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March Dinner Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 24, 2011

Location: Texas Star Golf Course and Conference Centre
1400 Texas Star Parkway
Eules, Texas 76040

Agenda: 5:30 p.m. Social hour
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7 p.m. Announcements
7:15-8 p.m. Program

Topic: Innovation in Wastewater Treatment:
New Technologies Implemented at North Texas
Municipal Water District

Speakers: **Dolan McKnight**
North Texas Municipal Water District
Meera Victor
Carollo Engineers

Cost:	Members <u>and Guests</u>	Full-Time <u>Students</u>
March 18 or before	\$20	Free

After March 18 (or payments made by check)	\$25	\$10
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We offer a reduced fee to encourage early registration using our convenient online [PayPal system](#). Remember that once we give the caterer a projected headcount, WEAT-NTS has to pay for your meal even if you don't attend. Checks or cash are accepted at the door for post-deadline and walk-in registrations.

RSVP: Joe Etchegaray: joe@miautoinc.com by 3/21/11

More about March meeting on next page

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March Dinner Meeting

Program

The presenters will describe two new wastewater treatment technologies recently tested and implemented at the North Texas Municipal Water District. In 2010, the District installed multi-tray grit separators alongside existing cone-bottom vortex grit removal units at the Panther Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. This provided a side-by-side performance comparison of the two technologies.

The speakers will show the findings as well as discussing the control strategy developed to optimize performance. NTMWD is also implementing the first microwave UV installation in Texas. Unlike traditional low pressure UV lamps, microwave UV lamps have no electrodes and use microwave energy to energize the bulbs. The District conducted pilot testing to validate the system performance for disinfection of *e. coli* and automatic cleaning of the quartz sleeves. The pilot results, cost evaluation, and implementation details will be described.

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Leadership Message

WEAT-NTS is a 501(c) tax-exempt, non-profit organization. It operates with volunteer officers, all-volunteer standing committees, and with the help of member volunteers like you. Our officers and committee chairs have been putting in long hours of behind-the-scenes hard work. I'm sure you've noticed the results of their labor: the new venue for the February seminar, the new PayPal system, and the improvements to the upcoming Sporting Clays event. Each of these advances took a lot of legwork! And then there are advancements that go on behind the scenes, like financial record-keeping and tax forms.



Darryl Corbin,
President, WEAT-NTS

WEAT-NTS exists because people contribute their time and talent to this organization. This month's column focuses on a handful of questions that our members often raise about volunteerism.

It seems like every time I turn around, WEAT-NTS is asking me to volunteer. I pay dues to WEAT-NTS to attend meetings and events. My company sponsors WEAT-NTS annually. With all that money coming in, why should I also have to volunteer my time?

Of course you can pay your dues and participate in WEAT-NTS professional development and social events. In fact, most people do just that for a period of time. But if everyone decided not to volunteer, there would be no WEAT-NTS! The fact is, it would be impossible for WEAT-NTS to exist without volunteers.

Work alone takes up most of my time, and then there are other family and community commitments as well. Honestly, I would like to volunteer – I just don't have the time. Isn't that a good enough reason?

Everyone is busy and we each struggle to find the right balance in our lives. No one at WEAT-NTS expects a continual, year-after-year commitment. That's not realistic for anyone! Still, there are times in each of our lives when we can carve out the hours to serve on a committee or to contribute to the success of one event. Be open to raising your hand for those short-term opportunities.

Help me understand something: If WEAT-NTS makes money from the dues that we pay, why does the organization still need volunteers?

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There is a common misperception that WEAT-NTS “makes money” from dues. In fact, regular WEAT-NTS events like the dinner meetings operate at a loss. That’s why we hold events like the February Seminar and the Annual Cook-Off, important fundraisers that help us grow our reserves and increase the number of scholarships we give each year. You can be assured that we plow every dollar we take in to support the organization’s goals to “to meet the needs of its members for professional growth and development, to educate the public on water environment issues, and to benefit society through protection and enhancement of the water environment.”

I can understand why Committee members volunteer their time. They get publicity out of it, but I’m not interested in that.

Volunteering is not about publicity. (Trust me, there are easier ways to get publicity!) Volunteering is choosing to donate your time and talent because it’s part of being a good citizen in the community. It’s a privilege and an honor to share your expertise and time with others. Consider picking a volunteer gig that holds some interest for you and try it out.

I can see the career benefits: industry contacts, public speaking and exposure. But I don’t feel good about volunteerism that is based on self-advancement.

There are real and tangible altruistic reasons to volunteer, as I just wrote about. Volunteering also benefits your career in very concrete ways. You will meet interesting people and expand your professional network, and you’ll learn valuable skills (public speaking, leadership skills, diplomacy, etc.) that you can use throughout your career. This isn’t self-promotion; it’s managing your career in a smart and proactive way.

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I hope this has given you a better perspective on the value volunteers bring to WEAT-NTS and the value it can bring to you personally. At one time or another, each of our volunteers has reached a point when their workload seemed overwhelming. And yes, some have even questioned the wisdom of their decision to volunteer. But like mountain climbers, they pushed on, in a relentless climb to the top, where they have reveled in the triumph of their achievements.

I invite you to volunteer for WEAT-NTS – to do it for yourself and for the larger engineering community. I hope to see you soon at a committee or event planning meeting!

Darryl Corbin, President, WEAT- NTS
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Wastewater Treatment Plants

Theory and Design, May 19 – 21, 2011

A special set of class notes and the textbook *Wastewater Treatment Plants: Planning, Design and Operation* by S.R. Qasim, 2nd Edition, published by CRC Press, 1999 (p. 1107) will be used.

Location: UTA campus in Arlington, Texas

Brochure: <http://www.uta.edu/ce/shortcourseENV/>

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Texas Water Utilities Association Training

Basic Wastewater March 15-17
WW Collection April 12-14
Management..... July 18-20
Pump and Pumping Aug. 9-11
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Announcements

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Calling all YPs and future YPs,

A new benefit fund has been specifically designed to impact the Young Professionals of our industry in Engineering, Construction, Suppliers and Customers.

As an immediate goal, a select nominee will receive the inaugural stipend to help offset cost to attend this year's YP Summit in Louisville, KY.

I ask you I challenge you to join me and run in the Texas Water 5K fun run to help raise money for your new benefit fund. Invite your sponsors to support you in your run to benefit the Dodson's Drive and the Young Professionals organization. The Texas Water YP evening reception will be just as special.

In addition, 1percent of every dollar raised for Dodson's Drive will be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Texas Water 5K Fun Run

Wednesday, April 6, 6:30 a.m.

Sheraton Fort Worth Hotel Lobby...be early

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Golf Tournament Texas Water 2011

The Texas Water Golf Tournament will be held at The Golf Club at Fossil Creek April 5. All proceeds from tournament registration and sponsorship go to the WEAT-NTS scholarship fund. Visit Texas-Water.com to learn about sponsorship. For more information contact Tim Allen at 817-392-5931.

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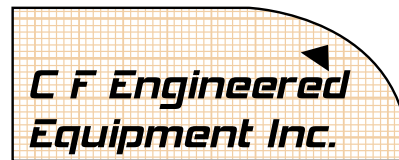


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NEW THIS YEAR:

- Shotgun Raffle!
- Door Prizes!
- More Award Categories!
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Event Details

The 2nd Annual **WEAT-NTS Sporting Clays** Event will be filled with food, fun, and good old fashioned competition between friends. Proceeds will be divided between the WEAT-NTS Scholarship Fund and Water for People.

-  *Suitable for experienced and inexperienced shooters.*
-  *Bring your own equipment, or you can rent a shotgun at a nominal cost.*
-  *Eye and ear protection provided upon request.*
-  *12 stations, each with two automatic target throwers.*
-  *4 or 5 shooters per team. Individuals not in a team will be assigned to a team at the event.*
-  *100 clay targets per participant.*
-  *Course can be walked (approx. 0.6 mile total distance).*
-  *A shotgun shell shooters bag will be provided to each shooter.*
-  *Barbeque lunch and drinks provided.*
-  *Mulligans or “do-overs” available for \$5 each and can be purchased on-site.*
-  *Event will proceed “showers or shine”. Event will be rescheduled only if heavy storms occur.*
-  *Shooters age 14 and below to be accompanied by an adult.*
-  *100 Shells provided with each registration.*

Questions:

Call or email **Jeff Sober** at **972-239-9949**
or jsober@carollo.com



What is Sporting Clays?

Sporting clays is “*golf with a shotgun*”. It is a form of clay pigeon shooting that involves shooting clay targets at multiple locations (stations). Sporting clays targets are thrown in a great variety of trajectories, elevations, and distances. Targets can come through the trees, over your head, left to right, right to left, in any path a real bird might choose. The stations are designed to be unpredictable and challenging for the shooter.

Each station has two clay-throwing machines. Targets are thrown in pairs. The number of clay pairs will vary from station to station. The types of pairs will also vary by station. Some stations will be “report pairs” (the second target is launched on the report of the shooter’s gun) and others will be “true pairs” (the two targets are thrown simultaneously).

Scoring is simple. Your team will receive one scoring card per shooter, with individual scoring based on 100 shots. For every target you break, the scorer will mark an X in the blank provided; if you miss, you mark an O. The number and type of pairs will vary by station. The high score is determined by the total sum of targets hit.



REGISTRATION FORM

My team wishes to participate as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Each</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registration Fee for Shooters (includes lunch, shell pouch, and 100 rounds of ammo)			
Shooters fee (Paid registration before 3/1/11)	\$130	___	\$ ___
Shooters fee (Paid registration after 3/1/11)	\$140	___	\$ ___
Optional Items			
Shotgun rental – 12 or 20-ga (Team can share)	\$10	___	\$ ___
Lunch Tickets (non-shooters only)	\$20	___	\$ ___
Mulligan (“do-over”)	\$5	___	\$ ___
<i>(Limit of 5, includes ammunition). Also available on-site.</i>			
Eye and ear protection	\$0	___	\$ <u>0</u>
Event Sponsorship			
Station Sponsorship – Sign at a station	\$200	___	\$ ___
Event Sponsor – Sign at meeting/lunch area	\$200	___	\$ ___
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e-mail: _____

Shooter 5: _____

e-mail: _____

**Teams are a minimum of 4, maximum of 5*

Registration Deadline is Friday, March 4th.

(On-site registration will be accepted as long as space is available.)

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- Most honest team score
- Most honest individual score
- Top female shooter
- Sponsorship recognition award



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Rules:

For the safety of shooters and bystanders:

- Each station will have a WEAT-NTS volunteer to oversee the orderly activities at the station.
- Eye and ear protection is mandatory.
- Gun breech or actions open to show gun is unloaded at all times unless in the cage and ready to fire.
- Do not load gun until in the cage and ready to fire.
- Never load more than 2 shells in gun.
- No shot size larger than 7-1/2's. (7-1/2's, 8's and 9's only)
- Guns must have full stock and minimum 21" Barrel.
- Alcohol is prohibited.
- Waivers forms will be required at check-in.

Volunteers Needed

Please contact **Jeff Sober** at **972-239-9949** or **jsober@carollo.com**



WEAT Legislative Update

Track current legislation

An updated list of the bills that WEAT is tracking can be found at <http://www.weat.org/legislative-affairs.shtml>. Scroll to the bottom of the page for the bill tracking tables. Click on “Current Status” to view the full text of these bills. We will update this page and the bill tracking table regularly.

HB 965 on continuing education credits

Of particular note on this update is HB 965 filed by Rep. Callegari. This bill will allow A and B water and wastewater operators to self-report continuing education credit for renewals, thus making it easier for licensees to use webinars for renewal credit.

SB 448 OSSF permit fees

Also, for those utilities that operate as an authorized agent for TCEQ in the OSSF program, please note SB 448 relating to the amount of a fee that can be charged for an OSSF permit.

Carol Batterton
Executive Director
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WEAT-NTS Calendar of Events

March Dinner Meeting	March 24, 2011	TexasStar
May Dinner Meeting	May 19, 2011	Cowboys Golf Club
July Dinner Meeting	July 21, 2011	TexasStar

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