



# SAABE TIMES

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Mark Your Calendar

## JOIN US FOR OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING!

The next General Membership Meeting of the San Antonio Association of Building Engineers is set for 11:30 am on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016** at the University United Methodist Church located at 5084 DeZavala Road.

The San Antonio Fire Department will be presenting on High-Rise Safety and New Construction Codes!

**RSVPs were due no later than FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2016. YOU MUST RSVP, OUR NEW VENUE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE WALK-INS.**

If you must cancel your attendance, please email Britney Brantley at [saabetx@gmail.com](mailto:saabetx@gmail.com) BY **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 5:00PM** so we can cancel your meal. Cancellations received after this time will still be invoiced.

**RSVPs are REQUIRED, so we can be sure to have enough meals on hand!**



## SEPTEMBER BUILDING TOUR

### 3150 TON Central Plant - Promenade One @ Eilan

What: 3 each York 1050 ton York VSD Centrifugals  
(3) BAC cooling towers  
(4) 150-HP CHW pumps  
(3) 50HP CW pumps  
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\*Tour guide: Leroy Ferry

Who: SAABE Building Engineers / Regular Members only

Where: Eilan Central Plant, 17802 IH-10W San Antonio, TX

Site contact: Brent Miller - Chief Engineer / 210-867-6430  
\* No PPE Required

Parking is available: Promenade 2 @ upper and lower surface lots

When: 11:00am - SHARP, Friday September 23rd, 2016 *(Scheduled till 1:00P-1:30 PM)*

What's for Lunch: Catered by Texas Chiller Systems

\*\*Max slot participants = 20

To RSVP, email David Ellis at [david.ellis@transwestern.com](mailto:david.ellis@transwestern.com).

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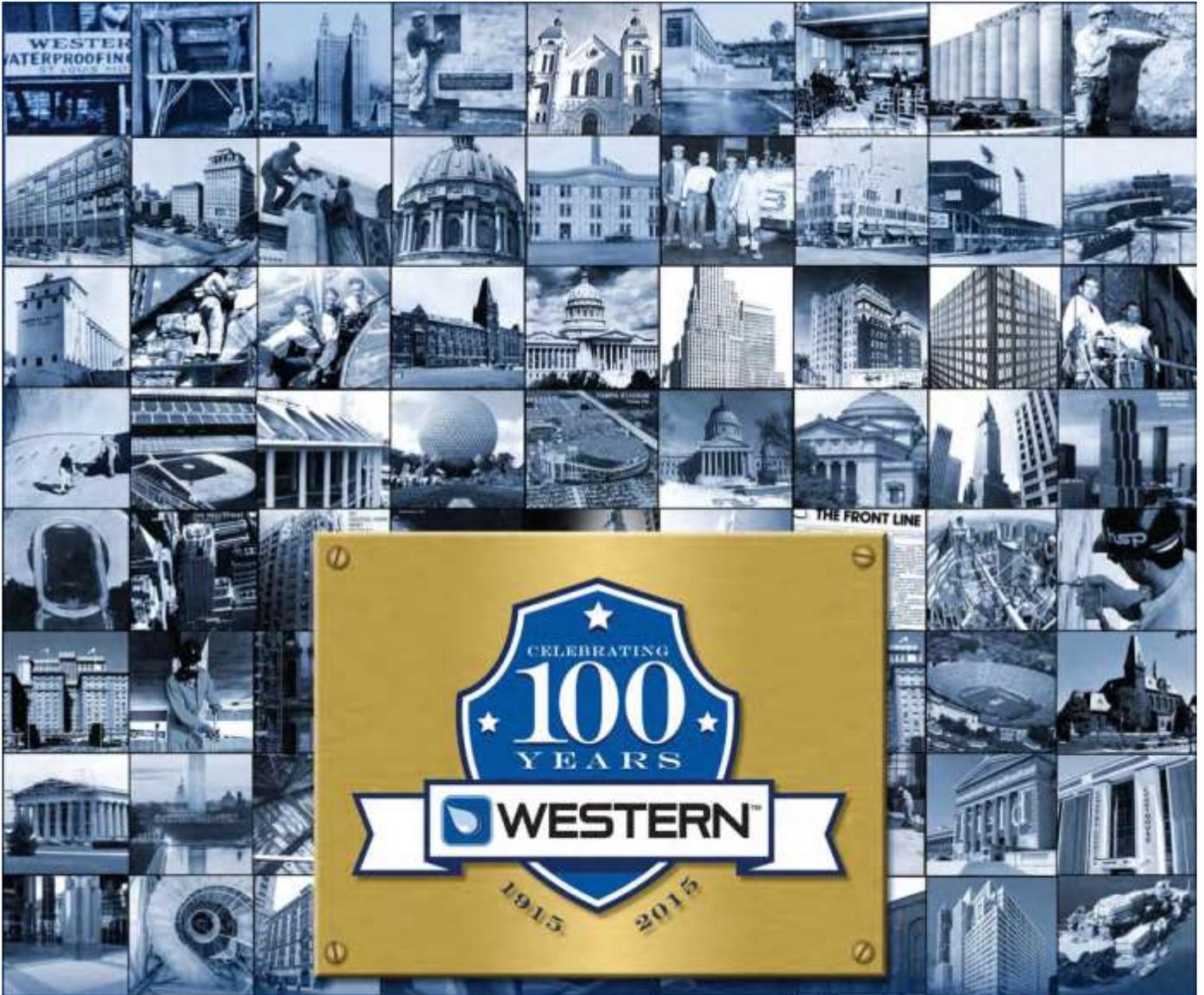
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## Above the Ceiling

by Paul Thompson, SAABE President

### Back to the Future Again!

Road trip back home to Michigan, something like 3,000 miles over a 12-day American-style vacation.

Thousands of miles of farmland, forest and cities as we drove that long white stripe, sometimes flying, sometimes creeping as the road crews struggled to finish while the weather cooperates. In Michigan where the trees grow 60, 80, 100 feet easily while the numerous rivers are far wider than you could throw a stone across. 3,000 plus miles of coastline (2nd to Alaska!) with "No salt and No sharks!" like the T shirts say. Cities and burgs with French and Indian names like Charlevoix and Huron. Tarnished rust belt with Manufacturing still strong, but not like it was. Populations much more diverse than I recall. And home, where my sweetie and I were born and my parents and many of our relatives still live, some deep into retirement while others are just getting their feet under them, looking to see what their future brings. Good to know where you're from.

One of the things that has bothered me since I got this job again, is that our SAABE website had lost it's history. Was a time several years ago that you could pull up old SAABE Times archives back to the year 2001 or so, but issues led us losing all these and the website even going dark for a time. We got the site back up early 2015, but the archives, such as they were, only went back to that time. Pretty pitiful.

But, WE ARE BACK! Thanks to Britney for getting these posted to the site and Roland (in his last official Board Member capacity) for getting the hard copies digitized. Mostly though I have to give a big tip of the SAABE cap to the man who made it possible: Charlie Mikolajczyk. It was his foresight to save every copy of the SAABE Times from November of 1997 to April of 2012 and then graciously allow us to borrow them making it possible! Thanks Charlie.

I encourage all our members to take a little time to see where we came from and how we got to where we are now. From the earliest Times (think Caveman and stone wall), BEoTY (look it up), Heard It Through the Grapevine, our trade shows teaming up with BOMA, Tom Lasater's Going Green Group, old Education Corners, Doug the Teacher, Picnics, Last Thursday Training, Directories, etc., etc. through successive reigns of Elena, Bob, Charlie, Mike and yours truly.

Did I mention the Tech Talk articles by our very own The Charlie ( I knew him when he was still a Dr.)? He cranked out a secession of technical articles for years, many of

A graphic with the words "Save the Date" in a red, cursive font. The word "the" is smaller and in a yellow, sans-serif font.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016

SAABE HOLIDAY SOCIAL!  
MORE DETAILS TO COME!

Did I mention the Tech Talk articles by our very own The Charlie ( I knew him when he was still a Dr.)? He cranked out a secession of technical articles for years, many of them short series. Always used to piss me off cause he had his in the can months ahead, while my own AtC never got there more than a half hour before deadline! If you are not familiar with TT, now is your chance to READ UP! It is basically an Apprentice to Master's level course on Building Engineering! And can someone PLEASE tell me how many he wrote and when the last was published?

One thing leafig through our history makes clear: there have been a large number of very dedicated people who have worked hard over decades to get us to where we are now. I know where we are from and look forward to the future.

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TO FIND OUT HOW!**

## August Meeting Summary

by Pete Munoz

I would like to thank Roy C Garrett for sponsoring the SAWS presentation in August. Let also give a big thank you to the SAWS guys Chad Cospers, Mark Peterson, Bruce Rathburn and Gerardo Villarreal.

We learned the importance of getting our back flows tested annually. Not to mention if these are not tested the fines that come with not getting done. We learned that the irrigation system is just as important and that a poor running system can affect the property in many ways.

Just in case you were not able to write down the number here you go 210-233-3028 conservation #.

## Membership Memo

by Kendal Langenberg



So...it's September. That little piece of information may not mean much in and of itself to the "Average Joe" walking the streets of San Antonio, but in the world of SAABE, the fact that it's September means A WHOLE LOT!

As of right now, it's "BUY 15 FOR THE PRICE OF 12" time! That's right, for any new member who joins right now through the end of 2016, your annual dues payment actually covers you for the balance of 2016 and all of 2017, for any and all SAABE-related events. That's right – 15 months for the price of 12, including all general membership luncheons, all training events, the holiday social, EVERYTHING! Now that's GOTTA be the BEST late-summer deal in the entire city! Let's get the word out together – the SAABE end-of-the-year membership deal is hereby officially back ON! As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this, or any other membership-related issue. I'm here to help!

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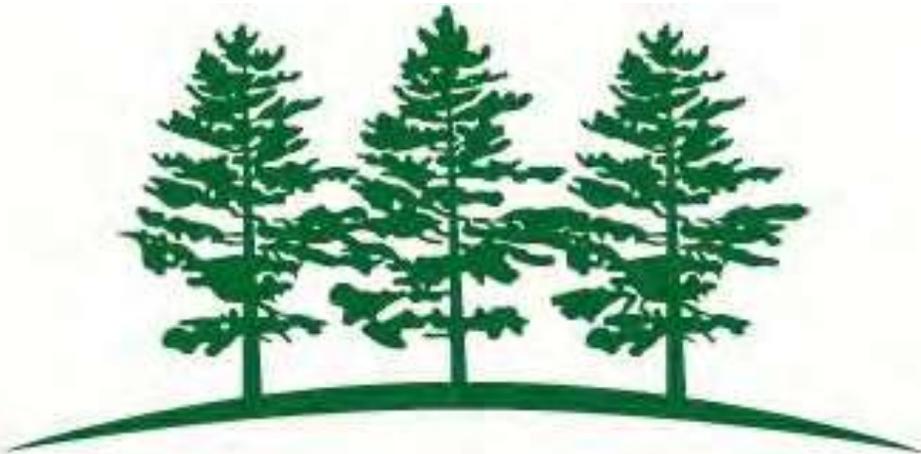
## **IMPORTANT UPDATE ON OUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS!**

SAABE WILL BE CHANGING OUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS VENUE. GOING FORWARD, OUR LUNCHEONS WILL BE HELD AT **UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, LOCATED AT 5084 DEZAVALA ROAD.**

OUR LUNCHEONS WILL BE ON THE **THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF JUNE WHERE THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHEON DUE TO THE SAABE SOCIAL PICNIC.

**OUR NEW VENUE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE WALKINS.** IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU SUBMIT YOUR RSVPS ON TIME. THE RSVPS WILL BE DUE ON THE **FRIDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON.** ANYONE THAT MISSES THE DEADLINE MAY ATTEND THE LUNCHEON, BUT WILL ONLY BE SERVED A LUNCH IF THERE ARE NO-SHOWS. THIS WILL BE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE. IF YOU DO NOT RSVP ON TIME AND THERE ARE NOT ANY NO-SHOWS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW THE PRESENTATION, BUT WILL NOT BE SERVED A MEAL.

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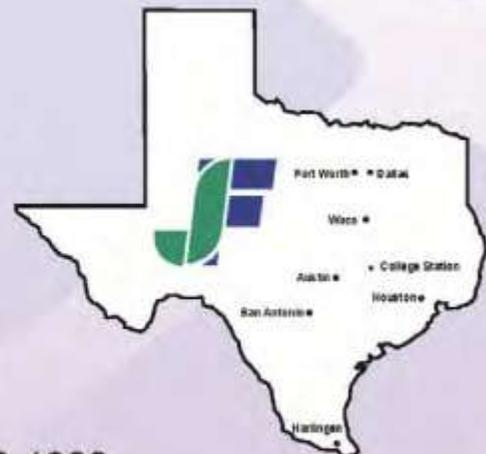
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## Education Corner

By John Leifester



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before, please take a moment to consider. 20-30 engineers in a captive audience listening to you educate them on your field and products related to it. That is a dream audience.

**Please don't hesitate to contact me at** [john@dedicatedls.com](mailto:john@dedicatedls.com) or on my cell at 210-771-7081.

## Vendor Rep Report

by Dwayne Putney

It has certainly been a busy summer I look forward to meeting with you as we prepare for next years budgeting process. Our organization will be electing new officers in the December please nominate the persons you would like to see in these important positions .SAABE has a great leadership team let us consider persons who will ensure our continued growth and success . I look forward to seeing all of you at our next General Meeting, as always remember to RSVP...

Next SAABE luncheon presentation will San Antonio Fire Dept Leaders Chief Randy Jenkins, Captain Mike Tovar and Engineer Edmondo Trevino the topic will be high rise fire safety new construction code and question and answer section. We do need a sponsor for this presentation!. We have several opportunities available for vendors to present at our monthly meetings, please contact myself or other board members if your company is interested. I look forward to seeing all of you at your next luncheon, please remember to RSVP thank you.



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*Final Thought:*

“Summertime is always the best of what might be.”  
– Charles Bowden

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