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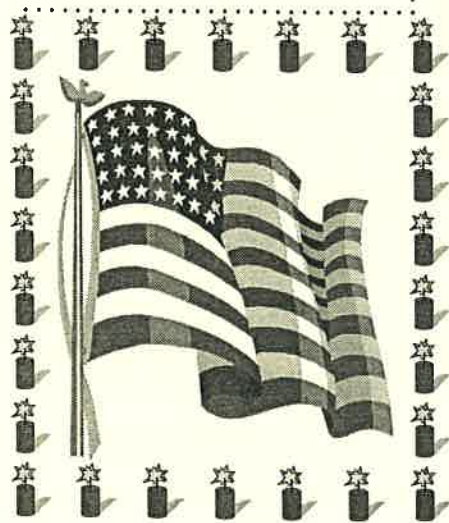
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September 8, 1994-North Overton Utility District
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(Submitted by Becky Thompson, Madison Suburban Utility District, Madison, TN)

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President's Corner

And a Great Time Was Had By All

The *Volunteer Chapter* said, "Ya'll Come!!" and they came. May 1st through the 4th, the *Volunteer Chapter* rolled out the Tennessee welcome mat in style at the Hilton Hotel in Knoxville for the Tenth Annual International ABPA Association Conference. From Saturday night's Dixie Stampede to Monday afternoon's Scramble Golf Tournament, from Tuesday night's Annual Banquet, to Wednesday afternoon's Dollywood trip, a great time was had by all! I need to add, for those who did not make the Dixie Stampede, Larry Stinnett plays a mean game of "Tennessee Horsehoes", using toilet seats, no less!!
In between all the fun and games the nation's most

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Backflow Incident

Seattle
Washington

The Seattle/King County Department of Public Health, Washington, recently suspended the food-service permits of the Seattle Center/Ice Arena for three days after several people reported becoming sick from the water in the building. Water in the lobby and sinks were a bright blue color. An inspection by the Seattle Water Department Personnel

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Important Date

The next meeting of the Volunteer Chapter ABPA will be on July the 20th at 10:00 AM following a 9:00 AM meeting of the Board of Directors. The location for this meeting will be the Fleming Training Center in Murfreesboro TN.

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President's Corner

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Your ideas and expertise are needed by the Volunteer Chapter ABPA to ensure a balanced approach to solving backflow problems in the State of Tennessee. Your participation will help shape the future of cross connection control across the State by providing support for a unified backflow prevention effort.

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knowledgeable, respected and top leaders in the backflow industry presented conference attendees with educational sessions that were very well attended. Among the highlights were: Association Counsel Doug Cregor on "Legal Liabilities", Don Donath of the American Fire Sprinkler Association on "Backflow Preventers on Automatic Sprinkler Systems", and our own Dean Davenport of HydroCowl, Inc. with "Regulation of Confined Spaces". A person could learn more here in two days than anywhere!

Manufacturers and Representatives from far and wide were present with the latest devices and technology on display, and were more than helpful in answering questions and providing information.

Pat yourselves on the back, *Volunteer Chapter*, as you played a gracious host to the backflow world. A special thanks to Larry

Stinnett for roping the Conference for Tennessee this year, and to all those who helped, and the entire Conference Committee and for all the hard work and a job very well done!!.

Rumor has it that the Knoxville Conference may very well be the best attended, the most fun, and the most profitable Annual ABPA Conference yet!!

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

Backflow Incident

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uncovered a cross-connection with the CO² dispensers in the concession areas causing copper to leach into the water system.

The Seattle Water Department took action. They required that all carbonation equipment be immediately disconnected and Reduced Pressure Backflow Assemblies be installed.

(Submitted by Greg Young, Valves & Fittings, Inc., Athens, AL)

Miscellaneous

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:

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Legislation Update

The Senate passed S.2019, a Safe Drinking Water Act Reauthorization bill. Deleted from the bill as passed was the "Return Flows" provision. This would have been a prohibition on the technology of using the public water mains as a "heat sink" for water-based heat pump systems that utilize returning the cooling water to the water main. It was reported that the Senate did not want a floor fight, as this is a very hot topic in some ares, and they believe that state and local communities have sufficient authority to prohibit return

flows. A bill will be passed in the House and then the Conference Committee, a joint Senate/House body, will craft the final version.

As we are all working hard to prevent the possibility of backflow into the water mains, a system that returns cooling water to the water main would be equivalent to foolishness.

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

Backflow Education

We have to start with education before we can accomplish unified regulation in Backflow Prevention.

TAUD and their representatives have been working hard in the past year to help educate those interested in Backflow Prevention.

This organization and its associates should be commended for their contribution towards the Volunteer Chapter's goal of more unified regulation in Backflow Prevention.

In the Middle

Tennessee area alone, they have held seven classes. We have had a great response from the plumbers because several Utility Districts are now requiring this certification to work in their area.

The Volunteer Chapter Training and Education Committee would like to thank the following people for their contribution to Backflow Prevention Education:

John Hall	TAUD
Tony Wyatt	TAUD
Dwayne Culpepper	TAUD
Dean Davenport	HydroCowl
Loyd Rainey	Watts

(Submitted by Becky Thompson, Madison Suburban Utility District, Madison, TN)

Recertification Classes

The Tennessee Association of Utility Districts will be holding recertification classes at the following districts:

July 6, 1994- Norris Water Commission
July 21, 1994- Lewisburg Water & Sewer
August 17, 1994-Henderson, TN

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