



The Capsule

Newsletter for the Spacecoast Chapter of ASHRAE

September 2013 Issue

Message from the Chapter President

By Scott Seigel, PE, LEED AP, CEM, CxA, OPMP
Chapter President & Grassroots Government Activities Chair

Life is great! I am President of the best ASHRAE Chapter in the world. We get to tour breweries, receiving free beer samples. Distinguished Lecturers keep emailing us to speak at our meetings. A power plant tour beckons, with a refrigeration plant tour just over the horizon. Can you say free ice cream samples? Maybe we can tour Krispy Kreme just before work. After all, it is on the way. I keep writing "free samples" ... beer, ice cream, maybe even donuts. It was decided to shake the tree to see what nuts (and donuts) dropped this year. We are tired of doing things the same old way like we have been doing the past 27 years, so we changed venue and the menu... not that there is anything wrong with that.

There will be a few presentations; however, we will also liven things up. First, we have changed the venue, but I already said that. We have also changed the menu, but I have also said that too. But, you ask, "Why Scott?" Well... with the KSC downturn, our clientele geography has moved more County Central; therefore our first meeting will be at Tuscany Grill in Suntree. It is just off I-95 on Wickham Rd. Later this year, meetings will alternate in Palm Bay, so please recommend a location when you attend our Suntree meeting on September 10th. Step right up. Wait until you see the bearded lady! Or the two headed cat! We even borrowed an Alien from NASA, but it will blend in among the engineers. Whoever finds the Alien receives a free dinner.

(Hint: Look for the person wearing a black jacket, white shirt, and perhaps black rim glasses.)

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Coming up

Tour of New FPL Power Plant
Tues., Oct. 8
Details will be sent by e-mail.

Microbrewery Tour
Tues., Nov. 12 (Location TBD)
MP & Refrigeration Night

Membership Promotion

By John Constantinide, MS
Chapter President-Elect & Membership Promotion
Chair

Welcome back for another year of ASHRAE! I hope to see you at an upcoming Chapter meeting or one of the many tours being planned for this year. Speaking of tours, **be sure to mark your calendar for this year's microbrewery tour: Tuesday, November 12.** Returning as the Chapter's Membership Promotion Night, we will look behind the scenes of a brewery operation and raise our beer glasses in honor of you, our Chapter members.

It is a great time to be a part of the Spacecoast Chapter! Spread the word about ASHRAE, and encourage your engineering colleagues to come to a technical meeting.

Also, be sure to renew your ASHRAE membership when your membership is about to expire. The Chapter appreciates fellow members, like Kevin Messer, for renewing their membership. Membership is the key to the latest handbooks and discounts on the best training and certification courses in HVAC&R engineering. When you renew your Society membership, please remember to pay Chapter dues. Your monthly meetings and activities depend on them.

Although long overdue, I would like to thank Dynatherm Resources and Thermal Equipment Solutions for buying a round of drinks at two of last year's meetings. Their sponsorships will be recognized at the September meeting.

If you have membership questions or would like to be involved with the Membership Promotion committee, please e-mail me at john.cosntantinide@alphamrc.com.

Congratulations!

At this year's CRC, John Constantinide was awarded the Region XII Award for Outstanding New Membership Promotion (MP) Chair. His outstanding and distinguished service to the Spacecoast Chapter was recognized by Jason Alphonso, Regional Vice President for MP. John met his arduous membership priorities for Spacecoast Chapter and positioned the Chapter for a recovery in membership numbers. His enthusiasm and energy is greatly appreciated by the Spacecoast Chapter.



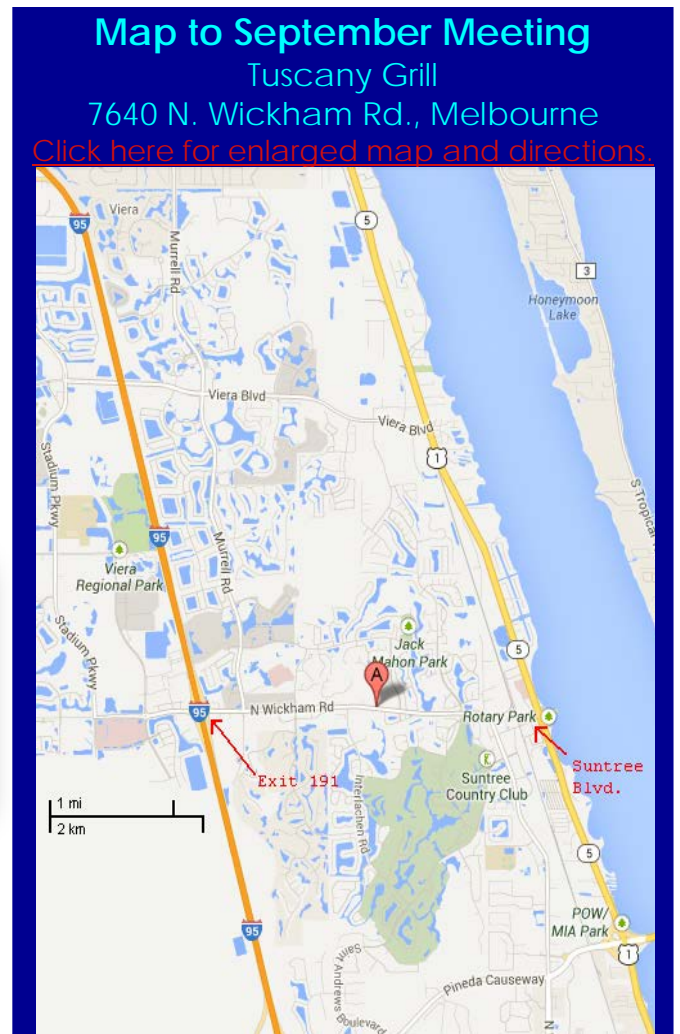
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That's right, there even more...

Most importantly, if you haven't noticed, many of our officers have been volunteering for years. They have been the backbone of the Spacecoast Chapter. Without them there would not be a Spacecoast ASHRAE. Everyone needs to recognize them for their service to engineering and their community. After all, they also have jobs and families just like you do. These volunteer officers in our Chapter are simply the best engineers I have ever known.

Maybe it's time for you to step up and be recognized.



HVAC Panel Discussion

The Orlando Chapter of the International Facility Management Association, a partner organization of ASHRAE, is hosting an **HVAC Panel Discussion on Thursday, September 26, at Valencia College in Lake Nona (12350 Narcoossee Road, Orlando, FL 32832).**

The focus of discussion will be operations and maintenance and will address questions including the following.

Where is the HVAC industry, both controls and equipment, heading in the future? Is energy savings still the key driver? What are some other factors should a facility manager be considering/preparing for?

What are the top three strategies a facility manager can use to get the most bang for the buck?

The HVAC panel discussion will be followed by a tour of the chiller plant and the Green Globes-certified Valencia College campus. Breakfast is included in the event.

[Click here to register for the HVAC Panel Discussion.](#)

ASHRAE Spacecoast Chapter on the Web

Find the latest updates, pay for your Technical meeting dinner in advance, and mark your calendar for upcoming events at the Spacecoast Chapter's website. Visit www.spacecoastashrae.org to connect with your local ASHRAE Chapter.

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Happenings in Society

ASHRAE has several opportunities for members to advance their careers in HVAC&R engineering.

Troubleshooting Humidity Control Problems
Sep. 11
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Energy Modeling: Best Practices and Applications
Sep. 16
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HVAC Design: Level I - Essentials
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