

# SKYNOTES

## Big Sky ASHRAE

### February Meeting

When: February 9, 2012 Lunch and Learn

Where: TBD

Speaker:

Rick Cravy - Sales and Application Manager for Ruskin.

Topic: Fire/Smoke Dampers and Current Code.

Contact Ammon at [ammonp@ctagroup.com](mailto:ammonp@ctagroup.com) for more info

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### January 2012

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### President's Message

Another month has gone by and we that are involved with ASHRAE have more opportunities than ever to participate and make our voices heard. As we look forward to summer and the warmer temperatures, there are other events happening in the summer. We are always looking for more help in setting up the Chapter Regional Conference (CRC). We are also looking to replace some chapter board members. We are in search of a Chapter Treasurer as well as a Research Promotion Chair. If neither of those positions sound appealing (or if you think they are too time intensive, we recognize that this is a volunteer organization) we on the board would be more than happy to have you help out with various activities.

We also have a couple of opportunities to help various engineering groups throughout the state. In Billings, on Feb. 4 is a high school car competition. The local high school students have to build a car with a given kit and have it carry water a given distance. The Billings Engineers Club is looking for judges for the event. If you are interested contact me and I can get you in touch with the correct individuals.

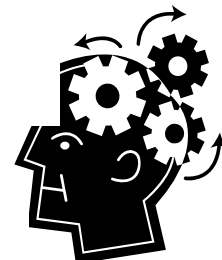
A second opportunity is for people closer to Bozeman. We are looking for people interested in participating in the engineerathon at MSU Bozeman during E-week. The event takes place on Feb. 16. Contact me for details and contact information.

Last but certainly not least is the plug for the monthly meeting in February. It takes place on Feb. 9 at the crown plaza. We are having Rick Cravy with Ruskin coming to speak on fire/smoke dampers and update on code changes. I encourage all to attend.

One last thanks for those that made our poker tournament fund raiser successful.

**Ammon Palmer**

*Big Sky Chapter President*



# RESEARCH

New Year's Greetings Everyone,

The good folks at ASHRAE and MSHE are planning to have our spring convention in Fairmont Hot Springs, May 23 to 25, this year. I took the opportunity to visit the facility last September and I believe this will suit our needs well. There is a large convention room that can easily accommodate 30 or more vendor booths. We'll have the social in the same room the evening of the vendor show. There is good dining right there at the hotel. Golf is close by. There is an indoor swimming pool. Butte is right down the road too. The facility is a little dated but it has a nice home spun appeal to it.



This is a little more of a family oriented venue than in past years. Since this convention precedes the Memorial Day weekend it could be an opportunity to bring the family and stay a few days longer.

I have attached a draft schedule. You will not see any specific education as of yet but we are working on a few programs already to fill the slots. We'll leave a little more time between sessions so the pace will be a little more relaxed than in the past. This is a work in progress so you will see updates in the early spring.

I am sending this out now so you can save these dates on your calendar. Once again, I have reserved good weather for the dates.

I hope everyone had a nice holiday break.

Joe Grabowski  
Plant Operations Manager  
North Valley Hospital

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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) )

## 2012 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 - January

March meeting in Bozeman to go over trip to Chicago.

Four Students going to ASHRAE Convention.

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## 2011-2012 Chapter Programs

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

### **Billings Chapter**

Feb. 9th - CTTC Meeting -  
Speaker Rick Cravy - Sales and  
Application Manager for  
Ruskin.

March 8th - Student Meeting

April 12th -Stockman Bank  
downtown tour for CTTC  
Meeting

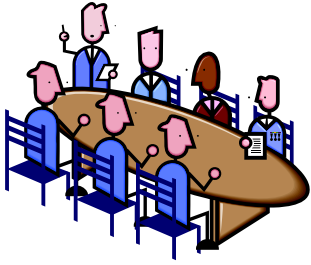
May - Golf for CTTC Meeting

### **Great Falls Section**

January - Open

February - 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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