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Did You Know...

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OWNER'S CORNER THROUGH MY EYES

One of my favorite bands of all time is 'Chicago' and I just got to see them perform in person for the first time last week at the DTE Music Theater. Now I wonder why it took me so long to do so. When I was going into the sixth grade at the old Washington School at 10th and White streets in Port Huron, my parents asked me if I wanted to play in the band. No, I told them, I wanted to be involved in

sports and so I wouldn't have time for band. They persisted, however, and persuaded me to give band a try. And so, when fall came I started in band class and it turned out to be one of the best choices that I made in my life. Even more so since it turned out my desire to play sports was hampered



Here is a photo I took at the Chicago concert of original band members James Pankow (Trombone) & Lee Loughnane (Trumpet). I had great seats! Daniel Squires

by a lack of athleticism. At first, though, I wasn't sure. Trying to figure out what to play I started with the

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"The 4 Most Popular Questions Our Technicians Hear" – Part 1 "What Temperature Should I Set My Thermostat At For Cooling?"

The answer to this question depends on a few factors. The first factor is your comfort. The second factor has to do with the mechanics of how an air conditioner works. And with this much information the answer is:

"Set your thermostat to where you are comfortable, but keep it above 72° F."

Why above 72° F? This is where we get into how an air conditioner works.

Technically, an air conditioner doesn't 'make' cold that it puts into the air – it actually takes heat out of the air, thereby cooling the air. It does this by passing the hot and humid air in your house over a much colder surface area. Because heat goes to cold, the heat in the air

transfers to the cold surface of the inside A/C coil – the component above the furnace or on the air handler. At the same time that the air becomes colder, the humidity in the air condenses on that cold surface area – the same way water condenses on the outside of a cold pop can on a hot day.

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Temperature For A/C? (Cont'd from Page 1)

So where does the 72° limit come in? I'm just about there.

So how much colder is the 'colder surface area'? It is typically at a temperature 40° colder than the air temperature coming from your house. So if you have the thermostat set at or below 72° what is the temperature of the coil? It is 40° colder than the desired air temperature so that puts it at 32° - the temperature at which water will freeze.

And that is what will start to happen with the water that is condensing on the cold surface of the inside A/C coil - it will start to freeze up. And a coil can become frozen to the point where it is a big block of ice, and the air

conditioner stops working until it is thawed out.

Now there are other factors that can be involved - such as poor airflow and the amount of refrigerant charge in the system. Plus, you may question this if you have had your temperature set below 72° and you never experienced this problem. The reason why is that while your A/C coil did start to freeze, your thermostat may have reached the temperature it was set for before it totally froze up. Then it unthawed before it ran again. So while you have gotten away with it, your A/C doesn't perform as well in this situation and it can waste energy.

One of the other factors that I mentioned is poor air flow. This is why it is so important to keep

your filter clean because a dirty air filter can restrict air flow.

Finally, the ideal setting for your thermostat during A/C season is 76°. If you need to set your thermostat lower than that in order to be comfortable, your system is not designed correctly for your home. Either your equipment capacity is too big or too small for your house, or you have inadequate duct work. But that is a subject that I don't have space to address here. Call me or email me at sales@vhpinc.com for more information.

Next month, question 2 of "The 4 Most Popular Questions Our Technicians Hear".

- Daniel Squires

What Our Clients Are Saying...

Dear Mr. Squires;

Just a note to compliment you on your service staff. I called Tuesday to have a service man out to check on a squeal in our furnace. The girl in the office said he would also give us our annual maintenance and service on our central-air unit... The serviceman was very courteous, friendly and had very good work habits. He found our squeal--and fixed our central-air unit. He also noticed that our sump pump wasn't working in our crawl space... He was in and out of the crawl space about 7 or 8 times. He never complained about it... Now here is a service man you can be proud of. He definitely deserves a day off with a pay raise. You are to be complimented for keeping a very caring and efficient staff.

With our appreciation,

K.S, North Street

Through My Eyes (Continued from Page 1)

saxophone because my mom had played one when she was younger. This didn't last though. All the other saxophone players were girls and so I told my parents I wanted to switch to the trombone – the trombone players were boys! As an 11-year-old sixth grader I had no idea how my priorities on whom I wanted to spend time with would change so dramatically within a few years.

The trombone was a good choice for me. After a few months of going through the motions and not applying myself, something clicked for me, I buckled down and got pretty good at it. And my world opened up to music and I loved it. And in band, I went 'all in'. In 7th grade I auditioned for the 8th grade band and was accepted. I was even invited to play in the 'pit band' for the all-school musical, that was a real thrill because the other members of the pit band were from Port Huron High's 'Royal Reds' jazz band that had just got back from touring in Scotland. This gave me a new goal and something to look forward to when I got to high school - and I got turned on to jazz.

I was a band geek in high school. I got in the jazz band in my freshman year, but it was one of my great high school regrets that the only freshman to get to go to Munich, Germany with the Big Red Marching Band to play in the summer Olympics was the tuba player. But I did get to go to Disneyworld and to Niagara Falls with the marching band. So you can imagine my delight in high school to discover a popular rock band that actually had a horn section – and even more so to have a trombone player! I really got into Chicago. I played their early albums until I knew the 'brass licks' by heart. I would even try to play along with the trombone solo in my favorite Chicago song, "Beginnings". So why did I wait so long to see them play in person? Probably because when I was younger I couldn't afford it and as the years went by I was just too busy. But earlier this year I saw a Chicago concert on TV and I resolved to finally see them, which I did with my wife Karen. And while it was a wonderful concert in another way it was both depressing and encouraging. It was depressing because there are

only 3 original members of the group still playing with them – the rest have either retired or worse and have been replaced. But what should I have expected? – last year was their 50th anniversary as a band! At least my favorite – James Pankow, the trombone player – is still with the band, and he is an energetic 71-year-old! That was encouraging because I was inspired to see someone doing what they love to do and ignoring the passage of time.

In my "mind's eye" – or in this case "mind's ear" – I still know them as the band that I remember way back when. But isn't that the way life works? We only realize that time has passed and things have gotten old when we come face-to-face with them. And this is a great reminder not to neglect taking care of things that may have gotten old when we weren't paying attention.

Is your furnace or boiler in that category? It's a good idea to have your heating system looked at every year - just to know it is safe and performing well – but it is especially important if it's been neglected. –

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Humor Section



Classic Rock Humor

What did Aerosmith's Steven Tyler call his cook book?
"Wok This Way."

What do you call a bass player without a girlfriend?
Homeless.

Why did U-2's Bono fall off the stage? He was too close to The Edge.

What is Axl Rose's favorite tea? Sweet Chai O' Mine.

How many metalheads does it take to screw in a lightbulb? None, they just embrace the darkness.

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