



# RMC XPress

Rocky Mountain Chapter

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## 2008 Fall Social



### Fall Social

Our Fall Social was held on November 14<sup>th</sup> this year at the Omni Interlocken Hotel in Broomfield, Colorado.

It was a great affair and was enjoyed by all forty (40) folks in attendance. The facility, the food and the service that was given to our group was great! We changed things up a bit this year and had the Social in the afternoon rather than in the evening as in years past. We began things with registration, cocktails, hors d'ouvers and conversation. Opening remarks were given by our president, Bob Maas, covering the 2008 RMC wrap-up, a look ahead to 2009 and a tribute to our wonderful sponsors who made this great event possible.

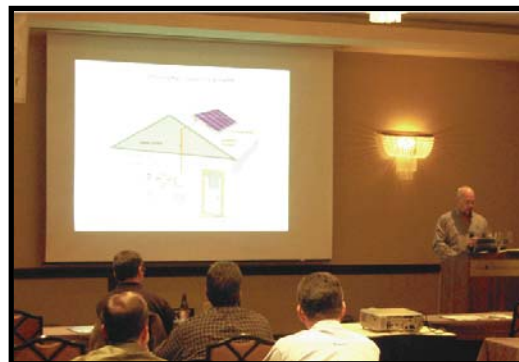
The afternoon continued with our keynote speaker, Mark Simmons of Vibrant Solar Inc.



Mark's program was titled "Solar Electric Systems: Green Makes Green."

Mark's program covered the basics of solar technology for residential and commercial applications. He also covered how tax credits and rebates can make this technology very affordable for the end user. The main message was that this green technology is not just on the horizon, but it is here and is a rapidly growing field with many possibilities for commercial applications. With the right engineering it could have real value for 7x24 scenarios to help offset future energy costs. The interaction with the members and guests during the program was some of the best that this member has seen to date.

Following the program we presented a gift of appreciation to our guest and had the door prize drawing, good fun and dessert (yum!). The event closed with comments from our Executive Director, Bob Butt.



All around it was a very successful event and I would like to thank all those that were in attendance and our keynote speaker for a great time. Anyone that could not attend this year should consider attendance at future meetings and next year's Fall Social. You might be surprised!

**A Note from the President**

This year we have seen many changes around us and 7x24 Exchange is no different.

We changed our meeting place to Boulder and our Fall Social was on a Friday afternoon instead of an evening event. If you didn't have a chance to join us at the Social we not only moved the time, but also moved to the Omni at Interlocken which was very pleasant for all who attended. The accommodations were elegant and the food was superb.

Mark Simmons with Vibrant Solar was our keynote speaker. Mark showed us the many advantages of installing solar in both residential and commercial facilities. Mark detailed to us how affordable adding solar can be with Xcel rebates and tax incentives. The consumer ends up paying only a fraction of the total cost and your electrical bill takes a nose dive.

Our theme for 2008 was, "Being Green While Staying Reliable," and we entertained some great programs highlighting ways of saving energy without sacrificing uptime. In 2009 our theme will be, "We're Listening," from feedback and request of the membership. The program line up is as follows:

- **March:** Data Center Infrastructure
- **July:** Facility Generators
- **October:** Re-Commissioning



Our quarterly meetings in 2009 will be breakfast meetings. Sign-in and breakfast will start at 7:15 a.m. and the program will begin at 8:00 a.m. This move will lessen the time spent in traffic and starting the day with 7x24 will be less of a disruption of your work day. A big thanks to our sponsors this year. We welcomed seven new companies to our sponsor family. — **Bob Maas, President**

**New Committee Members**

We are very pleased to announce the following additions to the standing 7x24 Exchange Rocky Mountain Conference Committees:

**Membership Committee**

**Karen Lipfert**  
*Power Mgmt. Systems & Sales*

**Jill Wilkins**  
*Power Mgmt. Systems & Sales*



**Public Relations Committee**

**Doug Belcher**  
*Electric Power Systems*

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As always, we have committee vacancies remaining so anyone with interest in getting involved, please contact a board member.

**Membership Renewals**

Our web-based renewal process is working very well. Look for us at [www.7x24exchangerm.org](http://www.7x24exchangerm.org). It is very easy to fill in the required application information and send it in. Please note that we can no longer give a discount for National members or accept credit cards. Also, please use the web-based application for future renewals.

**7x24 Website**

To obtain information on current events, future programs, joining the RMC (obtaining a user-friendly membership application), or contacting us with any questions, please visit our website at: [www.7x24exchangerm.org](http://www.7x24exchangerm.org).



The site includes: archived newsletters, board member contact information, membership application, PowerPoint presentations from previous seminars, attendee lists from previous seminars, and a link to the 7x24 Exchange National website.

