



NEWSLETTER

INFORMATION & NEWS FROM ASHRAE
OTTAWA VALLEY CHAPTER

JANUARY 1973

JANUARY MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1973

*"ARE THE HIGH COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION
GOING TO PUT US ALL OUT OF BUSINESS?!"*

A most significant and controversial topic for all of us, particularly when faced with the rapid economic and industrial changes today.

The discussion will take the form of a panel with excellent representation from the Mechanical Construction Industry.

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| Supplier | - Mr. Don McKeen | - D. C. McKeen Limited |
| Contractor | - Mr. John Robertson | - Watts & Henderson (Ottawa) Ltd. |
| Organized Labor | - Mr. Ron Taylor | - Sheet Metal Workers International Assoc. |
| Owner Builder | - Surprise! | |

OTTAWA VALLEY CHAPTER TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

As one step towards the objective of encouraging greater technical activity and communication at the Chapter level, the Technical Committee has begun to develop an inventory of local technical interest and resources in the field of ASHRAE. The purpose is to identify potential sources of technical papers based on local experience and activity, and appropriate topics for seminar and discussion sessions.

An informal survey will be conducted by telephone and the assistance and cooperation of the membership will be appreciated.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Annual Ottawa Valley Chapter Ladies' Night was held on Thursday, November 30, 1973, and though rather limited in attendance (approx. 26 couples), it was highlighted by an excellent meal and a fun evening dancing to the Paul Ruffo Combo.

CURLING is just around the corner. More on the time and place at the January 16th meeting.

ATTENTION SKIERS:

This year ASHRAE is considering a skiing weekend at Mont Tremblant Lodge in the Laurentians. This will be a complete package consisting of tow tickets for Saturday and Sunday, dinner Saturday night, breakfast Sunday morning and accommodation in the beautiful Mont Tremblant Lodge, famous for its excellent cuisine and skiing facilities. This is a weekend away for both husband and wife, both avid skier and beginner. The skiing itself is only part of the available activities; even the non-skier can have a marvellous time.

This complete package will be available to ASHRAE members and guests for approximately \$30 per person. In order that we can make reservations it is essential that we have some feedback by our January 23 meeting as to how many of you will be attending. More details can be obtained by calling Gary Beatty at 729-1425.

If you are interested please call Gary as soon as possible. The date for the event will be late March; excellent for Spring skiing. Please advise your phone committee if you will be taking part.

ASHRAE MARCHES ON!

At the recent ASHRAE Annual Meeting, held in Nassau, Bahamas, many new and important policies were established by various committees. New kinds of ASHRAE Meetings were scheduled; new intersociety relationships were established; a Canadian ASHRAE Research group was set up; an ASHRAE information retrieval system was begun; GUIDE & DATA BOOK's name was changed; and a system was set up whereby Symposium papers can be made more readily available.

In an effort to bring more of the industry's technology to a greater segment of the membership, ASHRAE will conduct three conferences in the spring of 1973. These will be fully supported by the Program Committee and ASHRAE staff. In addition, a Regional Meeting will be held in conjunction with each Conference. These are scheduled for Regina, Saskatchewan; Madison, Wisconsin; and Louisville, Kentucky. The Louisville Conference will also be the Annual Meeting of the Society.

The relationship with other engineering groups will continue, and two important conferences will be co-sponsored by ASHRAE in 1973. The first is in conjunction with the National Bureau of Standards (NBS) and the Automated Procedures for Engineering Consultants, Inc. (APEC). This will be the Second International Computer Symposium, and will be held in April, 1973 in Paris.

ASHRAE will also co-sponsor a conference on the proposed Performance Criteria for Building Environments. This will be held in April, 1973 in Washington, and will be sponsored by the National Bureau of Standards, National Research Council of Canada, American Institute of Architects, Acoustical Society of America, Illuminating Engineers Society, and National Public Health Service.

In continuing the Society's efforts to provide more information to its membership, a liaison agreement with the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) has been approved. This will enable all members of ASHRAE to obtain many important services from NSPE.

There has been a problem in the past related to Canadian support of Society research programs because of the existing Canadian tax laws. We have recently established a group in Canada called ASHRAE Research Canada, and through this channel contributions to support ASHRAE research projects within Canada will be tax exempt. We anticipate that this will benefit both the Society and the Canadian research agencies.

The "information explosion" in the past decade has emphasized the need for better information retrieval programs. A comprehensive information retrieval program has been initiated by ASHRAE, and its first phase will consist of information developed by ASHRAE since 1959. Future stages will incorporate prior information developed by the precedent societies, and also technical information related to our fields of interest developed by others.

To better project the Society image, and at the recommendation of the Guide & Data Book Committee, the name of the ASHRAE technical reference has been changed from ASHRAE GUIDE & DATA BOOK to ASHRAE HANDBOOK. It is believed that this title better indicates the overall scope of the book. In the future we will have a four-handbook series covering the areas of fundamentals, applications, equipment, and systems.

In the past we have not been able to provide Symposium papers at the time of the meeting, and frequently they appeared only in later issues of ASHRAE JOURNAL or in bulletins. Frequently papers presented at Symposia never appeared in print at all. Starting with the Chicago Meeting in January, Xerox copies of Symposium manuscripts will be made during the Meeting for those who order them. This is possible only because the Program Committee has initiated a procedure by which Symposium papers will be reviewed prior to presentation.

We will continue to produce bulletins when there is a demand for them, and many of these papers will still be published in the JOURNAL.

(Abstracted from Andy Boggs' report to ASHRAE Membership, ASHRAE JOURNAL, August, 1972.)