



Wichita Chapter

PAST PRESIDENTS

LEADERSHIP RECALL



NAME & YEAR(S) AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASHRAE-WICHITA CHAPTER. TIM BERENDS, I HOPE WE HAVE RECORDS SOMEWHERE, BECAUSE I SURE CAN'T REMEMBER. I BELIEVE IT WAS FALL 2003 THRU SPRING 2004?

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 MANHATTAN KS, MHS CLASS OF 1987. UPON GRADUATION WITH BSEE FROM KSU IN MAY OF 1992, I MOVED TO WICHITA TO BEGIN WORKING AT KS TRANE/KNIPP EQUIPMENT. I AM MARRIED TO KENDRA WITH 4 KIDS (TREVOR 12, JULIA 10, VICTORIA 8, BROCK 5)

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

GOOD AT MATH & SCIENCE, AND APPEARED TO BE A STRONG EMPLOYMENT FIELD.

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

KS TRANE & KNIPP EQUIPMENT, BEEN HERE 24+ YEARS & COUNTING

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

CFC PHASE OUT WAS ONE THAT COMES TO MIND. THERE WAS SOME NEW MACHINE CALLED A FAX TO SEND OUT BIDS? AND WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED EMAIL ANYWAY?

HOW AND WHEN DID YOU GET STARTED IN ASHRAE?

JOHN KNIPP MENTORED ME INTO ASHRAE RIGHT UPON ARRIVAL IN 1992

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

HELD MOST ALL LOCAL CHAPTER OFFICES/CHAIRS, AND HAVE BEEN TO MOST REGION 9 CHAPTER LOCATIONS FOR CRC. I HAVE SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDED REGIONAL/NATIONAL OFFICES.

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

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

WHAT EVENTS CHANGED THE INDUSTRY?

WHAT HAS ASHRAE MEANT TO THE INDUSTRY'S GROWTH?

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

IT WILL LIKELY BE YOUR FIRST & LAST JOB????

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

LOTS OF GOOD TIMES AT BOGS & CRCS. AND I WON'T BEGIN TO DISCUSS THE PAST GOLF TOURNAMENTS.

WHAT OTHER INTERESTS AND/OR HOBBIES DO YOU HAVE?

FAMILY, JOGGING, RACQUETBALL, KSU SPORTS & SPORTS IN GENERAL

ANY OTHER COMMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE?