

# SKYNOTES

## Big Sky ASHRAE

### December Meeting

When: TBD  
Where: TBD  
Speaker:  
TDB

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### December 2011

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### President's Message

As the snow begins to fly and the calendar year winds down, the business in ASHRAE continues on. As the holidays come and go each year, I typically think back on the events of the year. Having just passed Thanksgiving, I thought that I would subject all who read this to my remembrances and thanks.

We have had a good calendar year in the Big Sky ASHRAE chapter. I am grateful that we had the opportunity this past April to sit down and talk to the then president of ASHRAE. The chapter was thrilled to host Lynn Bellenger and listen and learn from what she had to share. It was with great sadness that we learned of her untimely passing just recently. I encourage all who are inclined to donate to a memorial fund set up for scholarships to recognize women in engineering. Donations can be made through the ASHRAE website.

I also enjoyed the opportunity to attend the Chapters Regional Conference in El Paso, Texas this past August. It was a pleasure to meet some colleagues from around the region. El Paso did a great job hosting the conference and should be thanked for their effort. Overall, it was an enlightening experience. I also have to take this time to remind everyone that we in the Big Sky chapter will be hosting the CRC here in Billings in August 2012. We are always looking for volunteers to do a little. With plenty of volunteers, no one gets overburdened. There are several different committees planning a variety of events from technical sessions to logistics. Contact Bill Lynch and he can set you up with a committee member.

Last of all I would like to thank all of the volunteers that make ASHRAE work. Without the volunteers, the society, and more specifically the chapter, would not function. Many people have been tirelessly, and thanklessly, serving on the Board of Governors and running the Great Falls section for multiple years. I feel the need to thank them for their selfless service. And last of all, thank you for taking the time to read this. I look forward to another great calendar year.

**Ammon Palmer**  
*Big Sky Chapter President*



# RESEARCH

**Mark your calendars** – the annual ASHRAE Poker Party is scheduled for Friday January 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be playing at MTI's Conference room this year (same as previous years). Great prizes, great food, great fun!

To date we have received \$600 in donations which is about 12% of our goal of \$5300. To donate go to [www.ashrae.org](http://www.ashrae.org) to donate. This year we would like to see at least 10 people donate that have not donated in the past two or more years.



Jay Cederberg  
Big Sky RP Chair 2011-2012

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## 2012 CRC

### CRC Plans Taking Shape

Big Sky Chapter ASHRAE will be hosting the 2012 Chapters Regional Conference for Region 9 ASHRAE in Billings on Thursday August 2 – Saturday August 4. We will be welcoming members from the other 12 Chapters of Region 9: Idaho, Utah, New Mexico, El Paso, Pikes Peak, Rocky Mountain, Black Hills, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas City, Wichita and Ozarks. Previous conferences hosted by the Big Sky in 1988 and 1999 were well attended with many member guests extending their trips to visit the natural wonders of Montana.

The 2012 meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Grand Montana in Billings. An energetic committee of volunteers has begun detailed planning for the social events, technical seminars and society business sessions. Briarwood has been selected as the venue for an always popular golf outing that helps get things rolling on Thursday morning. Alternatives are being explored for the traditional Thursday evening welcome party, Friday evening banquet, optional Saturday evening outing, and spouse/guest activities. We would greatly appreciate your ideas, comments and assistance.

Mark the dates on your calendar and plan to attend. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the many benefits that ASHRAE as to offer for active members. Special guests will include society officers and a representative of the excellent staff from Atlanta. Either the Society President or a Vice President will personally deliver the President's keynote address and theme for the 2012-2013 year.



Bill Lynch, CRC General Chairman – Big Sky Chapter ( 406-252-3237; [bill@coneer.com](mailto:bill@coneer.com) )

## 2011 Joint Engineers' conference

Thanks everyone for a well-attended JEC this year! I will get about a month before I start putting together speakers for the 2012 Joint Engineer's Conference. If you have any opinions about what type of education opportunities you would like to see, please contact me. I can always use your input to provide quality topics.

Thanks again,

Cory Hasiak  
*Student Chapter*

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## MSU Student Chapter - October

Winter Meeting - Location  
TBD(Billings or Bozeman)

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## 2011-2012 Chapter Programs

The following programs/activities have been tentatively set up for the 2011-2012 year

### **Billings Chapter**

Dec. 8th – Christmas Social

Jan. - Poker

Feb. 9th - Web Meeting

March 8th - Student Meeting

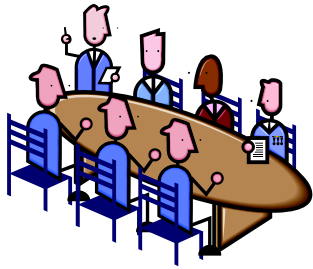
April 12th - Web Meeting

May - Golf

### **Great Falls Section**

December - Open

# 2011-2012 Big Sky Officers and Committee Chairs



## **Billings Chapter**

President:  
Ammon Palmer

Chapter Activities:  
Jake Witham

Treasurer:  
Dylan Bandy

Membership Chair:  
Bruce Cook

History:  
Bill Lynch

Student Activities Chair:  
Raelynn Meissner and Cory  
Hasiak

ECC Chair:  
(we need one)

Research Promotion Chair:  
Jay Cederberg

Newsletter:  
Rich Schubert

Past President:  
Nic Talmark

## **Great Falls Section**

Open - Treasurer  
Jon Dullum - (Co-Chair  
Treasurer)

Curt Erpenbach - Programs  
Chair

Gary Morris - Student  
Activities

Cory Jassen - Secretary

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