



## Odds and Ends

The end of January was met with a productive week during the 2012 ASHRAE Winter Conference and AHR Expo. Attendance was up, new technology was displayed and it offered a glimpse of hope—albeit small—that our economy and industry are continuing to grow.

While there seems to be little momentum in new construction, there is still activity in the updating of existing homes/buildings so they are more energy efficient and provide long-term cost savings. In this month's issue, the features discuss just that—what industry professionals can do to ensure customers' existing equipment is operating at its optimum and offers savings in the process.

Focusing on IAQ, authors have provided information on everything from sealants, coatings and adhesives and their importance in sealing ductwork, to re-tuning existing buildings for proper IAQ to ensure occupants and owners alike reap the benefits from improved air quality and properly operating equipment. We also take a look at thermal displacement ventilation and how this type of air-distribution system works to displace air contaminants into unoccupied zones of rooms. While not new technologies, these articles address the fundamentals essential to achieving proper ventilation and some alternative thinking to solving problems for customers.

Some additional ideas to convey to HVACR professionals—and an extraordinarily hot topic during the AHR Expo—is the feature discussing the increasing use of smartphones and apps and how these are being applied to the work you do every day. In addition to a general overview of the subject, examples of

apps being used in the industry and how they can compliment your knowledge are included in the feature.

There also is an invitation extended to readers to share the apps they use while in the field. We would like to know the name of the app, how it works and a real-world example of how using it helped you to do your job better. This information will be shared with other readers in an upcoming feature. Pass on the knowledge and provide this information to Anne Sedjo, Associate Editor, at [asedjo@rses.org](mailto:asedjo@rses.org).

Of course, we also want to hear from Members on upcoming regional conferences being held in your area to be included in RSES News. We can't share it if we don't hear from you! Be sure to send a brief write-up on the event (dates, location, time and educational sessions being held at the conference).

Lastly, if you haven't been to the RSES/RSES *Journal* websites in a while, you should be sure to visit them! In addition to industry and Society news, Web Exclusives and feature/column archives, there is a list of upcoming Training Authority Seminars coming to your area. Many are NATE-recognized and offer CEHs toward renewing NATE certification. If you are not a Member of RSES, be sure to check out the benefits that come with it! Invest in yourself to invest in your future! 📖

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