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July 2010

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JOIN US FOR OUR JULY MEETING!

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on Wednesday, July 21, at the Embassy Suites Hotel (7750 Briaridge Drive; northeast corner of IH-10 and Loop 410).

The meeting topic is "Magnetic Bearing Chiller Technologies," and this month's meeting sponsor is Johnson Controls, Inc.

Please RSVP no later than Monday, July 19, at noon.

If you must cancel your attendance, please call Melodie Goff at 408-8135 BY **MONDAY, JULY 19, AT NOON** so we can cancel your meal.

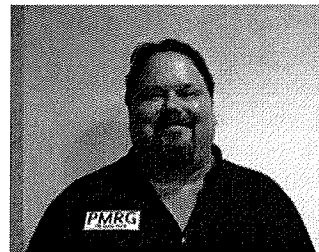
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Engineer Spotlight

by Jeff Turov



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- **How long have you been in the building engineer trade?**

I've been in the building engineer trade for 22 years. After I got out of the Navy, I was taking college classes and working for Architectural Habitat doing work at the Renaissance Plaza. While working there, I met and got to know Floyd McDonald. When Floyd's helper left, he hired me and showed me the "ropes of the trade."

- **Any awards, recognition or special training?**

While in the Navy, I received two years of electronics training and worked on the radar system for the Terrier Missile System. I am also a universally certified CFC technician and hold a COSA Electrical Maintenance Technician license.

- **Family and children?**

I have been married for 22 years and have a 21-year-old daughter and a 17-year-old son.

- **Hobbies/what do you enjoy during off-hours?**

I love fishing (salt water and fresh water), hanging out at the river and lake barbequing with family and friends and visiting my 21-year-old daughter who is attending Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi.

- **What project have you worked on as a building engineer that you enjoyed the most?**

The most fun I've had as a building engineer was working on the renovation of the Aztec Theater. The theater was filled with pigeons and rats, and the paint was peeling. We restored it to its original condition, and now the "San Antonio Rose Live" show is held there. This is a live country and western show similar to those shown in Branson, Missouri. ❖

A Message from the President

by Charles Mikolajczyk, Jr., CBE-M

First of all, in regards to the BOMA SA First Annual Clay Shoot Tournament, I would like to congratulate "Team SAABE" on winning the "Best Overall Three Man Team!" Thanks to Mike Copp/Lillibridge, Audie Howell/Howell Crane and yours truly, for representing SAABE so well. Also, thanks to all the vendors that helped put on the BOMA SA Clay Shoot and to the wonderful BOMA SA members who worked so hard in such a short time to put this together!

Okay, I know you think you understood what I said, but I don't think what you heard is what I meant! One major thing you have to do to maintain yourself in our occupation is MRT (Mental Relaxation Time). Or, doing what you like to do and completely unwinding. Many are taking time off for vacation with family or friends but end up burning the candle at both ends (i.e. by the time you come back, you have to jump right back into work). If possible, do yourself a favor—if you take off Monday-Friday for a full week of vacation...don't come back Sunday evening and unpack, etc. and go back to work Monday! This is not MRT but more like hell! Your work load is going to be just as bad on Tuesday as it will be on Monday, but you will be more productive if you don't hoard your vacation time and give yourself one extra day to unwind. It's great for the mind! This advice comes from one who typically burns the candles at all three ends! :-)

Hopefully, everyone's chillers are chillin' as we've entered the second summer season this year. With wet-bulb

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This month, a few SAABE members are heading for the 75th Deep Sea Roundup in Port Aransas. Good luck to you, and may your stringers or fish boxes be full!

As I've become (much) older, I can still be the life of the party...as long as it's over by 21:00 (9pm)!

I would like to express thanks to Gerloff Company, Inc. and Randy Cummings for presenting the Last Thursday Training Seminar "New EPA Regulations for Lead Paint Removal and Painting!"

Have a great one all, and don't forget your MRT!

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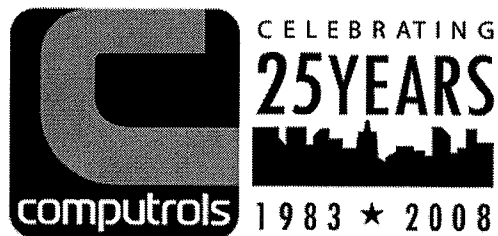
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Where: First National Bank (6243 IH 10 W)
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Roundtables by the High Performance Buildings Forum

by Tom Lasater

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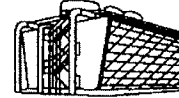
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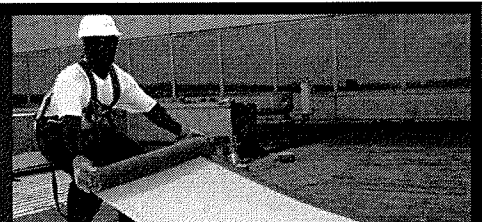
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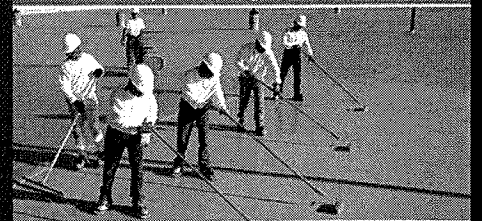
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Vendor Rep Report by Allen Mangrum (aka Turtle)

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I would like to ask all the vendors that were wanting to sponsor luncheons next year to please contact me ASAP (601-4248). I had everyone scheduled until April, but the file I had them in was corrupted; therefore, I cannot access the names. This was my fault because of how I saved the information and was a valuable lesson (thanks Microsoft!). So, please let me know what month you would like to have for the 2011 year, and we will post it for all to see. Thanks again for all your support.

As usual please remember to RSVP, and keep the greasy side down! ❖



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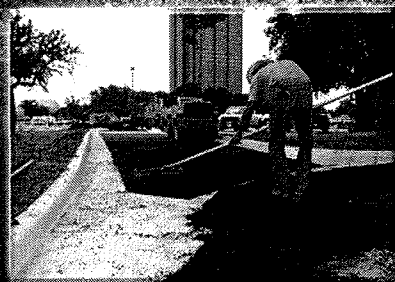
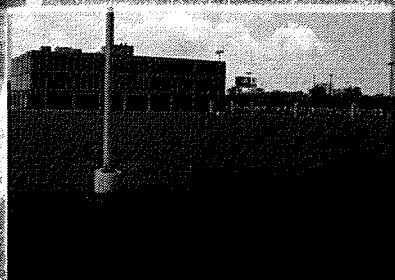
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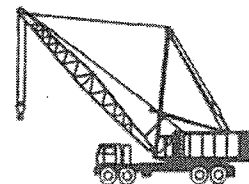
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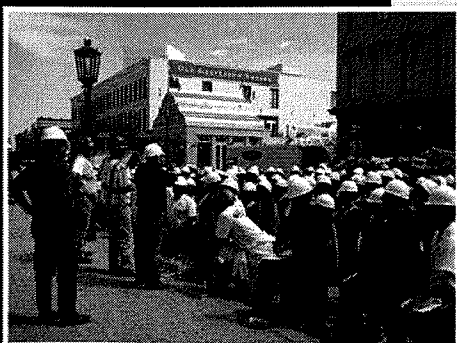
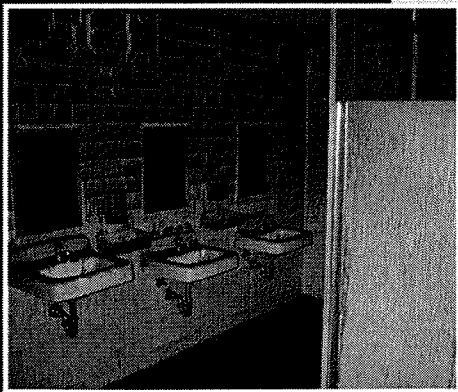
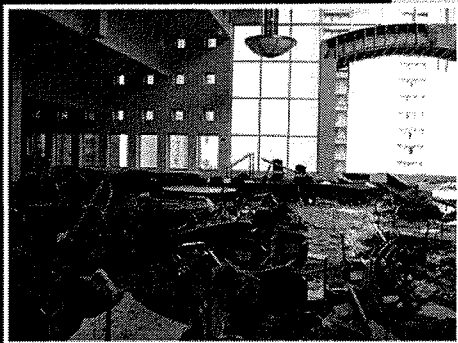
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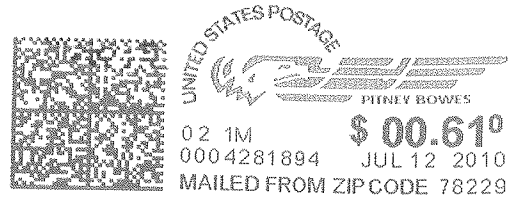
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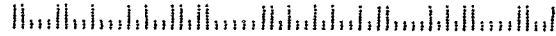
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