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A publication of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers

June 2017

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
The 12th Annual SAABE /  
Phil Anderson Memorial Picnic  
will be held  
Saturday, June 24, 2017!

We will have great food, horseshoes,  
door prizes and lots of family fun! Make  
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## Above the Ceiling

by Robert Andrews, SAABE President

It's time for the Annual SAABE / Phil Anderson Memorial Picnic! Please make sure to mark your calendars even if you don't intend on attending. This picnic does take the place of the June Membership Luncheon, so don't show up to Embassy Suites. We won't be there!

We will be at Kane's Ol' River Hideaway on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am on. Our very own BBQ award winning John Leifester will be onsite to prepare the most delicious meat in Texas as he does every year. We will have a Horseshoe tournament, door prizes, water activities for the kids, and so much more. Grab your folding chairs, and adult beverage of your choice to enjoy the activities or watch from the sidelines. It's a great opportunity to interact with other engineers and vendors without having to rush back to work orders at your buildings. Best of all, there is no cost for members and their immediate families!

I don't know how many of us left in SAABE even met Phil Anderson, however he taught me the importance of education, and more importantly experience. He was dedicated to our profession and even spent some of his evenings teaching at the A&M Extension College so that others could benefit from his extensive knowledge. Phil was the first person that I interviewed with in 1999 when I started my Building Engineer journey and although I didn't get the job I left the interview with a stronger determination to make it then when I went in. His walls were filled with accolades, and awards he had gathered through his years, however he never mentioned them. He was honest, humble, kind, and had a smile like no other.

I hope to see you at the picnic. Rain or shine we will make the best out of it!



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## Education Corner

By John Leifester



Summer is finally here! We are excited for our Summer Social that is approaching in June. Just a reminder to all members that are not current on their dues, you will be turned away at future events if you are not paid up.

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## 12TH ANNUAL SAABE / PHIL ANDERSON MEMORIAL PICNIC

**Saturday, June 24th, 2017**  
**Check-in will open at 10 am**

**Kane's Ol' River Hideaway**  
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NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY JUNE 21st, 2017!**

**SEE YOU THERE!**



## SAABE SPOTLIGHT

By Justin Titus

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**Tell us about yourself.**

I was born and raised in El Salvador. When I was 19, my Sister and I moved to the United States. We lived in California and 10 years ago I moved to Texas. When I lived in California I had my own remodeling business as I love working with my hands. Being from Central America, English is my second language.

**Have you received any awards/recognition/special training?**

I have not received any special training here in the US, other than my many years of on the job training. However, when I lived in Central America I was a certified electronics technician and was also a certified electrician.

**Family and Children?**

I have been married to my wonderful wife for 28 years. We have 2 daughters, 24 and 18 and we have one granddaughter, who is 1 1/2.

**What hobbies keep you busy?**

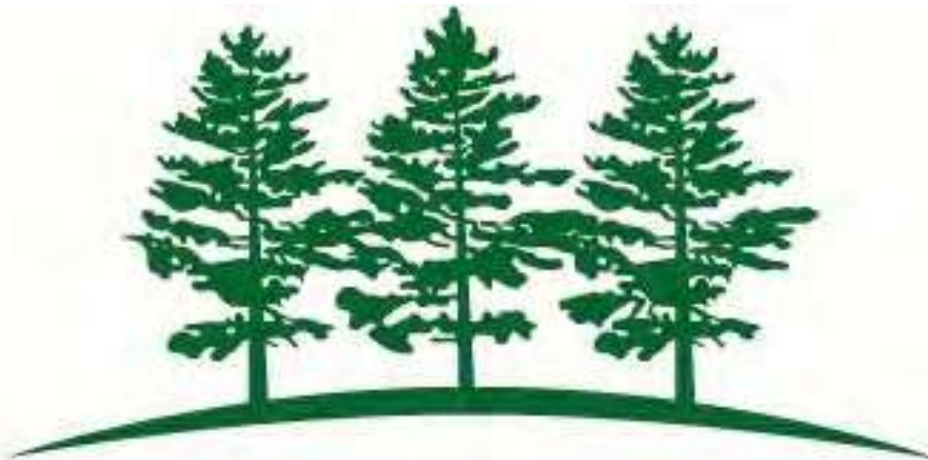
In my free time, I enjoy working with my hands. I enjoy making cabinets, painting and working on electronics. I also love playing chess with my daughters. One of my other favorite hobbies is going shooting. I enjoy shooting my pistols, AR, and other rifles.

**What is your favorite destination that you have traveled to?**

I don't know if I have a favorite place that I have traveled to, I enjoy seeing new places and experiencing new things. Two of the places that I have enjoyed a lot are Panama City and Miami. One place that I really want to see is Guadalajara, Mexico. My brother in law was born there, and we are planning on making a trip there this year.

**What Advice would you share with those just entering or considering the trade?**

Learn as much as you can, as that knowledge is just more tools in your bag. Listen to and learn from the veteran guys who may have more experience than you. Also, always do the right thing and do your job and do it well.



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## MEMBERSHIP MEMO

by Kendal Langenberg



And here we are again, kicking off another warm summer in sunny San Antonio! And as the temperatures begin to heat up, the activity level of SAABE begins to heat up as well. In fact, one of the highlights of the year for our organization takes place this month – the Phil Anderson Memorial Picnic! Be sure to take part in this event – you will NOT regret it! Between the ridiculous quality (and portions) of the food, the exciting and competitive horseshoe tournament (with cold hard cash at stake), the river activities, and the simple joy of relaxing with all of your SAABE friends, this is definitely a **don't-miss** event! For those who may not have paid their 2017 membership dues yet, you still have time to pay-up **and partake in the picnic festivities. But don't delay!** Remember – this event is for our members and their families only. Please feel free to call or email me with any membership-related questions...I'm here to help!

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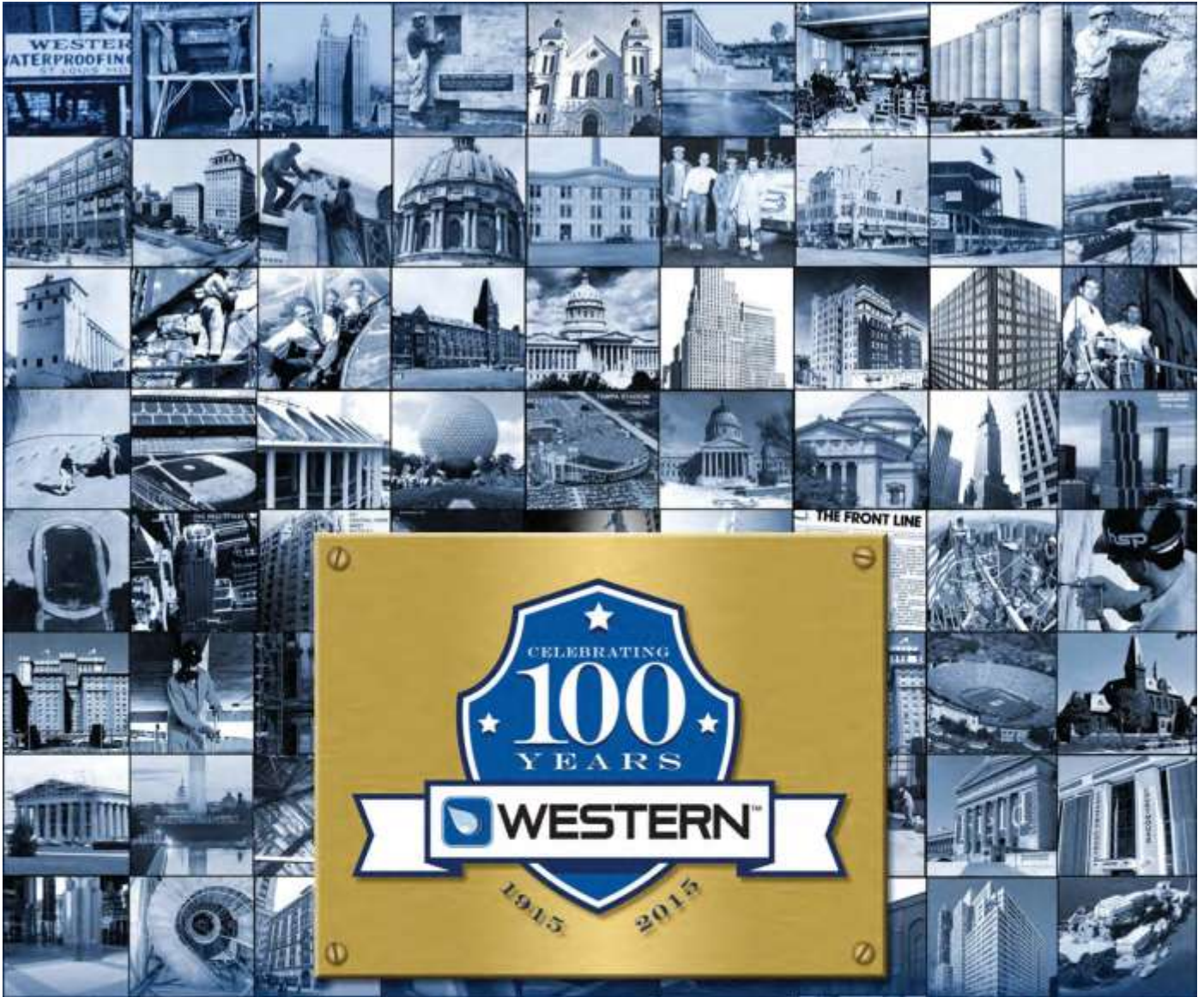


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## The BESST of SAABE

by David Ellis

June is just around the corner and April's Tour is set up through Paul Thompson with Endura Advisory Group. Valerie Kelley, Alfred Vela and Whitney Delgado, also with Endura, helped with making this Tour one of the best. Texas Chiller Systems pitched in as well with covering the meal and surely some advice and guidance about HVAC systems— with discussions being welcomed.

This Tour is a triple play with having the chair to piloting three different Medical Office Buildings (MOB's) with three different Building Automation Systems comprised of Automated Logic, Johnson Controls and Trane systems. There is history to boot regarding upgrades, fixes and related issues and advancements. These systems control the HVAC at the three Medical Office Buildings under the guidance of Paul Thompson and his team.

For those of you that are seeking your Building Engineers Certification, these tours count toward your required CEU's for each level of Designation be it Associate, Journeymen or Master level. If you're interested in this please visit our website at [www.saabe.org](http://www.saabe.org) for more information.

About BESST

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SAABE strives to have Tours once a month and depend on Members just like yourselves to make these events possible. Here are some pictures of what can be seen or visited with only the limitations of your own imagination.



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If there is some place you would like to tour, equipment you would like to see and learn about please let us know so we can work on making it happen. If you have a building that you would like to participate with the BESST of SAABE please contact me or any board

member for more information. The BESST of SAABE would not exist if we did not have interested Engineers who enjoy sharing their buildings for others to see and learn about. Each building has a unique design and special requirements so it's never a hit and miss.

I would like to give a personal thanks to our sponsors, contributors and everyone that has helped get some of these Tours planned and approved. All your efforts are appreciated.

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*Final Thought:*

I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June.

- L.M. Montgomery

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