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**April
ASPE Meeting**

April 22, 2008

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CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS...LES SCOTT

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

I am sorry to announce the passing of past Society President Ken Wentink. Ken passed away April 13, 2008.

Meeting Location:

Due to the rising cost of room rental the Charlotte Chapter will now be meeting at Charlotte Pipe Foundry Meeting Room. Please see the V.P. Technical report for meeting location and additional details.

Chapter Officer Elections:

Chapter this month everyone will be voting on a new Charlotte Chapter Board of Directors. If you have a desire to serve on the Board please let me know before the election at the next Chapter Meeting held April 22nd. Below is a list of nominees for the upcoming chapter elections.

Charlotte ASPE Board of Directors Nominees:

- Chapter President: Todd Arnett
 - VP Technical: Scott Steindler
 - VP Legislative: Les Scott
 - VP Education: George Reese
 - VP Membership: Laura Pelchat
- Secretary/ Treasurer: John Clark

The induction of the newly elected Board Members will be held during the May Chapter Meeting.

ASPE - EPE /Convention:

It seems that the Convention is going to be a "**BLOW OUT**". As of today the convention hotel has is sold out. Below is a list of hotels located near the Convention Hall. If you are attending please let the Board know. As you can tell below the accommodations was to officially open May 5th. It seems that a few people are getting a jump on their lodging. If you plan on attending I would recommend that you make arrangements as soon as possible.

The ASPE 2008 Convention and Engineered Plumbing Exposition's registration and hotel accommodations will officially open Monday, May 5. A wide variety of hotel rates have been established that should suit virtually every financial palate, but remember; all rooms are reserved on a first-come, first-reserved basis. The hotels in the ASPE hotel block are:

- **Hyatt Regency Long Beach (headquarters)** \$161, Next to Convention Center; **SOLD OUT**
- Renaissance, \$159 across the street from Convention Center;
- Hilton, \$159, 0.6 miles away;
- The Westin, \$159 single, \$179 double two blocks away;
- Queen Mary, \$125, 2.1 miles away;
- The Coast, \$125, 2 miles away;
- Best Western at the Convention Center, \$99, 0.3 miles away,
- Rodeway Inn, \$99, 0.3 miles away,
- Travelodge, \$99, 0.4 miles away,
- Best Western Golden Sails, \$84, 5 miles away,
- Guesthouse Hotel, \$84, 4.5 miles away.

Other than for Convention and EPE events, shuttle busing will be limited to the Queen Mary, The Coast, and the Hilton. Be prepared to walk or drive for all other properties.

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Greetings to all,

A couple of changes for the better will take place for this month's technical session. First, Chris Mandell and Charlotte Pipe has offered our chapter their meeting room for our technical sessions. **We will no longer meet at the Dowd YMCA** due to the rate increase. Hence, our next technical session will be held on April 22, 2008 at 11:30 am at Charlotte Pipe's meeting room which is located at 632 West Summit Avenue in Charlotte. Please extend thanks to Chris and any other member of the Charlotte Pipe team should you meet them in the future as this is a big help to the chapter.

Second, our lunch menu has changed for the better (unless you are on a diet). Lunch will be catered and for this technical session we'll have roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, broccoli soufflé, yeast rolls, and cream cheese pound cake. Sweet and un-sweetened tea is also included. The caterer has a large menu and we hope to change the lunch each month.

Our presenter for this technical session will be John Clark of Green Turtle Americas. John is going to bring us up to date on grease interceptor code changes, and acquaint us with hydrogen sulfide contamination and acid neutralization systems. Please come and hear what John has to offer and enjoy the "new and improved" lunch menu.

Our annual chapter golf tournament is this Friday April 18th. Scott Cathey, our tournament coordinator, has informed me that we have 19 hole sponsors and 52 players that have registered. It's not too late to sign up if you would like to participate. Your's truly will not be in attendance as I welcomed a newborn daughter into the world last week. The birds and squirrels will be safe this year.

Many thanks to all of you that have registered for and sponsored this years tournament. Also, an "atta boy" goes to Scott Cathey for putting it all together.

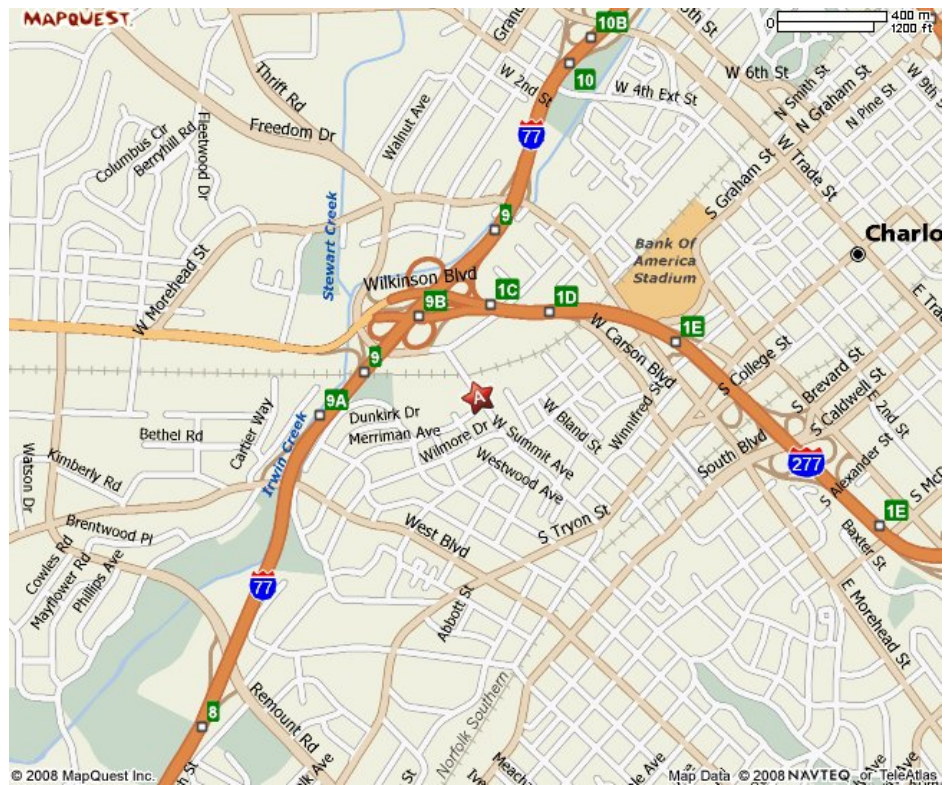
Have fun and be safe.

Best Regards,

Todd Arnett
Vice President Technical

New Meeting Location:

632 W. Summit Ave



Well folks, this is it. This will be my last article for you as your VP Legislative. I would like to thank those of you who had the confidence to elect me to this position with the Chapter. It has been a very valuable learning experience and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

I am also thankful to the other current Board Members and our outgoing President, Mr. Les Scott. Please take a moment of your time to shake the hand of (or write a check to) your outgoing 2007 Board.

Ad Nauseum...

Now I swear I wasn't going to write about the CMUD rate increase but here I go again. By now we are all aware that we are so good at conserving water in Charlotte that the only way our poor Utility Company can stay in business is to raise the rates of 252,000 customers by \$6.00 a month. I can assure you that there are a whole lot of upset people out there who all agree that this was a terrible message to send.

However, there are a lot of factors that need to be addressed in regards to this.

One interesting thing is that the tier restructuring that has taken place will affect the residential customers only whilst the big users, such as Coca Cola, pay a standard rate and are not on a tiered system. The large commercial accounts are on a fixed rate system since their consumption does not fluctuate during the course of the year. The rate they pay equates better to the upper tier that a residential customer would use during the irrigation season. This does not seem correct to me. If the rates are going to be raised we all should share the burden, not just to residential users.

The Green Industry people recently flew in a gentleman from the Rancho Water District, to meet with Doug Bean to discuss how that Jurisdiction promotes Conservation without being vulnerable to financial instabilities. The exact details of the proposal are unclear to me, but it has been explained that the rates are based more upon a fixed charge and shift the financial burden on the to mid and small size users. Obviously, this is not an acceptable solution either. I commend CMUD for dismissing this as what I perceive as a "Special Interest" attempting to shift the financial responsibility from their wallets, to those of the public.

My only real concern at this point is that the decision makers in office (Charlotte City Council) are not always privy to such discussions in the first place. Our policies need to be based on all the facts and open communication could easily alleviate the concerns (and paranoia) of the general public.

There are several stages involved in making an important policy decision. The first is knowing what questions to ask! This is the role ASPE has been playing with certain City Council members. By speaking with them and expressing concerns and ideas they are better able to ask the important questions regarding the issue at hand. The second factor is investigation. Nobody has all the answers all the time, and it is just as important to ask those who are experts in the field to provide materials and ideas that can be compiled and reviewed. The next stage is implementation. I believe this is where we are with rebate programs. The matter is on the books in Charlotte City Council. Now that the severe drought appears to be over, we can move on to implementing programs that promote conservation consistently.

Many thanks to **Phil Edwards** of Mecklenburg County Code Enforcement for his informative session. It was a great opportunity to clarify some of the planning regulations, and procedures for inspections and approvals.

I'd like to welcome several new members: **Michael Collarin** with HESM&A moved here from San Antonio, **Kevin Morgan** with Moen, **Greg Nahrgang** with Charlotte Pipe & Foundry, and **Brad Smalling** with Victaulic. This puts our membership up to 88 - we're the fourth largest in Region 3. National membership is at 6772, they are hoping to reach over 7000 next year.

Remember, we still need to have 90 members by June, for our delegate count. We're moving in a very positive direction: our member attendance at the Tech Sessions has been increasing, the new location & menu should certainly be an improvement.

Let me know if you're planning to attend the **2008 ASPE Convention and EPE Show in Long Beach**. We're trying to coordinate accommodations. Since it's our 20th anniversary, we really would like to make a strong showing there.

Congratulations to two of our members. **Scott Steindler's** family welcomed a new baby boy three weeks ago, and **Todd Arnett's** family added a baby girl last week. Just nudge them awake at the meeting!

As always, if you would like membership information sent to someone, please let me know, lpelchat@smithandstevenson.com

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Scott Steindler - 8 years
Todd Arnett - 4 years
Scott Elliott, Robin McCombs - 3 years
Tim Friday - 2 years

Check out our great sources of experience, this is a lot of years with ASPE!

Birthdays -

April

Wes Horne - 8th
John Callahan - 9th
Phillip Edwards - 12th
Dick McCracken - 12th
Jeff Hicks - 24th

Dates to Remember

April 16 - ASPE Webinar: Green Opportunites in Medical Gases, \$69.95 for members

April 18 - Charlotte Chapter of ASPE Golf Tournament Fund Raiser

April 18 or 19 - CPD online exam

May 14 - ASPE Webinar: Siphonic Roof Drainage - free to ASPE members

July 16 - ASPE Webinar: Water Heater Sizing - TBD

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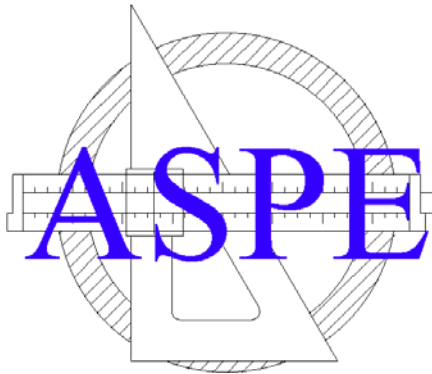
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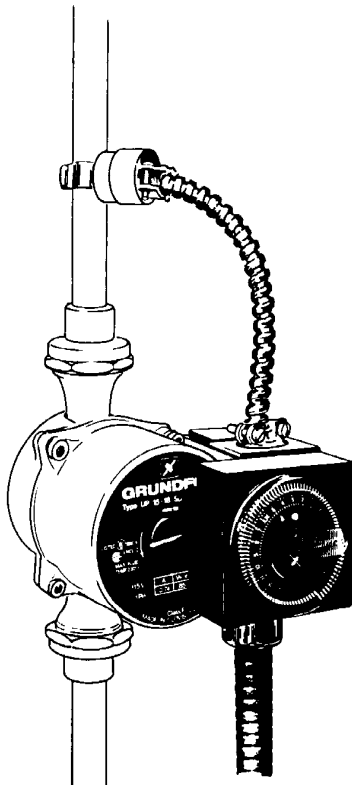
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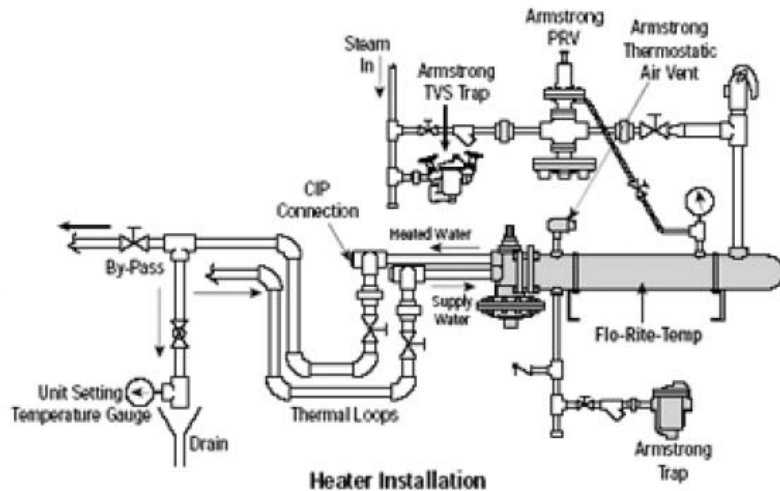
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HELP! We need input from you regarding helpful information, articles, or websites that you find useful. Let me know of any dates of upcoming events that would be beneficial to the membership.

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