

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

COK Chapter Meeting: Cooling Today's High Performance IT Systems

Speakers: Russ Hoppes
 December 3, 2025
 @Chicken N Pickle | OKC
 11:30am to 1:00pm
[Click here to register.](#)

BOG Meeting

December 17, 2025
 @Chicken N Pickle | OKC
 11:30am to 1:00pm



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Will Thompson



I've spent most of my life on some sort of team – football, basketball, soccer, band, boy scouts, musicals, and now most recently, my career and ASHRAE. Teamwork has taught me many lessons like, selflessness, sacrifice, dealing with different personalities, working as a group, etc. It is one of the most powerful drivers of success and is essential in every part of life – sports, business, family, community. Since I became the Central OK ASHRAE Chapter President on July 1, I've been thoroughly reminded how important teamwork is. ASHRAE on the surface can seem simple, but as you dive into it, it suddenly becomes increasingly more complex. The need for collaboration and teamwork becomes paramount. I feel fortunate to be surrounded by many different people with many different backgrounds and experience levels, not only in life, but in ASHRAE. You all make the Central OK Chapter what it is today.



President Will Thompson

We had a great turnout at our November Chapter meeting! We had 50 participants show up to listen to Kirk Phipps give his expertise and insight on hydronic balancing. As always, the group was attentive and asked thoughtful questions. I hope you all found it helpful and informative, and came away with something positive. Our next chapter meeting is Wednesday, December 3rd at 11:30am at Chicken N Pickle. Russ Hoppes with Vertiv will be discussing HVAC in Data Centers. Come ready to learn, and locked & loaded with questions!

We had another wonderful Pickleball tournament. Thank you again to all our sponsors including our Tournament Sponsor, ES2, as well as our court sponsors – Federal Thermal, Boone & Boone, Wilo, Trane, CaptiveAire, Mechanical Sales Midwest, Harrison Energy Partners, Spur Design and RB Akins. Also, thank you to all our participants who came out and participated. It's social events like these that make our chapter so great. Whether you participated, helped run the tournament, and simply showed up to hang out, we appreciate you making it a fun and enjoyable tournament for everyone.

Lastly, I'd like to thank all the officers for contributing to our Full Circle this year, as well as Matt Akins for his donation and taking the lead. Attaining Full Circle is extremely important to our chapter, and 100% of the money goes toward Research Promotion. As a reminder to all: since 1960, ASHRAE has sponsored research studies at universities and research firms. The results of these studies have been used to prepare chapters in the ASHRAE Handbook series; as foundational material in special publications; in the formulation of standards; to train university students as they prepare for service in the HVAC&R industry; and to spread the knowledge gained through presentation at Society Conferences and publication in ASHRAE Transactions or conference proceedings.

That's a wrap, and looking forward to closing out 2025 strong!





Healthy Buildings: Designing for Life

The theme for the ASHRAE 2025-26 Society Year is "Healthy Buildings: Designing For Life." This theme emphasizes the critical role of indoor environmental quality (IEQ) in creating healthier and more resilient communities, focusing on factors such as air quality, thermal comfort, and access to safe water.

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STUDENT EVENTS K-12

Payton Parker



At our recent STEM event with the Boys and Girls club, we read Lucy's Engineering Adventure with students and led several hands-on activities. They played with a cat-themed LEGO robot, a LEGO dollhouse with mini figures, and assembled their own LEGO kits. Thank you to everyone who helped create a personalized and engaging engineering experience!

Join us at our next LEGO event! 📌

Books & LEGOs @ Woodson Park

- Tuesday, February 24th
- Engineers Week! 🎉
- 4:30pm – 5:30pm



Payton Reading "Lucy's Engineering Adventure"

All volunteers are welcome!

If you'd like to participate or have any questions, please reach out to Payton at payton@crtifac.com.

RESEARCH AND PROMOTIONS

Matthew Akins

Hello ASHRAE Central OK!

Excited for a great start to the year! The RP annual campaign has begun and we're off to a great start after a successful golf tournament. A big thank you to all who have participated and donated to a good cause.

To start every year, we encourage our ASHRAE members to donate a gift to our chapter's RP fund. If you would like to make a donation you can visit the ASHRAE website or use the URL by clicking [HERE](#).

Contact Matt Akins at mattakins@rbakins.com with any questions.

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Michele Lefebvre & Ashley Hayden

Congratulations to Joe Shiff and Matt Heasley for winning first-place as well as our second-place winners Dale Clark and Jim Clark. We would like to thank all our sponsors; without you we can't host fun events like this!

Pickleball Tournament Sponsors:

Tournament Sponsor - ES2

Court Sponsors - Wilo, Spur, MSM, Trane, CaptiveAire, Harrison Energy Partners, Boone & Boone, DS Herron, and Federal Thermal

4th Annual Cornhole Tournament - Friday, March 27, 2026

- @ Chicken N Pickle | OKC

Clay Shoot - May 8, 2026

- @ Silverleaf Shotgun Sports



Thank you for allowing us to serve you again this 2025-2026 year. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me at mlefebvre@rbakins.com or Ashley Hayden at ashley.hayden@trane.com

YEA UPDATE

Ty Klakulak



Image of Paycom Center

Hey everyone! Thank you to everyone for attending our YEA event at the Paycom center last month. It was a great event to be able to see the Hydronic skids, and thank you to Cory Futrell and Eddie Lykins for helping at the event!

I hope the best this holiday season and thank you to everyone for keeping up to date with our YEA events this year.

If you have any questions about YEA or upcoming events, please feel free to reach out!

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? DID YOU KNOW? ?

If you are a member of a ASHRAE you can access all the ASHRAE Standards & Guidelines? Just following the steps below:

- Go to www.ashrae.org
- Login using your username
- Click Technical Resources tab à Standards & Guidelines à Preview ASHRAE Standards & Guidelines

ASHRAE Standards are critical in the HVAC design of all buildings!"



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

Caleb Deck



ASHRAE AND ENERGY SAVINGS

Over the past few years, ASHRAE has advocated both locally, state-wide, and nationally for the improvement of energy standards among jurisdictions through the adoption of ASHRAE Standard 90.1. Every 3 years, this standard is updated and adds new levels of sophistication and recommendations to its totality.

Often when this idea of energy codes or standards is brought up, the naysayers will complain that the first costs are too high, payback either never happens or is too long-term to matter, and the whole thing is just too complicated and draconian to fly in the USA.



Caleb Deck

Well, perk up your ears and drop your preconceptions, because we have some fresh data from the Department of Energy and our nerdy friends at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) looking at the cost and savings of ASHRAE 90.1-2019 compared to the 2007 version. This study shows that the incremental cost increase for the advanced code is only \$18 per unit, while the first year energy savings are \$244 per unit. Talk about a low-first cost and quick payback!

In fact, the goal of the ASHRAE 90.1 Standard is to provide recommendations (and prescriptive items at times) that help push designers to design buildings in a way that they outperform the baseline building on a life-cycle cost-effective basis. If it doesn't make sense for life cycle cost effectiveness, it will not even make the cut!

All this said, encourage your local, state, and federal representatives to take a look at ASHRAE 90.1-2019, or if they don't want to read the beautiful 468 page document, have them contact me for a quick overview! These design choices are not overly expensive, pay back quickly, and provide lower utility bills for the users for the life of the building. What could be more beneficial?

Click [HERE](#) to read more.

HISTORIAN'S ARTICLE

Dusty Stoabs



YEAR IN REVIEW: 2024 - 2025

The 2024-25 ASHRAE Central Oklahoma Chapter year was marked by outstanding momentum, strong leadership, and impressive achievements across just about every committee. The year kicked off with a well-attended planning retreat hosted by Chapter President Michael Halcomb, setting a collaborative tone that carried through the entire season. Communications saw major engagement as Josh Arnett delivered more than 60 email blasts, Heather Martin expanded the chapter's social media reach, and Rebecca Cawyer produced excellent looking newsletters. The DEI Committee—renamed from DIA—continued elevating member voices, highlighted by Chair Jamie Whittington's feature interview with Treasurer Stephanie Thomas. Government Affairs remained active with six members attending Day on the Hill to support pro-efficiency legislation and represent the chapter at the state level.

Membership growth surged, adding 26 new members, supported by successful cornhole tournaments and “bring a non-member” incentives. Roy Crawford was honored as the chapter's 10th ASHRAE Fellow. Student Activities added 15 new student members and provided travel support for eight students to attend the Winter Conference. YEA continued its strong presence with six new members, three socials, and an impressive 13 young engineers serving in leadership roles. CTTC secured all speakers early—including the ASHRAE Society President—and introduced a QR-code system for collecting PDHs more efficiently. The chapter also executed professional, well-run golf, pickleball, and sporting clays tournaments. Research Promotion reached Full Circle again and awarded a \$450 attendance-and-donation prize. Behind the scenes, the chapter modernized its operations by migrating all files to the ASHRAE Society Basecamp platform.

Capping off this exceptional year, the Central Oklahoma Chapter was awarded the Region VIII Golden Gavel—recognition of outstanding performance, teamwork, and leadership across every part of the chapter! To read more on each of these topics, follow this link to the full report on our history webpage [HERE](#).



Central Oklahoma chapter members receiving the Golden Gavel award
Tulsa CRC, April 2025

NOVEMBER BOG MEETING NOTES

Michael Akins

ASHRAE BOG MEETING NOTES II/I9

Meeting Date: November 19, 2025

Meeting Location: Chicken N Pickle

Meeting Started: 11:38 AM

Attendance: Dusty Stoabs, Matthew Akins, Gavin Swenson, Caleb Deck, Payton Parker, Stephanie Thomas, Rebecca Cawyer, and Zach Snow (Quorum Not Met)

Presidents Report and Scheduling: The president confirmed a joint meeting with AOGC at Will Roger's Theatre in February, **changing the usual meeting date to the third Wednesday**. Newsletter articles are due by Friday.

Financial Updates: The treasurer reported timely tax filings and a \$12,000 donation to the research promotion campaign included in the budget. A \$4,000 volunteer budget and a \$1,000 speaker budget were also discussed.

Committee Activities: The research promotion committee achieved full circle donations with additional contributions to be recognized at the next meeting. Student activities reported a successful LEGO and book event. The government affairs committee confirmed "Day on the Hill" for February 25th, potentially attended by the Society president. The sustainability position was filled and a historian coordinated newsletter content and photo sharing.

Meeting Planning and Topics: Discussion for the May meeting focused on either a single presenter or a panel, with possible topics including government, healthcare, or education. The group emphasized the need for submitted questions prior to the panel, aiming for ten questions, and considered reaching out to state-level contacts for participation. Braum's is a possible location for a joint Refrigeration tour with ASPE.

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COK ASHRAE CALENDAR 2025-2026



DECEMBER 3, 2025

**CHAPTER MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM**

DECEMBER 17, 2025

**BOG MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM**

JANUARY 7, 2026

**CHAPTER MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM**

JANUARY 21, 2026

**BOG MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM**

FEBRUARY 17, 2026

**CHAPTER MEETING
TBD
11:30AM - 1:00PM**

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

**BOG MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM**

FEBRUARY 25, 2026

**DAY ON THE HILL
OKC CAPITAL BUILDING
TBD**

MARCH 4, 2026

**CHAPTER MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM**

MARCH 18, 2026

**BOG MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM**

MARCH 27, 2026

**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
CHICKEN N PICKLE
TBD**

APRIL 1, 2026

**CHAPTER MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM**

APRIL 15, 2026

**BOG MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM**

APRIL 23-25, 2026

**ASHRAE CRC
LITTLE ROCK, AR**

MAY 6, 2026

**CHAPTER MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM**

MAY 20, 2026

**CHAPTER MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM**

JUNE 17, 2026

**BOG MEETING
CHICKEN N PICKLE
11:30AM - 1:00PM**

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