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Chair's Message

Don Barnes



ACE was the Place. The annual meeting of the AWWA was held in San Diego from June 14 to June 18 and the Indiana Section was well represented. Both M.E. Simpson and Peerless-Midwest

sponsored several of their employees and their spouses. Charles Chapman was there with Ford Meter Box and Mike Green was there with Layne Christensen (Reynolds, Inc.). Others attending were Odetta and Bob Cadwell, Alan and Susie Wiseman, and Duane and Jeannette Gilles. I thought Bob Waples and I were the only singles in the group, but I heard Jim Hurst was in attendance as well. It was a great pleasure to see Duane receive his Kenneth J. Miller Founders award at the Water for People Luncheon.

The Board of Directors covered several items of business which Dan Hood will review in a separate article in a future *News Leaks* edition. One item of great interest to us was National's approval of our state dues assessment which will go into effect January 1, 2010.

The number of training programs was endless. If you were interested in any particular subject it was there for you. The exhibition area was huge. Venders from all over the United States and Canada were there just waiting to show off their products.

ACE will be the Place next year in Chicago, June 20-24, 2010. This time it will be close enough for a lot of us to get there without 5 hours on an airplane plus 3 or 4 more hours just waiting around in

airports. I have a suggestion for anyone planning to attend next year for their first time. When you get your registration package take the time to look through it and plan which sessions you want to attend. If you just show up with no idea where to start, it can be very intimidating.

On April 17 and 18 several of us were in Toronto, Canada for the Region III RMSO (Regional Meeting of Section Officers). This is a great occasion to meet others from around our own part of the world and find out what they are doing and what is working for them. The next meeting will be some place in Wisconsin. They haven't decided on the exact location yet. Indiana's turn to host the meeting will be in 2012.

May was a busy month with all of the district meetings around the State and I enjoyed meeting a lot of new people. Congratulations to Steve Blaugh for his Water Wheel Award that he received at the Northeast meeting. It looks like the North Districts are working hard to get the "George Fassnacht Achievement Award" but watch out for the Central District. They may be the first to get the award two years in a row. I am looking forward to the Fall meetings. See you there.

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Direct from the Director

James Williams

This is my last article as Section Director as my term is over and Dan Hood will be taking the reins. It has been a privilege to serve 10 years on the Executive Board as NW District Trustee, through the Section Chairs and as Association Director. It has been professionally satisfying, a lot of fun and a great ride.

As I reflect back on my tenure with the board, I can't help but appreciate the outstanding people involved with the water industry here in Indiana. Together we have provided educational and networking opportunities along with strong advocacy concerning the important challenges we have faced. We have nurtured a culture of teamwork, not only within the Indiana Section, but with IRWA, IDEM, IURC, the

legislature and many other stakeholders as well. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of that effort.

I know that Dan Hood will do an excellent job representing Indiana on the Association Board of Directors. Please give him the same level of support and encouragement you have shown me during my term.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve the Indiana Section AWWA.



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Committee Reports

Competition

Jeff Morris, Chair

Indiana Section AWWA Meter Madness Competition – Participate During The Upcoming District Meetings

It is once again time to compete in the Indiana Section's Meter Madness Competition. These preliminary rounds will be held at each of the upcoming District Meetings. Each utility is encouraged to enter one person in the competition at the district level. The winner of each district will then compete at the Annual Conference to be held in February of 2010.

The meter to be used in the 2009 / 2010 Meter Madness Competition is the Sensus Model SR II, 5/8 x 3/4 displacement meter. To obtain a meter on which to practice, please contact Jeff Morris of M.E. Simpson Co., Inc. at (800) 255-1521.

Jason Kessler from Logansport Municipal Utilities is the returning Champ. Jason represented the Indiana Section at the ACE Conference in San Diego in June of this year. Although we did not bring home the national

trophy, Jason made the Indiana Section proud by giving all the other sections competing a run for their money, finishing in the top ten. Congratulations Jason!!!



One note to remember, the 2009/2010 National Meter Madness Competition will be held at the ACE Conference in Chicago in June of 2010. The Indiana Section AWWA donates a large portion of the travel and accommodation expenses to the lucky winner of the section's competition to be held in February. So get your meters and get practicing.

Thanks in advance to all involved in this Great and Spirited Competition. The Meter Madness Competition includes skilled contestants, supervisors who allow them to practice and participate, and volunteers working behind the scene. We look forward to seeing all of you in attendance at Meter Madness at the District, Section and National meetings.

See you at the Fall District Meetings.




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Philip Smith, Chair

Indiana Section in the last quarter of 2008 and the first quarter 2009.

Safety

Most of us are aware of the fact that carbon monoxide is a colorless, tasteless, invisible gas generated by incomplete combustion. Although it is also odorless, it can be present in other gases / vapors that do have an odor.

Recently, a water company field service representative was exposed to carbon monoxide (CO) gas while changing a meter in a customer's residence. The source of the CO was natural gas leaking from a faulty pilot light on a nearby hot water heater.

Physical signs of carbon monoxide poisoning include dizziness, nausea, light headedness, and overall weakness. This is caused when this gas displaces the amount of oxygen within our body.

Although this was a very isolated, unusual situation, we want to ensure that we adhere to the following precautions in an effort to prevent similar accident / exposure recurrence:

- Be aware of any unusual, peculiar odors (i.e. natural gas, vehicle exhaust smell) when working, regardless of the location. When in doubt, err on the safe side and test the air to ensure proper atmospheric levels are present.
- Be cognizant of the physical effects of carbon monoxide exposure and, if experiencing any of them, leave the area in question and get into a fresh air environment.
- If exposure to carbon monoxide gas has been confirmed, pure oxygen should be administered by a medical professional.

Pete Bastasich, Chair

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Annual Golf Outing

Tim Hill , Chair

Once again, Nature's Blessing seemed to fall upon the Indiana Section Golf Outing. On Wednesday July 29, 2009, water industry professionals from across Indiana gathered at Eagle Creek Golf Club in Indianapolis under rainy, gloomy conditions.



As the start time approached, the rain faded away and the clouds began to lighten. Our sold out crowd enjoyed a wonderful day on the two courses, with many appearances by Mr. Sunshine. Every year we are so fortunate to have so many generous sponsors and participants to help raise funds for Water for People (a listing of our sponsors can be found on page 14). This year we raised an impressive \$23,500.00. As in past years, the golf committee will recommend to the Executive Board that 50% be donated to Water for People strictly for use on our supported projects in Bolivia and that the remaining funds be used by WFP wherever there is an immediate need. This year the 50/50 prize reached an incredible \$1085.00 for the winner and Ruth Marsh from the City of Huntington was the lucky winner. Ruth deserves a huge thank you for generously donating the entire prize back to Water for People. **THANK YOU RUTH!**

Remember, this event is all about having fun with friends and associates but, some of us did bring our "A" game. Following are the prize winners.

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- Longest Drive #10 Bart Beard
- Longest Putt #18 Jim Wever

The Sycamore Course

- 1st Peerless-Midwest, Inc.
- 2nd The 4 H's
- 3rd HNTB Corporation
- Closest-to-the-Pin #16 Jeff Heard
- Longest Drive #2 Jon Hiott
- Longest Putt #18 Brent Spier

Putting Contest David Hill

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Once again, a huge thanks to the M.E. Simpson Co. for a super job in coordinating the registrations and sponsorships!

A huge thank you goes to Aqua Indiana for donating our bottled drinking water this year.

I would like to thank Eagle Creek Golf Club for their hard work in providing a great facility.

Finally, I want to thank all of the volunteers who work so hard to make this event a success.

Please mark your calendar for next years outing. We will meet again at Eagle Creek Golf Club on Wednesday July 28, 2010. If you haven't participated before, remember to sign up early and get in on the fun. We'll see you on the course!

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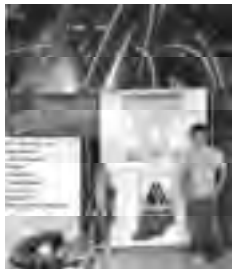
James Williams, Chair

As announced at the Indiana Section Meeting in February, Duane Gilles from American Water Services received the prestigious Kenneth J. Miller Award for 2009. This honors those individuals who have provided exemplary service in support of *Water For People*. The formal presentation of the award was conducted at ACE on June 15 in San Diego. Congratulations Duane!



Duane and Jeannette Gilles at the Miller Award ceremony in San Diego

Bill Etzler, Cathy Lance and Ruth Marsh teamed up to throw a party in Fort Wayne at the Tin Caps Stadium on May 30. It was a night of baseball, great food and camaraderie supporting *Water For People*. Aqua Indiana and Hagerman, Inc. generously stepped up as our title sponsors for the event. The NE District was well represented and it was a night of family fun including an awesome fireworks display!



Arden and JB enjoy the party in Fort Wayne

June 4 was the night of our first annual "Wine Into Water" event at The Summit Club in South Bend. John Stancati, John Wiltrout and Cathy Lance worked tirelessly to make this a big success. It was primarily a wine tasting party, but Mr. Wiltrout insisted on beer. So we had that too. We got a great turn-out, had much fun and raised over \$5,000 for *Water For People*!



John Stancati, Cathy Lance and John Wiltrout at "Wine into Water" on June 4

The "Water Buffalos" once again rode to ACE in San Diego coming from all throughout North America. M.E. Simpson Co., IRWA and Peerless-Midwest supported my ride, and all together the "Buffalos" raised over \$60,000 for the cause. I met up with three Canadian riders in Denver and the group got bigger as we joined up with others along the way. It was an awesome way to see the country and raise both money and awareness for *Water For People*.



The herd of Buffalos at ACE

We have some more outstanding events coming up this year that are guaranteed to be a good time. Here is the line-up:

Running for World Water 5K Fun Run at the American College of Sports Medicine at the Indianapolis Downtown Canal / Saturday, August 29, 2009

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Duke Boys and Brown Sisters Concert in Evansville at the Victory Theater Thursday, September 24, 2009

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Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or would like to get involved with our committee, you can reach me at james.williams@peerlessmidwest.com



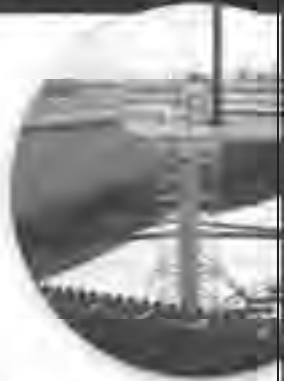
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Emergency Response

Duane Gilles, Chair

The Indiana Section's Emergency Response Committee and Education Committee will co-host the Second Annual Meeting of the Indiana Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (InWARN).

This meeting is sponsored by the USEPA and will be held at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown on Friday, August 28, 2009. The Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. EDT, local time and end by 4:00 p.m. Depending upon attendance and time constraints, we hope to offer a tour of the State's Emergency Operations Center.

An Emergency Response Tabletop Exercise will be offered as part of the Annual Meeting to step through InWARN's emergency response operational plan and protocols, including those used to request mutual aid/

assistance from neighboring utilities. The Tabletop Exercise on a likely Midwest emergency scenario is being provided by and through the USEPA. Presentations on using the water and wastewater resource typing system and the InWARN Webpage will also be given. Water and wastewater managers and operators are encouraged to attend and will be able to obtain continuing education credits for maintaining their operator certifications.

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District Updates

Northeast District

Curtis Kent, Trustee

Greetings from the Northeast District! Spring was in full bloom for our Spring District meeting in Huntington at Fontaine Golf Course. A strong meeting was held and we closed with good food, golf and fellowship. Also, our District made a sizeable donation to the Mike McConnell family in an effort to show the family our appreciation and concern for what Mike did for AWWA and our industry.

Our District hosted one of the Water for People events in Ft. Wayne on May 30th at the Tin-Caps new baseball stadium. The food was beyond belief, the game was exciting and the fireworks that followed the game were spectacular! Thanks to all the hard working people that organized this event and to all the people who

supported it; the turn out was great!

Our fall meeting is planned for Warsaw at the Central Park Pavilion, right on beautiful Lake Winona. September 17th is the scheduled date of our meeting, so mark your calendars because we are planning a conventional meeting with topics of current interest and we also are going to try to field demonstrate the Insert-A-Valve machine and principles. This will give us a chance to get out and enjoy hands-on learning! Don't forget to pre-register as it will save you money and help out the organizers of this event. Our flyer for this event should hit the streets the first or second week of August.

Central District

Jim Russell, Trustee

On Thursday, May 14th, the Central District had their meeting "Back at the Track." The meeting was opened with a representative from Andretti – Green Racing welcoming us to the race track.

The meeting had a safety theme with speakers covering the topics "Fall Protection and Ladders," "Safety with Chemicals" and was followed up with Alex Hood speaking on "Vest and Cone Safety."

The Fall Meeting will be held September 10, 2009 in Lawrence. We will have three (3) speakers covering the topics HDP, Ductile Iron, and PVC Water Mains. The advantages and disadvantages of each of these will be discussed.

We will have the Meter Madness contest with the normal Fall Awards.



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District Updates *(cont'd)*

Southeast District

Tony Alley, Trustee

The Southeast District held its spring meeting yesterday at the Seymour Country Club. The facility was nice and provided a very good lunch for all who attended.

President Kurt Riedman called the meeting to order and called on Chair Don Barnes to give an AWWA update. Don informed everyone that the assessment passed through the membership and now goes to national to be approved. He also noted that there are a couple events planned for the rest of this year to raise money for Water for People. They are:

- August 29 Running for World Water 5K Fun Run at the NCAA Hall of Champions at the Indianapolis Water Canal
- September 24 Duke Boys and Brown Sisters Concert in Evansville at Victory Theater

Jeff Morris took a few moments to tell everyone about Meter Madness. This year we are using the Sensus SR11 meter. Please get in touch with Jeff at jeffm@mesimpson.com or Jeff Cunningham at jeff.cunningham@sensu.com to obtain a practice meter and join in on the competition this fall!!!

Odetta Cadwell gave us updates for AWWA Small Systems announcing that they have workshops planned for backflow prevention and cross connections. IRWA has several workshops planned as well. Check it out at www.indianaruralwater.org

We had three speakers who were gracious enough to volunteer their time to present to us and we want them to know that we appreciate it!! Thanks to all of you.

First, Jim Lary of Corpro spoke on the "Fundamentals

of Corrosions". His presentation was informative and explained why we see corrosion in our systems and how we can help reduce it.

Second up was Paul Hanson of Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association who informed us with his presentation "What is New with Ductile Iron Pipe".

Third we had Commonwealth Engineer's David Mohler. His presentation was "A Win/Win/Win (Owner Engineer/Contractor) Approach" explaining the advantages of having the contractor, engineer and owner working together can help a project go much smoother.

If there was any negative to the spring meeting it was that chances are YOU WEREN'T THERE!!! Attendance was mediocre at best with our Vendors outnumbering Operators. I know you are busy, but this is YOUR District and we're here to serve you. Face it, where else can you spend half of a day and get this kind of practical information to help you in your job? Please consider supporting your district, better yet, GET INVOLVED!! We will be holding elections at the fall meeting on September 1st in Brookville and need a Utility person to serve as an officer. If you're interested contact me at talley@ortmandrilling.com.

We would like to congratulate Beverly Hoagland who retired on July 31, 2009 after serving Columbus Utilities for 36 Years!!!!!! Beverly served the Southeast District as Secretary/Treasurer for 4 years before becoming Vice-President and the President of our district. Beverly will be missed by all that had the opportunity to meet and/or work with her. We wish her the best as she enjoys her retirement.

Northwest District

Randy Wynn, Trustee

Hello all from the Northwest District. The Northwest District held its Spring meeting on May 22nd in Wanatah, with most of our discussion towards how to improve customer service. We would like to thank everyone who participated. Our fall meeting is going to be held on September 18th in Mishawaka at the Knights

of Columbus. We look forward to seeing everyone from the Northwest District there. Don't forget we have 50/50 drawings benefiting Water For People at every meeting. See you in Mishawaka!!



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Arthur Plautz, 87, passed away on May 22, 2009. Art served as Section Chair from 1969-1970. and received the Fuller Award in 1977. Art was employed by HNTB for more than 30 years. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, four children and 11 grandchildren.

If you have industry news you would like considered for this section, please forward it to dkeyler@hntb.com.



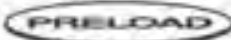
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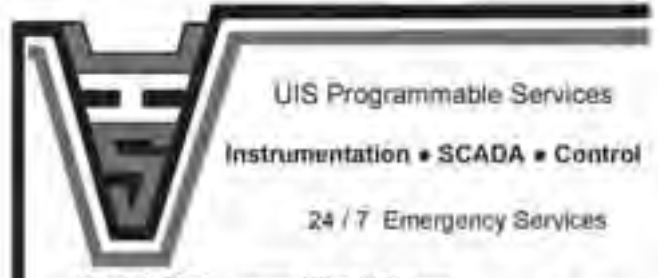


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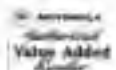
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25 Operator Boot Camp, Peru
 29 WFP Running for World Water 5K Fun Run/Walk, Indianapolis

October

4-7 IACT, French Lick

September

1 Southeast District Fall Meeting, Brookville
 2 Southwest District Fall Meeting, Patoka Lake
 10 Central District Fall Meeting, Lawrence
 17 Northeast District Fall Meeting, Warsaw
 18 Northwest District Fall Meeting, TBD
 24 WFP Duke Boys and Brown Sisters concert, Evansville

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