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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEATING, REFRIGERATING AND  
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**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING**

**August 20, 2008  
Petroleum Club  
BOG.... 11:00  
Lunch.....11:45  
Technical Session..... 12:15**

**UNDERSTANDING CODES**

Introduction from Your Speaker:  
Tommy Poindexter; former Chief Mechanical Inspector for the City of Fort Worth.

I have been teaching a Mechanical Code Class for the last three years to help the A/C Contractors around the local area. Now the State of Texas has required that the licensed contractor take a mandatory 8 hour class, this is what I am now doing for a full time job. I believe that I can help a lot of other people in the State of Texas than just in this area.

Started at the age of 13 installing duct work and being a grunt. Three years later, I was able to start driving, so it was time to start running service calls for my Dad. At 18 years of age, went to College to play football, tore a second knee and it was time to hang up the sport or be crippled. I then came home to work full time in his company.

As many of you know, sometimes it is hard to work for family. I worked for my father for 3 more years and then started my own

company. At the age of 38, working in an attic, caught a virus that settled in my heart and as of this; came down with congestive heart failure.

Kept on working for 3 1/2 years before closing my company. I applied for the Commercial Mechanical Inspector position in the City of Fort Worth. I was hired for this job because of my know-ledge of the trade. After being with the City for less than 2 years, was then hired as the Chief Mechanical Inspector. This is where the Code and Trade knowledge comes in for what I am now doing.

Then I wanted to started a class to teach the license holder and the workers great success; it helped the Inspectors write fewer red tags. There was a common ground now for the A/C Contractors and Inspectors.

Stayed with the City for 3 more years as the Chief. I feel very strong with what I am now doing and enjoy teaching over the two things that I have found in my life.

Please know there is a class that is more than just the required continuing education requirements. If the licensee has to spend time at a class, I want them to make the best of it.

Thanks for your support,  
Tommy Poindexter

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*David James*

Another beginning..... August 2008, I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. The new 2008-2009 Chapter Officers were installed in June. Each of the committee chairs have been selected and have stepped up and have begun with an awesome start. We have met once already and everyone seems prepared for the tasks at hand. As your new president of the Fort Worth Chapter of ASHRAE I would like to thank all those who have volunteered to serve with me this year.

Tony Finch, CTTC Chairperson, has worked extremely hard this summer and has many interesting and informative topics for our Technical Sessions. We will be posting this soon so everyone will have the opportunity to make plans to attend the meetings that would benefit them in their business endeavors. We will have distinguished speakers this year and hope to have a visit from the Society President, Mr. Bill Harrison later in the year.

If anyone has a special topic that you would like as one of the Technical Sessions please let us know. Changes are taking place daily and sometimes it's hard to keep, but we will endeavor to do so this year as much as possible.

It is my goal this year to support each officer, committee and each member in making the Fort Worth Chapter stronger and more successful in this coming year.

Respectfully,

*David James, Chapter President*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

*Jay Martin*

There are many notices coming soon. Please watch for these in your upcoming Chapter Newsletter. This meeting is a kick-off for the year.

Things that have been discussed and may be coming..... if you have any input on one of them or all of them please contact your Chapter Board Members.

- Fall Golf Tournament (October 27, 2008)
- Fall Sporting Clay Tournament (date TBD)
- Tour of Mortex Plant (October, 2008)
- Tour of NEW Cowboy Stadium (hopefully)
- Possible Baseball Tournament
- Winter Party (January, 2009)
- Don't forget CRC in April, 2009 (LUBBOCK)
- Spring Golf Tournament

A complete newsletter with complete information about your Chapter will be coming in September.

If anyone has news regarding a Chapter Member that has received an Honor or Award please let me know so we can share with all our members.

If you have information you feel the Chapter Members should know please contact me as well with this.

THIS IS YOUR CHAPTER NEWSLETTER.

*Jay Martin, Editor*

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