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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings ASHRAE Members,

It is nearly the completion of my year of service as the Idaho Chapter President which means a couple things.

First and foremost, you all survived the silly decision to elect me to this position.

Second, it is almost time for our most important meeting; the golf tournament.

Sign up your team for the June 13th event at our chapter web site:

www.idahoashrae.com) It is very easy to do, takes about 30 seconds, and will allow you to use your company or personal credit card. Please, take a minute out of your day and sign up now so that we can get a proper count.

Third, it is election time. Our president elect, Mr. Jeff Fulcher has assembled the candidates below to serve on the 2008 – 2009 board. Please come to this Friday's meeting to elect these positions and feel free to add a write in candidate if you feel someone else would make a good choice.

President – Jeff Fulcher

President Elect – Spencer Shepard

Secretary – Pam Havey

Treasurer – Cameron Sprinkel

Past President / BOG – Xenon Long

BOG – Dennis Fox

BOG – Todd Haines

BOG – Laura Rasmussen

Technology Transfer – Carl Marcum

Membership – Rick Goeres

Student Activities – Cory Law

Newsletter – Shelly Weatherby

Historian – Steve Hardy

Resource Promotion – Scott Mackay

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Last, I would like to thank everyone

who helped make this year a success. Those people include: Jeff Fulcher, Spencer Shephard, Pam Havey, Arden Davis, Carl Marcum, Roger Dean, Rick Goeres, Cory Law, Robin Long, Steve Hardy, Cameron Sprinkel, Scott Mackay, Kenny Calkins, Dave Musgrove, Ken Baker, and Curt Nichols

I look forward to seeing everyone at the golf tournament and I hope you have a great summer

Xenon Long
Idaho Chapter President

PROGRAMS

This month's presenter is Gus Engstrom, from Boise State University. He is bringing in a recumbent bike that he built to compete in the Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) competition. He will be discussing the design process, how the bike handled in competition, and areas that he would improve in future iterations.

WHEN: May 9th, 2008
11:45 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Idaho Power Building
1222 Main Street
Boise, ID

HISTORY LESSON

Five Years Ago

The chapter president was Preston Nance. The meeting was held on May 9, 2003, at the Double Tree Riverside. Tim Wentz, ASHRAE Region IX DRC, gave a regional and national ASHRAE update.

Fifteen Years Ago

The chapter president was Richard Kartchner. The meeting was held on May 14, 1993, at Edwards Restaurant. Gary Chellette, Bell & Gossett., presented a steam seminar with emphasis on steam trap operation, application, and selection

BEN KOHLER

A Short Biography

Ben Kohler was born in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He has been married for 38 years, has 3 children, 2 girls and 1 boy, 7 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren.

He attended Kinman Business University in Spokane, WA, and majored in accounting. He went to night classes while working full time at Kaiser Aluminum in the packaging department, and graduated in 1960.

After graduation, Ben worked for a small utility company in Coeur d'Alene until 1967. His job was to verify that money from loans was spent and that the contractors actually built what they were supposed to build. In 1967, Ben moved to Boise and started working at Boise Heating.

In 1971, Ben went to work for Marcum, Inc.. Marcum, Inc. became YMC where Ben is still employed today. Ben now works 4 days per week, negotiating projects. He likes his work and has no plans to retire. He says that when the boss gets tired of seeing him and asks him to stay home more, he will consider retirement. Ben sees the construction industry as challenging, interesting, and sometimes fun.

Ben joined ASHRAE in 1981, and has served the Idaho Chapter well. He was the T.E.G.A. chair from 1992 until 1996 and won the Region IX Outstanding TEGA Chair award. He served on the Board Of Governors for the 1997-1998 year. He was the CRC alternate for the 1999-2000 year. He served as Treasurer, Secretary, President Elect, and became the chapter President for the 2000-2001 year. Ben likes meeting people, and thinks that he learns more from talking to people at ASHRAE meetings and conventions than he can learn from reading about things.

Ben has served as president of several other organizations local chapters. He was president of Idaho Mechanical Contractors in 1972, joined CSI in 1982 and was president of Construction Specifications Institute in 1999, and is currently president

of SMACNA. Ben says no more; he is done with the presidencies. He is also a Rotary member since 1999, and joined the Boise Executive Association in 1983 which Ben calls fun.

For fun in his spare time, Ben has 1930 Ford Model A which he has restored, and a 1970 Jeep Commando which he has restored. He also enjoys travelling to the Oregon and Washington coasts and through western Canada. He enjoys fishing for salmon, steelhead, trout, bass, and croppie in the Snake River, Salmon River, along the coast, and in lakes and ponds. When asked to be more specific about his favorite fishing spots, Ben declined to comment.

Steve Hardy Historian

RESOURCE PROMOTION

Dear ASHRAE Supporters:

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You can also give it to me or Xenon Long (President of Idaho Chapter) at our meeting this Friday. I would also be happy to stop and pick it up from you.

I appreciate everyone's help and support.

Cameron Sprinkel Research Promotion Chair