

Tennessee Backflow News

Summer 2022



NEXT BOARD MEETING

October 5th, 2022

both spring and summer meeting minutes are in this newsletter

Upcoming Events

Schedule: TBPA State Conference

October 6-7, 2022 in person, Gatlinburg, Tennessee

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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 members of the TBPA,

Hopefully this letter finds everyone well as it seems Covid is still with us, and everyone is adjusting well to the new “normal” that we have right now. I know we are seeing an explosion of the commercial developments in our area which means new customers and new backflows too be tested. This can be a struggle with everyone being short staffed.

I would like to invite our members to attend our conference this year. It will be in Gatlinburg at the Marriott downtown October 6th and 7th. This will be the first conference since 2019 so we will have some good information. We will also be taking a tour of one of the local distilleries to see how their process works and how they use water during the process.

I am looking at putting together a repair class with Lloyd from Mid America Marketing sometime in the near future depending on what his schedule looks like. The class will be in Jackson. If you are interested, please let me know so I can have an idea of how many to nail down a room at our Training Center.

I look forward to meeting more of you over the next couple years and I encourage each of you to encourage people to become members for the future of our association.

Jared Gowan, TBPA President

***Special note: TBPA wishes to acknowledge the passing of Mark Canterbury and send our heartfelt sympathies to his family and friends. His passing touches us all and he will be greatly missed.**

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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

Duration: 3 days • Class Fee: \$335

September 28-30 --(city of Alcoa)

Murfreesboro July 27-29

August 31- September 2

September 14-16

3102 Cross Connection Control Renewal

Duration: 1 day - Class Fee: \$170

September 27 - (city of Alcoa)

Murfreesboro

August 9

September 13

Fleming Training Center 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 TAUD (615)898-8283.

Basic Cross Connection Class

Murfreesboro

September 7-9

Knoxville

August 24-26

Jackson

September 27-29

Memphis MLGW

October 4-6

Renewal Cross Connection Class

Murfreesboro

September 6

Knoxville

August 23

Jackson

September 26

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October 3

Fleming Backflow Repair Workshop #3300 \$125

September 9

Memphis Light Gas & Water

For information and to register for classes contact David Wright at 901-528-4449 or dwright@mlgw.org

Training Information

- **Plumbers and Pipefitters, Local 572, Nashville, Tennessee:** Backflow Classes for Apprentices and Journeyman: (615) 227-5542
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 or howard@ua17.org - 4229 Prescott Road, Memphis, TN 38118
 - **Backflow Control:** Backflow Training and Certification Classes for Mississippi, Alabama & Tennessee. Contact Roger Crane at (662) 333-9007 -262 Boatner Road, Potts Camp, MS 38659
- To list or update your training classes contact Kim Pritchett kimberly.pritchett@amwater.com



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TBPA Board Meeting Update - April 6, 2022

- **Treasurer's report:** Account Balance \$9580.52 including savings (\$25.30)
- **Roll:** D. Risner, D. Wright, C. Williams, B. Jennings, K. Bowman, W. Osborne, M. Robeson, K. Pritchett
Guests: W. Osborne, F. Maccagnano
Absent: B. Ogles

Old Business:

Travel restrictions are now cleared.
There is not any update on the backflow license vs. certification as of now.

New Business:

We welcomed our new secretary, Catie Williams!
TBPA Conference this year is going to be 1 ½ days in Gatlinburg, TN. We will be putting the hotel info in the newsletter and website. We will wait until closer to time to make decisions on food due to shortages. We need to have speakers determined by June/July (Preferably June). We think that we need someone to come show how to test the Deringer backflow at conference. Ideas about other speakers – Giving vendors a change to speak (15-20 minutes each) if they register by July 1, Fire Company, Law Enforcement, TN811, and resident of Gatlinburg (on info about handling the water system and such after wild fires). Also, we talked about asking Sugarland distilleries in Gatlinburg for a tour as part of the conference. TAUD expo is in Lebanon, TN on May 19th – Kim and Jared are planning on going
Next board meeting – July 13th (changed from the 6th due to holiday)

- **Web site:** Ryan and Michael are continuing to make updates to the TBPA web site. Thank you Ryan and Michael for all of your hard work.
- **Facebook:** Make sure to stay up to date with our Facebook page! Thank you to Bill Jennings for acting as our social media ambassador. <https://www.facebook.com/tnbackflow/>
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- **Next Board meeting:**
July 13, 2022

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- **Treasurer's report:** Account Balance \$10,754.40 including savings (\$25.30)
- **Roll:** D. Risner, D. Wright (on conference call), C. Williams, B. Jennings, K. Bowman, W. Osborne, M. Robeson, K. Pritchett (on conference call)
Guests: W. Osborne, B. Rodriguez, and J. Rau
Absent: B. Ogles

Old Business:

New secretary - Catie Williams.
TBPA Conference this year is going to be 1 ½ days in Gatlinburg, TN.
Jared G. and Kim P. attended the TAUD expo in Lebanon, TN in May.

New Business:

Speakers for conference determined.
Distillery tour set for Thursday afternoon.
Deadline for individuals to register September 15th and deadline for vendors is September 8th.
Next board meeting will be held in Gatlinburg, TN the day before conference starts.

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TBPA Conference 2022 - October 6,7

TBPA will be resuming its annual conference in 2022. It is to be held October 6 and 7 in Gatlinburg, TN at the Courtyard by Marriott, 315 Historic Nature Trail, Gatlinburg, TN 37738. It will be a full day on October 6 and a half day on October 7. More information on speakers and agenda will be forth coming.

To register for the TBPA conference, you can go to the website <http://tnbackflow.com/conference.html> or wait and we will be mailing out the registration forms to all members in July.

To reserve a room for the hotel, you can call 1-865-436-2008 and mention you are attending the TBPA Conference or reserve a room from the link provided below.

ANNUAL TBPA CONFERENCE 2022

Start Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2022

End Date: Friday, October 7, 2022

Last Day to Book: Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Special group rate:

- Courtyard Gatlinburg Downtown for 169 USD per night

link to register for hotel:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1646777898679&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

East Tennessee News

I hope everyone is having a great summer! I always look forward to summer until the temps get in the 90's and then I change my mind. Today I rang the doorbell at a house and walked in the yard so I could stand under a small tree and when the lady came to the door, she asked me what I was doing way over there under that tree, and I told her I was glad she did not have a dog because me and that dog would be fighting over the shade!

I do have some bad news to pass along to everyone. Mark Canterbury with Bavco was in a bad car accident back in April in Baton Rouge Louisiana and he passed away a week later. Mark was a great man and rep. for Bavco. He was at every conference we had, and he really enjoyed coming to them. Every time he was in the Knoxville area he would call me and we would meet for lunch. He called me a few weeks before his accident and while we were eating he was already talking about the TBPA conference for this year. He enjoyed working for Bavco and was very knowledgeable about cross connection, backflows and all the parts, sometimes I would get turned around on something and I made a phone call and he was there to help guide me out of my problem. Please take a moment to keep Mark family and everyone at Bavco in your thoughts and prayers.

I know I have talked on this subject before, but I have seen a lot of shutoff valves this year that has been changed out and the shutoff valves would be from a different manufacturer or one from the local hardware store. A few weeks ago, I was at a house to repair a Febco and it had a Wilkins shutoff valve on it and I told the homeowner that it was now a unapproved assembly and he told me to make it right! Most people will say oh I will get it changed later and I know they don't care as long as any shutoff is on it and then I would tell them it is fun riding a scooter until your friends catch you and if something happened at that assembly well that would be worse than your friend catching you on that scooter! I know a lot of people do not know the difference but as certified testers it is our place to educate the public on the difference. I also talked to a homeowner and a guy just flipped the check rubber over and said it was ok to do that if it passed and also had to meet a guy that repaired a Febco and it still failed and when he took it apart he had put a Wilkins check rubber kit in it and he was new to repairing backflow and I explained to him why that was wrong and before I left he shook my hand and asked me if he could call me if he did not know what to do on something later on and then he wanted to pay me and I said no I am old you are young so it is time to just pass it on!

We are still working on this year conference in Gatlinburg, and I have talked to Dale Phelps utility Manager for Gatlinburg and A lady from the Health Department and both of them are going to speak along with other speakers that other Board members are talking to. So keep checking on the TBPA website for more info about the conference in October.

Be Safe !

East Tn. Director
Kent Bowman

Middle Tennessee News

Hello Middle Tennessee. I hope everyone is having a great summer. It is a hot one that's for sure. Please be aware of heat related issues that may arise while testing devices outside. Symptoms could include cramps, nausea, dizziness, and shortness of breath. Please don't disregard any of these symptoms as they could indicate heat related illness.

Please make plans to join us at the TBPA annual conference on October 5-7, 2022 in Gatlinburg TN. The conference will be held at the Courtyard by Marriot (315 Historic Nature trail, Gatlinburg). Room rates are 169.00 per night. Don't forget to mention you are with TBPA if you are booking by phone. We hope everyone can join us this year.

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Dave Birkholz-from Loudon TN , Kathy Riley Region 3 Director , Wayne Osborne Shelbyville. Not pictured but was at the conference was Josh Rau and Bennie Yarbrough both from Clarksville. Receiving the 2022 PACE award for TBPA.

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