



George Spears of Clean Sweep Chimney Sweep, demonstrated the method of “Power Sweeping”. He sweeps all chimneys, masonry and prefab from the bottom, going up, using a drill connected to rods. The fireplace opening is completely sealed, with an opening



for his rods and of course the vacuum line sealed at the bottom. After cleaning he demonstrated the use of a “Chim Scan” to check for any openings or rust.



Mike Danskin conducted a class on CPR that qualified for CEU’s Safety seminars are always needed and cannot be stressed enough. Mike has had first hand experiences with needing emergency CPR and wanted everyone to be able to administer it if needed.

Nick Palone gave the members a rundown on the changes in the insurance industry. None of us can risk not being insured in California. Nick has been the Guilds insurance agent for more years then we can remember. He knows the sweep industry and what coverage you should look for.



Jim Crawford of Authentic Fireplaces in san Diego, a 3rd generation mason specializing in older and historical fireplaces, distributed information of the code changes from 1800 up to 1980. With a mockup chimney he showed how to do repairs and relining. He focused on the ash dumps explaining they are an important part of the chimney structure. He gave tips on top mount

dampers and followed with a power point presentation on common issues with chimneys and fireplaces.