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## The President's Column

I hope everyone has had a great summer. There have been several significant highlights in our chapter already!

The first was the completion of an excellent spring technical conference in Atlanta, GA. Many thanks go to co-chairpersons Brenda Cole and Ben Hamilton and their planning committee, Harry Jenkins, Steve McAbee and Ray Paden. Thanks for a great job!

The second was the establishment of our chapter's web site. Now our membership and vendors can go to the site for updated information about conferences, chapter news, and training seminars. You can access this new site now at [www.easasoutheast.org](http://www.easasoutheast.org).

The third is the continuing of our chapter's subsidized training seminars. David Horton has given these a great start and has now passed the chairmanship of this committee over to Chris Raines who will continue these excellent training programs. I urge all members to take part. You can check the schedules for these seminars at the chapter's new web site as they become available, or call the Chapter office for more information.

Finally, with all the acquisitions, mergers and down sizing in today's market, it was only a matter of time before these trends would affect our organization. EASA International has started a program of realigning all regions, which includes the combining of our two (regions 4 and 5) into one. Their plan would call for only one director for this new combined region, with all of the new regions roughly equal in membership numbers, approximately 300 each.

Also, in an effort to reduce costs, EASA International will reduce the amount of international dues revenue that it shares with our chapter by around 5% to 6%.

What does all this mean to us? Hopefully, no dramatic changes will be necessary for our chapter except for the loss of one regional director. Our main concern is the loss of 5% to 6% of the annual revenue that our chapter receives from EASA International. This puts more pressure on our chapter to be as efficient as possible in the day-to-day operations of the chapter. For the board of directors and planning committees, the loss of this revenue will add pressure for them to ensure that our conferences and seminars are fully attended and as cost effective as possible.

Speaking of conferences, our upcoming fall meeting at the Four Seasons Ocean Grand Resort in Palm Beach September 28-30 promises to be full of "*Sun and Fun*" (according to Brett McCormick). Bret is expecting a record number to attend this impressive conference site, and promises that "*THIS IS THE ONE!*"

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President's Column, continued

I urge all chapter members to participate in this spectacular fall kick-off. Please mark your calendars now! I look forward to seeing all of my Southeastern Chapter friends.

Oh yes, don't forget your bathing suit and suntan lotion!

See You There!

Shawn Venable

### Southeastern Chapter Training Schedule

August 25 Orlando, Florida  
Hands On DC For Technicians

August 25 Charlotte, North Carolina  
Submersible Pump Repair

August 25-26 Atlanta, Georgia\*

\* The final word on the seminar topic in Atlanta is not in yet, but it will be either "Training Shop Supervisors" or "AC Mechanical Repair." Stay well informed by checking for late-breaking news at [www.easasoutheast.org](http://www.easasoutheast.org).

### EASA Southeastern Chapter Launches New Web Site [www.easasoutheast.org](http://www.easasoutheast.org)

We are proud to announce the establishment of our new chapter web site, where members and visitors can keep abreast of the latest chapter news, contact the chapter officers, and download resources like chapter bylaws, back issues of *Southwind*, and registration forms for training seminars and conferences. If you like to stay *right on top of things* please note that every issue of *Southwind* is posted on our resources page as soon as it is sent to the printer, so you can actually download the latest edition of this newsletter long before it arrives in the mail. *Wow!*

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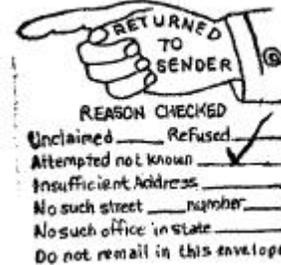
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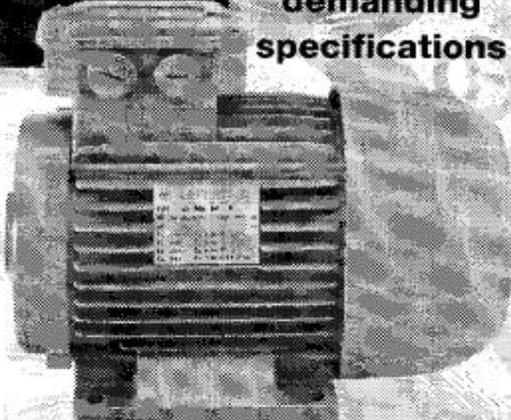


The 2000-2001 Southeastern Chapter Handbooks are in the mail ... and some of them are already back! It's depressing, but as soon as our handbook is published each year members start calling to "update" some item of information that has changed since last year.

If your mailing address, phone number, member contact, or any other information changes during the year, please notify the Chapter office at once so that our mailing list can be kept up to date. **Remember: we are not automatically notified when you send a change of address to EASA International in St. Louis.**

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## Happy Anniversary!

The following chapter members are scheduled to receive recognition at the Fall Conference in Palm Beach, Florida this September. If this is your company's 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, but it isn't listed below, please contact the chapter officer immediately so that we can honor your years of service in the industry as well.

**Do you know an individual who is celebrating 50 years of service in the electrical apparatus repair industry?** If this person will be attending the Fall Conference this September, please notify the chapter office so that we can plan to recognize their years of service also.

### *75 Year Member Service Award*

Commercial Electric Company  
Snow Electric Co. Inc.

Savannah, GA  
Winston-Salem, NC

### *60 Year Member Service Award*

Electrical & Mechanical Resources

Richmond, VA

### *50 Year Member Service Award*

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Nelson Electrical Co. Inc.  
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### *40 Year Member Service Award*

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Courtland, VA  
Chesapeake, VA  
Dorado, PR  
Columbus, GA

### *25 Year Member Service Award*

Turner Electric Works  
Alvin Wynn Electric Co. Inc.

Lake City, FL  
Fitzgerald, GA

## WARNING

It has come to my attention that a small percentage of the new 2000-2001 Southeastern Chapter **handbooks may be incomplete**. If your handbook does not contain a letter from Chapter President Shawn Venable with his photo, or if the book is incomplete or damaged in any other way, please contact the chapter for a replacement.

**This may not be the best place to mention this ...** but extra copies are available to chapter members for \$7.50 and non-members for \$12.50, which includes standard mail delivery.

Make your plans now to attend the Y2K Fall Conference at  
**The Four Seasons Ocean Grand Resort**  
Palm Beach, Florida  
September 28-30

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***Welcome New Members!***

AAG Motors & Pumps Inc.  
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Electrical Engineering Enterprises, Inc.  
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Florida Armature Works Inc.  
Kissimmee, Florida

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