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NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8
6:00 PM
17 LEXINGTON AVE
(corner of 23rd Street)
Skylight Room, 3rd floor

Mark Loop of Sargent Lock / ASSA Abloy

Mark will be discussing Sargent's different keying systems and will be presenting Sargent's T-Zone, an extra heavy-duty cylindrical bored lock.

NOTHING TO LAUGH AT...

Before a contractor leaves your institution, are you asked to inspect the work? Are these contractors required to complete the work in a professional and workmanlike manner, or do they leave projects unfinished?

Here's a typical example of a low-bidding contractor's work: A pair of magnetic locks installed in a steel, concrete-filled frame. This contractor obviously encountered problems securing these mag locks to this frame. His solution? Notch a couple of slots and use toggle bolts. No, not the heavy-duty type, these were 1/8" bolts. As you can see from the pic, one lock actually fell off, and the other was hanging so low, it prevented the door from closing. They've both been removed since.



CORPORATE REPS TO THE RESCUE! (Part II)

Last month, I discussed some of the work that several Sargent technicians and I did to repair many of our problem doors and hardware. At last month's press time, slightly more than half of the problem doors had been serviced, and I was hoping to work once again with these fine gentlemen from Sargent.

Well, I certainly did get to work with them again, and together we worked on every set of cross-corridor doors that have been a headache since we moved into our new building at Baruch. Once again, I was not disappointed.

Mark Loop, Bill Tripp and Roland McNary ripped into the panic hardware here as if it were their own building. What was especially interesting were the different viewpoints on why there were problems, and how these problems should be corrected. We, as locksmiths, look at problem doors from as many different angles as possible, right? Here I was privy to discussions among an engineer, a sales rep and a technical rep. Of course, I had to throw my two cents in also.

The hardware, after being serviced, was tested and cleaned of grease marks and fingerprints. There was more than one occasion where Bill, after noticing the operation

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was not as smooth as he liked, took the panic bars off the door once again to get it working to his satisfaction. And I thought I was picky!

Since they have left, I have had several comments from faculty members on how smoothly these doors now operate. No longer are staff members and students crashing into the doors because they don't open immediately. This is the way hardware was meant to work.

As I mentioned last month, there is no class that would have prepared me as well as my time with Sargent Lock's finest.

What totally amazed me, though, is that they thanked me, for helping them out. Wow.

-Rick Duskwicz

DUES ARE DUE.

Dues have increased for 2003.

Please remember to send in your dues, or better yet, bring them to the meeting.

\$35.00 for regular members.

If you have something you'd like to say, have a funny story you'd like to relay to your fellow members, or have a suggestion, let us know.

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Two LARGE boxes of past issues of the National Locksmith, Locksmith Ledger, and Reed's Security Reporter.

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Call the number on the sticker, and demand that they come and remove their illegal advertising!



SPECIAL NOTE

Because Lincoln's Birthday is a holiday for many of us, February's meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13.

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