



Wichita Chapter

PAST PRESIDENTS

LEADERSHIP RECALL



NAME & YEAR(S) AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASHRAE-WICHITA CHAPTER. MIKE CHIEPPO. 1-YEAR (NOT SURE WHICH ONE, MID-SEVENTIES I BELIEVE)

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 MUSKOGEE, OK. FAMILY OF WIFE SUSAN AND DAUGHTERS BETH & ANDREA. GREW UP IN TULSA, OK, RECEIVED BSME FROM OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY (GO COWBOYS)

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

ENJOYED BUILDING THINGS AS A KID AND WAS GOOD AT MATH SO CHOSE MECHANICAL ENGINEERING. HIRED BY THE TRANE COMPANY ON GRADUATION.

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

THE TRANE COMPANY AS A SALES ENGINEER. FIRST FIELD OFFICE ASSIGNMENT WAS WICHITA, KS IN 1971.

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

GOOD AND HARD WORKING PEOPLE IN THE INDUSTRY. CHALLENGES CAME IN THE MID-70S WITH THE OIL CRISIS AND COST OF ENERGY.

HOW AND WHEN DID YOU GET STARTED IN ASHRAE?

ASHRAE WAS AND IS THE ENGINEERING ORGANIZATION FOR THE HVAC INDUSTRY. I JOINED IN 1971.

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

LOCAL CHAPTER EXPERIENCE ONLY. SUCCESSION THROUGH THE CHAIRS ENDING IN PRESIDENT

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

ENERGY CONSERVATION, ATMOSPHERIC OZONE DEPLETION, ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF PRODUCTS

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

BOB MOORE, JOHN KNIPP, RICHARD BOWMAN, HY HYSOM, BOB SHRUM, HERB SPEIER, DEAN NORRIS, MIKE DOVE, GERALD PARKER, JOHN MOODY, DON VAUGHN, DALE MALTBIE, CHUCK WAGNER, BOB PEUGH, ROGER WIEDEMAN, GAIL GWINUP, GENE OSWALD, THE LIST IS LONG.....

WHAT EVENTS CHANGED THE INDUSTRY?

INTRODUCTION OF VAV, IMPROVED ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF EQUIPMENT, SCREW AND ROTARY COMPRESSOR DEVELOPMENT, INDOOR AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, USE OF COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER MODELING, VARIABLE FLOW PUMPING

WHAT HAS ASHRAE MEANT TO THE INDUSTRY'S GROWTH?

ASHRAE WAS THE LEADER FOR DEVELOPING THE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING BEHIND THE HVAC INDUSTRY.

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

WHETHER IN DESIGN ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION OR PRODUCT REPRESENTATION, THE HVAC INDUSTRY IS EXCELLENT.

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

MANY, MANY HUMOROUS EVENTS AND GOOD TIMES TOOK PLACE WITH THE FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES DEVELOPED OVER 40 YEARS IN THE HVAC INDUSTRY

WHAT OTHER INTERESTS AND/OR HOBBIES DO YOU HAVE?

3ALWAYS WAS A GYM RAT AND OUTDOOR RUNNING ENTHUSIAST (STILL AM)

ANY OTHER COMMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE?

WICHITA, KS WAS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK. I WOULD NOT HAVE CHANGED A THING. GREAT CAREER (NOW RETIRED).