



Chapter Meeting Locations

Over the decades, finding a location to host our chapter meetings has always been a challenge. The location must have enough space, have good food, good service, be centrally located, be available when we need it, all at a price we can afford. In the old days, they had to have a liquor license. These days, it's not so much about the open bar as it is having good audio/visual equipment. Here is a look back over the past 60 years where we've hosted our chapter meetings. Which location were we at when you started coming to ASHRAE meetings?

Val Gene's at Penn Square. Back in the 1960's, the chapter was meeting at Val Gene's restaurant at Penn Square. It had enough room for the social hour and Chapter meeting but just couldn't accommodate a separate space for a technical session going on at the same time, plus, they felt like they weren't getting good service. A committee composed of Lewis Wickline, Louis Nettleship and Louis Loeffler Jr. went out to investigate facilities that could accommodate a meeting of around 150 people, plus a separate room for technical sessions, and collect price quotes for meals, the bar, set-up, tear-down, etc. They visited the Habana Inn on Route 66 (converted to I-44) and Penn, and, after considering a couple of other locations, decided to go with it. Even though the committee consisted of three "loo-is-es" it seems like Louis Nettleship might have taken over and sort-of ramrodded the Habana Inn choice. Certainly, the fact that the Habana Inn was directly across the street from Bradford & Nettleship Supply couldn't have had anything to do with it (Wink).

Below is a list of all the locations we've met at since moving from Val Gene's to the Habanna Inn (all locations have been in Oklahoma City). As a future project, I plan on trying to dig through the old documents and see if I can find the main reasons why the chapter made the move each time.

Habana Inn, 2200 NW 40th St. 1967 to 1975.

Holiday Inn NW, 3535 NW 39th Expressway. 1975 to 1987.

Applewoods, 4301 SW 3rd St. 1987 to 1996.

The Hilton, 2945 NW Expressway. 1996 to 2002.

The Centre, 4325 NW 50th St. 2002 to 2011.

50 Penn Place, 3rd Fl. 2011 to 2019.

Will Rogers Theatre, 4322 N Western Ave. 2019 to the present.

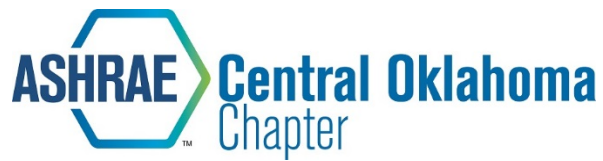
Take a look at the photo of our chapter meeting from 1967. Some things have certainly changed in the last 55 years!



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(Photo: Habana Inn 1967)

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