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Random Thoughts

This is article number 595 for me since January 27th 2010. I have shared a lot of information and many of my thoughts with the readers of The Blue Valley Times. At times I probably crossed a line or two about what should be said in a public forum but I believe that speaking candidly and with conviction is the only way to communicate.

The changes I have seen since then in the energy industry and the customers who hire energy companies is a reduction in the efforts to raise awareness to the huge loss of energy from residential structures. The energy is still being lost, but without tax incentives, many people won't fix their own home just to reap the benefits of lower bills. You don't get interest on money not saved and you won't save money on utility bills if you don't make the investment on repairs. Spending a couple days crawling around in an attic just for the pay is not my thing. Making a difference in energy usage is as important as the money because it is what someone is giving up their hard earned pay to achieve. People who say "I don't want my house to be too tight" make me want to scream. It is virtually impossible to reach that level of tightness. To this day a new home cannot be sealed that tight during construction without special materials. So taking an existing home and using all the tools and materials at my disposal, I can take a typical house from 5 air changes per hour to hopefully 2 or less but never to 1/3 of an air change per hour and that is the point below which fresh air is needed.

As far as heating and air conditioning equipment go, there is a lot of good equipment on the market today. There is also a lot of junk which is not even worth installing in my opinion. Inefficient equipment of any kind isn't a good investment. Inefficient oil and gas furnaces should be outlawed if we are ever going to really reduce the amount of those fuels used for residential heating. But I see the same old junk being pushed and installed by contractors day after day and if that's how we are going to proceed, we will never get ahead. I can't change the world, but I can educate my customers and anyone else who will listen. Even that won't make a dent in the market.

Thank you for following my weekly rants. It has been a pleasure to share my thoughts with you.

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