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The Charleston Chapter #113 of ASHRAE Newsletter

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Speaker: Lee Chiddention | Kinetics Noise Control

Topic: Vibration/Seismic & Wind Restraint

Date: Tuesday, May 9th

Time: 6:00 PM—7:00 PM(EST)

Cost: Dinner Only - \$25.00

Dinner and Bar - \$30.00

Location: Omar Shrine Temple

176 Patriots Point Rd.

Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

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This Month's Speaker:



Lee Chiddention is the Director of Sales for vibration/seismic & wind restraint at Kinetics Noise Control, and has been with the company for 9 years. Lee has an engineering degree from the University of Kent England, and he has spent the majority of his career in business management and sales. Lee manages a team of 5 inside sales engineers, 15 applications engineers, and manages 75 sales reps across North America. He oversees all technical marketing literature for HVAC products, and product development for HVAC products including testing. Lee is an active member of VISCMA & AMCA.

Some of his presentation will cover the following:

- Wind Restraint.
 - Code changes IBC
 - Market trends
- Seismic Design
 - Market trends
 - Why is seismic required in my non seismic zone ?
 - Importance factors
 - Using exemptions
- Vibration isolation
 - Selection guide
 - ASHRAE Isolator Types

Previous Speaker:



John Sofra is Director of Sales for Kinetics Noise Control, Inc. (Dublin, OH). John is responsible for the North American Territory for the Airflow Attenuation, Industrial “In-Plant”, and Environmental “Outdoor” Markets. John has been with Kinetics Noise Control for 20 years, after spending 15 years holding various positions and finally as the acoustics division manager for a national sheet metal duct and fitting manufacturer located in Columbus Ohio. John’s current team is made up of many sales and engineering professionals focused on airflow and acoustics. John has been involved in ASHRAE, ASTM, and AMCA during his many years in industry. John holds both BSME, and MBA degrees.

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Charleston ASHRAE members attending the Engineer's Joint Banquet (from left to right: Charles Hipp, Mike Liddle, Kenan Geren, Pete Conroy, Kyle Grimm, Darko Matore, Randy Jones).

ASHRAE's Mission & Vision

Mission: To serve humanity by advancing the arts and sciences of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration and their allied fields.

Vision: A healthy and sustainable built environment for all.

President's Message

Please come join us on May 9th for a dinner meeting at The Omar Shrine Club to hear Mr. Chiddention speak on Vibration/Seismic & Wind Restraint. Lee Chiddention has over 9 years of experience in the topic area, and we are eager to hear his insight. This will be our last meeting of the 2022—2023 ASHRAE season, so please stop by for important announcements. At our last meeting, nominations were made for next year. If you are interested in running for any positions, this is your last chance to enter the race! We will also be discussing many important upcoming events and plans for next year.

The Charleston Chapter of ASHRAE had another very successful YEA event this April. Organized by Kenan G. and Jacob S., the chapter took on a Sting Rays game, where the Rays won 5-3 over the Savannah Ghost Pirates! The group was lucky enough to see the mechanical room behind the refrigeration technologies used to cool the ice rink. These YEA events have been a fantastic way to welcome new members to ASHRAE and extend our community to peers in our industry. If you know anyone that may be interested, reach out to them and bring them along to and future meetings or events.

This May, we have the ASHRAE Golf Outing. A warm thank you to Philip Runyon for pulling much of the planning together. Please look into the sponsorship options we have available, and get a group together for a round on the links!

Finally, we will be having our ASHRAE Summer Social this June. See the calendar page for more details. Significant others welcome!

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting!

Government Affairs

On April 18, Charleston Chapter of ASHRAE Board member Pete Conroy joined the Greenville chapter for an Engineer's Day on the Hill day! Pete met with Representatives Wendell Gilliard and Robert Q. Williams. As engineers, we play a critical role in decision-making that impacts end-users, the environment, and the efficiency and complexity of HVAC projects. Thank you very much to Pete for getting in front of lawmakers to raise awareness for the values we stand behind! We hope to help motivate change that can benefit all.

This is just one example of ASHRAE's work with lawmakers and policy officials to keep the latest standards in building codes. The Grassroots efforts of ASHRAE start in the local chapters with each member. You DO make a difference!

Government Affairs Committee Chair



Young Engineers in ASHRAE

To ensure a bright future for ASHRAE and the industry, the Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA) Committee was developed to create programs and develop a path for our young professional members. Any current ASHRAE Affiliate, Associate or Member who is 35 years of age or younger is considered a YEA member, and automatically has a wide variety of programs, events, and opportunities at their fingertips! Please reach out to Jacob Shepherd if you are interested!





Calendar of Events

APRIL, 2023	<p>Speaker: John Sofra</p> <p>Location: Omar's Shrine Temple</p> <p>Date/Time: April 11th @ 6:00 PM</p> <p>Stingray's Game & Tour</p> <p>Location: Stingray Arena — 5001 Coliseum Drive</p> <p>Date/Time: April 12th @ 5:00 PM Game starts at 7:00 PM</p>
MAY, 2023	<p>Speaker: Lee Chiddention</p> <p>Location: Omar's Shrine Temple</p> <p>Date/Time: May 9th @ 6:00 PM</p> <p>ASHRAE Golf Outing</p> <p>Location: Legend Oaks Golf Club—118 Legend Oaks Way</p> <p>Date/Time: May 12th Shotgun Start @ 8:30 AM</p>
JUNE, 2023	<p>ASHRAE Summer Social</p> <p>Location: The Wreck of Richard and Charlene</p> <p>Date/Time: TBD</p>