

1. March 1st ISTC Biochar Meeting
2. Updates on Konbit Shelter development
 - a. KT Tierney
 - i. our main contact with Konbit Shelter
 - b. Fritz Pierre-Louise
 - i. "He is a Hatian-American businessman an builder based in Leogane and has family ties to the village. Really he has made the whole project possible (everything from a place to stay to lending us his truck)and would likely be a great help with the future of the stove project. He owns a hotel in Leogane and I would be happy to make introductions for your scouting visit."
 - ii. <http://magepa.com/about.html>
 - iii. Contact Magepa ? <http://magepa.com/contact.html>
3. Travel Expenses
 - a. shots at McKinley, month to get an appointment, month of drugs before leaving country
4. Workspace
 - a. ESPL - EPA P3 is a design competition, we can apply for ESPL space.
 - b. Newmark - asked Tami Bond for assistance
5. Committee Update
 - a. Outreach
 - i. Cookout Updates
 - ii. EOH Planning Updates
 - b. Engineering
 - i. Fuels
 1. Received lever press
 - ii. Stoves
 1. Our TChar works well. Roughly 1 cup of wood pellets = 10 minutes of yellow flame.
 2. Glowing char lasts a little longer than the yellow flame. Thus using the char basically doubles the cooking time: high power for the first half and simmer for the last half.
 3. Received our 75 lb / 0.2 oz mass scale. We can do our WBT now!
 - c. Cultural
6. Dr Anderson to talk to the group and give his insights and feedback.
 - a. Find what fuel is easy to prepare, "the low hanging fruit"
 - b. Leogane is main place for growing sugarcane
 - c. Bagasse is commonly in long strands- [sugarcane is juiced like this](#)
 - d. Sugarcane juicer ~\$1200
 - e. Buy sugarcane in ethnic grocery stores: Chinatown in Chicago, ...
 - f. Stiffening techniques, add thick wire to rim and wrap edge around
 - g. Galvanized steel is safe, temp is low

h. Pot support rings on TBase double as clamp to TTop