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Editorial

Someone asked Saudi Arabian oil minister *Ali al-Naimi* if people would stand for \$100 a barrel oil. His answer was, "What else do you have?" Well, sir, I'm glad you asked. We've got syngas, hydrogen, methane hydrates and moonshine, all courtesy of the sun.

I recently discovered a cache of the Journal of Solar Science and Engineering. There are hundreds of technical articles on solar refrigeration, solar tracking, solar cells, solar cooking, solar hot water, solar furnaces and solar distillation- all starting from 1957. It was published here in Phoenix. How many of you recognize the name Maria Telkes, one of the authors. She ran MIT's solar energy lab in 1939. During WWII, she designed solar stills for Navy life rafts. She passed away in 1995 at the age of 95. Who's going to fill the shoes of all these pioneers? Who's going to study and experiment, think and write technical articles? You and me.

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The Phoenix American Hydrogen Association now meets the second Thursday of every month from 6 to 8pm at Denny's restaurant, 650 N. Scottsdale Rd. in Tempe, AZ (SW Scottsdale Rd/202, one mile north of ASU light rail station). Call 480-964-0458 or 480-229-0828 for details.

Books & Publications

Saving Energy, Growing Jobs: How Environmental Protection Promotes Economic Growth, Profitability, Innovation and Competition, David Goldstein, 2007. Bay Tree Publishing, \$5.95, 333 pages.

Goldstein, director of the National Resources Defense Council's energy program, does a middling job of convincing us that the cost of environmental quality does not have to hurt businesses & consumers or restrict our freedom of choice. He gives examples of how small investments can keep big cash in your pocket. A skyscraper remained lit all night because no one knew where the light switches were. LED traffic lights rapidly pay for themselves in saved electricity and maintenance, besides the additional benefit of working on batteries when utility power fails. How does a 50% return on home insulation sound? Smart communities are being designed that are cheaper and far more livable where buyers demand it. He also bashes the free market as the only economic arbiter. When California enacted energy standards for refrigerators in 1975, manufacturers complained they'd be put out of business. Nobody would buy a more expensive appliance, even if it did save \$2000 worth of electricity. Companies proceeded to build refrigerators that were 4 times more energy efficient, 20% larger and 50% cheaper. The powers that be often stifle innovation and risk-taking. He implies it won't be Detroit or Congress that builds a 100 MPG car. He sees a great future for process engineers whose innovation can save resources. A solar oven in your backyard doesn't really mean you're a communist. Unfortunately, the author writes in lawyerese. It's hard work getting the jewels out of the hardrock.

AHA Poured-Earth Field Trip Peeples Valley, Arizona



On March 26th, the AHA took a field trip to a poured-earth home under construction by architect Michael Frerking. Poured-earth is not quite as simple as throwing shovelfuls of your backyard into a cement mixer. Frerking uses a well-proven blend of soil, binder and cement as well as sturdy aluminum forms to assure success. The 12 inch thick walls are unfinished inside to minimize maintenance, although tints can be added for interest as seen in the photo above. The exterior is covered with 4 inches of insulation. The home will use only one eighth the energy of a house built to code. Metal reflectors placed below clerestory windows will spread diffused, comforting daylight throughout every room. By acting as both architect and contractor, Frerking can reduce the homes' price by about 20%. He is preparing a poured-earth technology course. www.michaelfrerking.com

Thanks

Bruce- Fixing solar Stirling and SCORE stove article.

Ken W- Projector screen and stand.

Michael- Poured-earth tour, Ben for driving and MaryLou for the Frosties.

Mike M-Fabulous Facts and lemons.

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