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ASHRAE DAYTON NEWSLETTER



Dayton Chapter



**A2L Refrigerants,
Codes, Safety Standard
Requirements, and
more!**

**Wednesday, Sept 16th
11:30 am - 1 pm**

**Helix Innovation Center
40 West Stewart Street
Dayton, OH 45409**

Daniel Faxon with Copeland will be presenting on A2L refrigerants and the associated codes and safety standard requirements.

The HVACR industry is in the middle of a major refrigerant transition. This refrigeration-focused presentation will provide an overview of A2L refrigerants, including why the industry is adopting them, what makes them different from traditional refrigerants, and how evolving codes and regulations are impacting equipment design and installation. We will also review key regulatory timelines and discuss what this transition means for end users, OEMs, contractors, and consumers.

Please preregister for the Helix using this form:
[Helix Innovation Center Request Form](#)

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**Use the link below to sign
up for our Sept Chapter
Meeting**

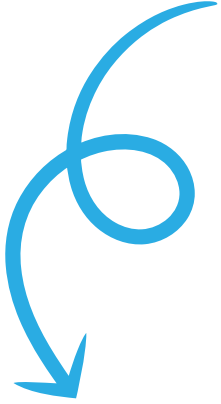


**ASHRAE Sept
Eventbrite Sign Up**



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Letter from the President

Greetings ASHRAE Members!

Wishing you and your families a happy start to fall and a new school year! Certainly lots of excitement here at the University of Dayton as students have returned to campus. A new school year offers the opportunity for all of us to reflect on the importance of education, especially for our industry. Supporting the next generation of skilled technicians, engineers, researchers and more is of the utmost importance. This is especially true as AI continues to change the way we all think about work. I encourage all ASHRAE members to reflect on how you might support the next generation in your everyday work. Co-ops, internships, and apprenticeships are especially impactful for getting new folks into the industry, I applaud those workplaces that set up programs and hope you all find them as valuable as I know students do.

I'll leave you also with a reminder to keep an eye out for ASHRAE's Student Night Event and take opportunities to connect with those who will be the future of the HVAC Industry.

Have a fantastic start to the Fall!

ASHRAE Chapter President



Upcoming Meetings

September 16th

Chapter Meeting

11:30-1pm, In-Person

September 23rd

BOG Meeting

8-9am, Virtual

October 1st

YEA Happy Hour

4-6pm, In-Person

Visit our website to keep up
to date on events!

<https://daytonashrae.org/>

2026-2027 Officers

President: *Bryan Kinch (UD)*

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(Octarine Analytics)*

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McKenna Amerson (Waibel)*

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Newsletter: *McKenna Amerson (Waibel)*

Refrigeration: *Daniel Faxon (Copeland)*

At Large: *Michael Malesko (Rieck),
Matt Dill (Emerson Swan), Rick Pavlak (Retired)*

Membership Promotion

The Dayton Chapter is happy to welcome its newest members. Please give them a warm welcome!

August

Joshua Clark

Enrique Studebaker

You can sign up and pay for local chapter dues by visiting our Dayton chapter website:

<https://daytonashrae.org/chapter-membership/>

Membership Promotion



1st

Nathan Wertz
Tom Holland

15th

David Rickey



Please don't forget to make sure your email is up to date.

You can update it on ASHRAE.org website and with your local chapter so you do not miss out on any news or upcoming events! If you know someone that is not receiving the monthly newsletter, make sure to suggest them to check their email with both sites mentioned. **THANK YOU! Jennifer Eller at jmeller@heapy.com.**

Membership Application Here

ASHRAE RP

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the ASHRAE RP 25-26 campaign. For anyone who would like to help us kick off the campaign for the 26-27 chapter year, please consider donating to ASHRAE RP / Education / Scholarships.

See the link BELOW to donate today!

Partner Level

Silver Level

Bronze Level

Honorable Mention

Honor Roll

2026 Goal = \$19,680

YTD = \$

To go = \$

% to Goal = 0%

Thanks for all your help and support. If you would like to donate **NOW**, simply click this link:



DONATE NOW

And make your donation to help ASHRAE in its Research Efforts.

Thank you so much!



ASHRAE News

📅 20 Aug 2026 📊 Students 📍 Atlanta

2026 ASHRAE Student Design Competition Winners Highlight Next-Generation Building Solutions

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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📅 11 Aug 2026 📊 Resources 📍 Atlanta

ASHRAE Highlights Building Resources as Communities Face Water and Air Quality Challenges

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ASHRAE Highlights Building Resources as Communities Face Water and Air Quality Challenges

Science-based guidance helps building professionals reduce risks from Legionella and wildfire smoke

ATLANTA (August 11, 2026) – ASHRAE is highlighting its technical resources to support building professionals in addressing global environmental and public health challenges, including wildfire smoke, extreme heat and Legionella risk. As communities across North America, Europe and other regions face these evolving conditions, the Society continues to provide science-based guidance that supports healthier, safer and more resilient buildings.

ASHRAE News

Dayton ASHRAE will have a booth at
HEAPY's PIVOT conference this year on
Thursday September 10th!

A promotional banner for the PIVOT conference. The word "PIVOT" is in large, bold, dark grey letters, with the "T" being a green arrow pointing right. To the left of "PIVOT" is a circular graphic with three green segments labeled "FEASIBILITY", "ADAPTABILITY", and "RESILIENCE". To the right of "PIVOT" is a large green arrow pointing right. Inside the green arrow, the words "REGISTER NOW" are written in white, with "REGISTER" in a smaller font and "NOW" in a larger, bolder font. Below the main banner is a green bar with white text. On the left, it says "SEPTEMBER 10, 2026" and on the right, it says "SINCLAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE".

PIVOT **REGISTER NOW**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 **SINCLAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Please consider signing up.
We hope to see you there!



Thanks for joining! Dayton YEA Summer Social

Dayton Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA) was developed to create programs and develop a path for our young professional members. Any current ASHRAE Affiliate, Associate or Member who is 35 years of age or younger is considered a YEA member, and automatically has a wide variety of programs, events, and opportunities at their fingertips!

Interested in joining? Reach out to
Brian Mackey (bmackey@rieckservices.com)

or

McKenna Amerson (mckenna.amerson@gowaibel.com)
for more information!

SIGN UP HERE!
CINCY X DAYTON
YEA HAPPY HOUR



Cincinnati
Chapter



Dayton Chapter

YEA HAPPY HOUR

**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 1ST
4-6 PM**

**FIFTY WEST BREWING
5224 DISTRICT PK DR.
MASON, OH 45040**

**COME OUT FOR
NETWORKING AND FUN
WITH YEA MEMBERS FROM
CINCINNATI AND DAYTON
CHAPTERS!**

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Faces of Dayton ASHRAE

Rick Pavlak



- 1. What year(s) did you serve as President of the Dayton ASHRAE Chapter?** 2010-2011.
- 2. What is your current position and company?** Previous President of HEAPY.
- 3. How has the HVAC&R industry changed since your presidency?** Awareness of the environmental effects the industry imposes while trying to improve indoor environments has become integrated into every aspect of the industry. While clean air and energy efficiency were prime considerations since the 1970's, sustainability and resilience have become top focus as well. The ability to design and manage all these aspects has been advanced through ASHRAE Research, Technical Committees, and Standards. Also the advancement in control technology, digital controls and the introduction of AI is rapidly changing the industry.
- 4. How did serving as ASHRAE president influence your leadership skills and professional development?** ASHRAE is an all volunteer organization. Leading a volunteer organization is much different than leading employees. The focus becomes finding roles in the organization that motivate the volunteers and building a collaborative team that enjoys working together. However these learned skills translate well back to the work environment.
- 5. Do you have a favorite memory from your time on the board?** During my time as president the chapter was in a rebuilding stage. I focused on recruiting those in the YEA age group to be officers and committee chairs. Blending in veterans as well, the board was able to build a strong chapter. The contribution of Tom Ferdelman's mentorship cannot be understated.
- 6. If you weren't in the HVAC&R industry, what career might you have pursued?** In high school I had interests in other professions such as the law and architecture. But by the time I was a freshman in college, I knew I wanted to be a mechanical engineer like my dad. So if not HVAC&R, maybe research?