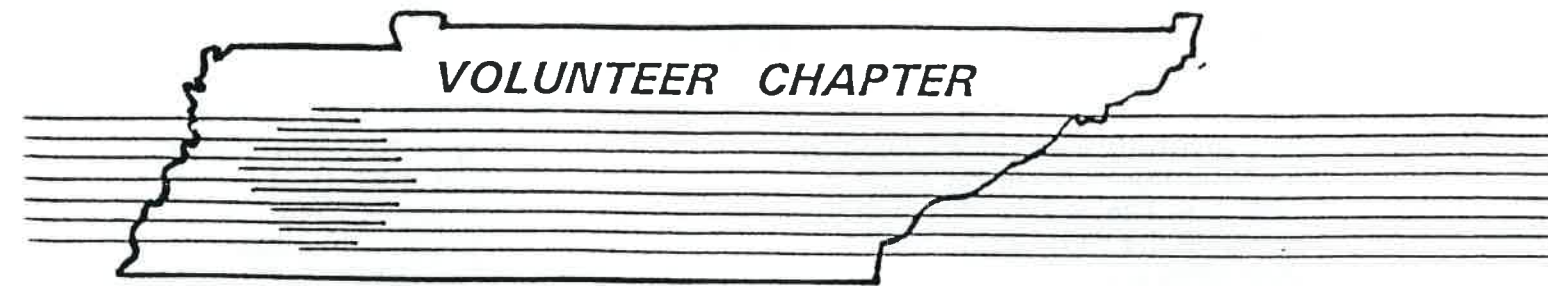




Volunteer Chapter

American Backflow Prevention Association



ABPA NEWS

AMERICAN BACKFLOW PREVENTION ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 1993

JOHNSON CITY, TN: The Volunteer Chapter of the ABPA conducted the third quarterly meeting at the Johnson City Water Department. Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

Topics discussed included: Approval of Don Treesh to fill the vacancy of Vice-President, approval of Becky Thompson to fill Don's position on the board of directors, appointment of a bylaws' committee, and appointment of a chairman for the committee on training and education. Larry Stinnett also updated everyone on the upcoming international conference.

SPECIAL THANKS go to Joel Golmont of Smith & Stevenson, representative for Watts Regulator, for his presentation at our August meeting on the problems with thermal expansion. Increasingly, local codes are requiring dual-check backflow preventers at the meter for residential water service. As Joel explained, water in a closed system will expand 2% by volume per 100 degree rise in temperature. This thermal expansion

can cause premature failure of a water heater and T&P valve, as well as problems in the plumbing system within a residence. Discussions continued regarding the requirements of the various national model plumbing codes, and the need for the water purveyor to inform their customers of the potential problem when installing a backflow preventer at their meter. Solutions to the problem of thermal expansion include pressure reducing valves, expansion tanks, and thermal expansion relief valves. The T&P valve on the water heater should not be depended on to handle thermal expansion. The T&P valve was designed as an emergency relief device only.

Joel's presentation was an excellent example of the type of training and information exchange that the Volunteer Chapter hopes to continue at each of the quarterly meetings.

Y'all Come!

to the

10th Annual International Conference *****



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NOVEMBER MEETING: The Volunteer Chapter will continue to alternate meeting sites to accommodate and encourage membership from all across Tennessee. Our

next quarterly meeting is scheduled for November 17th in JACKSON at 2:00 p.m. The host for this meeting is Jeff Becker (901) 422-7214. Directions are:

Coming from I-40 east, take exit 85 turn left. Go to 5th traffic light. At overpass, take the access road that parallels the overpass to Royal Street. Turn left and follow Royal through one traffic light and across RR tracks. Left on Magnolia and next left on Short. Training center is the first building on the right.

If you would like detailed directions from other points faxed to your office, please call Greg Young (205) 233-2023 and leave a message.

ABPA COMES TO KNOXVILLE

Make your plans now to attend the 10th Annual International Conference in Knoxville May 1-4, 1994. In addition to many technical sessions, the conference will also include manufacturer exhibits, spouse programs, golf tournament, luncheon, social events, as well as prize drawings. As host for the event, the Volunteer Chapter will be working hard to make this conference the best ever!

The Fleming Environmental Training Center has published its schedule for Classes and Seminars for 1993-1994. Cross-Connection Control Courses are scheduled as follows:

COURSE NUMBER	CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL WORKSHOP (BASIC) (4 DAYS)
2103	October 4-7, 1993 December 6-9, 1993 January 10-13, 1994 February 7-10, 1994

April 5-8, 1994 (Knox)
May 9-12, 1994
June 6-9, 1994
August 8-11, 1994
September 20-23, 1994

3102 CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL WORKSHOP (RENEWAL) (2 DAYS)
November 8-9, 1993
March 9-10, 1994
April 4-5, 1994 (Knox)
July 6-7, 1994
September 19-20, 1994 (Knoxville)

All courses to be held at F.T.C., unless otherwise noted. Please contact the Fleming Training Center for registration information. Registration is REQUIRED for ALL classes.

Tennessee Association of Utility Districts will be holding another evening Certification Class at Murfreesboro on November 11th. If interested, contact John Hall at (615) 896-9022.

TAUD is also tentatively planning a Certification Class at Madison Suburban Utility District's office on November 10 and 11. Other districts may participate. If interested, please contact Becky Thompson at (615) 868-5400 for additional information.

LEGISLATION UPDATE

An upcoming topic of discussion for the Volunteer Chapter will be the recently passed legislation by the State of Tennessee regarding the Tennessee Board of Contractors. The Board is trying to implement regulations to prevent any local authority from requiring a State licensed contractor, or members of their operation, to meet local

requirements, such as certified testers and certified repairers in backflow prevention, Master plumber's license or journeyman's requirements in testing.

Basically, the Board of Contractors is attempting to prevent the Codes Department, State Department, and local water purveyors from weeding out those people who are not properly trained in areas such as backflow testing. If a contractor passes a State Examination, then he and his workers are exempt from any specific requirements. In the meantime, if you would like a copy of the legislation and more information, please contact Becky Thompson at Madison Utility District (615) 868-5400.

NEWS WANTED

Several requests have been made to the Newsletter Committee to include articles of interest in "problem solving". If you would like to submit information of interest, particularly on test gauges, please send your article to any of the following:

- Dale Phelps (615) 436-4681
- Don Treesh (615) 594-3633
- Greg Young (205) 233-2023
- Becky Thompson (615) 868-5400
- Eddie Agee (615) 758-2005

Also, as we expand our newsletter, we will start to seek advertisers for upcoming issues. If you would like to place a business-card ad, please contact one of the people listed above. Cost of a business card ad will be \$20 per issue.

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