



The American Society of Plumbing Engineers

Virginia Blue Ridge Chapter

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"For God's sake, call a plumber!"

Virginia Blue Ridge Chapter elected officers:

Mark Thayer; President

Michael Knizley; Vice President, Technical

Mike Smith; Vice President; Legislative

Mike Wolfe; Vice President; Membership

Tim Roseberry; Treasure

Herb Edwards; Administrative Secretary

Cheryl Overfelt; Corresponding Secretary & Newsletter Editor

Harvey Nichols; Chapter Historian

Granville Grant; Chapter Education Committee Chairman

Ralph Johnson; Chapter Affiliate Liaison

Jason Price; Chapter Tabletop Chairman

Jon Barlett; Fund Raising Chairman



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Notes from the President

What a great Program we had last month. Mr. Kyle Dobbins of HSMM's Construction Department gave an overview of the CSI Master Format 2004. Since I have been involved in the Chapter, this was, without doubt the most lively and interactive program I can recall. Thanks to all who joined in the discussion for your passion for our chosen profession.

If you are not attending our meetings, you are missing out on one of the best ways to expand your technical knowledge available in our area. The Virginia Blue Ridge Chapter is all about education and the advancement of the plumbing industry. We welcome everyone regardless of education, experience or background. The atmosphere is friendly and the food is good...thanks to our friend Cuddy Edwards and staff at the Holiday Inn!! The Tabletop presentations are informative and interesting. Come on out and give us a try. Impress your employer and co-workers with the insight you gain by attending!! You will be glad you attended!!

As Chapter President, I have the privilege of leading the Chapter election process and developing a list of candidates to serve as Chapter Officers. There is much work to accomplish. I believe you all know that our Chapter has been making strides and we need new participants to help carry the load. I appreciate Mark Turner who told me last meeting that he wants to get involved. How about you? Come and get on board for the ride of a lifetime and serve the Chapter! It has been a great privilege for me and I know it has been for all who have done so.

The registration deadline for the Siphonic Roof Drainage Class is April 15. Don't let this one in a lifetime opportunity get by you. This is an exciting step for the Chapter. I am positive that all will be glad they attended.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as President of the Virginia Blue Ridge Chapter! See you at the April Program.

Sincerely,
Mark Thayer, CPD
President

ASPE VIRGINIA BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP

Any student from the Central/Southwest Virginia area who is enrolled or will be enrolled in an engineering degree or related program at a technical, 2-year, or 4-year institution may apply. The applicant must demonstrate a need for financial assistance. A preference will be given to applicants who aspire to work in the field of Plumbing and/or Mechanical Design. Students who have a parent that belongs to ASPE will also be given consideration. Application Deadline: April 30, 2008.

Notes from the Membership Vice President

Michael G. Wolfe, EIT CPD

The Virginia-Blue Ridge chapter of ASPE is on the move!

The latest ASPE member count is 6705 members! Our chapter has contributed to this growth with four new members so far in 2008, and as we grow we are passing other chapters in size. One more member and we'll be at 50! Thanks to all the members who have worked hard to get their fellow plumbing professionals involved in our society. Let's keep up the good work. And to all our new members, welcome to Virginia-Blue Ridge ASPE!

There's still time for aspiring or present engineering students to apply for the Virginia-Blue Ridge chapter's new scholarship. This scholarship is open to presently or soon-to-be enrolled students in an engineering curriculum at a technical, two-year or four-year institution. Application deadline is April 30, and the application form may be downloaded from the chapter web site, www.aspe.org.

Members, how about serving your local ASPE chapter in a Board or committee position? There are openings for next year, so if you'd like to help our organization grow and prosper (and we KNOW you do!) just ask one of the board members. There's a place for you to help. Remember, many hands make light work!

If you are not yet an ASPE member, consider joining our chapter and becoming a part of a professional organization that will keep you informed on the latest and greatest news, products and technological advances of the plumbing industry. If you need application forms, please contact me at 342-1816 or mwolfe@lpa-inc.com, or you can download the application at www.aspe.org. Remember, new members can still get four nice goodies from the gift table at the next ASPE meeting. So sign up and come join us!

Tabletop display of the Month:

By: Jason Price

Mark Turner with N.H. Yates & Co. Since 1949 N.H. Yates & Co., Inc. has been providing the highest quality products and services to the HVAC and plumbing industry. The Yates emphasis is on water; primarily heating it, moving it and storing it. We represent a variety of manufacturers of boilers and boiler accessories, plumbing specialties, water heaters and accessories, tanks and accessories, commercial and industrial valves, HVAC and steam specialties, strainers and filtration, and pumps and pumping systems including our own Hydronic Modules Corporation. Yates & Co. is proud to represent many of the largest and most well respected lines in the HVAC and plumbing industry.

Notes from the Technical VP

Michael Knizley, PE, CPD

I am sure you remember your first few jobs and all of the mistakes you made - right? A few I'll never forget:

I designed for 1 psi gas, but did not check with the gas company: The AHJ, reviewing the plans prior to issuing a building permit, noted that the local gas company only provides 2 psi gas. No problem, I replied, I'll just add a regulator and we are good to go. No way, says the AHJ, you must resize every foot of pipe in the building for 2 psi gas in order to get a permit. My boss says: Do it right now - you have just become a bottleneck holding up construction. Well, I didn't have plans for this evening anyway....

I told the contractor to provide a gas regulator at each furnace to step down the gas pressure, and specified a standard type of regulator. A-ha, says Mr. Contractor, but you didn't tell us where to pipe the diaphragm vents to. We need you to tell us where, and oh, by the way, that's going to be a change order for all of that vent pipe.

I daresay these are common enough mistakes in the world of natural gas. But don't let them happen to you: we have help!!

Our Speaker for April will be Mr. Joe Prillaman, of L.A. Prillaman Company. Mr. Prillaman is a graduate of Old Dominion University with 32 years of experience in the plumbing industry. He lives in Richmond with his wife and 3 children.

Mr. Prillaman will be discussing the fundamentals, types and applications of gas meters and regulators. Also, he will provide some insight on the requirements and preferences of the various gas companies and major jurisdictions around Virginia.

It will be an informative presentation; please come on out.

Thank you,

Michael Knizley, PE
Vice President, Technical

When: Tuesday, April 8, 2008 – 6:00 pm

Where: Holiday Inn Roanoke – 3315 Ordway Drive, Roanoke Virginia (former Clarion Hotel)

COST: Only \$18.00/person. Price includes access to one of the ASPE Board of Directors, a gourmet meal, laughter and fellowship.

Pre-registration is required. Please RSVP Tim Roseberry @ (540) 344-6664 or troseberry@sfcs.com by 5:00 pm Friday 04.04.08. Due to our change of venue, the Chapter is now required to pay for the meals of all who pre-register. If you learn you are unable to attend the meeting after you RSVP, you must cancel your reservation by contacting Tim Roseberry no later than 8:00 am Monday 04.07.08. Thank you!!

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