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NEXT BOARD MEETING

5:00 p.m.
Wednesday
October 28, 2009
Harrah's Veranda Resort
Robinsonville, MS
(For info call 615-893-7275)

Upcoming Events

TBPA 13th Annual Conference
October 29 & 30, 2009
Harrah's Veranda Resort
Group Code Number - S10TBP9
Last Date for \$69 rate - September 28th

2010 TBPA Board Meetings
10:00 a.m.
Consolidated Utility - Murfreesboro
January 6th - April 7th - July 7th

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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

Hello everyone, I hope all of you are doing well. Wow, it's amazing how fast time goes by. Just yesterday it was the first of the year. This is my favorite time of the year. The weather is great!

I hope every one of you is planning on attending the Annual Conference in Robinsonville, MS in October. We promise you an informative and educational conference with a good slate of speakers and topics. The conference committee is presently working very hard to assure a successful event. As always it will be good to see old friends and make new ones. Register and make your room reservations as soon as possible.

The TBPA Board members would like to have more membership participation at the board meetings. Please check the agenda in this issue for the time and place of the meetings and make plans to attend. Everyone is invited!

Just a word to the Conference committee, TBPA Board and all Committee members - Thank You so much for your dedicated work. Without all of you guys TBPA would not exist. Enjoy this great weather, and I will see you in October.

Remember to tell someone today you care.

Larry Stinnett
President TBPA

Call for Nominations Vice President and West TN Director

If you are interested in one of these positions or have someone you want to nominate please contact Kent Bowman at 865-966-9741 or kbowman@bellsouth.net.

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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, and are payable to the TBPA Treasurer. Annual dues include \$20 for Tennessee and \$60 for National ABPA dues. National membership is required for Tennessee membership.

The TBPA Treasurer address is:

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Liba Ford, TBPA Treasurer
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TBPA/ABPA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Tennessee Backflow Prevention Association
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NAME: _____

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ANNUAL DUES TOTAL: \$80.00

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Includes bi-monthly ABPA News Magazine
and quarterly Tennessee Backflow News
Pre-payment of dues required to process application.
Membership is non-transferable. National ABPA membership required for state TBPA membership

Early Registration Form TBPA CONFERENCE 2009

Thursday, Oct. 29th - 7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Friday, Oct. 30th - 8:30 am to Noon

Harrah's Veranda Resort - Tunica

13615 Old Highway 61 North

Robinsonville, MS 38664

Group Registration Code - S10TBP9

Web Site: www.harrahs.com

Phone: (800) 946-4946

Return Forms to:
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TBPA Members \$125 Non-Members \$205 (includes TBPA & ABPA membership)

Breakfast and Luncheon Thursday included • Guest for Luncheon \$20 per person

Nominations for Awards

The TBPA Board has updated the requirements to be nominated for one of the awards given annually for outstanding work in the organization and in the field of backflow. Hopefully, this will help in better understanding what persons would be eligible to receive one of these awards.

For all awards the nominee must be a member in good standing with TBPA as well as the following requirements:

- Individual Award:** Must have excelled in the last 12 months in the field of cross connection or the backflow industry.
 - Individual Award:** Must have contributed outstanding work with the TBPA organization in the last 12 months.
 - Company or Water Purveyor Award:** Must have excelled within the field of cross connection and promoted TBPA within the last 12 months.
- If you know someone who meets these requirements

please contact Kent Bowman before September 26th to nominate them for an award. (1-865-966-9741 or kbowman@fudknox.org. Help us recognize our outstanding members!

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TBPA West Section News

As many of you know, the TBPA Annual Conference location rotates. The West Section is proud to be host to this year's lucky 13th Annual Conference. This year's conference is being held in Robinsonville, MS at the request of many of our members. Robinsonville is a short 15 minute drive from Tunica. Also, the state of Mississippi does not have a backflow chapter. This will be an opportunity for us to work with them and show them the importance of establishing their own association.

Preparations are being finalized and we hope each of you will make a special effort to attend. Information and ideas are exchanged, not only through the speakers and with the vendors but also through conversations with others in the backflow field.

A registration form is in this newsletter or visit our web site at www.tnbackflow.com. Feel free to make copies and give to others you think might be interested in attending. Join us at this year's conference on October 29th and 30th for a day and a half of information and education. Please register ASAP to receive the room rate of \$69. The hotel will extend that rate to Friday night for the first 10 requests.

Remember we would be glad to have you come early and attend the Board Meeting on the 28th at 5:00 PM at the Hotel. See you there!

Lloyd Rainey
West Section Director

TBPA East Section News

On August 6th TAUD held its annual "Business of Running a Utility" conference in Gatlinburg, TN. This was the second year that TBPA participated as an exhibitor at the event. Once again, we had a large number of people stop by our booth to look at the



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backflow preventers. Several people had questions about the different models and questions about TBPA. Flyers with information about our Conference in Tunica in October were distributed.

I would like to say Thank You to Joey Smith with Pro Marketing from Spartanburg, S.C. for providing the Apollo RP device and the cut away Double Check for Fire Systems for us to display. Everyone enjoyed seeing them and they were helpful when answering questions. We also had devices from Watts, Febco and Wilkins. Thanks guys!

Thanks especially to Larry Stinnett for helping me with the exhibit this year. Larry presented a talk on Backflow devices and gave information about TBPA in one of the conference sessions. Great job Larry!

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Watts Repair Class
November 18, 2009 - 8:30 - 4:00 -
Lunch Provided by Watts
KUB Operations Building -
4505 Middlebrook Pike

Watts will be the featured manufacturer at this Repair Class. The Instructors will be Lloyd Rainey and Richard Goodman from Mid-America Marketing. Lloyd is from Memphis and Richard is from Knoxville. They will cover different sizes of RP and DC devices, along with repair kits and much more.

Continuing Education Credits will be given for up to 6 hours for both Distribution and Collections. This class is free to TBPA Members but there will be a \$20 Non-TBPA Member fee. Class size is limited to 50 so sign up early. If anyone has any questions give me a call at (865) 966-9741 or email me at jbowman@fudknox.org

Kent Bowman
East Tennessee Director



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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 (3 days)

Knoxville:

September 22-25, 2009

Murfreesboro:

October 20-23, 2009

November 17-20, 2009

3102 Cross Connection Control Renewal Workshop (1 day)

Knoxville:

September 21-22, 2009

Memphis:

October 7-8, 2009

Murfreesboro:

October 19-20, 2009

November 16-17, 2009

• **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

TAUD - Murfreesboro:

Sept. 16th-18th - 8:00 am-4:00 pm

MLGW - Memphis

Nov. 18th-20th - 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Jackson:

Oct. 14th-16th - 8:30 am-4:30 pm

RENEWAL CROSS CONNECTION CLASS

TAUD - Murfreesboro:

Sept. 14th-15th - 4:00-8:00 pm

Sept. 15th - 8:00 am-4:00 pm

MLGW - Memphis:

Nov. 17th - 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Jackson:


Oct. 13th - 8:30 am-4:30 pm

- **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.*

New TBPA Members

Welcome to TBPA's newest members. We hope to see you at this year's conference.

Troy S. Watkins	HB & TS Utility District	Franklin, TN
Dale Oechsel	HB & TS Utility District	Franklin, TN



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