



## FIRST-EVER REGIONAL EDUCATION AND DINNER EVENT - A SUCCESS!

NADRA held its first-ever Regional Education & Chapter Event on December 9, 2008. Over 100 NADRA member



builders, distributors, manufacturers, suppliers and prospects were present for this first-ever NADRA event. Chapter leaders from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Maryland and even as far away as Georgia were also present.

The event kicked-off at noon at luxurious Bear Creek Mountain Ski Resort in Macungie, Pennsylvania. It started off with the NADRA *Deck Framing Connection* workshop, taught by SST instructor, Jim



Mailey.

This program will provide a better understanding of what may cause a deck to fail and what a code compliant deck looks like. The International Residential Code and International Building Code have requirements for post and

column supports, post-to-beam connections, bearing requirements for joists, stair treads, stringers and port-to-guardrail connection requirements. This program will review the standards and methods used to satisfy those requirements. Also, we will review what causes corrosion of metal connectors and fasteners, and SST guidelines when selecting the proper connector and fastener.

**Objectives:** After successfully completing this course attendee will be able to: Identify common causes of deck failures; Put into practice standards and methods of code compliant connections; Choose fasteners and connectors for specific applications

**NADRA Certification Course:** Upon successfully passing the test offered at the end of this course, NADRA and ASHI members will receive a certificate good for a period of two years for Deck Framing Connections as taught by Simpson Strong-Tie. All attendees will receive a certificate of attendance.

Following the Deck Framing Connection workshop was a presentation/demonstration put on by Pat Maher of AZEK.

John Green of Simpson Strong-Tie, QuikDrive was a huge hit when he announced the 15 winners of the Proccs

QuikDrive Collated Deck Tool Combo Kit. This tool is valued at \$300.00!

At 5p.m. cocktail hour, sponsored by NADRA members Fiberon and Trex gave builders a chance to mingle with fellow deck builders and network with local reps. Good times were had by all. Vendor tables displayed new products and installation FAQ's by the event sponsors. (Listed on right)

Following a terrific dinner, the floor was again opened for vendor displays and some round table discussions. It is always exciting when you get industry people together in the same room to network and exchange ideas. This event was no different. At the end of the evening, the chapter leaders in attendance took advantage of this special opportunity to hold a meeting amongst themselves regarding local chapter growth and development.

More regional and local chapter events coming online in 2009. Contact NADRA HQ to find out more: 1.888.623.7248 or [info@NADRA.org](mailto:info@NADRA.org)



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