

A History of the Saskatoon Chapter of ASHRAE
2014-2015

The 2014-2015 ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-conditioning Engineers) year for the Saskatoon chapter was a year of ups and downs. Programs included a panel discussion and adventures in crawlspaces. We prepared for hosting the 2016 CRC (Chapter Regional Conference) in 2016. ASHRAE Saskatoon lost some great people as Mike Osborn (former chapter president), Rob Dumont (champion of building energy efficiency), and Stan Nakrayko (owner of SN Engineering) passed away. We had many new people try ASHRAE for the first time.

Programs / CTTC

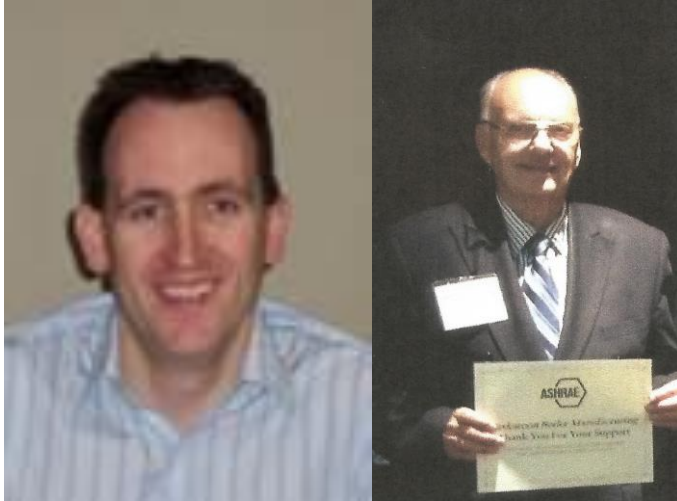
ASHRAE Saskatoon’s 2014-2015 CTTC (Chapter Technology Transfer Committee) course was held on May 28 and 29, 2015. Jerry Boulanger (of Regina) taught the course on hydronics.

September 9, 2014	Parktown Hotel	Speaker: Wayne Cole “Examining the impact that facility conditions have on student outcomes”
October 14, 2014	Parktown Hotel	Panel Discussion: Moderated by Mike Nemeth Panelists: Allan Awry, Christine Rogers, Jesse Friggstad, and Ken Coutu
November 12, 2014	Parktown Hotel	Speaker: David Day “Air Flow Management”
December 10, 2014	Modern Billiards	Past President’s Night Social Function: Pool Tournament and Pizza
January 13, 2015	Parktown Hotel	Speaker: Don Figley “Crawl Space Adventures, Tales from the Underworld”
February 10, 2015	Parktown Hotel	Speaker: Tim McGinn, Distinguished Lecturer “Low Impact Mechanical Systems”
March 10, 2015	Parktown Hotel	Speaker: Philip LePoudre “Liquid Desiccant Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems Using Membrane Energy Exchangers”
April 14, 2015	Parktown Hotel	Speaker: Greg Scrivener “Navigating Future Refrigerants”
May 12, 2015	Parktown Hotel	Speaker: Howard Hemingson “Building Envelope Commissioning”
June 12, 2015	Moon Lake Golf & CC	Annual ASHRAE Saskatoon Golf Tournament

Planning for the 2016 CRC (Chapters Regional Conference)

ASHRAE Saskatoon will host the CRC in 2016, the same year that our chapter turns 50 years old (and that Star Trek turns 50 years old). Bill Dean led the preparations for the conference.

Mike Osborn, Rob Dumont, and Stan Nakrayko



Mike Osborn

Rob Dumont

ASHRAE Saskatoon lost some important members in the 2015-2016. Mike Osborn passed away on January 21, 2015. Mike was the 2004-2005 president of the Saskatoon chapter of ASHRAE, volunteered in other roles, was an active participant in our meetings, and even curled as one of Saskatoon's team members in the John Ross Curling Tournament. (When I remember Mike, I think of him smiling and laughing at our meetings. – JB)

Rob Dumont passed away on May 29, 2015. Rob Dumont was a well-known expert in the field of building energy efficiency. Rob led Saskatchewan to become a leader in green building (so much so that Joseph Lstiburek mentioned Rob Dumont in his December 2008 ASHRAE Journal "Building America" article, saying that Dave Eyre, Bob Besant, Rob Dumont, and Harold Orr proved you could make a house with R-60 ceilings and R-44 walls.). Rob Dumont worked on the Saskatchewan Conservation House in 1977, the Dumont House in Saskatoon in 1992, the Factor 9 Home, and the VerEco Home that ASHRAE Saskatoon toured on March 7, 2011 (when it was set up in the Western Development Museum's parking lot). (I encourage people to do an Internet search for articles on some of these houses if you are interested in building efficiency. – JB) An interview with Rob Dumont can be found on here: <http://www.ashraesaskatoon.ca/newsletter/john-ross-curling/jonathanbushman>.

Stan Nakrayko passed away on June 6, 2015. Stan was president of ASHRAE Saskatoon in our 1977-1978 year and came to the occasional meeting in recent years. He owned SN Engineering in Saskatoon.

Communications / Webpage

ASHRAE Saskatoon has a website (www.ashraesaskatoon.ca), a Facebook page, and a LinkedIn page. The newsletter is emailed out with a link to our website.

Research Promotion

In the 2014-2015 year, ASHRAE Saskatoon raised \$9,118.66 for ASHRAE Research Canada. Organizations that donated are Air-Tech Management Ltd, Associated Engineering (Sask) Ltd, Axiom Industries, Ltd., Charter Mechanical Ltd, Cypress Sales Partnership – Saskatoon, Daniels Wingerak Engineering Ltd, ECCO Supply, E H Price Sales Limited – Saskatoon, HVAC Sales LTS Saskatoon, Inter West Mechanical Limited, Johnson Controls – Saskatoon, Key West Engineering Ltd, Peak Mechanical, Saskatoon Boiler Manufacturing Co Ltd, and Venmar CES, Inc. Individual donors are Blake Erb, Christine Rogers, Dennis Zbaraschuk, Ian Slinger, Jesse Friggstad, K. William Dean, Maury Wawryk, Michael Nemeth, Odhner Ong, Pierre-Andre Ranger, and Ryan MacGillivray.

Student Activities / YEA (Young Engineers in ASHRAE)

ASHRAE Saskatoon had a YEA / Student bowling night on October 1, 2014. Adam Van Rees won the 2014-2015 Scholarship, a trip to the ASHRAE Winter Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, on January 24 to 28, 2015. The ASHRAE Saskatoon chapter also sponsored Bradie Priess to go to the YEA Leadership Weekend in San Diego, California, from March 27-29, 2015.

ASHRAE Saskatoon Golf Tournament

ASHRAE Saskatoon held its annual golf tournament at the Moon Lake Golf & Country Club on June 12, 2015. Bill Dean won Closest to the Pin.

Photos



Meeting (2015-01-13)



Bradie Priess



YEA Bowling (2014-10-01)



YEA Bowling (2014-10-01)



Golf Supper (2015-06-12)



Meeting (2015-03-10)



Meeting (2014-09-09)



Discussion Panel (2014-10-14)



Bill Dean at Golf

2014-2015 ASHRAE Saskatoon Chapter Board of Governors

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CTTC (Chapter Technology Transfer Committee) Chair: Arun Ahir

Refrigeration Chair: Greg Scrivener

Historian: Jonathan Bushman

Webpage / Newsletter Editor: Kirk Campbell

GGAC (Grassroots / Government Advocacy Committee): vacant

CRC 2016 Chair / Member-At-Large: Bill Dean

Regional Liaison / Member-At-Large: Ryan MacGillivray

(References to “JB” refer to Jonathan Bushman, the author of this ASHRAE Saskatoon history article.)