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Virginia Blue Ridge Chapter

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Notes from the President

Greetings to all our Virginia Blue Ridge Friends! I hope your workload is plenteous but free enough to allow you to participate in ASPE...your professional plumbing resource!! The February program and Table Top presentation was very well organized and beneficial for all to learn more about water conservation... thanks to our friend Harry Heim for his support.

While our attendance has been good, there are some who we have miss seeing. I hope to see you all for the March Program. This is a must attend program for every plumbing designer, engineer, sales representative and supplier. The time will be soon upon you that you will need to know where to find those precious plumbing specifications which no longer reside in Division 15. Come out, fellowship and learn!

We are happy to announce a new plumbing design class – **Siphonic Systems Design - May 1**. Mr. John Rattenbury, will be our instructor for this 8 hour class. Mr. Rattenbury is considered the sole US expert in siphonic systems design and is the author of the ASPE Design Standard on Siphonic Roof Drainage. Each participant will be trained in this design process utilizing the SiphoniTec software developed by Mr. Rattenbury. Details will follow, but mark your calendar now as class room space will be limited.

Mark your calendars now for the 2008 engineered Plumbing Exposition - LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA OCTOBER 25 - 29, 2008 at the Long Beach Convention Center!!!

ASPEology Game

From ASPE National President Julius Ballanco's Newsletter – *“There will be a car raffled off at the Convention in Long Beach. But it will be a little more difficult to win. The odds improve tremendously. To receive a ticket for the car raffle, you will have to complete the ASPEopoly game board during the Convention. This will require you to visit a number of booths in the Engineered Plumbing Exposition. Everyone completing the game board will receive one raffle ticket. That improves your odds about 50 fold. So be there and win a new car”.*

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.

Ask not what ASPE can do for you, but what you can do for ASPE!! Invite a friend, co-worker or student to the March Meeting...all will be benefited if you do!!

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

Best Regards,

Mark Thayer, CPD - President

Notes from the Membership Vice President

Michael G. Wolfe, EIT CPD

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

I hope you all received the latest edition of the ASPE Pipeline newsletter from ASPE headquarters. In it you will find information on the Virginia-Blue Ridge chapter's new scholarship. This scholarship is open to presently or soon-to-be enrolled 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.

ASPE has grown by over 400 members in the past year, to 6700 members! Our chapter has contributed to this growth with three new members in 2008, with more on the way! Congratulations Virginia-Blue Ridge members! Thanks to all the members who have worked hard to get their fellow plumbing professionals involved in our society, and keep up the good work! And to all our new members, welcome to Virginia-Blue Ridge ASPE!

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.

Tabletop display of the Month:

Jason Price

Jim Evans with RMI is our table top presenter this month. Jim will be showing off their new Watts dead level trench drains and other drains they are known for.

Notes from the Technical VP

Michael Knizley, PE, CPD

Everyone knows how a set of specifications are supposed to be written: 16 Divisions, check. Plumbing in Division 15, check. Site sewer and water pipe in Division 2, check.

But, a few of you have recently seen some specifications that were obviously written by some non-conformist fools: 34 Divisions? Plumbing in Division 22? Mechanical in Division 23? Site sewer and water pipe lost and gone forever? Who wrote this trash? What planet did they come from? How could such evil lurk in the hearts of men?

Well, the Shadow Knows: these non-conformist fools were actually really clever lads and lasses who were deep, deep in the know. Men and women of boundless energy and vision, poised for greatness and oh so ready for change. Engineers tuned in, turned on and making steam. Surfers on safari riding the wave of the future.

And what is the steamy, frothy, dizzying wave of the future, you ask? Well, it seems the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI), the organization that established the 16 Division system we all know and love in 1964, re-invented everything in 2004. The new specification system has 34 Divisions and heavily divides and re-mixes every section. So, while the new system is not an entirely new tune, the “bad” parts have been discarded, the “good” parts have been sampled, and the samples have been re-packaged in an Extended Mix with a EuroDance beat and a 50-cent rap. Get ready, because in a few years this is all that will be playing on your local Construction Sites.

Wait! Is that anguished screaming I hear? Arrrggggh, you say? How is a poor Moondoggie like yourself supposed to find his Gidget in this new new wave? Never fear. ASPE is here!!

Our distinguished presenter for March will be Mr. Kyle Dobbins, CCCA, CDT. He is a Senior Associate and the Construction Administration Department Head at HSMM. Mr. Dobbins is a graduate of Old Dominion University, with a BS degree in Civil Engineering Technology, and has been with HSMM since 1984. He is a member of ASCE and CSI, and has spoken about the new specification system in several other venues. His presentation will cover the following:

- The history of the CSI specification system.
- The reasons for the overhaul of the old system.
- An overview of the changes.
- Benefits of the new system.
- Frequently Asked Questions.

This is an important topic that you need to understand to avoid a wipeout. For your benefit, please come to our March meeting and see Mr. Dobbins.

Thank you,

Michael Knizley, PE
Vice President, Technical

When: Tuesday, March 11, 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 03.07.08. 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 03.10.08. Thank you!!

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