



Wichita Chapter

PAST PRESIDENTS

LEADERSHIP RECALL



NAME & YEAR(S) AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASHRAE-WICHITA CHAPTER. JOHN KNIPP, 1993-1995

WOULD YOU GIVE A BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF YOUR LIFE? (PLACE OF BIRTH, FAMILY SIZE, EARLY SCHOOLING, HIGHER EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND OUTSIDE OF THE HVAC INDUSTRY, CURRENT FAMILY—SPOUSE, CHILDREN.)

BORN IN MISSOURI – MOM, DAD, 2 BROTHERS, 5 SISTERS. ST ANDREWS GRADE SCHOOL, PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL, ENGINEERING GRAD - MISSOURI

WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO ENGINEERING AND/OR THE HVAC INDUSTRY?

PERFECT SCIENCE – ALL HVAC BASED ON SCIENCE

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB IN THE HVAC INDUSTRY AND WHERE DID IT LEAD?

TRANE NEW SYSTEMS ENGINEER – TRANE DISTRICT MANAGER – WICHITA MARKET

DESCRIBE THE INDUSTRY AT THAT TIME. WHAT WERE THE CHALLENGES THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES WERE FACING?

ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND REFRIGERANT CONTAINMENT WAS NOT A BIG MARKET DRIVER – WOW, HAS THAT CHANGED.

HOW AND WHEN DID YOU GET STARTED IN ASHRAE?

CLIENTS AND EMPLOYER IN THE EARLY 1970'S WERE ALL INVOLVED IN ASHRAE – EASY DECISION – PROFESSIONAL ROAD MAP.

WHAT WAS YOUR ASHRAE CHAPTER AND/OR REGIONAL AND SOCIETY EXPERIENCE?

GOOD – OPPORTUNITY TO MEET CLIENTS AWAY FROM THEIR BUSINESS

WHAT WERE THE MAJOR ISSUES FACING THE INDUSTRY AT THAT TIME?

SOUND – FEW TOOLS AVAILABLE TO CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO PREDICT SOUND OF HVAC SYSTEMS IN & OUTSIDE CONDITIONED SPACE

WHAT PEOPLE IN THE INDUSTRY STAND OUT AS INFLUENCES ON YOU?

I KNOW I WILL MISS MANY BUT HERE IS MY BEST RECALL – E.E. HYSOM, BOB PEUGH, HERB SPEYER, CHUCK WAGNER, TED KENDALL, JAY ROBINSON, BOB MOORE, DALE MALTBIE, DON NORTON, BILL LANDMAN, JIM CRAWFORD, DEAN NORRIS, CHUCK WAGNOR

WHAT EVENTS CHANGED THE INDUSTRY?

OIL EMBARGO, PRICE OF ENERGY, MONTREAL PROTOCOL, REFRIGERANT CONTAINMENT, PERSONAL COMPUTER, MICROPROCESSOR

WHAT HAS ASHRAE MEANT TO THE INDUSTRY'S GROWTH?

GAVE STRUCTURE TO DESIGN RULES & REGULATIONS – INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL THIRD PARTY REFERENCE

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO A YOUNG PERSON ENTERING THE HVAC FIELD?

LEARN THE SCIENCE OF THE BUSINESS

DID ANY HUMOROUS EVENTS TAKE PLACE DURING YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH ASHRAE?

GOLFING WITH RICHARD BOWMAN AT THE ASHRAE CRC

WHAT OTHER INTERESTS AND/OR HOBBIES DO YOU HAVE?

GOLF, GRANDCHILDREN, READING, TRAVEL

ANY OTHER COMMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE?

ASHRAE GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHER PROFESSIONALS AND COLLECTIVELY IMPROVE THE VALUE OF THE HVAC INDUSTRY IN A PROFESSIONAL ATMOSPHERE