

“Sustaining Our Future by Rebuilding Our Past”



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Christmas Social, a Chapter Tradition

The Alamo Chapter of ASHRAE had its beginning in 1946

The Southwest Texas Chapter of ASHVE was granted for organization on the 13th day of December, 1946, consisting of Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi and the Rio Grande Valley. The headquarters were in San Antonio and meetings were on the 3rd Tuesday of the month with one meeting held in Austin and one in Corpus Christi of each year.

Time goes on, things change: ASHVE to ASHAE to ASHRAE and the SW Texas Chapter became the Alamo Chapter. Some things remain the same; we still hold our meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

The number of meetings per year varies in the history of the chapter especially in the first ten years where it varied 6,7,8,9,10,11 not in that order but an indication of some adjustments taking place. The records are sparse for this time; however there were 4 cities that comprised the chapter. The meeting minutes indicate meetings held in Austin, and Corpus with most in San Antonio. The minutes also reflect picnics and Christmas socials which were not counted as meetings but the Socials were always a consideration of the membership.

In the minutes of Nov 22, 1949, *“Mr. Pawkett initiated a discussion relative to a social meeting on December 16, 1949. This meeting would be for initiation of Officers. The ladies are to be invited.”*

The minutes of May 20, 1950 are very short:

“Call to Order” Picnic – Landa Park, New Braunfels, Texas. 4:00PM until.

Miscellaneous enjoyable afternoon and evening of golf, swimming, boating, bicycle riding, and eating was participated in by members and their families and guest.”

There are no minutes for June 1951 meeting however in the minutes of meeting of August 31, 1951 which was held in Corpus Christi end with the following:

“Early the following morning the much talked of Fishing Trip took place. Sixteen people turned up for same and we sailed on the “Sally D.” Fishing honors were divided between the President’s wife and Jack Hopping’s son and daughter. Honors in card playing were taken by other members of the group. On the whole we believe the trip was a success.

Meeting minutes 20 Nov 1951 *“Advisability of a Dec meeting of a social nature with wives and /or girls invited was discussed. It was finally voted to have same at guest ranch in New Braunfels on Dec 18, 1951”*

Meeting minutes 20 May 1952: *“It was decided to have a picnic as the June Chapter meeting*

The meeting minutes of June 18, 1955 state the following:

“The Southwest Texas Chapter, ASH&AE met on June 18, 1955 in Landa Park, Hew Braunfels, Texas for the annual picnic occasion for the members and their families and guests.”

Although “golf” was not mentioned it does establish an **“annual” summer social activity.**

Minutes of mtg 14 Dec 1955: *“Southwest Texas Chp **annual Christmas Party** held at the Kit-Kat Klub, Fredericksburg Rd. SAT”.*

Conserve the Tradition. Attend the Dec 9, 2009 Alamo Chapter Christmas Social

The Rest is History

Credits

“Sustaining Our Future by Rebuilding Our Past” ASHRAE President William Harrison’s theme for 2009-10

