



Scott Jones Elected to RIA Board of Directors



G. S. Jones is proud to announce that our President, Scott Jones, has been elected to the Restoration Industry Association (RIA) Board of Directors. As part of the Board Scott will also be heading the Membership Committee and looks forward to serving fellow RIA members.

The Restoration Industry Association (RIA) serves and represents the interests of the commercial and residential restoration and cleaning industries by promoting the highest ethical standards; providing education, professional qualification and certification opportunities; positively influencing regulations and governmental actions; and advancing the safety, image, efficiency, and competitiveness of industry members.

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Is “Ghosting” In Your House a Physical or Supernatural Phenomenon?



Recently G. S. Jones received a consulting assignment for what was originally thought to be a mold problem in a house where dark stains appeared in numerous areas of a house as reported by the homeowner. The thought of a house full of mold can be very worrisome to a homeowner since there is a lot of scary information about the effects of mold filled living spaces in your house.

It is possible that dark stains in a home can be related to moisture problems on surfaces that may result in mold or mildew but unless signs of moisture damage are present also it is most likely that it is not mold related. Instead, dark stains that outline wood framing or dry-wall nail heads are commonly referred to as ghost stains because they can make a wall appear to be transparent.

Actually, the answer to the question is that it's a little of both physical and phenomenon. Most ghost stains are the result of small dirt, dust or soot particles that deposit on surfaces through a number of sources. Common sources include candles, oil lamps, gas fireplaces, gas pilot lights, smoking, cooking, vacuum cleaners and generally any dust producing activities in a home.

The particles mentioned are generally small enough to be in suspension in the air until they are either filtered out of the air or are deposited on various surfaces either through settlement, impaction or charged attraction. Smoke and soot particles in particular are positively charged and are naturally attracted to metal objects and colder surfaces. Therefore when there is an excessive amount of these particles in a house they will collect on the wall surfaces where metal fasteners are located or where there is air infiltration such as in corners or around light fixtures or openings in the wall or ceiling surfaces.

Other places the stains can show up are on carpets where the air exchanges in the house move air from room to room under doors, behind picture frames and along baseboards on exterior walls where air infiltration is also common.

Believe it or not candles can be the biggest offender of putting soot into the air that can cause stains in problem houses. Did you ever see the instruct-



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Scott is a co-founder of G. S. Jones and began his career in 1984 with Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation at Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Plant #2 as a field engineer after graduation from the University of Pittsburgh in Mechanical Engineering Technology. Scott began as an Estimator in 1986 with G.S. Jones and now oversees the operations and restoration services of G.S. Jones. Scott has earned the Certified Restorer (CR) designation and has training in Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (Hazwopper). Scott also recently attained LEED Green Associate Status from the Green Building Certification Industry (GBCI).

If you are calling into the office over the next quarter please wish the following G. S. Jones employee a Happy Birthday!!!

Doreen Carraway => May 29th

Todd Rohal ==> May 29th

Carl Powischill ==> June 26

FUN FACTS

- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$
- 101 Dalmations and Peter Pan are the only two Disney cartoon features with both parents that are present and don't die throughout the movie.
- 1,525,000,000 miles of telephone wire is strung across the U.S.

Ghosting cont.

tions on candles to keep the wicks trimmed but never new why? The reason is because it puts more soot into the air when a longer wick burns versus a shorter wick. Softer wax composition and more fragrant candles also have higher soot output.

So what can a homeowner do? The best start is understanding the sources of the soot and dirt and the processes by which they can deposit on surfaces in the home. Eliminate the obvious and maintain appliances that produce combustion. Particularly bad stain problems indicate an air imbalance in the house and could be evaluated by a consultant specializing in home performance.

Removing the stains is not easy since they are carbon based and will smear when wiped but cleaning with a detergent and a new coat of paint or two should do the trick.



G. S. Jones Donates Ladder to Disaster Relief Crew



John DiMenno (left) of G. S. Jones and J. C. Stamper of Kentucky Baptist Convention Disaster Relief Team.

Consulting team members John DiMenno and Carl Powischill had just completed inspections of multiple tornado damaged buildings in West Liberty, KY when they were approached by J. C. Stamper of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Disaster Relief Team. Mr. Stamper's team was on site providing assistance to local residents serving food and water and tarping roofs for homeowners without insurance.

Mr. Stamper explained they had 80 houses left to tarp and an extra ladder would help them complete the jobs faster. John and Carl were happy to help Mr. Stamper and the relief effort on behalf of G. S. Jones and gave them the 24 foot extension ladder they brought with them for their work.

G. S. Jones wishes all the people of West Liberty, KY, J. C. and his team the best during a difficult time and appreciates the opportunity to help.



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