

Tennessee Backflow News

Winter 2011



NEXT BOARD MEETING

10:00 AM
Wednesday
January 4, 2012

**Murfreesboro
Water Plant**

5528 Sam Jared Drive
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TBPA Mission Statement

The mission of the Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association is to protect drinking water quality in the State of Tennessee by providing for education, statewide training, standardized certification, technical assistance and resources to our membership and the general public.

President's Message

Here we are at the end of another year; and at the end of my time as President of TBPA. Let me take a moment to say Thank You for allowing me the opportunity to represent our association for the last two years, it has been an honor and privilege. I have been a board member for twelve years and will serve as the Past-President for the next two. During that time my goal has always been the same, unite the State with consistent training, testing and education and make backflow and cross-connection household words. It has been a long road, but I have seen great strides made and your Board of Directors is still pushing toward that goal. As your new President takes the reins,

I am looking forward to continue working with her in making this Association even better.

Everyone please attend our first quarterly meeting on January 4, 2012, take the opportunity to welcome our new president Donna Maloy and be an active part of your association. We will be planning our next conference and would love to hear your ideas! I hope everyone had a tasty Thanksgiving and I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a glorious New Year. Exit Stage Right

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.
Live the life you have imagined."

- Henry David Thoreau

Angel Goike
President TBPA

Upcoming Events

**ABPA 28th Annual
Conference**
May 23rd – 25th, 2011
Reno, Nevada

**2012
TBPA Board Meetings**
10:00 AM
Murfreesboro Water Plant
April 4th – July 11th

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The Tennessee Backflow News is published quarterly by the Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association, whose members have a common interest in protecting the drinking water from contamination through cross connections. Your ideas, experience and expertise are invited and needed by the TBPA to insure a balanced approach to backflow prevention in the State of Tennessee. Your participation and support will continue to help shape the future of this industry in Tennessee.

Opinions expressed in articles, letters or advertisements in this publication are not necessarily those endorsed or supported by the TBPA. The content of this newsletter is not to be considered as legal or professional advice. Dues are \$80 annually. Annual dues include \$20 for Tennessee and \$60 for National ABPA dues. National membership is required for Tennessee membership.

Mail membership dues to:

Jackson Energy Authority
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P.O. Box 68
Jackson, TN 38302

For newsletter advertisements contact:

Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association
Attn: Kitty Banks
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Chattanooga, TN 37401

TBPA/ABPA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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American Backflow Prevention Association



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For more information, please contact the Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association at 615-898-8283 or visit our website at www.tbpa-tn.org. We are currently accepting applications for the 2010-2011 membership year. Please complete this form and return it to the address above.

Tennessee Training Calendar

- **The Fleming Training Center:** FTC offers Basic and Renewal and Cross Connection Classes to water systems and personnel throughout Tennessee. FTC is located at 2022 Blanton Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37129, phone: (615) 898-8090, fax: (615) 898-8064. Hours of operation: Weekdays 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Central Time. For more information and a registration form visit: www.state.tn.us/environment/fleming/. Written registration and 30 days notice is required for the following classes:

2103 Cross Connection Control Basic Workshop

Duration: 3 days • Class Fee: \$275
(full time employees of public water systems are exempt)
Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

Jackson:	Knoxville
<i>April 11-13</i>	<i>April 18-20</i>
Kingsport:	Murfreesboro
<i>May 23-25</i>	<i>January 18-20</i>
	<i>March 7-9</i>
	<i>May 9-11</i>

3102 Cross Connection Control Renewal Workshop

Duration: 1 day • Class Fee: \$110
(full time employees of public water systems are exempt)
Testing Fee: \$60 (no exemptions)

Jackson:	Knoxville
<i>April 10</i>	<i>April 17</i>
Kingsport:	Murfreesboro
<i>May 22</i>	<i>January 17</i>
	<i>March 6</i>
	<i>May 8</i>

- **The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD):** Cross Connection Renewal Classes for Municipalities and Basic Cross Connection Training Classes for contractors are available. Other classes may be available. For information on Classes and Cost you can visit the training section on their web site at www.taud.org or contact either Brent Ogles at brentogles@taud.org - (615) 896-9022 or Greg Baker at

gregbaker@taud.org - (731) 225-5240 - 840 Commercial Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

Basic Cross Connection Class

Murfreesboro:	Clarksville:	Jefferson City:
<i>January 18-20</i>	<i>February 8-10</i>	<i>March 28-30</i>
<i>May 9-11</i>	Chattanooga:	Knoxville:
Jackson:	<i>March 7-9</i>	<i>April 11-13</i>
<i>February 1-3</i>		

Renewal Cross Connection Classes

Murfreesboro:	Clarksville:	Jefferson City:
<i>January 17</i>	<i>February 7</i>	<i>March 27</i>
<i>May 8</i>	Chattanooga:	Knoxville:
Jackson:	<i>March 6</i>	<i>April 10</i>
<i>January 31</i>		

- **Memphis Light, Gas and Water:** Cross Connection Renewal classes and Repair classes are offered. For reservation and fee information contact Barbara Taylor, Cross Connection Coordinator at (901) 528-4449 or (901) 528-7757.

Cross Connection Renewal Class

Location: MLGW Cross Connection Training Lab
488 North Dunlap, Memphis, TN
January 26, March 29, May 24

Backflow Repair Class

Location: MLGW Cross Connection Training Lab
488 North Dunlap
Memphis, TN 38105

Watts (Limit 12 per class)

February 10: 8:00 – 12:00

Wilkins (Limit 8 per class)

April 13: 8:00 – 9:45 & 10:00 – 12:00

Conbraco (Limit 8 per class)

June 15: 8:00 – 9:45 & 10:00 – 12:00



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New TBPA Members

Welcome to our newest TBPA Members. We look forward to meeting you and working with you. If you would like to serve on the TBPA Board or a Committee, please contact your Section Director or any Board member.

Corey Jones	American Backflow Inspectors	Nashville, TN
Jodi Kincaid	American Backflow Inspectors	Nashville, TN
Mickey Barger	Watts Bar Utility District	Kingston, TN
Will Moore	Hixson Utility District	Hixson, TN
Danny Warren	Bedford Co. Utility District	Shelbyville, TN
John Hasuly	Memphis Light, Gas & Water	Memphis, TN
Jim Wattenbarger	Jim's Backflow	Madisonville, TN
Tony Strunk	Backflow Specialty Co.	Knoxville, TN

Notice to all Members

*If you have not given TBPA a current email address please do so. This is a quick and cost effective way of keeping our membership informed. Not sure if we have your email?
Contact Michael Robeson at mrobeson@musfiber.net.*

TBPA Board Meeting Update - October 12, 2011

Treasurer's report

Balance \$ 18,158.321. This total includes an investment CD of \$5,400.00 and a checking account balance of \$12,758.21.

Membership

ABPA is trying to get on a quarterly schedule for sending membership dues money to Liba. Old debts are being forgotten about and hopefully they can stay on schedule.

Michael Robeson is working with Shane and Sarah at ABPA to send out a magazine and membership information to all utilities in Tennessee that are not TBPA members. Michael also has a list of all certified testers in the State. Board passed a motion to send out post cards to them concerning membership.

Newsletter

Please send Liba articles and information.

5% Rule Committee

Brent and Donna presented an update. Two questions were remaining for Sherwin to take

to Alan: 1. Is the Division of Water Supply willing to look at anything less than 5%? 2. Will the certification become a license? Sherwin indicated that Alan said NO to both questions.

The Committee members felt they were not being fairly represented to Alan and asked for a meeting with him. He denied the request. They felt like they are at a stand still and were not in favor of another meeting. The Board approved a motion for Brent to construct a logical history and status of the negotiations and send the written document to the Commissioner of Environment and Conservation, the Director of Water Supply, Sherwin and Alan.

TBPA Annual Conference 2012

Location was approved – Jackson, TN – 3rd or 4th week of October 2012. Liba, Lloyd and Bradley will begin working on the site and report at the next Board meeting.

Next meeting – January 4, 2012 – 10:00 AM – Murfreesboro Water Plant – Murfreesboro, TN.

Not official minutes.

Conference Awards

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's TBPA Awards.

Murfreesboro Water & Sewer - for their work in the field of backflow & promotion of TBPA.

Donna Maloy – for her work within the TBPA organization.

Larry Stinnett – The Robert Lashlee Award for his work within the backflow industry.

We are honored to have individuals such as these who are willing to give of their time and talents to work in the field of cross-connection and to further the goals of this association.



*Frank Maccagnano accepting the award for
Murfreesboro Water & Sewer from Angel*



Donna accepting her award from Angel



Larry accepting his award from Angel



*Michael Robeson accepting his
ABPA Award from Angel*

Conference 2011



*PACE Awards won by TBPA –
Way to go Tennessee*



*Eric Webber speaks
to the group*



*Ken Goergen
ABPA Region 3 Director*



*Wayne Cook behind
the controls*



Kent & Kitty taking a break



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The Conference Committee and the TBPA Board of Directors would like to say THANK YOU to all our 2011 Conference Vendors. You are a large part of the success of our conference each year. We encourage our members to support the following vendors who give their time and resources to support TBPA and the backflow industry:



*Mark Canterbury &
Pat Ahearn two of our
many vendors*

AMEC Environments & Infrastructure – Glenn Tracy Johnson

Backflow Control – Roger Crane

Backflow Specialty, Inc. – Larry Stinnett

BAVCO – Mark Canterbury

Ben O'Neal Company (Wilkins) – Pat Ahearn & Yancey Quiett

Mid-America Marketing, Inc. (Febco) – Lloyd Rainey

Mid- America Marketing, Inc. (Watts) – Richard Goodman

Pro-Marketing (Apollo Valves) – Joey Smith & Al Rathheim

Safe-T-Cover – Al Adams, Gerald Pruitt & Lori Patton

Tenn. Assoc. of Utility Dist. (TAUD) – Brent Ogles

Tennessee One Call – Scott Holder

Towle Whitney Company – Ned Towle

TBPA East Section News

Well it's hard to believe that winter and the Holiday season are here. If you're like me, just keep thinking "spring is coming".

It was good to see everyone at the TBPA Conference in October. It was a successful Conference and was well attended. Thanks to everyone who attended, to all the great speakers and especially to ALL the vendors. Congratulations to this year's Award winners, especially Donna Maloy from Knoxville for her work with the TBPA! I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and is looking forward to next year's Conference in West TN.

On November 16th the East TN Section of the TBPA held a Febco repair class. We had a good turn out with 26 people attending. Due to an instructor change, we want to thank Keith Stephens with Mid America Marketing from Nashville for stepping in to help Richard Goodman with Mid America Marketing from Knoxville conduct the class. Richard presented slides of bad installations and provided much needed "hands-on" training. I received several phone calls

and emails from those that attended expressing how much they enjoyed the class. Zach Helton with First Utility said "I've been to other repair classes over the last few years and this Febco repair class was very educational. The class had a lot of feedback which made it a very enjoyable class and I look forward to the next class". Everyone enjoyed the free BBQ and gifts that Keith, Richard and Mid-America provided. We hope to schedule another repair class in November 2012. Watch future newsletters for info.

Knoxville has experienced a lot of irrigation backflow assembly thefts over the past few months. I encourage all utility systems to inform your customers that if they have the screw fitting on the PVC pipe, take off the backflow assembly after they winterize the irrigation system.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Safe New Year.

Kent Bowman
East Tennessee Director

ABPA 2012 Harrington / Arthur Memorial Scholarship

2012 Scholarship Topic: What are the benefits and potential cross-connection / backflow hazards when using alternative water systems and how can you protect against those hazards?

The ABPA 2012 Harrington / Arthur Memorial Scholarship is available to any high school student over 13 and under 20 years of age as of January 31, 2012. The essayist is NOT required to be college bound! The scholarship can be used for any type of

advanced education.

An essay must be submitted based on the required content. The winner will receive a scholarship of \$1,000.00. Winners of a scholarship under this competition are not eligible to win more than once. The deadline is January 1, 2012, so start working on those essays!

Visit the web site for Rules and Content information - www.abpa.org.

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TBPA West Section News

IMPORTANT NOTE: Beginning in 2012, Memphis Light, Gas & Water will begin conducting an annual Mandatory Tester Meeting. **Failure to sign-up for one of the sessions will result in suspension from testing on MLGW's water system.**

The dates for each session are as follows:

Wednesday, February 8th;

Thursday, February 9th and Friday, February 10th.

In case of inclement weather, the make-up dates will be February 27th; February 28th and February 29th. The time of each session will remain the same. Cancellation due to inclement weather will be determined by the closure of the Memphis City Schools system.

**7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon /
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

In order to secure a seat at the session you desire, please be aware that the registration is on a first come, first serve-basis. Please call 901-528-7757 for more information.

2011 Conference

Thanks to everyone who worked on the 2011 Conference. Gatlinburg was a great location and the conference was a success. Congratulations to everyone who received an award this year. We really appreciate all the hard work you do for our organization and the cross-connection industry. We were especially glad to have Ken Goergen our Region 3 Director join us at the conference. We appreciate ABPA taking an interest in our State association and Ken's willingness to assist us in our efforts. Thanks Ken!

2012 Conference

We are proud to announce that Jackson, TN will be the site of the 2012 TBPA Conference. If you would like to help the committee or have ideas you want to share, please contact Bradley Tomlin, Liba Ford or Lloyd Rainey. We welcome your assistance.

Lloyd Rainey
West Section Director

TBPA Middle Section News

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I can't believe it is December and Christmas is only a few days away. This year has flown by and I want to take a moment to wish all of you a safe and Merry Christmas.

I hope everyone that attended this year's conference was able to take away some knowledge they didn't have when they arrived. We try hard to improve the

conference every year, so please contact me with any suggestions or ideas you may have for next year. I also welcome any information you would like to share in the TBPA Newsletter. Thank You.

Frank Maccagnano
Middle TN Director

Training Information

- **Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 572, Nashville, Tennessee:** Backflow Classes for Apprentices and Journeyman, contact Mike Rucker, 225 Ben Allen Rd., Nashville, TN 37207, (615) 227-5542
- **Plumbers & Steamfitters, Local #43 JACT:** Contact Woody Evans, 3013 Riverside Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37406, (423) 365-9972
- **Knoxville Plumbers & Steamfitters, LU #102 JATC:** Knoxville, TN Contact Wayne Summers, 1218 N. Broadway, Knoxville, TN 37917 - (865) 525-6305 or lu102jatc@bellsouth.net
- **Plumbers Local Union #17:** For information on classes contact Howard Burgess at (901) 368-9099 - 4229 Prescott Road, Memphis, TN 38118
- **Backflow Control:** Backflow Training Classes and Certification Classes for the State of Mississippi. For more information contact Roger Crane at (662) 333-9007 - 262 Boatner Road, Potts Camp, MS 38659
- To list or update your training classes contact Liba Ford at lford@jaxenergy.com.

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