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# FLUE PIPE

American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers, Inc.  
Shreveport Chapter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to start this message off with a very large "THANK YOU". This goes out to all of the members of the Shreveport Chapter which have helped make the last few years pass by with very few problems. All of the BOG members, officers and committee chairs have been especially helpful to me during the past year while I served as President. It has been a pleasure and honor serving and representing the Shreveport Chapter this past year.

I would like to thank the Mexico City Chapter for their hard work and determination to make the Region VIII - 2006 CRC in Cancun one of most memorable ever. The accommodations and hospitality were second to none. I know that the Central Oklahoma Chapter and our own Shreveport Chapter will have to step it up a little to follow the example set by Mexico City.

I would like to thank Storer Equipment for allowing the Shreveport Chapter to use their training room for our April meeting which preceded the ASHRAE Satellite Broadcast on Sustainability and the Building Environment. A special thanks to Roger Stanley for helping with the arrangements for lunch.

Shreveport Chapter will be hosting our "Past Presidents Night" on May 18, 2006 at Savoie's. We will be honoring our Past Presidents, which in the Shreveport Chapter is almost our entire roster. I will be pleased to be grouped with such a great list of people. Also, at that time we will be installing our 2006-07 officers. Please come and join us for a wonderful dinner and social hour. Call other members that might have slipped a little in attendance and invite them along. Remember to RSVP to Nathan for your reservations.

I hope to see everyone at Past Presidents Night.

Elmer Tingler  
President



## MEETING FACTS

**DATE:** Thursday  
May 18, 2006

**PLACE:** Savoie's Catering Place  
2441 E. 70<sup>th</sup> Street  
Shreveport, Louisiana

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m. - Social  
6:30 p.m. - Meal

**OCCATION:** "Past President's Night"

**RSVP Required**

**COST:** \$25.00/Person

*Spouses are welcome and encouraged  
to attend.*

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**RSVP to Nathan Wilemon (318) 221-6653.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

## MEETING MINUTES

Statement of Accounts	Mar. 31, 2006	Apr. 30, 2006
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 14,378.00	\$ 14,986.00
Savings Account	\$ 620.50	\$ 620.55
Checking Account	\$ 1,407.77	\$ 1,711.86
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$ 16,406.27</b>	<b>\$ 17,318.41</b>

### Statement of Income

#### Income:

Dues	\$ 80.00
Meals	\$ 558.00
Golf Tourn.	\$ 300.00
ASHRAE Research	\$ 0.00
Misc.	\$ -
Other	\$ -
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 938.00</b>

#### Expenses:

Misc.	\$ 0.00
Meeting/Meals	\$ 252.70
ASHRAE Research	\$ 500.00
Newsletter -.	\$ 85.00
Web Site	\$ 65.00
Golf Tournament	\$ 0.00
Region VIII Dues	\$ 0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 902.70</b>

**Net Income (Loss): \$ 35.30**

**Interest Income from Savings and CD's in 2005 ..... \$ 0.60**  
**Interest Income from Savings and CD's in 2006 ..... \$ 0.20**

**Submitted by Gary Patrick, Treasurer**

## ASHRAE BOG Meeting Minutes 4-12-06

In Attendance: Roger Stanley, Elmer Tingler, Dee Nooner, Matt Berry, Kurt Lyles, Mike Middleton, Nathan Wilemon, Gary Patrick.

Elmer is finalizing information that is to be taken to CRC.

Roger Stanley – Discussed ASHRAE Broadcast coming up on April 19. Have a bout 15 signed up at this point. Signup sheet will also be in Flue Pipe.

Nathan Wilemon – May meeting (Past Presidents Meeting) will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup> as Savoie's. Discussed menu and meeting format. Nominations for all positions except Secretary have been filled. Still looking for viable candidates for Secretary.

Kurt Lyles – Shreveport CRC Location still between Shreveport Convention Center and Sam's Town.

Mike Middleton – Web site will be up to date in few days.

Matt Berry – Finalizing time for next student chapter meeting.

Gary Patrick – Finances are good. Investments are back up above their original value. Getting in last golf tourney monies.

Dee Nooner – History is still happening...

Meeting Adjourned.

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## BACKWARD GLANCE

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### Shreveport's Municipal Memorial Auditorium

Located just west of Downtown Shreveport, lies one of Shreveport's most treasured buildings. Built in the 1920's this building, noted for its intricate brickwork and lavish interior, is called "The finest example of Art Deco" construction in the State of Louisiana.

The building is located in an area of town named Ledbetter Heights, named after Huddie "Leadbelly" Ledbetter, a musician with an interesting life story. He was proclaimed, "King of the Twelve String". **Goodnight Irene**, **Midnight Special** and **Cotton Fields** are just a few of the folk standards he popularized.



Designed by noted architect, Samuel Weiner, the building was dedicated to the Soldiers of the Great War on Veterans' Day, then known as Armistice Day, November 11, 1929.

The building has hosted virtually every possible public event during her first 75 years. The list includes circuses, recitals, concerts, sporting events, graduations, speakers, political rallies, Mardi Gras Balls, Ice Skating shows, conventions and theatrical productions. Virtually every symphony orchestra, public speaker and concert was held in this building until the city complex was built specifically for a symphony house and concert hall. It has been home to the largest American Legion Post in the country, it headquartered the Regional Girl Scouts of America, The Daughters of the Confederacy, The Council on Aging, The Caddo Parish Health Services, as well as City Employee Offices. It served as barracks for troops, and at one time, housed the early aircraft warning system that later became more popularly known as "Radar". It even housed the City Morgue which was located in the basement, underneath the stage!

And almost weekly for the first 50 years, you could join a few thousand of your closest friends and come watch your favorite wrestlers battle it out from a ring located in the center of the arena floor!

And since it has superior acoustics, this sound proof arena, has always been particularly appealing for musical events and productions. Although the seating capacity is around 3,500, some piano recitals drew crowds surpassing 5,500! Until the mid 1960's, nearly all Symphony and Opera performances were presented from the stage of the Municipal Auditorium. The second most popular song was sung by Governor Jimmie Davis from the stage here. That song is "You Are My Sunshine". (The most recognized song is "Happy Birthday to You").



On April 3, 1948, a new program named, "**The Louisiana Hayride**", began a weekly showcase of talented singers, songwriters and performers. Little did anyone realize the impact that would be made from the stage of Shreveport's Municipal Memorial Auditorium.

Interestingly, The City Morgue was housed in the basement practically under the stage, for a few years during The Hayride. That may have something to do with the incredible talent that grew from the ranks of The Hayride. It must have been extremely motivating not to 'die' on stage!

The Louisiana Hayride was surpassed in popularity only to Nashville's Grand Ole Opry. In fact, The Louisiana Hayride became known as "The Cradle of the Stars," because so many of the acts that went on to international stardom began their careers on this program. Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, Johnny Horton, Slim Whitman, Jim

Reeves, Webb Pierce, Kitty Wells, Tex Ritter, Doug Kershaw, David Houston, Faron Young, Claude King, Jerry Kennedy, Merle Kilgore and George Jones are just a few of the acts that went on to stardom after breaking in on The Louisiana Hayride. But, the most prominent performer to begin his career on the stage made his performance debut October 16th, 1954. That is when the world was introduced to Elvis Presley! Elvis was signed to a contract to perform every Saturday night on the Hayride for \$18 dollars a show! Colonel Tom Parker "discovered" this phenomenal talent and bought his contract out for \$10,000 dollars after 18 months, but without a doubt, it is on the stage of Shreveport's Municipal Auditorium that Elvis developed the techniques that forever changed the world of music.

The audiences averaged around 2,000 per show and for a while, The Hayride was nationally broadcast on CBS radio and became a staple of Armed Forces Radio programming. Although the weekly programming ended in 1960, the Hayride was regularly scheduled through the 60's.

The building continues to be a popular venue because of its size and proximity to both interstates that run through Shreveport. It boasts a large stage and numerous dressing rooms. One of the dressing rooms has even been decorated, and the street has been renamed, Elvis Presley Avenue to commemorate and honor Elvis and the birth of his career.

Every Saturday, from 11 am till 4 pm, you can stop in for a very informative tour of the building, which includes a stroll across the Stage of Stars! The tour takes about 30 minutes and ends at the "Stage of Stars" Museum and Gift Shop.



Private and group tours are available during other times and the cost is a requested donation of \$2 dollars per person.

Shreveport has produced many celebrities in the music industry, namely Huddie 'Ledbelly' Ledbetter, for whom the area where the Municipal is named, Kix Brooks of Brooks and Dunn, Kenny Wayne Shepard and Troy Vergis, 2003 BMI songwriter of the year.

James Burton, one of the premier guitar players of the last 100 years, still calls Shreveport home. He is one of the most sought after studio musicians in the world and played extensively for Ricky Nelson, John Denver, Emmylou Harris, Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison and Eric Clapton, just to name a few.

Frank Page, a living legend, visits from time to time. He is one of a handful of disk jockeys in the National Hall of Fame and is noted as the man who introduced Elvis Presley to the world.

Tillman Franks, another entertainer who still calls Shreveport home, managed the careers of many of the artists that went on to stardom during the Hayride years. One of the guys he managed was another Shreveport native, Terry Bradshaw of football fame. He had a short career as Country Music Performer and even played the stage of the Municipal!

You'll never know who is bound to show up to visit this popular venue, and you are welcome to visit the historic Municipal Memorial Auditorium.

The officers, board of governors, and committee chairmen for 2005-2006 are listed below.

Call with your ideas and suggestions.

*We encourage your support!*

**OFFICERS**

President	Elmer Tingler	797-5006
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