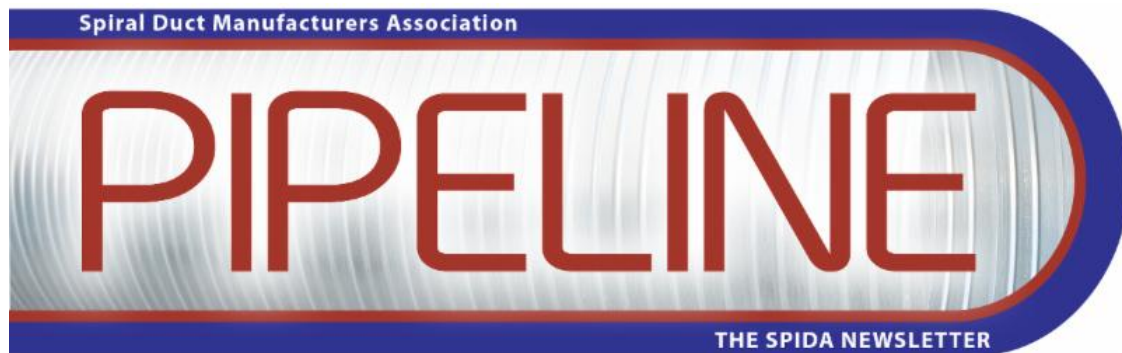


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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As a young, 19-year-old kid, I took a summer job as a parts runner for Hamlin Sheet Metal in Garner, North Carolina, back when they had a full-blown installation division to accompany their sheet metal fabrication shop. Bill Hamlin approved my hire and Brad Thomas put me to work in the field. 23 years later, I now find myself leading the organization Mr. Thomas founded. I am both humbled and honored to be writing this letter to our membership as I take the reins from Ryan Barnes as the president of SPIDA. I personally have been a part of this industry for most of my working career whether it be as a manufacturer, distributor, or a contractor. I truly enjoy and have a passion for this industry overall.



I am truly honored to serve as the SPIDA organization President for 2023-24. I have been involved in SPIDA for around 8 years, and it has been a great learning experience. I am so thankful for the business relationships and loyal friendships I have developed during this time period. I want to thank Ryan Barnes for doing such a fantastic job in growing and providing valuable content for our membership over the last two years as our President. Job well done! My goal is to continue to build upon the tremendous progress President Barnes has made with the Board and to

continue to push SPIDA forward during my term with several of the initiatives in progress.

I want to thank all our members, sponsors and engineers that make up our organization. We truly appreciate your involvement and dedication. Our board welcomes your input, opinions, and ideas on how to make our organization beneficial and valuable to you. Please reach out to anyone on the board if you have any input to make SPIDA successful.

Thanks again for your involvement and support of SPIDA. I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

**Brennan Hall, SPIDA President**

Director of Duct Fab Supplies & Air Distribution Products, Conklin Metal Industries

## **SPIDA 2023 General Membership Meeting Atlanta, GA**

**The annual SPIDA general membership meeting took place in February in conjunction with the 2023 AHR Expo. A special thanks to our 2023 Diamond Sponsor, Mestek Machinery, for help making this event possible.**



Approximately 60 attendees joined us in Atlanta to meet with fellow manufacturers/suppliers, get updated on organization business and hear from our featured speaker, Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank Vice President Michael Chriszt. Mr. Chriszt discussed the economic outlook – or lack of a reliable outlook. He discussed market conditions and how conditions were, in some cases, acting contrary to historical norms. He discussed the tight labor market and slowing economic conditions. He emphasized The Fed's determination to get inflation to 2%.



Brennan Hall (seen below at left) was named the new president of SPIDA. Outgoing president Ryan Barnes, Sheet Metal Connectors, welcomed Brennan to his new position. SPIDA thanks Ryan for his outstanding service and welcomes Brennan to the well-deserved position of President.



## Technical Committee - Corrugated Duct Testing

SPIDA's technical committee updated the membership on the near completion of corrugated round spiral duct negative pressure testing. SPIDA contracted Tennessee Tech University to create a table that will define the maximum negative operating pressure and collapse pressure of standard gauge, even diameters between 4" and 42". Negative pressure capacity will be generated for both corrugated and standard spiral duct



SPIDA would again like to thank Set Duct Manufacturing and Tradesman Manufacturing for providing the spiral duct, couplings, and end caps for our

upcoming corrugation testing. Jerry Liddell of Set Duct (8" diameter – 42" diameter) and Alvin Dueck (4" diameter – 6" diameter) of Tradesman coordinated this generous donation.

## Programming Committee - Annual Membership Meeting



Program committee chairperson, Robin Stegall of Hamlin Sheet Metal, discussed our upcoming annual membership meeting in Austin, TX. Added to this years' events is the First Annual Bill Bradford Jr. Memorial Golf tournament, please see details below. The Austin meeting is a great opportunity for your organization to meet and share ideas with the leaders and innovators in the spiral duct industry. Round tables discussions of industry topics and vendor table top displays provide insight into industry trends and often translate to cost savings. The meetings will also include technical presentations and a presentation to benefit the well being of company employees. Mike Bailey of Mestek Machinery and Olympic Gold Medalist and US Swim Team Captain Josh Davis will be presenters. We look forward to seeing you in Austin! Meeting and hotel registration, and social details can be found at [www.spida.org/austin](http://www.spida.org/austin).



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## SPIDA Announces the Inaugural Bill Bradford, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament

In conjunction with the 2023 SPIDA Annual Meeting in Austin, TX, SPIDA will be holding the first Annual Bill Bradford Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament. Bill was a beloved member of the sheet metal industry for decades and one of the founding SPIDA members. SPIDA will honor Bill by fundraising an annual award in his name. The recipient of SPIDA Outstanding Service Award will receive \$1,000.

Applications can be submitted [online here](#) through March 31, 2023.



**When and Where:** Thursday afternoon, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Jimmy Clay Golf Course in Austin, TX. Golf will be 9 holes with the emphasis on **fun**. Games and prizes will keep it interesting for everyone. Spouses and non-golfers are encouraged to join us. SPIDA will be arranging a group dinner following the tournament to recognize the award winner.

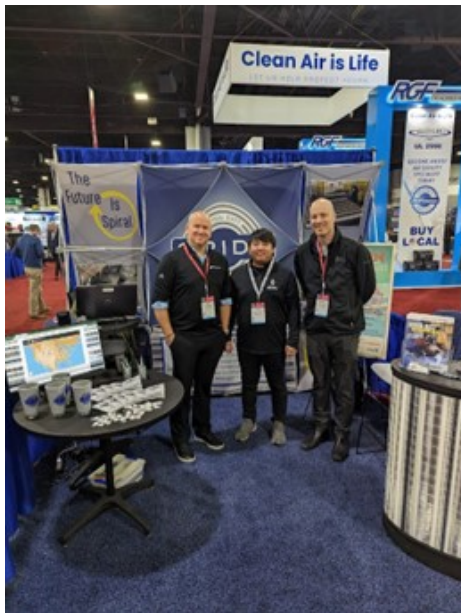
**Why:** SPIDA is recognizing and honoring the memory of Bill Bradford Jr who gave so much to the spiral industry and the members he touched. Our organization is honoring a person that exemplifies Bill's characteristics: hardworking, selflessness, positivity, patience, mentoring, steadfastness, respectfulness, loyal and integrity.

**Outstanding Service Award Prize:** Award winner will receive a \$1,000 cash award, free registration to the Austin meeting and recognition of their achievement.

**Nominations:** Each member company can submit two names of individuals that best meet Bill's characteristics. Please provide details why you think the individual deserves the award. The nominee can be anyone in their organization; from the shop floor to the executive office. Vendor representatives and fellow SPIDA member representatives are also eligible for nomination.

## 2023 AHR Expo | Atlanta, GA

Thank you SPIDA members that were able to work the booth during the AHR Expo. We added a few new members and answered more than a few engineering questions. See you next year at McCormick Place in Chicago.



**SPIDA Original • Bill Bradford Jr.**

## In Memoriam



SPIDA Original founding member and beloved industry icon, Bill Bradford Jr., passed away January 1, 2023. Bill Jr. was active at the very beginning of the SPIDA organization. His efforts on behalf of SPIDA in the early years played a key role in the organizations success – then and his legacy continues. SPIDA has decided to start an Outstanding Achievement Award in Bill's honor. The recipient will exemplify the characteristics of Bill Bradford Jr.

Bill was a US Air Force Veteran and spent 32 years of his career at Ductmate Industries in Charleroi, PA. His years at Ductmate included roles as foreman, factory superintendent, field service manager and national service manager. He touched countless distributor, installer, engineer, and co-workers lives throughout his career. After his retirement Bill remained active with Ductmate attending training events and tradeshow. The William Bradford Training Center at Ductmate's headquarters was named in his honor. There was often a line of vendors, contractors, distributors and competitors at the Ductmate tradeshow booth to say hello to Bill after his official retirement.

Bill always had a kind and encouraging words and a big heart. The SPIDA family send the Bradford family our heartfelt sympathies.



*(Bill, Jr. - without a craft beer - and his son Bill)*

## Pat Brooks Announces Retirement

Longtime SPIDA Board of Directors member and industry icon, Pat Brooks, announced his retirement at AHR SPIDA meeting last month. Pat is considered one of the leading experts in HVAC airflow, acoustics, and duct

design fields. Pat has been a key advisor on SPIDA technical projects as a technical committee chair and board member for the past 8 years.

After graduating from The Ohio State University with a degree in mechanical engineering, Pat began his 42-year career as a staff engineer with United McGill Corporation. United McGill was one of the first US manufacturers of spiral duct. Pat quickly rose to head of the engineering airflow and acoustic department. He went on to become the general manager of the United McGill Bennington, VT manufacturing plant and Director of Manufacturing Service at the corporate headquarters in the Columbus, OH. Along the way Pat found time to earn both a Masters in Mechanical Engineering and an MBA from Ohio State. He also taught duct design and acoustics at the University of Wisconsin in his spare time.



Pat went on to become the general manager of Eastern Sheet Metal in Cincinnati where he still resides. He has spent the last five years as a senior project manager for the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association (SMACNA). He was heavily involved with the ASHRAE Duct Design Committee, writing technical manuals and supporting SMACNA members technical and manufacturing questions.

Pat was key to getting SPIDA's most ambitious project over the goal line; spiral flat oval testing. The multi-year project, as well as with some SMACNA research, lead to the eventual addition of the flat oval chart in the SMANCA HVAC Duct Construction Standards Manual. He is currently working on our corrugated spiral project and has graciously agree to finish the project in retirement for SPIDA.

Pat Brooks has been a vital and active member of SPIDA. Thank you Pat for all your hard work, dedication, knowledge and guidance. We wish you well in retirement!



*(Pat with Bennington VT salespeople, SPIDA member Bill Busch second from left)*



*Best Wishes Pat and his wife of 42 years Jill!*



## SPIDA Welcomes David Krupp To The Board



SPIDA is excited to welcome our newest member to the board of directors: David Krupp. David is owner and President of Universal Spiral Air (USA) headquartered in Grand Rapids, MI, with a branch location in Livonia, MI (Detroit). USA manufactures round, oval and rectangular duct systems, including welded stainless products and other industrial items.

David started USA in 2002 after buying the assets of a bankrupt duct shop that previously built spiral pipe and fittings, including oval and rectangular ductwork. Prior to starting USA, David spent 10 years as a minority owner/general manager of a tool and die shop that built molds and tooling for the appliance and medical industry. Previous to his manufacturing career, David was a financial analyst/controller of a public tool and die company. David has a BBA in finance and accounting and has taken many additional classes to earn certificates in machining and plastics manufacturing. His years of diverse experience will be a great asset to the board.

David has been married to Nancy for 33 years and has two married children. In his spare time, David enjoys walking, working on boats, tennis, golf, and sailing.

## New SPIDA Logo and Brochure

Ryan Barnes unveiled the new SPIDA logo during the AHR meeting. The logo and new SPIDA brochure are downloadable through their corresponding links.



We encourage you add the SPIDA logo to all your correspondence.

## Snips News - SPIDA Special Edition

Snips has restarted their print edition with a bi-monthly publication called *Snips News*. It will be published in *The ACHR News* magazine. SPIDA members were eligible to submit articles promoting their businesses at no cost. Keep future projects and products in mind for next years' publication. Scott Witherow, Design Polymerics [switherow@designpoly.com](mailto:switherow@designpoly.com), can assist you with coordinating the submittals.

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#### **SPIDA is the Place for Innovators**

Here are some of the many innovations that SPIDA members have been at the forefront of over



#### **Climate-controlled Garage Showcases Exposed Spiral**

Lashley built the lined spiral with Sheetmetal Connector's specialty fittings



#### **An Alternative to Double-walled Insulation System for Spiral Ducts**

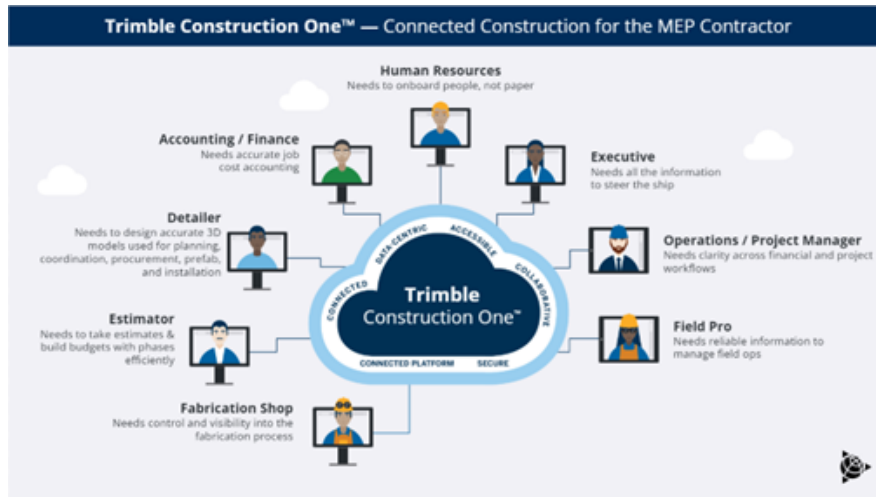
High-quality insulation for a spiral duct without the need for a double-walled system?

[Please find the latest edition here.](#)

## Member News - New Product Announcements



Trimble featured their Trimble Construction One program at the AHR Show. It is a new way of working that brings together the digital and physical worlds to redefine how businesses work. By simplifying technology stacks and harnessing the power of the cloud, project information becomes available to all, connecting people, projects and processes so that businesses can grow, scale, and pivot in today's ultra-competitive and unforgiving market. Disconnected data, teams, and workflows are the thing of the past; With connected construction, people, technologies, and processes are simplified—from design to done.



Design Polymeric announced the addition of silicone caulk to their HVAC sealant and adhesive line. DP 502 100% RTV silicone is available in Aluminum Gray, Clear, White, and Black. Hi-Temp DP 503 is available in red.



Add your story here! Please share your member news with the organization. Has your company opened new locations, added new locations, added a key employee or other news you would like to share?

Please contact Scott Witherow for inclusion in future Pipeline Newsletters at 614-657-8581 or [switherow@designpoly.com](mailto:switherow@designpoly.com).

### SPIDA Needs Your Photos!

Please send photographs of spiral duct projects of stadiums, arenas, high profile project, etc. along with any details you would like to share (name, location, size



of project in pounds, feet, etc.) to [switherow@designpoly.com](mailto:switherow@designpoly.com) and [info@spida.org](mailto:info@spida.org) for upcoming Pipeline publications.

## SPIDA Board of Directors Meeting

The SPIDA Board of Directors met prior to the general membership meeting to finalize details of our Austin meeting, discuss updates to the technical project, and future business.



*(Pictured clockwise from bottom left: Pat Brooks, Steve Stratton, Bill Busch, Robin Stegall, Jerry Liddell, James Nicholson, John Newland, Brennan Hall, Ryan Barnes, Alvin Dueck, Reid Boydston, Kyle Brumleu, and Scott Witherow....behind camera)*

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