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Comment Corner

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I would like to touch on a topic that has become one of my favorites-TIPS ON NOT BEING A 40 HOUR A WEEK ROBOT.

Several times I have spoken with other inspectors who tend to make their work days like the Dunkin Donut man-TIME TO TEST THE BACKFLOW, TIME TO TEST THE BACKFLOW.... Heck, I've been guilty myself more than once. This practice should be avoided. It can cause tunnel vision. You might miss something very important or even life threatening. Take that extra minute to look over the property to see that there are no new buildings or any cross connections in the existing buildings. Also, take that extra time from your busy schedule to explain to anyone interested in the dangers of cross connections. Just maybe you might kill two birds with one stone.

(Submitted by Chuck Bean, Cumberland Utility District, Hermitage, TN)



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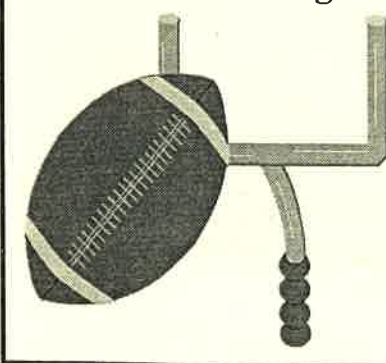


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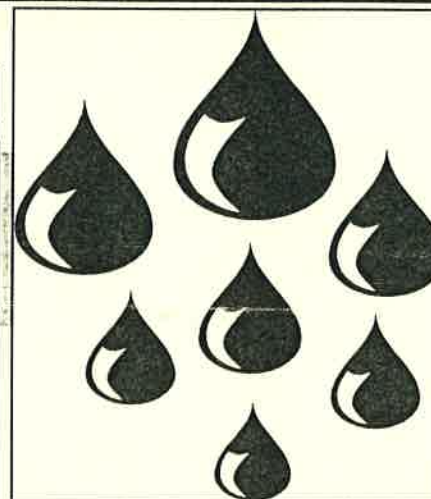
◆ President's Corner

And the Nominations Are...

The hot topic this quarter in the Volunteer Chapter is the upcoming elections of officers and directors for the Chapter. This will be our first major election of officers since the inception of the Chapter in 1992. It is the intention of the officers and the board of directors to provide for a fair and equitable election which gives every Chapter member a chance to exercise a vote.

The election will be held by a mail ballot which will be mailed to each Chapter member in good standing. This means we will have to have an accurate mailing list with correct addresses. Please update us if your address has changed. The ballot packages with a brief resume of each candidate and a return envelope will be mailed to you immediately following the next Chapter meeting scheduled in September. Please note the required postmark date on the ballot and get it in the mail on time. All ballots will go to the ABPA Region 3 Director for tabulation and he will notify the

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Important Date

The next meeting of the Volunteer Chapter ABPA will be on September 14, 1994, at 10:00 AM at the Hixson Utility District, 5005 Austin Road, Hixson, TN 37343. For directions contact Bob Deal, 1-615-877-3513 or any Newsletter Committee person. The Board of Directors will have a luncheon meeting following the regular meeting.

◆ Help Needed

Where's It At?????

Scene: Metro Codes Office, Plumbing Division, Nashville, TN.

Situation: Approximately twenty-five (25) apartment buildings constructed on the side of a small mountain (Note: From top to bottom, a single combination piping system. Fire Hydrants on the potable water main, private property.) The engineer proposed one (1) device at the property line in conjunction with the water meter. No protection provided for the on-site domestic water lines from

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President's Corner

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Chapter of the results. The officers and directors for the term year 1995-96 will then be announced at the November Chapter meeting and published in the following Chapter Newsletter.

BUT FIRST... You must let the Nominating Committee know if you wish to be considered or nominated for an office or director's seat, or if you want to nominate someone (please consult with them first). Nominations can be made for the following:

- President**
- Vice-President**
- Secretary-Treasurer**
- Director (Middle Tennessee Area)**
- Director-At-Large**

There is a vacancy in the office of the President, as I am stepping aside after a two year term. All other current officers and directors are eligible for another term in each respective office. However, nominations can be made for any of the above offices!!

A report of the Nominating Committee will be made at the September Chapter meeting, and a last chance for nominations from the floor will be given (please consult with your nominee beforehand). The Nominating Committee is:
Dean Davenport, Middle TN 615-833-0233
Paul Manis, East TN 615-594-7552
Steve Warren, West TN 615-528-4720

Please tell the Nominating Committee you want to be considered for an office, or nominate someone you think will work hard for the Chapter. Watch for your ballot in the mail and **HAPPY VOTING!!**

(Submitted by Dale Phelps, City of Gatlinburg, Gatlinburg, TN)

Congratulations!

John Dale of **John Dale Company**, formerly the Ames Rep, celebrated his 65th birthday on August 6. He has recently become the Rep for a new line of backflow preventers-**Flowmatic**. We wish him much success!

Scott Arledge (**Smith-Stevenson** and Volunteer Chapter ABPA Secretary-Treasurer) and wife Amanda are very proud of their new baby girl-Samatha Michelle. Samatha arrived July 25, 1994, weighing in at 8 lbs. 6 ozs. Parents and baby are doing fine.

Eddie Agee (**Mid-America Marketing** and the Newsletter Committee) and his wife celebrated their first anniversary. She is the former Amy Campbell of Goodlettsville, TN. Many more!!

Miscellaneous

Where's It At?????

PLEASE!!!!

Articles, Technical Tips and other information are needed by the newsletter committee. If you have information or need information please call one of the committee members and they will be happy to assist you. The newsletter committee members are:

- Dale Phelps (615) 436-4681
- Don Treesh (615) 594-3633
- Greg Young (205) 233-2033
- Becky Thompson (615) 868-5400
- Eddie Agee (615) 754-8284

FUTURE MEETINGS

E. B. Swaney, **Wilkins** Technical Service Manager, will be the guest speaker at the September meeting of the the Volunteer Chapter ABPA. He will discuss the problems and solutions that Madison Suburban Utility District encountered with some of their products.

The Volunteer Chapter ABPA fall meeting will be at Jackson Utility District, Jackson, TN, on November 16, 1994, at 10:00 AM. Contact Jeff Becker 1-901-422-7214 for information.

Knoxville Utility Board Annual Repair Workshop will be held September 26-28, 1994 at KUB, 2015 Neyland Drive, Knoxville, TN, 37916. Contact Larry Stinnett 1-615-594-7538 for information.

The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts will conduct a Certification Class for Backflow Prevention Testing (TN State Approved) for Plumbers and Sprinkler Contractors at the Madison Utility District, 108 W. Webster Street, Madison, TN on August 31 -September 1, 1994, from 5:30PM to 10:00 PM. Contact TAUD, 1-615-896-9022 or Madison Utility District, 1-615-868-3201 for more information.

The 1995 International ABPA Conference will be held April 23-26 in Spokane, WA. Please make plans to attend if possible. The Conference is aimed at the backflow industry.

The ABPA Ohio Chapter Annual Conference will be held October 5-7, 1994, at the Holiday Inn-Inn on the Lane, Columbus, OH.

We need offers for Hosts for The ABPA Volunteer Chapter Meetings for 1995. If you can help please contact any of the Chapter Officers.

Where's It At?????

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the nine (9) fire hydrants. Codes rejects the proposal on

Plans Review and required a device for each fire hydrant. Who could argue with this call? **THE ENGINEER!** He appealed the decision to the Plumbing Board. They have the authority to overrule and grant an appeal.

Assignment: The Plumbing Inspector must prepare a presentation of regulations that will provide the Plumbing Board as to what their decision should be. The Inspector's job is to **FIND** the regulation that required protection from **FIRE HYDRANTS.**

THE PROTECTION IS NEEDED, RIGHT???

Everyone in this business knows that fire hydrants on private property are frequently used for other purposes (irrigation, street cleaning machines, etc.) by attaching hoses, **DON'T WE?** Some laterals run to the fire hydrants are of such lengths that the deteriorating water in them over long periods becomes a **HAZARD! RIGHT!!!** Why are fire hydrants not banned in the Standard Plumbing Code or the Tennessee Cross-Connection Manual?? Why are they not even mentioned by either??

What's my Chief going to tell the Plumbing Board?? **WHERE'S IT AT? DOES ANYONE HAVE AN ANSWER?**

(Submitted by Greg McDonald, Metro Codes, Nashville, TN)