking, biking, skiing, backpacking, fishing, frisbee golf, cooking.

Q. What's a talent you don't have that you wish you did?

A. Flying.

Q. What is the first thing you do when you get home from work?



KALANI WHITE AND FAMILY

A. I usually work a little more.

Q. If you won a \$50,000,000 lottery, what would you do?

A. I would give most of my money away to stop child sex trafficking, homelessness and hunger. I would also try to book a flight to outer space.

Q. If you could invite three people to dinner (dead or alive), who would you invite?

A. I have some

questions for Jesus Christ, George Washington, and Albert Einstein.

Q. People would be surprised to know . . .

A. I grew up on a 27-foot boat my parent built.

Q. Anything else you'd like to add?

A. I love hanging out with my family, wife and 4 kids, and going on grand adventures. I've got an awesome 13 year son (scuba diving is his favorite), a 17 year old special needs daughter with down syndrome (skiing), a 19 year old son on a mission in Mexico (as pictured with guitar), a daughter getting a Mechanical Engineering degree at the U of U (backpacking last week).

Kalani White is the Territory Manager for Johnstone Supply. He can be reached by phone or text at (personal mobile) 801-634-0075; or call or text (offices) Salt Lake City 801-486-4401; Ogden 801-393-3911; or Orem 801-221-5858. His email is kalani.white@johnstonefg.com. ■

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

RMGA
EDUCATION
SUMMIT
2026

DOUBLETREE HOTEL SLC

AGENDA



7:30 - 8:00 AM — Continental Breakfast & **Horse Racing Game (Races 1 & 2)**

8:00 - 8:05 AM — Welcome and Introductions
Adam Merritt, President – RMGA

8:05 - 9:00 AM — H100 Licensing & Ethics in Contracting
Bob Main, DOPL Investigator Supervisor

9:05 - 10:00 AM — Economic Outlook for 2027
Ben Crabb, Senior Economist — Dept. of Workforce Services

10:00 - 10:15 AM — Morning Break & **Horse Racing Game (Races 3 & 4)**

10:15 - 11:55 AM — State Code Update 2026-27
Brent Ursenbach, Code Consultant

12:00 - 12:45 PM — Lunch & **Horse Racing Game (Races 5 & 6)**

12:45 - 2:10 PM — *Federated Insurance* — Telematics Contractor Challenge

1:10 - 2:00 PM — 5 Major Problems with Duct Systems
Ryan Rentmeister, RMGA Legislative Affairs Director

2:00 - 2:15 PM — **Horse Racing Game (Races 7 & 8)**

2:15 - 2:25 PM — Tech Colleges — SkillsUSA — *Jeff Heinz, MTech*

2:25 - 2:35 PM — **Horse Racing Winner Prizes Awarded / Closing Remarks**

Partial funding of RMGA training programs have been provided by the Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing from the 1% surcharge funds on all building permits.



PIPELINE

FUEL FOR YOUR BUSINESS

153 SOUTH 900 EAST, #3
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84102

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DOUBLETREE HOTEL SLC is located at 110 W 600 S in Salt Lake City. FREE PARKING AVAILABLE. See you there!

RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO: RMGA • 153 SOUTH 900 EAST, #3 • SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84102
Fax to: 801-521-8360 or Email to: rachel@utrmga.com

RMGA EDUCATION SUMMIT 2026 REGISTRATION FORM • SEP 9, 2026

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9



DOUBLETREE HOTEL SLC

company name _____

address/city/state/zip _____

email _____

contractor # _____ phone # _____

registration fees:

RMGA MEMBERS ONLY @ \$100 _____

Additional Attendees @ \$75 _____

Continuing Education Credit Fee @ \$15 _____

Tech College Student @\$25 _____

Building Inspectors FREE! But Must Register

sponsorship opportunities:

GOLD _____ @\$600

SILVER _____ @\$400

BRONZE _____ @\$200

GOLD \$600

- Sign with company name displayed prominently at all functions
- Convention registration for 3
- 8 minutes during Member Meeting to promote your business
- Special recognition in RMGA Pipeline Newsletter

SILVER \$400

- Sign with company name displayed prominently at all functions
- Convention registration for 2
- 2 minutes during Member Meeting to promote your business
- Special recognition in RMGA Pipeline Newsletter

BRONZE \$200

- Sign with company name displayed prominently at all functions
- Convention registration for 1
- Special recognition in RMGA Pipeline Newsletter

Continuing Education Available:
3 Hours CORE & 3 Hours PRO

Contractor License Renewal due:

November 30, 2027

check box for CE

Names of Attendees from Same Company:

total amount due: _____
for credit/debit payment:

Pay with Credit Card by calling Rachel @ RMGA office between 10 AM & 4 PM
on Mondays or Wednesdays at 801-521-8340