



DELTA DIGEST

May 2008

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The New Orleans Chapter of ASHRAE is once again pleased to distribute the latest Delta Digest, keeping you up-to-date with the latest happenings of your local chapter. As always, if you have any comments that can help us serve you better, please let us know.

Meeting Information:

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 20, 2008

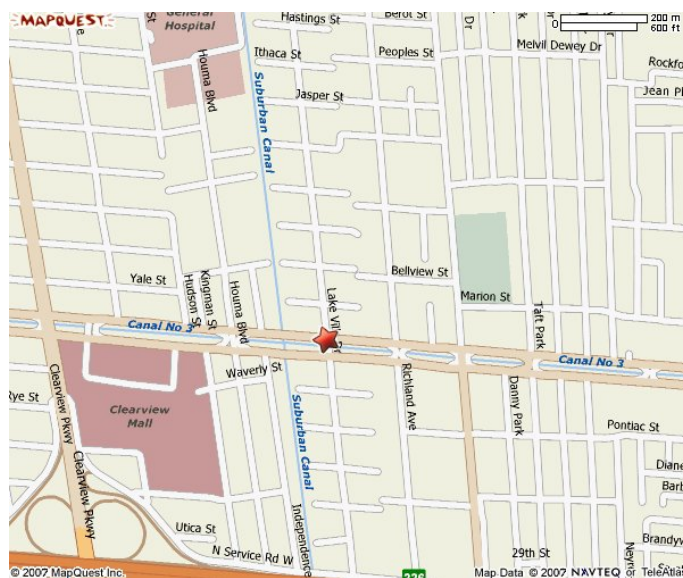
Venue: Carmines Italian and Seafood Restaurant
4101 Veterans Blvd Metairie, La 70002 (See Map Below)

Time: 5:30 pm (Social)
6:00 pm (Start)

Topic: Insulation

Speaker: Roger Schmidt, Nomaco K Flex

This is a great opportunity to attend a highly informative presentation from and ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer and earn 1.0 PDH. Please feel free to bring a colleague or associate to the meeting and pass this along to any ASHRAE members who may not be on this list.





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President's Message

May 2008

Another ASHRAE year has come and gone, and it has been an exciting year to say the least. We have increased our average monthly meeting attendance, hosted multiple ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturers, held two ASHRAE Learning Institute seminars at the Hilton, completed another successful Research Promotion campaign, held a very fun-filled ASHRAE-ASPE Golf Tournament, celebrated the holidays at the beautiful Columns Hotel, and laid the ground work for a continuation and expansion of our success for many years to come.

As my tenure as your President draws to a close, it must be stated again that the successes of our Chapter have been facilitated by the hard work, creativity, and generous efforts of our membership, and specifically our Board of Directors. Without the time and energy put forth by the Board, we would not have realized as many successes nor had as much fun along the way. Special thanks to Michael Cooper, who has proven to be an invaluable asset to the ASHRAE Chapter. Special congratulations to Harold Baur, who as immediate Past-President and Chairperson of the Chapter Research Promotion campaign, was instrumental in helping us to surpass our Annual RP Goal in 2008.

I wish to thank each of you that have contributed to the success of our Chapter this year, and ask that you continue to stay involved and support your Board and your incoming President Mak Kersanac in their endeavors next year. Planning for next year has already begun, and we're certain there will be a lot of new and exciting events to come.

And to our Past Presidents – the final meeting of the year, May 20, 2008, will be Past President's night. It is our Chapter's opportunity to honor each of you and your commitments to ASHRAE over the years that have provided the foundation for our recent and future success. Thank you for your leadership, and we hope to see each of you at the next meeting.

Your Board will be traveling to Memphis this year to participate in the Chapter Regional Conference (CRC) on August 07, 2008. Anyone interested in attending this great weekend is welcome to join us on the trip.

Thanks again for your continued involvement and support of ASHRAE and your New Orleans Chapter. Have a happy and safe summer...

~ Damien W. Serauskas, P.E.



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Just so you know ...

The upcoming schedule for general meetings, Board Meetings, and special events is tentatively planned as follows:

General Membership Meeting Schedule 2007-2008

<i>September Meeting:</i>	<i>Tuesday, September 18, 2007</i>
<i>October Meeting:</i>	<i>Tuesday, October 16, 2007</i>
<i>November Meeting:</i>	<i>Tuesday, November 20, 2007</i>
<i>Christmas Party:</i>	<i>Friday, December 7, 2007</i>
<i>January Meeting:</i>	<i>Tuesday January 15, 2008</i>
<i>February Meeting:</i>	<i>Tuesday, February 19, 2008</i>
<i>March Meeting:</i>	<i>Tuesday, March 18, 2008</i>
<i>April Meeting:</i>	<i>Tuesday, April 15, 2008</i>
May Meeting:	Tuesday, May 20, 2008



Board Meeting Schedule 2007-2008

All meetings will be held at Pontchartrain Point Café |
Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

<i>September Meeting:</i>	<i>Friday, September 10, 2007</i>
<i>October Meeting:</i>	<i>Thursday, October 11, 2007</i>
<i>November Meeting:</i>	<i>Friday, November 16, 2007</i>
<i>January Meeting:</i>	<i>Friday, January 11, 2008</i>
<i>February Meeting:</i>	<i>Friday, February 8, 2008</i>
<i>March Meeting:</i>	<i>Friday, March 7, 2008</i>
<i>April Meeting:</i>	<i>Friday, April 4, 2008</i>
<i>May Meeting:</i>	<i>Friday, May 2, 2008</i>



Membership Corner ~

We wish to encourage those who may have changed jobs, addresses, phone numbers, or e-mail addresses to please logon to the ASHRAE website to update your account information. Consolidation of this information will be utilized to develop the Chapter Directory, so don't delay! Don't let bad information get published!

WWW.ASHRAE.ORG

This year, news of our meetings will be transmitted in various forms, all in an effort to increase our Chapter's visibility and boost member attendance. Our Chapter has many members we haven't seen in quite a while. Please contact your associates in our profession, and encourage them to get involved in our Society on the local, regional, national, or international level. Also, look for meeting announcements in City Business and the weekend Money Section Calendar of the Times Picayune. Not receiving e-mail notifications? Changed jobs or e-mail addresses? Please contact Michael Cooper at the following link to update your information:

mcooper@mccgroup.com



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Chapter Technology Transfer Corner

Sustainable Design

Interested in specifying one of the most efficient HVAC systems?

According to the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, closed-loop ground-coupled heat pump systems are amongst the most energy-efficient, environmentally friendly heating and cooling systems. [CLICK HERE](#) to access an informative article from a previously published ASHRAE Journal.

Government Affairs

Energy Star Commercial Buildings and Plants on the Rise

According to the EPA, there was a 25% increase in commercial buildings and manufacturing plants that gained the Energy Star ranking in 2007, with Energy Star buildings located in every state. For more information [CLICK HERE](#)

Technology

BIM – Building Information Modeling

What is BIM?

A BIM is a digital representation of the physical and functional characteristics of a facility. To see how BIM is being used to help New Orleans tackle the massive post Katrina rebuilding effort, attend FIATECH's Annual Technology Conference in New Orleans. The conference is being held at the Hotel Monteleone from March 31st through April 2nd. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

Interested in Upcoming Meeting Topics?

In an effort to get information into your hands effectively and efficiently, the New Orleans Chapter website is continually updated with new information, including meeting notices, past issues of Delta Digest, and upcoming meeting topics and speaker bios. Check out the meeting info section at the Chapter website – just click on:

<http://www.ashraeno.com/meetings.htm>.



ASHRAE DISCUSSION FORUMS

Have HVAC questions on Commercial Applications, Moisture Control, Standards, etc.? [CLICK HERE](#) to visit ASHRAE Discussion Forums to see questions and answers from people like you on these topics and many more.



ASHRAE Learning Seminar



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This is the last meeting of the year!!

This is the last meeting before the summer break. Please do your best to attend; there is a special presentation of the Past ASHRAE Presidents and the introduction of the new board members.

Past Presidential Facts New Orleans Chapter of ASHRAE

George “Elmer” May was our first president. At that time, we were known as The American Society of Heating & Ventilation Engineering (ASH & VE). Although we don’t have exact dates, our Society recognizes that our Chapter was officially chartered in 1939. It was not until December of 1958 when the chapter officially became The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers after merging with ASRE (American Society of Refrigerating Engineers). The first president of the combined societies was Thomas Stokes.

Our chapter’s second president, Cary B. Gamble, began a legacy of leadership which really guided our chapter during the early years of the New Orleans Chapter. Gamble’s consulting engineering business was widely respected throughout the country. His firm was a pioneer and did many high profile jobs in the early days of air conditioning. He also encouraged participation in ASHRAE, and from his firm, they gave us the following presidents: Ralph Elizardi, William Martin, Jr., Thomas Stokes, Edward Sanford, Randy Lewis, Paul Coe, and Floyd Berlin. Tom Boudreaux, served as president while he was at Mechanical Construction Company, also worked at Cary Gamble.

Since becoming an ASHRAE member in 1983, I have had the pleasure of working with several of our past presidents. Bill “Red” Martin (president in 1951-52) left Cary Gamble and in 1962, formed William B. Martin Consulting Engineers. In 1970, he joined Guillot, Sullivan, Vogt, & Martin. In 1977, he joined Gene Sullivan to become Sullivan and Martin. After, he formed Martin Engineers. He finished his career at the Mathes Group.

R. K. Goode (1957-58) founded one of the leading rep agencies in the area, representing Barber Coleman in the air distribution and controls business for many years.

Edward Sanford (1960-61) also left Cary Gamble and formed his own firm called Sanford and Associates which practiced up until the mid 1980’s until his death.

Randy Lewis (1962-63) had a very rich career which after leaving Cary Gamble, worked at Babst Mechanical, R.L. Mechanical and Johnson Controls until his death.

Harold Faller (1963-64) also had a very successful practice. His firm also spawned two future presidents – L. Rae Tinto (1973-74) and Jimmy Reuter (1989-90).

Paul Coe, Jr. (1964-65) was very influential and was responsible for the mechanical design of several of our high-rises downtown. He left Cary Gamble for a very successful career at Mechanical Construction Company. MCC also provided us with Scuddy Fontenelle, who was president in 1982-83, along with Tom Boudreaux in 1988-89.

David Levine was very active in our Society and would have been president of the Society had it not been for his untimely death in 1980. As a testament to the service he provided to our Society, the Region we belong to (Region VII) awards a plaque that bears his name to the chapter president who exhibits the best performance during the year. To my knowledge, we have won it three during the presidencies of Deborah Brandt (1997-98), Cliff Gillio (2000-01), and my presidency in 1996-97.

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Frank Fisher, president in 1966-67, formed a rep agency called Fisher Engineering, which also gave us presidents such as Mason Foil, Steve Sulli, and Mark Scheuermann.

Earl Morrison had the honor of being President during the 1972 Winter Meeting, which also included a huge product show. This was quite an honor for our chapter. This honor was repeated in 1994, with Mary Jenkins as our president during that meeting. This meeting, once called the Semi-Annual Meeting was also held in New Orleans in 1964 and once prior to being known as ASHRAE (1958). Earl formed a manufacturer's rep agency called Gulf Coast Engineering in the 1980's, which also provided us Sid Shepard, president in 1981-82.

Waring Green served our chapter faithfully for many years after our presidency in 1976-77 as our chapter historian. In 1999, the Society recognized his career and accomplishments by awarding Waring the honor of becoming a Fellow in 1999. In 2003, he also received the 50 Year Distinguished Service Award presented by the Society.

Ernie Belmont (1977-78) recently passed away, but anyone who ever attended a meeting with him remembers the great invocations he always provided us. He was always a pleasure to have at our meetings.

Harold Flettrich, who was president in 1979-80, and one of his employees later became our first female president, Katty LaVassuer in 1990-91. She was the first of several which includes Mary Jenkins (1993-94), Deborah Brandt (1997-98), Heidi Gremillion (2001-02), Gina Hiatt (2003-04), and Lonnie Carver (2004-2005). One of Harold's other employees who served as president was Joe Riorda in 1978-79. Joe also worked at NOPSI, which also provided us Arthur Mott in 1985-86. NOPSI and Louisiana Power and Light later merged and formed Entergy, which provided us Walter Barnes as president in 1991-92, and Lonnie Carver in 2004-2005.

Louis Orth served as president in 1984-85, and was committee chair for student activities for many years. Louis was a professor at Tulane, and had the distinction of teaching several of our members and past presidents.

Alan Maddox was president in 1987-88. He formed a test and balance agency several years ago, and presently works with Siemens.

When I joined the Society, Floyd Berlin was president (1983-84) and we had our regular meetings at Masson's at the Lakefront (near West End Café, where we had our executive committee meetings for several years).

We became concerned for a while as a chapter that we would put any restaurant out of business by our holding a meeting there. After Masson's closed, we met at Drago's (before they became famous for Char-Brroiled Oysters) for a number of years (I remember Jimmy Reuter announcing during the meeting there that the World Series game had been postponed due to an earthquake- the same one which ravaged the San Francisco and the bay area). We met for a while at Smilie's. We met a few times at the Glass Garden in Metairie, which is now closed. We also met a couple of years at Stonebreaker's until its' demise. During my presidency, we met at Barreca's. Stonebreaker's was replaced by Mike Anderson's at the same location, where we met until it met the same fate. We met at the Steak Knife for nearly three years (recently flooded), until moving our meetings to Zeke's. We have been here at Carmine's since.

Frank Schambach was president in 1992, and after his presidency, was very active in Region VII, serving for several years as a Region VII Vice-Chair for Refrigeration. He was also the first committee chair to appear at an early morning Chapter Regional Conference Meeting with sunglasses! Besides being a recipient of the Chapter's Cary B. Gamble award in the early 1990's, he was also recognized by our Region with The Regional Award of Merit in 2000. The Society honored Frank with the Distinguished Service Award in 2003. During much of his time in ASHRAE, Frank worked at the University of New Orleans, where Harold Baur, our president in 2006-2008 presently works.

Our chapter has hosted three Chapter Regional Conferences since 1984. The first was held during the presidency of Floyd Berlin in 1984. It coincided with the World's Fair in 1984, and was co-chaired by Floyd and Tom Boudreaux. With the fair at the same time, it proved to be quite a challenge organizing, and it was nearly swapped with the hosting chapter the next year, but they were able to pull the event off. For his efforts, Floyd was awarded the Cary B. Gamble Award in 1985. In the 1990's we had the honor of hosting two Chapter Regional Conferences. In 1992 was co-chaired by Barry Schully (President in 1994-95) and Louis Braquet. The CRC was so successful, when the New Orleans Chapter was selected to have the CRC in 1999, Barry was asked to chair again with Dave Strawn (President in 1995-1996). Both events rallied the chapter and helped the chapter grow for several years subsequent to the



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meeting. As a result of the success of each CRC, Barry was awarded the Cary B. Gamble Award, which recognized outstanding service to the chapter in 1992 and 1999. Dave Strawn was awarded the Cary B. Gamble Award in 1999 for his contribution to the 1999 CRC. Barry and Dave were also recognized by Region VII; both were recipients of the Regional Award of Merit in 2001 and 2002 respectively. Besides Barry and Dave, one other member of Schully Strawn and Associates served as president, and that was me, who served as your president in 1996-97.

Dave Pieper (2002-03) revitalized our Delta Digest back in the old days when we still used paper and was recognized by our Region for having the best newsletter in 1997.

Several of our past presidents have spent part of their career working for Johnson Controls, including Charlie Stiegler (1998-99) and now with Trane and Jay Dlugos (2005-2006) now with Gallo Mechanical. Jay has had the unique experience that no other president has had – being the president of a chapter that ceased to exist after Hurricane Katrina. He and his Board of Governors deserve a great deal of credit for revitalizing the chapter after our membership was scattered after the storm.

Damien Serauskas, our present leader spent his early career with Moses Engineers and is presently is owner of Professional Engineering Services.

Our chapter has been very fortunate to have the leadership we have enjoyed. In attempting to give a brief overview of some to the accomplishments of our past presidents, the problem we create is overlooking the accomplishments of those we have not named, who gave up years of service to our chapter. For all those we have mentioned and for all those who we have missed, we thank you for the leadership you have provided for our chapters existence and growth. It is our hope that you will pass along the contributions of those not named so they too can be recognized for what they did.

Submitted by Buddy Hodge, originally written May 2004, revised May 2006 and May 2008.

Chapter Technology Transfer Corner

Sustainable Design

FREE Virtual Energy Forum

Interested in attending a free two day online event focusing on how leading companies can adopt better energy management practices while adopting clean energy alternatives? [CLICK HERE](#) to get more information or register for the forum. The Virtual Energy Forum will feature live streaming video presentations, industry specific tracks presenting green case studies, a virtual exhibit floor and booths, an emerging technology showcase and more.

Government Affairs

ASHRAE President to Provide Testimony on Green Buildings to U.S. House Committee

ASHRAE President Kent Peterson, P.E., is slated to speak Wednesday, May 14, at a hearing, Building Green, Saving Green: Constructing Sustainable and Energy-Efficient Buildings, before the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming of the U.S. House of Representatives. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

Technology

New ASHRAE Design Guide for Warehouses Available for Free

The latest publication in ASHRAE's Advanced Energy Design Guide series is now available. The *Advanced Energy Design Guide for Small Warehouses and Self-Storage Buildings* gives guidance to architects, engineers and others on building design teams on how to use best design practices to create energy-saving warehouses. The book includes case studies of exemplary warehouse designs, as well as detailed "how-to" design guidance for construction teams. The book is available for free in electronic form.

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ASHRAE Research

ASHRAE's mission is to advance the arts and sciences of HVAC&R to serve humanity and promote a sustainable world. ASHRAE's vision is that ASHRAE will be a global leader, the foremost source of technical and educational information, and the primary provider of professional growth in the arts and sciences of HVAC& R.

To meet both the mission and the vision ASHRAE is dependent on us to fund ASHRAE Research. It is through financial leadership from us that ASHRAE continues to sponsor industry related projects, develop meaningful continuing education programs, endow undergraduate engineering scholarships, provide updating of standards and handbooks, and produce a variety of publications and industry resource materials.

Every dollar invested in ASHRAE whether for research, education, endowments or other general operations, goes toward those endeavors.

Contributions to ASHRAE Research should be made payable to ASHRAE Research and mailed to Harold Baur at 9729 Paula Drive, River Ridge, LA 70123.

Thank you for your support of ASHRAE.

Run your Ad!

In years past, the Delta Digest has sold advertisements to be included in the Digest, in order to offset the cost of reproduction and mailing of the printed version. Since we have become an electronic newsletter, we will now sell advertisement space and donate the proceeds to Resource Promotion. Previous advertisement fees were somewhat costly, and only included a limited number of mailings. This year, the Delta Digest will be updated and distributed electronically every month, hard copies will be made available at the monthly meetings, and the entire document is posted on-line on the local N.O. Chapter website. A lot of exposure for a little investment! The fee structure has been established as follows:

Business Card Ad:	\$50.00
Half-Page Ad:	\$150.00

Anyone interested in placing your business card or half-page ad into the Digest this year, contact Mike Bonano

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