



## Rocky Mountain Fabricare Association E-News

### Serving the Drycleaners of Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming

Welcome to the first Issue of the Rocky Mountain Fabricare Association Electronic Newsletter. We are switching to this format to better communicate with you, plus we will be able to send out more newsletters to keep you updated in a timely manner.

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Thank you for your support of RMFA and DLI.

Jim Nixon  
Editor

### **RMFA Members Take Plant Design Awards in American Drycleaner Contest** **Courtesy of Ian P. Murphy - American Drycleaner**

Two members of the Rocky Mountain Fabricare Association were honored recently by the American Drycleaner Magazine for plant design excellence.

#### **SPECIAL HONORS** **High Plains Cleaner - Gillette, Wyoming**

John and Sage Bear constructed their new Bear's Naturally Clean plant in Gillette, Wyoming, from scratch to be comfortable, attractive and energy-efficient with state-of-the-industry technology.

Outside, the 2,960-sq.-ft., freestanding plant echoes its setting with facings of Western flagstone on its simple cube. The plant features a drive-thru, night depository and garage bay for routes.



Inside, the plant is a what's what of drycleaning innovation. Equipment includes a Columbia Ipora hydrocarbon machine and a Lattner low-NOx boiler. Bear's performs most drycleaning and shirt finishing on Fimas tensioning equipment, with Unipress equipment filling in on the laundry side.

The open, airy layout draws what little heat is generated away from the plant's three workers, and customers can see everything from the Papalini-designed counters. A Dajisoft system pulls orders from Iowa Techniques conveyors.

#### **MERIT AWARD**

## Colorado Mountain Cleaners - Frisco, Colorado



With industrial space hard to find in Colorado's ski country, operator Tom Rowland jumped at the chance to turn a recently vacated furniture warehouse into a production plant to service his three dry stores and two routes.

Today, the 4,300-sq.-ft. space is a state-of-the-art production plant. Colorado Mountain runs Green Earth solvent (silicone) in their Union and Fimbimatic machines, and performs pressing on a selection of brand-new Unipress equipment. The plant picked a Parker boiler as the most reliable at their 8,800 ft. altitude, and a Continental flatwork ironer for high quality sheet production.

While there is no retail capability in this industrial area, Rowland regularly offers tours of the clean, bright new space to Colorado Mountain Cleaners retail and commercial customers to demonstrate and explain the drycleaning process. The plant's seven employees enjoy such comforts as excellent ventilation, a 22-ft. ceiling height that allows the heat to rise, and a fully equipped kitchen/break room.

Tom serves on the RMFA Board of Directors and his wife, Heather manages Colorado Mountain Cleaners retail and commercial customer service.

## DLI Update: Battlefield New Jersey

### DLI Testifies at NJ Hearing

**DLI CEO Bill Fisher rebuked the New Jersey DEP's economically irresponsible proposal to ban perc by 2020 at the hearing January 18.**



As one of his three key points, DLI CEO Bill Fisher laid out the serious flaws in the California "science" New Jersey is relying on in their effort to **ban perc drycleaning**. At the day-long hearing January 18, Fisher also took the regulators to task for seemingly being oblivious to the solvent substitution that would almost certainly occur if perc were banned, and for woefully underestimating the economic peril to cleaners.

Recognizing how crucial this hearing was, DLI and NEFA turned out in force, with key testimonies also being given by NEFA Executive Director Peter Blake. A very strong presence from the Korean drycleaning community also helped get the point across.

The DEP's economically irresponsible proposal calls for a complete ban on perc by 2020 with shorter term requirements along the way, including:

- **Co-residential cleaners must phase out perc by July 27, 2009**
- **Must install drip-proof vapor balance delivery system by 2009**
- **4th Generation machines or vapor barriers by January 1, 2010**
- **Must phase out perc by December 31, 2020**

The phase-out schedule New Jersey is proposing is even more aggressive than that proposed by California. The NJDEP is accepting written comments on the proposed rules until February 15. Fisher pledged that DLI would keep fighting for their members and the industry.

## Welcome Jeff Allen



### A brief background on RMFA's newest Board Member

Jeff's industry experience began 25 years ago in his family owned dry cleaning chain "Mountain High Dry Cleaners" in Colorado. He was fortunate enough to have learned many skills during this time he spent in the family business working with his parents, Roland and Marline Dobbins. Since this time he has gained more understanding of this industry through working for several key companies. This experience includes supply representative, chemical detergent representative, and equipment regional sales manager. Now he has found his current home with Seitz, Inc. covering Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming as their regional chemical sales technician for the past two years. He enjoys the many great relationships he has come to know over the years working in these areas. This year Jeff was fortunate enough to be voted in as the newest board member for RMFA and he looks forward to working with the many experienced and talented members currently on the board.

### New Petroleum Dry Cleaning Requirements in Ozone Nonattainment Areas

Changes to Colorado air quality regulations in the 8-hour ozone nonattainment area may affect your petroleum dry cleaning business. You should be aware of these changes and your reporting requirements. Dry cleaning facilities in areas still designated as attainment for ozone will be able to follow the less stringent reporting levels unless the facility is also subject to a federal standard.

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### Record Number of Coats Donated to Coats for Folks Drive

The Cleaners 2007 *Coats for Folks* drive ended recently, with over 3,300 coats collected. In its short history, over 5,000 warm winter coats to Northern Colorado residents. Gently used coats filled the collection barrels at ***Nu-Way and Foothills Cleaners*** in Greeley, Fort Collins, Loveland, Johnstown and Windsor.

Twelve non-profit agencies in Weld and Larimer counties assisted in the distribution of coats and jackets to needy individuals in the communities including the Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado. To learn more about Coats for Folks Drive, or this spring's Family Food Drive, visit The Cleaners website at [www.thecleaners.net](http://www.thecleaners.net).



### Unclaimed Clothing Pickups

The Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado is in need of gently used clothing and linens to support their programs in metro Denver, Longmont, and Northern Colorado. If you have unclaimed items, contact the Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado at 303-428-5600 to arrange for a free one-time or regularly scheduled pickup service.

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- Pants Topper DT \$3,150
- Steam Susie F-G2 Sold \$2,500
- Laundry Press 451 \$3,900
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