



The Mulvaney Pipeline

Boy Scouts of America Connecticut Yankee Council, 2011 GOOD SCOUT AWARD



Christmas Trivia and Facts

- 77 million Christmas trees are planted each year. Three for every one sold for Christmas decoration.
- In 1945 the first 400 slinky toys ever manufactured sold out within 90 minutes of being offered for sale.
- Fruitcake in ancient Egypt was considered an essential food for the after life.
- Santa was a tiny elf until 1931 when Coca-Cola advertisements depicted him as a full sized person.
- Christmas day 1776 George Washington and his troops made the famous Delaware river crossing.
- 350,000 acres of land in the US is dedicated to growing Christmas trees.
- Silent Night is the most translated Christmas song of all time.
- Boxes of animal crackers were originally designed with string handles to hang on Christmas trees.
- A typical midnight Christmas mass in India lasts 3 hours.
- The tallest Christmas tree ever used in Rockefeller Center was in 1948. A 100 ft tall spruce from Connecticut.
- The top selling Christmas gift in 1975 was the "Pet Rock"
- It takes 15 years for a spruce tree sapling to grow large enough to be a typical Christmas tree.

New Year's Day

Why January 1st ?

The celebration of the new year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. In the years around 2000 BC, the Babylonian New Year began with the first New after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring). The beginning of spring is a logical time to start a new year. After all, it is the season of rebirth, of planting new crops, and of blossoming.

The Romans continued to observe the new year in late March, but their calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors so that the calendar soon became out of synchronization with the sun.

In order to set the calendar right, the Roman senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1st to be the beginning of the new year. But tampering continued until Julius Caesar, in 46 BC, established what has come to be known as the Julian Calendar. It again established January 1 as the new year. But in order to synchronize the calendar with the sun, Caesar had to let the previous year drag on for 445 days.

Although in the first centuries AD the Romans continued celebrating the new year, the early Catholic Church condemned the festivities as paganism. During the Middle Ages, the Church remained opposed to celebrating New Years. January 1 has been celebrated as a holiday by Western nations for only about the past 400 years.

What the Heck is it?

If you can name the item pictured, you may

WIN A MULVANEY MECHANICAL

Leather Jacket

Just like this one



If you e-mail your entry, you must write "NEWSLETTER CONTEST" in the subject line to avoid our SPAM filter. Please mail to janette@mulvaneyinc.com



If multiple correct answers are received, a winner will be selected at random.

The answer to last quarter's quiz is:

This is an early 1900's lip plumping device predating injections of Botox, cologne or other synthetic material used to enlarge one's lips. This mechanical device was designed to fit tightly over the lips. The handle contained a manual vacuum pump which created a suction pull on the lips, causing the a brief lip enlargement as a result of the inrush of blood caused by the vacuum..



No correct answers were received. Our thanks go out to all who participated in the contest.

WHAT'S GOIN' ON?

- Jan 19 - Jan 23rd New York Boat Show
- Jan 29 - Feb 2nd ASHRAE
- Jan 31 - Feb 2nd AHR Expo
- Mar 6- Mar 10th MCAA 2011 Conference
- Mar 23 - Mar 25th IFMA Facility Infusion Expo
- Jun 12- Jun 14th NFPA Conference & EXPO
- Jun 26- Jun 26th BOMA 2011
- Oct 31- Nov 2nd NSC Expo

- New York, NY
- Las Vegas NV
- Las Vegas NV
- Maui HI
- Boston, MA
- Boston, MA
- Washington DC
- Philadelphia PA

Three prominent Connecticut leaders recently received the 2010 Good Scout Award from the Connecticut Yankee Council, Boy Scouts of America. This year's Greater Danbury Area Good Scout Award Luncheon was held in Danbury at the Amber Room Colonnade on November 3, 2010. The award ceremony recognized the **Honorable Dianne E. Yamin**, Judge, Probate Court, District of Danbury, **George Mulvaney**, President, Mulvaney Mechanical, Inc., and Connecticut **Governor M. Jodi Rell**. (shown left to right above). Dianne, George and Governor Rell are being recognized for outstanding leadership within the community and state.



For 100 years, the Scouting movement has continued to meet the needs of the young people in the greater Danbury Area. At a time when parents are searching for youth programs to help instill values, build character and strengthen personal fitness, Scouting is there as an answer. Our community has certainly benefited from this exceptional Scouting program.

From Everyone at Mulvaney Mechanical & Properties

We wish you and yours A Joyous Holiday Season



SOLAR ENERGY in the spotlight



Solar products, trends and technologies and their role in the HVACR marketplace will take center stage at the 2011 AHR Expo in Las Vegas, January 31 through February 2.

In addition to many new solar products on display, there will be more than a dozen seminars focused on solar topics, as well as demonstrations of solar technology, provided throughout the three days of the world's largest HVACR exposition and conference.

Solar is one of the fastest-growing segments of the many sustainable technologies featured at the Show, said Clay Stevens, President of International Exposition Company, which produces and manages the AHR EXPO. At least 54 companies we know of will be featuring solar products. ASHRAE and other leading industry organizations have created special solar educational sessions for AHR Expo, and the UA Green Trailer will be providing ongoing solar demonstrations.

On the educational front, ASHRAE will be offering 10 solar-focused sessions ranging from a Forum on 'The Role of Solar and Other Renewable Energy Sources in Strategic Energy Planning' to several seminars on such topics as 'Integrating Solar and Hydronic Heating for Residential and Small Commercial Systems'. The International Energy Agency (IEA) will be conducting a 'Solar Cooling Workshop', and PM Live will be offering two sessions dealing with Hydronic Design for Solar Thermal and Hydronic Heat Pump Systems.

SUN CALCULATIONS

Pitching a Baseball at 100 mph to the Sun***

93,000,000 miles ÷ 100 miles/ hour = 930,000 hours to reach the Sun
930,000 hours ÷ 24 hours/ day = 38,750 days to reach the Sun;
38,750 days ÷ 365 days per year = 106.16 years to reach the Sun.

Light Energy traveling to Earth

The speed of light is equal to about 11 million miles/minute.
93,000,000 miles ÷ 11,000,000 miles/ minute = 8.45 minutes for light to travel from the Sun to Earth.

Every hour, enough sun light energy reaches the earth to meet the world's demand for an entire year.

A politicians outlook toward the consumption of alcoholic beverages...

'If you mean the demon drink that poisons the mind, pollutes the body, desecrates family life, and inflames sinners, then I'm against it. But if you mean the elixir of a New Year toast, the shield against winter chill, the taxable potion that puts needed funds into public coffers to comfort little crippled children, then I'm for it. This is my position, and I will not compromise.'

