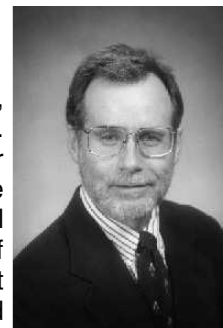


## Chapter History for Society Year 1980-1981



The 1980-1981 Society year for the Austin ASHRAE Chapter (066) began on August 21, 1980. The meeting was announced with Volume XXII, Issue No. 1 of the Austin Register. The meeting was at Sid's Restaurant on Lamar. This was the beginning of the term for President William (Bill) Adair, P.E.; the Austin Chapter's Twenty-Fifth (25<sup>th</sup>) President. The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary for the Austin Chapter would occur in April, 1981. Unfortunately, Bill passed away a few years ago at the young age of 54. Bill was a graduate of the University of Texas, and at the time of his death was a Managing Principal and Director of Engineering at O'Connell Robertson & Associates, Inc. where he had worked since 1981. As a dedicated member of the local engineering community, Bill was not only a member of ASHRAE but was also involved in other professional associations such as the Texas Association of Healthcare Facility Managers. Throughout his career, he was involved in the design of numerous educational and healthcare facilities throughout Texas.

Bill was another early ASHRAE enthusiast who spent numerous hours in the Chapter filling various committee and officers positions until reaching the Presidency. Note that in the "old days", there was the typical five (5) member group of Officers that our Chapter has seen for many years. However, the slate of Board of Governors during Bill's term included only three (3) members, and there was a completely separate Newsletter Editor. There were several committees at the time also. If anyone is interested in some of those members responsible for other aspects of the Austin Chapter's organization, this information can be found by reading through the archived Newsletters at the Austin History Center (AHC). All the Chapter's historical documents are being maintained at the AHC located at 810 Guadalupe Street (Corner of Ninth and Guadalupe Streets). You can go into the AHC and ask to see the Index to Archives and Manuscripts Collections and look up the American Society or Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers and find our index number of: AR-1997.016.

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<b>Treasurer</b>	Mel Foster		
<b>Secretary</b>	Maury Hughes, Jr.	<b>Editor</b>	Dan Jacobsen

Other support for the Chapter was provided by these Committee members:

<b>Reception/Phone</b>	Open	<b>Historian</b>	Open
<b>Research</b>	Bill Crook	<b>Education</b>	Everett Hall, P.E.
<b>Technical &amp; CRC</b>	Bruce Evans	<b>Energy Mgt</b>	Gene Konde
<b>Membership</b>	Gordon Ross	<b>Attendance</b>	Bill Adair, P.E.
<b>Editor / Roster</b>	Open		

Bill's Presidential message in the August addition of The Austin Register indicated that there was preparation for a seminar to cover the new load calculation procedures published in the 1977 Handbook of Fundamentals. The seminar was to be held on September 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch and coffee breaks. Only 40 spots were available for a price of \$65 to attend. He also announced that the August meeting was dedicated to "Past Presidents Night".

Even though only six (6) newsletters exist, the Chapter planned for nine (9) meetings from August through May 21, 1981 with no meeting for December. As with tradition, all the meetings were scheduled for the third Thursday of the month. The Chapter always tried to participate in a joint meeting with San Antonio in those days and it was scheduled for the following February 17, 1981.

During the previous summer organization meetings, the BOG met similar to what the Chapter does today. Two different meetings were held at Mechanical Reps offices at 3901 Woodbury Drive. One meeting was on July 21 and the other on August 11. These meetings covered several topics of interest that were discussed with great interest and concern, and were voted upon. After great debate, the cost of Chapter Dues remained at \$15, while meal prices had to rise from \$7 to \$7.50 due to a price increase from Sid's Restaurant. Student meals were established at \$5. The cost of drinks also increased to \$1.25 for Hi-balls, while beer remained at \$1. There was a discussion about possibly having a Golf Tournament.

President Adair then proposed a budget for his Society Year of \$1,580 with budget line items as follows: Austin Register \$300, Roster \$350, Postage \$250, CRC Travel \$100 with the CRC Report at \$100, Chapter Scholarships \$250, and Miscellaneous Items at \$230. This is an indication of what the cost of money is now-a-days.

The new President also established the following goals for his year:

- 1) Provide educational seminars for the purpose of making money for Research Promotion. There would be two: the first would be on HVAC Load Calculations in September, and the second would be one put on by the Austin Chapter.
- 2) Energy Conservation competition which would have two categories, new construction and existing construction.
- 3) Quality Programs and technical sessions comparable in quality to the previous year.
- 4) Do not lose money on meals and bar sales.

## **AUGUST**

On the third Thursday of the month (August 21), the Austin Chapter of ASHRAE began the new year under President Adair. The Chapter followed the same pattern as it has in many years: a Social Hour from 5:30-6:00 p.m., then dinner started at 6:30 p.m. Shortly after the beginning of dinner at around 7:00 p.m., President Adair began the business portion of the meeting with a round of self introductions and finishing about 7:20. During the business portion of the meeting, the Past President Joe Lowke presented a report on the Annual Picnic which was held at the Porter Ranch on June 14. President Lowke announced the Picnic showed a small profit of \$1.65. President Adair then announced the Seminar for September 21<sup>st</sup> and allowed the meeting program to start at that time. As is always the case, many members would hang around a little after the meeting to discuss local projects, politics, or just family and friends.

The Program was on "Energy Ordinance in New Construction for the City of Austin", and the speakers were Lonnie Davis, Armand Ablanado, and Sam Gore. Mr. Davis was the Chief Building Inspector for the City of Austin at the time. He started with the Inspectors Department in 1958 and took the helm in 1969. He was innovative in helping establish a single permit system, combining inspections, and working on the Energy Conservation Ordinance. Mr. Ablanado was the Assistant Director of Inspectors at the time and had already served 21 years as an Engineer in the U.S. Army. He had attended The University of Alabama, The University of Maryland, and the Army School of Engineers in Virginia, and he had direct influence over the development of the Energy Ordinance. Mr. Gore was the Chief Mechanical Inspector with 20 years of experience in building construction in the areas of Mechanical and Plumbing as a contractor. He joined the COA staff in 1973 and was also President of the local Chapter of the Refrigeration Service Engineers at the time. All three covered the time frame for implementation of the Ordinance and discussed how it will affect the design practice within Austin. This was a tremendous asset to the ASHRAE members so they could prepare for a smooth transition. Invitations were extended to the then COA Mayor, the Honorable McClellan as well as City Council Members. Since the archive collection does not contain the September Newsletter, this author was unable to verify if any other COA officials actually attended the meeting.

## **SEPTEMBER**

Even though a Newsletter did not exist for this month, a summary of the meeting was obtained from the meeting minutes in the October Newsletter. (Sometimes the old ways are still the best ways!)

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. at Sid's Restaurant on September 18, 1980. After a call for self introductions by President Adair, the Minutes of the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved as published in the Register. Mr. Mel Foster gave a treasurer's report indicating the Chapter's savings account and checking account balances were about \$1,052 and \$1,109, respectively. Mel reported that 54 members and 1 student had paid their dues to date. At that time, 49 members had paid their local dues. Mr. Gordon Ross then provided a membership report and encouraged all members to pay their local dues as well as Society dues. Everett Hall introduced Paul Campbell who was the recipient of the Chapter's precious years' scholarship award. Mr. Eddie Bloomquist introduced the speaker for the evening. Mr. Bob Cochrane presented an interesting program on the "Rankine Cycle Solar Cooling Machine". The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

## **OCTOBER**

Did you know that mailing the Newsletter this month only cost 15 cents. The regular meeting for October was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Sid's Restaurant. The Social began at 5:30 p.m. The Technical session was provided by Les Ward of Gerling, Thomas, and Ward and was on the topic of "The application of open cooling towers for water source heat pumps". This session lasted from 6:10 pm to 6:30 p.m. when dinner promptly started. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and after the minutes of the September 18 meeting were approved, President Adair asked for introductions of guests and members. Joe Lowke introduced two new female members (a rare occurrence even now in our Chapter), Elaine Slagle and Salli Kindred. During the business session, President Adair announced that the load calculation seminar held the previous month was a success both educationally and monetarily. Thirty-five (35) attendees raised \$400 in profits to kick off the research promotion drive. Some fees were returned to those who had paid and cancelled prior to the day of the seminar. Mike Hart assisted Mel Foster in returning those funds. President Adair discussed a joint meeting with ASME to be held in the following March, and also announced that the Chapter was preparing for "Ladies Nite" on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Every member was encouraged to bring their wife or date, or both. Bill also mentioned that Curt Fox was recovering from heart surgery and that the Chapter wished him well.

Mr. Bill Crook, Research Promotion Chair announced that the BOG had set a goal of \$3,500 for Research, and that a target list of contributors would be assembled very soon. Treasurer Mel Foster gave a report indicating the Chapter's savings account and checking account balances were about \$1,063 and \$2,264, respectively. Mel reported that the Chapter had 91 members, 1 life member, 1 student member, and 2 "promises". Gordon Ross then provided a membership report and talked about a special mailer that had been sent out to prospective local members. He reported 66 local members to date. It was also announced that the Secretary, Mr. Maury Hughes will get announcements of local ASHRAE meetings and seminars printed in the Austin American Statesman. Eddie Bloomquist had planned to introduce the speaker for the Program scheduled at 7:20 p.m., however, the speaker did not show for the meeting. So Eddie began and led an impromptu discussion of Austin's new Energy Conservation Code. At that time, the City had received a grant from the State of Texas, Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council to fund the Office of Energy Conservation and Renewable Resources new Comprehensive Community Energy Management Program (CCEMP). The City Manager at the time, Mr. Dan Davidson wanted to thank our Chapter for its initial support and to strongly encourage us to continue our involvement.

## **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER/JANUARY**

Information regarding these three meetings is not available as the Newsletters do not currently exist in the Library archives. Although maybe not earth shattering, this is an example of a brief moment in history lost perhaps forever.

## **FEBRUARY**

What history we know of regarding the February meeting is available as a "meeting summary" found in Volume XXII, the Number 6 edition of the Austin Register dated March 1981. This newsletter states that the February meeting was a joint meeting with the Alamo Chapter, on February 17. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Nite hawk Restaurant by the Alamo Chapter President, Mr. Joe Rohats. President Rohats welcomed the Austin Chapter and asked for self introductions. He then introduced Mr. Ross Meriweather, P.E., who spoke on "Energy Use Trends – Overall and as Related to Buildings". The joint meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

## **MARCH**

The March meeting was on the 26<sup>th</sup> and was a joint meeting with ASME, and once again at Sid's Restaurant beginning with at the typical social time of 5:30 p.m. Unlike the typical meeting where Dinner was at 6:30, Business at 7:00 and the Program at 7:20 p.m., this meeting ran a little later. Due to the joint meeting format, approval of the previous meeting's minutes and the Treasurer's report were not completed. The meeting was called to order by ASME President, Mr. Dale Klein at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Klein welcomed all those present and then turned the meeting over to ASHRAE President Adair who had introductions. During the business session, several announcements were made. President Adair mentioned that the CRC was coming up fast and was to be held at the Marriott Hotel, West Loop in Houston, Texas on April 30 through May 2. He pointed out that "You never really understand the significance of ASHRAE until you attend a CRC".

Mr. Bill Crook kicked off the Research Promotion activities and announced his committee was beginning to solicit donations in earnest. The targeted groups included all consultants, contractors and equipment representatives as well as local members. Bill announced at the meeting that the Chapter had already raised \$800 (22.8% of target) as a result of profits from two seminars the Chapter had sponsored. In the previous year, the Chapter had the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest dollar per member ratio of the 11 Chapters in the Region, and Bill's goal was to do a better job through

organization and member cooperation.

Lastly, the Nominating Committee consisting of Noel Robertson, Gene Konde, and Jim Rea presented the following slate of Officers to serve the Chapter for Society Year 1981-1982. The Committee asked if there were any other nominations from the floor, and none were given so nominations were closed. The Committee indicated this slate would be inducted at the April meeting.

<b>President</b>	Bruce Evans	<b>Secretary</b>	Allen Perry
<b>Pres. Elect</b>	Mike Hart	<b>BOG#1</b>	Bill Adair
<b>Vice President</b>	Warren Cole	<b>BOG#2</b>	Dave Berry
<b>Treasurer</b>	Larry Bloomquist	<b>BOG#3</b>	Bill Feduniak

President Adair then turned the meeting back over to Mr. Klein who carried out ASME's business. President Klein then introduced the program speaker Mr. James Farrell, Manager of Technical Communications for Motorola, who gave an interesting talk on "Innovation in Marketing Methods". The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

#### **APRIL**

The April 16, 1981 Chapter meeting was again held at Sid's with the meeting called to order by President Adair at 7:30 p.m. Bill welcomed all those present and began the introductions as always. Following approval of the minutes of the March meeting, Bill Crook reported on Research Promotion. Mike Hart reported that he had been selected to serve on the executive committee for the City of Austin's Comprehensive Community Energy Management Program, and that the various committees were about ready to make their recommendations.

President Adair then presented the new slate of officers obtained from the nominating committee and that since no new nominations had been received at the last meeting, asked the members to elect the entire slate by a show of hands. The election was unanimous. Bill then announced that the ASHRAE Austin Chapter's Annual Picnic would be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Porter Ranch. He was currently searching for a chairman to head up the arrangements. Lastly President Adair asked our Director and Region 8 Chairman, Mr. Howard Decker to say a few words about the upcoming CRC in Houston. Once the business was complete, Gordon Ross introduced the speaker, Mr. Harold Straub, who gave a presentation on "Retrofitting for VAV Systems". Author's note: A brief list of 28 potential program topics was included in this issue of the Register and members were asked to rank the topics with a rating of 1 to 10 in level of interest. The results would be compiled to help determine the possible program topics for the following Society Year.

#### **MAY**

The May 21<sup>st</sup>, 1981 Chapter meeting was an Update on the Austin Energy Ordinance on Energy Management, and had the same three speakers from the August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1980 meeting. The Program speakers were again, Lonnie Davis, Armand Ablanado, and Sam Gore from the City of Austin. All three covered the problems incurred during the initial implementation of the Austin Energy Ordinance. They also discussed the program outlook, what is to be expected in the future of the program, and energy ordinances enforced in other cities.

President Adair began the business session of the meeting by stating that the Austin Chapter was represented by eleven (11) local members at the April CRC, and thanks them publicly for contributing their time and effort in attending. Bill indicated that the Austin Chapter looked quite good in comparison to the other Region 8 Chapters in all respects but Research Promotion. The Austin Chapter had collected the lowest dollar total of all eleven Region 8 Chapters at the time of the CRC. The Chapter had \$2,100 with less than 10% of the local membership contributing. In contrast, the Central Oklahoma, and Fort Worth Chapters had collected over \$20,000 each. A brief item regarding delinquent members was mentioned, and it was suggested that delinquents should either pay their dues or resign. Finally, the audit committee nominees of Larry Bloomquist, Bill Fudenick, Neil Hastings, and Bill Lowke were selected to close out the past year Treasurer's books to prepare for the upcoming Society Year.

#### **JUNE - JULY**

The Austin Chapter typically did not hold regular meeting during the months of June and July. Within the April edition of the Austin Register, there was mention of the annual picnic to be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Porter Ranch. There was no immediate information available on whether or not the summer picnic was held, but I am sure it was as this was a tradition for the Austin Chapter during this period of history.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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