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TENTATIVE 2008-2009 ASPE Chicago Chapter Meeting Schedule

DATE	PRIMER	TECHNICAL	LOCATION
September 18	Zero Power Fixtures	Plumbing Fixtures and LEED	LaVilla 3638 N Pulaski Chicago
October 16	Water Heater Controls	High Efficiency Water Heaters - When is the Proper Application?	The Parthenon 314 S Halsted Chicago
November 20	TBD	Alternative Venting Methods	Rosewood Restaurant 9421 Higgins Rosemont, IL
December 18	Booster Night; Special Entertainment		LaVilla 3638 N Pulaski Chicago
January 15	TBD	Plumbing Contractor Panel Dis- cussion	TBD
February 19	CPVC Sprinkler Piping	Clean Agent Fire Systems and Proper Room Design	TBD
March 19	Point-of-use Water Heaters	Solar Water Heating	LaVilla 3638 N Pulaski Chicago
April 16	Technical Seminars	38th Annual ASPE Chicago Product Show	White Eagle 6839 Milwaukee Ave Niles
May 21	Elections	TBD	The Parthenon 314 S Halsted Chicago
June 19	Annual ASPE Chicago Golf Outing		Hilldale Golf Club 1625 Ardwick Drive Hoffman Estates
July 18 (tentative)		ASPE Ride to the Rock	 Chicagoland to Starved Rock

Local Chapters are not authorized to speak for the Society



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer Time and the Plumbing is Easy!

Actually, it seems that everyone is very busy these days! And here we are. I hope you are enjoying the summer while your Board of Directors is hard at work preparing for the next ASPE season. We are always trying to improve upon the ASPE experience and to better serve you, the membership. This is YOUR Society! Please send us feedback so we know if you like what we are doing. Send all

COMPLAINTS to fxs@grummanbutkus.com. He will file them in the right place!

Your BOD has been busy as always! 2007-2008 was a great ASPE Season and we have more in store for you in 2008-2009. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to serve.

Ride to the Rock

Over \$3,200.00 went to the Leukemia Research Foundation! This is an impressive amount considering there were only 13 bikes and 15 riders! I drove my car, so I don't count. Thanks to Jason McDonald, the Chicago Regional Chapter of ASPE, the Dads' Chapter of the Leukemia Research Foundation, Jason Herber, Joe Ficek, Frank Sanchez, Rick Butler and all of the other ASPE Angels that made this such a success! We had about 15 workers total.

Through a series of situations and circumstances, we found ourselves struggling to pull this off this year. Thankfully, Jason picked up the gauntlet and made it happen! An interesting thing that I learned at this event was that according to Ken's family, the LRF is always coming up with new treatments and constantly making progress! This would not happen without your support! Thanks for helping us to help them.

Mark your calendar for next year's event! Should be about the same time next year, but not set yet. (First Committee Meeting will probably be in January 2009)

Golf Outing

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual Golf Outing in June and especially to Steve Triphahn for once again, and as always, organizing a great outing. Special thanks, too, to the sponsors!

2008 ASPE National Convention/Engineered Plumbing Exposition/ Technical Symposium in Long Beach, California!

As everybody knows, the ASPE Convention is coming up in October in sunny Southern California. You can find registration information on the ASPE website www.aspe.org. You can also find the latest information about the Convention here: http://aspe.org/new/Conv_Symp/conv-symp2008.php.



Also look for SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES for this event! Forms and details are online and included here too. We are very proud to announce that ASPE Chicago Chapter has signed on as a *Platinum Sponsor* for this Convention! How about you? This is a chance to be involved in ASPE. There are also other benefits to sponsors. <http://www.aspe.org/new/index.php>.

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ASPE Webinar

An ASPE Technical Professional Education Program sponsored by Jay R. Smith.

[Siphonic Roof Drainage, Part 2](#)

[Wednesday, September 17, 2008](#)

[1:00pm CT](#)

FREE TO ASPE MEMBERS (because we had a sponsor that paid the fees!) This is yet another good reason to be an ASPE member – cost is \$129.95 for NON-members!

Earn Continuing Education Credits: This one-hour contact program provides 0.1 CEU or 1.0 PDH.

Presenter: John Rattenbury, R.G Vanderweil, LLP

For more information please visit: <http://aspe.org/new/RSA/Webinar/info/CurrentWebinar.php>.

I have participated in 2 ASPE webinars so far, and they were very good.

ASPE Region 5 Presidents' Meeting

On June 7, we participated in the ASPE Region 5 Presidents' meeting. Bruce Weiss and I attended the meeting in Dallas, Texas. Besides the representatives from all of the other Region 5 Chapters, we were honored by the presence of our esteemed Regional Director, Tim "Captain" Smith, as well as Ray Moore, and the Grand Poohbah himself, Julius Ballanco, ASPE President. It was a very hospitable event. Those Texans always take care of us! We'll have to toast them at the Convention.



Some news from the meeting:

- Volume 4 of the *Plumbing Engineering Design Handbook* should be on its way soon and we may have it before the Convention. The Chicago Chapter wrote almost all of it with Jason McDonald stepping up (AGAIN?) to spearhead the project.
- The much anticipated *Tables Book* has grown into a huge book. It will be in the mail soon! We had the opportunity to review a prototype and it was fantastic! Better than even we imagined! Everyone should pick up one of these before the price goes up!

And of course, the Chicago Chapter was presented with more prestigious awards! We rock!

Membership

You're the best! We are *STILL* the number one Chapter in ASPE and not only in QUANTITY but also in QUALITY! If there is anything you want the Chapter to do or offer, just say the word. We are here for you! Please make sure that you are using the current applications when you invite a new member to join our crew. They can be found here: http://www.aspe.org/new/About_ASPE/aspe-membership.php

2008-2009 ASPE Chicago

We will have our first meeting of the new ASPE season in September. The Board is hard at work trying to schedule programs and presenters for the year. You will see a preliminary schedule within this newsletter. Please take a look and REMEMBER that everything (well ALMOST everything) is TENTATIVE and subject to change. Do you have a program you want to see? Do you want to present? Do you have a good meeting location in mind? Please let us know. Contact our VP Tech, Bruce Weiss (bweiss@owpp.com) with any questions, comments or ideas for our technical presentations for the upcoming year.

What does ASPE mean to you?

What services and products would *YOU* like to see from ASPE? Please let us know if you have any good ideas for our Chapter. Just contact me. We are here to serve you.

Enjoy your summer! See you in September!

Your ever more humble servant,

David DeBord, CPD LEED AP; President



VICE PRESIDENT TECHNICAL SUMMER REPORT

I hope you are all enjoying the summer and getting that summer break and a game of golf or two or three. The summer newsletter is just to let you know this is the time of the year when I start to set up meetings and technical programs for the coming season.

Call for Technical Programs and Primer Topics

There are few positions left for the technical programs next year. So far we have commitments for: solar water heating, LEED plumbing fixtures, non-standard fixture venting and a few more topics. We are also in need of primer topics (these can be proprietary unlike the main technical presentation) and are approximately 20 minutes in length.

Contact me and if there is still space we will include your program in the coming year.

Bruce Weiss, CPD; Vice President Technical
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A MAGAZINE TO CALL OUR OWN

As a long time ASPE member I have had many personal opinions about ASPE feeling the need to create a magazine. Admittedly, my feelings tended to lean toward the negative when *Plumbing Systems and Design* (*PSD*) came on the scene and entered into conflict with the long standing *Plumbing Engineer*. It was not until I was recently at the Region Five Presidents' meeting in Dallas/ Fort Worth, Texas this year that my opinion changed to the positive.

When *PSD* was created in 2002, I had to ask myself why. What I recall was a dispute between ASPE and *Plumbing Engineer* over advertising revenue and magazine delivery to a fixed audience that ASPE provided and ASPE felt it should receive a larger portion of the proceeds. At the time, I viewed ASPE as kicking the golden calf since they got a magazine dedicated to them at no cost or hassle to themselves. I was also worried that the creation of another magazine dedicated to plumbing would not be beneficial to either magazine as they competed for the same advertising dollars from the manufacturers. As a final and most important concern, I was worried that there are only so many plumbing articles and new developments to write and read about. At this point I want to acknowledge another publication that also caters to the plumbing industry, *PM Engineer* (*PME*). Since they also focus on the wet side of the mechanical industry (hydronics), *PME* never got embattled with *PSD* for content.



It was in Texas of all places, at the Presidents' meeting while having a nice beverage with the President of the Omaha Chapter that I finally understood what the magazine means to a lot of the members. He said he was really happy that ASPE had "a magazine to call their own." It was that moment of seeing his pride in *PSD* that I was able to see thru the haze. I still think *PE* has something to say and was badly wounded by *PSD*; but, it's long past time to let it go.

Bruce Weiss, CPD; Vice President Technical

HELP CREATE SOME MASTER CHECKLISTS FOR EVERYONE TO USE

I thought a good item to produce as a Chapter and pass around would be some project Quality Control (QC) checklists.

I would like to create checklists for the following:

- Plumbing
- Fire Protection
- Medical Gas
- Specifications



We all have them - some personal and some from our firm that have been handed down from generation to generation. I would like to get as many as possible to develop a master jumbo list for all our members. This will benefit all of us. It will be perfect for all those newer employees to learn from others' mistakes. At the least, it is an excuse for all of us to update our own lists.

This will also be a great memory refresher game for those of you who know it all. Read the checklists and mentally check off the ones you would have thought of when reviewing documents. I hope you all get a perfect score.

I really need your help in compiling these checklists. The final result will be compiled as an Excel spreadsheet.

Bruce Weiss, CPD; Vice President Technical
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WE DID IT!!!!

This month we hit the **400** mark in members! Holy Cow! Thanks to all who helped bring in new members. A special thanks to our Education Chair, Dan Fagan. He brought in **several** new members through the plumbing classes he coordinates.

We also need to make sure we are renewing our memberships. If you think your renewal is coming up but you have not received any forms, let me know and I will check into it.

Hope everyone is having a great summer, can't wait to see you all in September.

One final "Thank You" to all who were involved in the Ride to the Rock - those who planned it, those who supported it and those who attended. It was great we could continue this event in honor of Ken Wentink. One of our past presidents, Jason McDonald, headed this up and did a fantastic job.

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ONWARD AND UPWARD

With the honorable Steve Triphahn's "as always successful June golf outing, we have completed another banner ASPE year. The Board of Directors has completed its apprenticeship.

The Board will be hard at work leading us into the 40th year of our Chapter's charter of July 17, 1969.

- **Dave DeBord** will lead the Chapter's delegation at the 2008 Convention and EPE being held in October in Long Beach, California.
- **Bruce Weiss** will be planning our monthly meetings, technical sessions and primer sessions. Oh, dinners, too. Contact Bruce (bweiss@owpp.com) if you have any suggestions or requests for technical or primer sessions.
- **Frank Sanchez** and **Dick Simms** will be working on our 38th Product Show and Technical Seminars in April. The event is actually two events. Frank (fxs@grummanbutkus.com) and Dick (dsimms@deery-pardue.com) welcome any comments or suggestions.
- **Rick Butler** will continue his efforts in our membership growth. We're number 1 in the Society. Have you brought in a new member lately?
- **Mark Mannarelli** will keep his eyes on the books and make sure we are solvent.
- **Natalia Dankanich** will continue keeping us up to date with meeting minutes.
- **Jerry Fields** will keep abreast of events and meetings of other organizations.
- **Dan Fagan** and **Joe Ficek** will continue with Education Classes and CPD Exam work.
- **Jason McDonald** (jsm@grummanbutkus.com) will continue as newsletter editor and will welcome any input you may have.

Looking forward to seeing you "pack the house" in our '08-'09 year.

Don Johnson; Chapter Historian

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are an Engineering Consulting firm dedicated to ensuring quality work by providing a quality environment for our employees; the result has been continual growth. We are currently seeking experienced and versatile Mechanical Engineering Consultants with previous experience in HVAC systems, Plumbing, or Fire Protection for buildings.

With these additions to our team, we will continue to maintain our client focus while providing our employees with manageable workloads and a pleasant and dedicated work environment.

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If you are interested in joining our successful practice, please submit your resume in confidence to:

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RIDE TO THE ROCK – PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

The Past

Ken Wentink created the Ride to the Rock a couple years ago in hopes of raising money for the Leukemia Research Foundation (LRF). As the date of the first Ride neared, I learned (as did many others in our Chapter) that Ken had a reason for supporting the LRF – it was the fact that he himself was battling leukemia. I'm sure there were other reasons for creating the ride including the fact that he owned a sweet Harley and probably always looked for a reason to ride! But supporting the LRF seemed the most important. In the first year (2006), only two bikes (Ken's and his neighbor's) showed up. Many folks stayed home due to very threatening weather. Even though the turnout was light, the event still managed to raise about \$1,300 much to the thanks of donations from ASPE Chicago members and those participating in the 50/50 raffles. Year number two (2007) saw a sharp increase in everything. The event took on a grander presence. Ken joined forces with The Dads' Chapter of the LRF. These folks have fathers who passed away from leukemia. Also, a riding group in Woodstock got involved. Now we had a RIDE! Last year's event included nearly 70 motorcycles and raised upwards of \$7,500 for the LRF!! The Dads' Chapter introduced us to food donations and a raffle that included LOTS of quality items.

The Present

That brings us to the present. You should all know that the 3rd Annual Ride to the Rock was on July 12. The planning for this event was fast and furious. Ken really wanted to run this year's event. Unfortunately, leukemia won its battle with Ken and we had two choices – honor Ken by making the ride happen or just let it go by the wayside and live with our past performance. Well, we decided to make it happen. Several people did not think we would have a chance to do anything like we did last year. However, the whole committee hunkered down and went full steam ahead. Food and monetary donations came in and we even had another fantastic raffle with more than 60 prizes!! You guys, it was AMAZING how this group came together and worked so hard! You should all be proud of your Chapter and the fact that we are involved in such a wonderful event. The numbers for this year were a little lower than last year – 13 bikes (we lost small battles with pre-planned events, NASCAR and the weather), 30-some people total and over \$3,200 donated to the LRF. That does not include the 50/50 raffle monies that have been donated by the Chicago Chapter this year. If you consider how little time we had to make it happen (about 6 weeks), you will realize what an outstanding accomplishment this was! Thanks to the Committee and to all of YOU who have contributed to this and past Rides.

The Future - An Open Challenge to ASPE Chicago

Now we have three motorcycle rallies in our pocket and about \$12,000 donated to the LRF. So, what's next? Do we keep going? Do we quit? I have a vote and by the time you finish reading this you will know what my vote is. I talked with Ken at the very first Ride to the Rock. He told me that his **vision** for this event was to make it **ASPE-wide**. No, not just the Chicago Chapter but **ALL** Chapters in **ALL** regions!! Can you imagine? I sure can! We already have the infrastructure in place. We have groups who want to work with us – The Dads' Chapter and the Woodstock riders (they really felt bad that they already had plans on the day of our ride). We have many generous donors (many are motorcycle shops) in place. So what else? All we need is someone to step forward and make this event grow the way Ken wanted it to.

You may be asking yourself, “does our little event really **make a difference**?” or “does the money we donate really help?” My answer to you is a definitive YES! I will give you one example of how these donations and these events make a difference. Something I learned this year I heard from two separate sources and I will use many of the words shared by one of them (my friend S.J. Peters) – research leads to new and improved drugs and techniques for fighting leukemia. Can you believe that it is possible for leukemia to be eradicated in the next 20 years? “**Survival rates for kids (under 14) have gone from 20% to 80% since the mid-80's.**” If that isn't progress, I don't know what is. We ARE helping make a difference!

Have you ever wondered how you might be able to make your mark on this life or make a difference in this world? On a much smaller scale, have you been wondering how you can get more involved with the Chicago Chapter? This is your opportunity my friends. All the pieces are in place - you just need to take the ball and run with it. You will have a LOT of help from people who are not afraid to work (myself included) – I guarantee it. You will start with our Chapter event. And then you can decide how to make this event grow. Maybe we will start with our fellow Chapters in Region 5. And then we can get the other Chapters in the other Regions involved. This could be HUGE!! The only question is – are you up for it? Are you ready for a challenge?

If you think you have what it takes to make the Ride to the Rock grow and to do something to help your fellow man, **please contact me**. Come on, I'll help you!

Jason McDonald

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The BADGE is back!!!



Are you tired of being the only one at the meeting without a nifty ASPE Chicago name badge? Tired of having other members point and laugh at you? Well, we may be able to help (a little) - we can at least help you look good while being picked on by your fellow members!!

The Chicago Chapter is proud to offer once again our badge promotion. Did you change companies since you got your current badge? Did you lose your badge when you mistakenly stuck it into an ATM? Or heck, maybe you never had a badge at all! Well, we are here for you!! Place your order now - operators are standing by!!

"Badges?? Yes, we DO need steenking badges!!"

COSTS

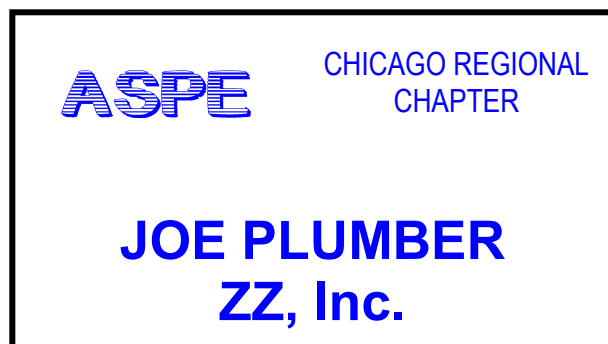
Badge: \$15.00 includes plastic badge with ASPE logo and two lines of text (Name and Company)

Shipping: Not included. Pick up your badge at the September 18, 2008 monthly meeting or pay \$3.00 for shipping to have it delivered to your office.

Badge: \$15.00

Shipping: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____



Make checks payable to "ASPE Chicago" and submit the total amount to:

**ASPE Chicago Chapter, c/o Joe Ficek @ Grumman/Butkus Associates
820 Davis Street, Suite 300; Evanston, IL 60201**

(or you can fax the form to Joe at 847 328-4550 or email him at jff@grummanbutkus.com)

Name: _____

Company: _____

(Name and Company Name will be printed on the badge as listed above – if you leave blanks or list other names, they WILL be printed on the badge.)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS AUGUST 29, 2008

(This will ensure that you receive your name badge at the first meeting of the year on September 18)

THIS PROMOTION IS FOR ASPE CHICAGO MEMBERS ONLY!!