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Tennessee Backflow News

Winter 2015



NEXT BOARD MEETING

10:00 AM
Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015
Murfreesboro Water Plant
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Murfreesboro, TN
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615-848-3222

Upcoming Events

ABPA 31th Annual Conference
May 17 – 22, 2015
Music City Sheraton
Nashville, TN

2015
TBPA Board Meeting
10:00 a.m.
April 1 - June 24
Murfreesboro Water Plant

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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

Happy Holidays! I'm happy to report the 18th Annual TBPA Conference was a great success. The venue was perfect, we had great attendance and we had wonderful speakers that shared very informative information. I'd like to thank everyone, including our vendors for a job well done. If you were unable to attend this year, we hope to see you next year in Memphis.

The 2015 ABPA Conference will be held in Nashville. I have no doubt this will be a top notch conference and the board members are up to the challenge of making this one of the best conferences to date.

We've been thinking about some new communication strategies for 2015. Among some of the ideas is emailing the newsletter to members as well as ballot nominations. We will be resending this year's ballot nomination for Middle and East directors since one nominee was not listed on the first mailing. Please accept my apology for the oversight.

I would like to recognize the recipients of this year's awards. The Chapter award was given to Gerald Elliott. The Utility award was awarded to Pleasant View Utility District. The Robert Lashlee award was given Brent Ogles. Congratulations to all.

Remember if you have a young person eligible for the ABPA Scholarship, see the information in this newsletter or visit the ABPA web site.

I wish you all a Happy and Safe Holiday Season and look forward to a great 2015.

Frank Maccagnano
TBPA President

Membership Emails

TBPA is trying to get an accurate listing of emails for our membership. We are missing email addresses for several of our members. If we do not have a current email for you, Please notify me at: mroberson@musfiber.net. This will make future notifications quicker and easier.

Thank you and Merry Christmas
Michael Robeson
Membership Chairman

www.abpa.org

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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 \$85 annually. Annual dues include \$20 for Tennessee and \$65 for National ABPA dues. National membership is required for Tennessee membership.

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Conference Vendors

The Conference Committee and the TBPA Board of Directors would like to say THANK YOU to all our 2014 Conference Vendors. You were a large part of the success of our conference this year. We encourage our members to support the following vendors who give their time and resources to support TBPA and the backflow industry:

Backflow Specialty Company – Brad Stinnett & Todd Stinnett
BAVCO – Mark Canterbury
Ben O'Neal Company – Greg O'Neal & Yancy Quiet
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Tenn. Assoc. of Utility Dist. (TAUD) – Greg Baker & Brent Ogles
Tennessee 811 – Craig Ingram & Jason Fryer
Test Gauge & Backflow Supply – James Probst & Derek Biba

ABPA Harrington / Arthur Memorial Scholarship

The topics for the Scholarship have been chosen in advance this year so participants will have ample time to complete their essay now and in the coming years.

2015 Scholarship Topic: Define cross-connection control; then find five hidden cross-connection hazards in your community and identify either how they should be

corrected or how they've been corrected and whether the correction is adequate for the hazard level.

2016 Scholarship Topic: Backflow prevention and cross connection control not only protect the drinking water in day to day applications, but it can also be a protection against terrorist acts. Tell the public what backflow hazards you would suggest for them to be aware of and how to protect the safe drinking water through backflow prevention in your community.

2017 Scholarship Topic: Explain the difference between a containment cross-connection program and an isolation or primary cross-connection program. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of each. Which program offers the best protection against backflow and why.

The ABPA Harrington / Arthur Memorial Scholarship is available to any high school student over 13 and under 20 years of age as of December 31st and legal residents of the United States or Canada. 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 12:00 midnight, January 1st so start working on those essays!

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

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Training Information

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225 Ben Allen Rd., Nashville, TN 37207
- **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 Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. 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 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.

Ray Daly	Columbia Power & Water Columbia, TN
Lance Thomas	South Blount Utility Maryville, TN
Stacy Gregory	South Blount Utility Maryville, TN
Chad Williams	Knoxville Utilities Board Knoxville, TN
Bryan Young	Volunteer Underground Bristol, TN
Terry Adams	Bedford County Utility Dist. Shelbyville, TN

TBPA Board Meeting Update - October 15, 2014



Treasurer's report

Balance \$ 15,314.19. This total includes an investment CD of \$5,506.89. The Checking account balance is \$9,807.30.

Visitors in Attendance

Several visitors were in attendance including: Randy Harrell, Dave Birkholz, Tim Head, Brian Young, Angel Goike and Kathy Riley Region 3 Director.

TBPA Annual Conference 2014

The Agenda for the Conference was discussed. Breakfast and Lunch will be in the same room as the Board meeting (Cades Cove Room) with registration in the hallway. The conference and vendors will be in the Deep Creek Room. Vendors will be able to set up at approximately 10:00pm.

Entertainment will begin at 11:15 on Thursday.

2015 ABPA Conference

2015 ABPA Conference will be held in Nashville, TN at the Music City Sheraton on May 17 – 20. Kathy talked about wanting to change the dates for the conference due to high volume of irrigation devices being tested and that May is a busy month

for graduations and vacations.

It was discussed that the hotel is not an ideal location and we were disappointed that the local chapter was not notified or ask for any input. Kathy said there would be free shuttle to the airport and downtown. Our first knowledge about the conference was when Donna was contacted. Kathy asked about topics, opening dignitary and if we wanted to help with the welcome reception.

2015 TBPA Conference

Frank has contacted the Double Tree in Memphis for the annual conference. The date has not been confirmed but an October date will be used if available.

Newsletter

The Board will have to find a new printer of the newsletter, conference flyers and ballot mailings. Steve, Kitty, Frank and Liba will check on printers.

2015 Board meetings January 7th, April 1st and June 24th at 10:00 AM – Murfreesboro Water Plant

Not official minutes.

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TBPA Middle Section News

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. It is already December and Christmas is only days away. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a safe and Merry Christmas.

I hope everyone enjoyed this year's TBPA Conference as much as I did. I always seem to learn something new every year. The Board and Conference committee try hard to improve the conference every year. Work has already begun

on the 2015 conference. Please contact a board member if you have any suggestions or ideas about topics you would like covered or if you would like to make a presentation at the upcoming conference.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
David Risner
Middle Tennessee Director

TBPA West Section News

Greetings from West Tennessee!

Hope all are well and transitioning into this Holiday Season. With all the hustle and bustle, we tend to get into a hurry with our daily routines. With winter fast approaching, as a tester one thing we don't want to take for granted is protecting your backflow test kit from freezing temps. It may seem redundant, but we are human and make mistakes. Some ways to prevent you gauge from freezing are:

- Disconnect hoses from the kit and store with the valves open
- Blow/drain water from the kit after each use
- During transport or vehicle storage, place on the floor board with the heater on

- Take your test kit indoors each night to avoid exposure to freezing temps

Taking these precautions will extend the life of the kit and prevent the need for repairs. Always remember to have your kit calibrated annually to maintain compliance with regulations and accuracy.

I hope everyone has a Happy Holiday Season and embrace the weather that accompanies it.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Bradley Tomlin
West Section Director

TBPA East Section News

I hope everyone who attended this year's TBPA Conference in Gatlinburg enjoyed the event and location. We had a good turnout with some very informative speakers. The Wilderness at the Smokies Lodge in Sevierville, TN was a great host and a good time was had by all. If you have never visited The Wilderness at the Smokies Lodge and Water Park you must plan a trip, your kids will love it.

The Mission Statement of TBPA is to serve you the member. With that being said, I ask for your help in spreading the word about our association. We encourage members to attend board meetings and to contact board members with any concerns or interests you may have. We also need your input to plan future

Conferences so the material covered is valuable to you the members of TBPA. So, if there is something that you would like to see be sure to let us know. Please check the TBPA web site (tnbackflow.com) often for updated training schedules and contact information. We look forward to hearing your comments and suggestions to help make our organization even better.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Steve Betty
East Tennessee Director

Conference Awards

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

Pleasant View Utility District - for their work in the field of backflow & promotion of TBPA.

Gerald Elliot – for his work within the TBPA organization.

Brent Ogles – The Robert Lashlee Award for his work within the backflow industry.

We are honored to have companies and 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.



Brent Ogles



Tim Head accepting Award on behalf of Pleasant View Utility District



Gerald Elliot

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)

Murfreesboro	Alcoa
Jan. 14-16	Apr. 8-10
Feb. 4-6	
Mar. 4-6	

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)

Murfreesboro	Alcoa
Jan. 13	April 7
Feb. 3	
Mar. 3	

Backflow Repair Class

Murfreesboro

Mar. 20, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

NOTICE

All registrations forms for classes and seminars must be accompanied by the required fee payment.

- **The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD):** Offering classes for utilities, municipalities and other industry related businesses and contractors. Classes include Cross Connection Renewal and Basic, Confined Space Entry, CPR/First Aid, Flagger Safety, Trench Excavation and many others. Customized classes are also available. For more information please visit the

Training Page at www.taud.org or contact Tonia Pass at (615) 900-1000 or ToniaPass@taud.org.

Basic Cross Connection Class

Memphis	Murfreesboro	Clarksville
Jan. 14-16	Jan. 7-9	Jan. 28-30
June 10 - 12	Apr. 15 - 17	July 8 - 10

Jackson	Chattanooga	Kingsport
Feb. 11 - 13	Mar. 4 - 6	Mar. 18 - 20
	July 15 - 17	

Knoxville
Apr. 8 - 10

Renewal Cross Connection Class

Memphis	Murfreesboro	Clarksville
Jan. 13	Jan. 6	Jan. 27
June 9	Apr. 14	July 7

Jackson	Chattanooga	Kingsport
February 10	March 3	March 17
	July 14	

Knoxville
April 7

Backflow Repair Class

Murfreesboro

June 25 (Febco & Watts)
June 26 (Conbraco & Wilkins)

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