Charting New Territory

As many of you know, everyone at RSES Journal works to provide readers with as much content and information related to job site-applicable HVACR information as possible. We often find ourselves introducing new columns and ideas here that, with all good intentions, do not always come to fruition. This month, however, we hope to strike a chord with everyone.

This month is the first month we are providing readers with training programs that are available from manufacturers. Temporarily listed in our HVACR Insights column, the first of the series leads in with classes that are geared toward natural refrigerant compressors. What prompted this addition? Well, as is stated in the Editor's Note on pg. 18, RSES is in the business of training professionals. Our mission here is: “To provide opportunities for enhanced technical competence by offering comprehensive, cutting-edge education and certification to our members and the HVACR industry. To advance the professionalism and proficiency of our industry through alliances with other HVACR associations.” We felt that by adding in these hands-on technical programs that are being offered by manufacturers, we are giving you the ability to continue your training and education, even if that means it is not through RSES.

Our plan is to provide new training opportunities each month, while offering readers descriptions of the training facilities, classes and schedules. If you have attended a manufacturer-based training program we should feature or you are a manufacturer that offers training, please let me know about it! Send me an email or call me.

Speaking of training, RSES is still searching for webinar presenters to round out its Technical Webinar series for the second half of 2016. If you or someone you know has HVACR technical expertise and is interested in sharing that knowledge with RSES Members, please contact Kim Heselbarth at kheselbarth@rses.org or 800-297-5660 x4031. We would love to get you on the schedule. Know that we do have a list of topics that have been requested, but we are open to suggestions, as well.

Finally, and briefly back to column ideas, an RSES Member contacted me with a “What’s Wrong with this Picture” column suggestion, where readers submit images of problematic HVACR projects that they encountered in the field, along with a solution that corrected the said problem. This reader already submitted a picture and I would love to run it, but would like a few more submissions to add to this. Now, I have seen similar approaches to this idea, but would still love to see what readers are encountering in the field and their approach to the work of not-so-skilled technicians’ work.

So, if you are in the habit of snapping pics of shoddy work, either for you, your customer, social media posts or all of the above, be sure to send them to me too. If possible an “after picture” and a brief description of what the problem was and how you fixed it would be ideal! Drop me a line! I would love to hear from you.

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