



# PHRANC *talk*

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## Meet John Tooley

Unlike prior years there will be only one education and training track for the Spring 2008 PHRANC Conference due to the availability of John Tooley and his reputation as one of the finest Building Science Consultants in the United States.

John is one of the nation's most respected innovators in the area of building science technologies. He will demonstrate a comprehensive approach to diagnosing proper retrofits and rehabilitation of existing hoses that is efficient, effective and economical. His approach begins with identifying house characteristics that lend themselves to simplicity of modifications. This training will include a full day of hands-on training conducted by John and Arnie Katz and Jonathan Coulter of Advanced Energy. Many of you will remember Jonathan from the pres-

sure diagnostics training at the spring conference 2007.

John Tooley has completed many notable projects in his career. He has diagnosed and repaired over 5,000 residential buildings and participated in more than 10,000 residential weatherization projects. He developed the standards and conducted the training for the design and implementation of the duct diagnostic and repair program of both Advanced Energy and Florida Power.

Tooley was also one of the first to recognize and explore the problems caused by pressure differentials and developed the standards for mechanical air distribution and interacting relationships now known as MAD-Sir. John has been with Advanced Energy since 1996.

**2008 SPRING CONFERENCE  
RENAISSANCE ASHEVILLE HOTEL  
MARCH 17-19**

*VISIT PHRANC on the Web at :  
[www.phranc.org](http://www.phranc.org) for confer-  
ence registration materials and  
information.*

Questions about the Conference?  
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# Well, YOU Did It This Time

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Hello PHRANC Members,  
Well, YOU did it this time!  
With your help, I have been elected as your new President.  
Many thanks to all of you who voted for me.

When you go out into the field each day, there are new issues that strongly affect what kind of work you will receive that day. If you are like me, you are striving to receive the best possible effort that is available. You want others to give their best, just as you do. You want the process to go as smoothly as possible.  
Well.....We all know how that goes!

Through bi-annual conferences and professional networking, PHRANC continues to help us with those daily issues we face in dealing with contractors and homeowners. I am a true believer in PHRANC, its cause, and its certification process. I want to see PHRANC continue to grow and expand through the coming years. It is a

great organization in which to find support and education for the different facets of our job. Let's face it! Everyone has at least one OJT experience (nightmare) that stands out brighter than the rest! (We should probably tape them and create our own bloopers show!). It is only through being a member that we can find others who understand and can encourage us to continue to move forward.

I hope that during my tenure, you will feel encouraged and supported. I hope we can move forward together as people who want to make a difference in the lives of those who need our help. If you have suggestions on ways to improve PHRANC or trainings that you would like to see offered, please contact me through email or phone. I want to hear from you! I will respond! Together, we will continue to make PHRANC an on-going success!

Carlis P. Sweat  
President

*Please note this article was originally scheduled for the Fall 2007 newsletter that never made it to print..*

"I have not failed, I have just found 10,000 ways that did not work."

Thomas Edison



Blower Door Demonstration Spring 2007

## Minimize the Punch List

Probably the best thing about a punch list is it means you're nearly at the end of the job but it's the part that rehab specialist and their contractors usually hate the most. Keep the following in mind to help minimize what is often the tensest moment on a job.

1. Nothing beats a good work write up, contact documents and a serious pre-construction meeting
2. Establish a daily presence on the job site as trades people are quite capable of doing beautiful and terrible work-even on the same day. Have things fixed as the job progresses to minimize the final list.
3. Don't get too comfortable with "proven" contractors. Even the best will try to slip something by once in a while.
4. Take a co-worker on the final inspection. Four eyes are better than two.
5. Check everything. Great inspectors don't just wander around the job site with a clip board and a digital camera. Finding things while the contractor is still on site is much better than a call from the homeowner complaining that things aren't right weeks later.

*Jack Jenson: Bright Ideas , Winter 2004/2005*

## Did you know.....

... that the Information Resources page on the PHRANC web site has links to over 100 search engines, websites, periodical, trade associates and training opportunities?

### Examples from A to Z:

#### **Advanced Energy**

[www.advancedenergy.org/](http://www.advancedenergy.org/)

#### **Affordable Comfort**

*Annual Training Conferences*

[www.affordablecomfort.org](http://www.affordablecomfort.org)

#### **Energy Star**

*U.S. Department of Energy*

[www.energystar.gov/](http://www.energystar.gov/)

#### **Home Energy**

[www.homeenergy.org/hewebsite/](http://www.homeenergy.org/hewebsite/)

#### **Journal of Light Construction (JLC)**

*JLCLive Training events*

[www.jlclive.com/](http://www.jlclive.com/)

#### **Rebuild America**

US DOE Renewable Energy

#### **Southface Energy Institute**

[www.southface.org/](http://www.southface.org/)

#### **The Center for Universal Design**

N. C. State University

[www.design.ncsu.edu:8120/cud](http://www.design.ncsu.edu:8120/cud)

#### **Tim Carter's Home Improvement Center**

Ask the Builder

[www.askbuild.com](http://www.askbuild.com)

#### **Weatherization Assistance Program T.A. Center WAP**

[www.waptac.com](http://www.waptac.com)

#### **Window & Door Manufacturers Association (WDMA)**

[www.nwwda.org](http://www.nwwda.org)

#### **ZapMeta**

[www.zapmeta.com](http://www.zapmeta.com)

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