

## DIRECTORS LETTER REGION 11

“Ladies and Gentlemen, the boarding door is now closed. Cellular phones and other electronic devices must be turned off and stowed. Please be seated with your seat belts fastened and your seat backs in the upright position..... Sit back and enjoy the ride.”

This has come to be a very well used phrase and common part of my recent vocabulary. After 34 years, I have opted to retire, and I thank RSES and this industry for allowing me the opportunity to do so. As you may have surmised, I am now spending part of my time as a reserve flight attendant for Northwest Airlines. Yes, I have been to exciting places like Amsterdam, Honolulu, Fargo, Minot and Rochester, MN, to name a few.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference in Rapid City. It is a great venue and they have a great program in place; so please invite a few friends to join us and introduce them to our great organization. I cannot stress enough how important it is to attend educational conferences, not only to enhance your industry knowledge but more importantly, the lifelong friendships that can develop by attending just one time.

### HEADQUARTERS NEWS:

#### A Heads Up

#### Happy 75th Birthday RSES!

On Saturday, February 9, 1933, the Refrigeration Service Engineers Society officially became incorporated in the state of New York. The Society was launched with an initiation fee of \$5.00 and annual dues of only \$7.50! The first RSES Chapter was created in New York City on March 23, 1933 and following in June the first issue of the Refrigeration Service Engineer magazine was published as the official publication of the Society. On October 11-13, 1934 the first RSES convention was held in Chicago with an estimated attendance of 100 people from 13 states.

RSES has traveled a remarkable 75 years to become the HVACR Training Authority and is building the foundation for RSES members, programs and services for the next 75 years..

### OLE & SVEN GO HUNTING

The two Norwegian hunters from Minnesota took a break from their refrigeration business and got a pilot to fly them to Canada to hunt moose. They bagged six. As they started loading the plane for the return trip, the pilot said the plane could take only four moose. The two lads objected strongly, 'Last year we shot six and the pilot let us put them all on board and he had the same plane as yours.' Reluctantly, the pilot gave in and all six were

loaded. However, even on full power, the little plane couldn't handle the load and went down a few moments after takeoff.

Climbing out of the wreck Ole asked Sven, "Any idea where we are?"

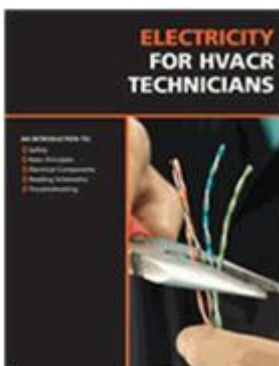
"Yaaah, I tink we's pretty close to where we crashed last year."

Unlike Ole & Sven, your Board of Directors and I are looking forward to sustainability, and working towards those actions which will carry us for another 75 years and beyond. I just got home from a working board meeting in Chicago, and the common theme most often expressed was "what we do today as a board needs to carry us forward another 75 years". Rather than follow Ole and Sven's footsteps, the board is working very hard not to repeat past mistakes, and rather is striving to implement change that will keep us moving forward and enhance a growing organization to 2083 and beyond.

## **EDUCATION, TRAINING AND TESTING**

I am also pleased to announce the release of the newest RSES manual titled, "Electricity for HVACR Technicians." This manual combines the most popular lessons from the Electrical Unit series into one publication. This two-color manual contains nearly 400 pages of in-depth electrical training specific to HVACR technicians from the fundamentals of electricity and safety to troubleshooting and reading and understanding schematics. Featured in this manual are a number of 11 in. x 17 in. fold out schematic and troubleshooting diagrams and a glossary of terms. This manual is available to members for \$75 (plus shipping and handling charges.) To view this item in the RSES online

[www.RSES.org/Electricity for HVACR Technicians](http://www.RSES.org/Electricity%20for%20HVACR%20Technicians)



## **CONFERENCES:**

I would invite all of you to attend the annual business/educational conference this fall in Indianapolis, IN, and am also pleased to announce that the 2009 conference venue under consideration by board action is being slated for Minneapolis/ Saint Paul, MN.

We were also well represented at last years conference in San Antonio and congratulations go out to the following:

**Paul B Reed Award** – (in recognition of Chapters that have developed exceptional educational programs)  
In the Small Chapter Category was – Black Hills Chapter, Rapid City, SD.

**Imperial Award (CMS Category) Heat Pump Specialist**

(In recognition of the RSES Certificate Member who has earned the highest grade within the past year in a specialist Examination Category)

Stephen J. Bulat, CMS, Red River Chapter, Fargo, ND.

Congratulations to those Chapters as well to those individuals who have successfully attained the status of CM and CMS this year.

See you in Rapid City.

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