



NORTH TEXAS SECTION—e-NEWSLETTER

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Dinner Meeting

Date: November 19, 2009
Place: Trail Dust Restaurant & Cowboys Stadium Tour
Arlington, Texas

Topic: Cowboys Stadium Tour

Social Hour: 5:00 pm
Dinner
(Trail Dust): 6:00 pm
Tour Start: 7:15 pm (Cowboys Stadium)

Tickets: \$25 (Includes Dinner and tour)

Dinner or Tour cannot be purchased separately.

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President's Message

WEFTEC.⁰⁹ has come and gone and just in case you have been living under a rock, the TRA CReWSers successfully defended their National Championship with a close win over Virginia's Terminal Velocity (see full story on Page 3). The Dallas Water Utilities AquaTechs also competed at the Division 1 level and gave a spirited fight. [We all are very proud of our two North Texas teams, these guys all work very hard and there is no doubt that the majority of the support in our state comes from this section.](#) Speaking of great support, if you missed this year's Operations Challenge benefit picnic, you missed a good one. The weather cooperated, we had a great turn out and not to mention some fantastic food. A very special thanks to all of our cooks and volunteers for your time and efforts.

Thanks to Erin Flanagan and the rest of the Executive committee, we are going on a field trip to the Cowboys Stadium on November 19, 2009. I spoke to Jerry Jones in early October and informed him that I was worried about attendance, especially if his team continued to play poorly. Jerry promised me he would speak with Wade. I don't know what he told him but it sure looks like it did the trick. The Cowboys are on a role and this will be a great opportunity to get a private tour of this fantastic stadium. (See tour information for details) Beyond the tour, we are in the process of setting the remainder of the dinner meeting dates and locations. If you have not had the opportunity to get your sponsorship information in, now is the time to do so.

In keeping with my usual message about the changing of the seasons, deer season is now upon us. What a great opportunity to spend some time out in nature. This is one of my favorite times of the year, the temperatures are cooler, the leaves are changing and I often have an opportunity to reflect on the positive influences that all of us in this industry have on the environment. What a fantastic service we perform! Even if

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

you do not hunt, I highly encourage you to take a walk in some of the beautiful countryside that Texas has to offer (I just probably wouldn't pick this time of the year to take a walk through the woods. Especially if you are wearing your buckskin coat and special antler hat that your wife bought you for fathers day).

Planning for our February seminar at the City Place in Dallas is underway. We have a great lineup of speakers and a list of topics that should be enjoyable and more importantly informative to all. I hope you will find this year's seminar titled "Poopers and Bloopers: The joys of Designing, Building, and Operation" to be something you plan on attending. Also, in my continued desire to support our YPs, please make sure that you are well represented by this group.

I am very pleased to announce that we have once again set a record for scholarship recipients. We have 6½ scholarships that we are awarding to some very bright young people and I am very proud to be a part of this program. I want to assure those of you that help to support our scholarship program that it is being

managed quite well, especially during these very tough economic times. David Jackson, chairs our scholarship fund and his recommendations have helped to minimize our losses while maximizing our gains. Lynn Hall-Ally made another gracious donation to the Darryl Hall Scholarship fund this year. It is my great pleasure to announce that the funds for this scholarship will now be able to support our first recipient in the fall of 2010. This scholarship program is earmarked for utility employees or their families in the North Texas area and will definitely help to make a difference in supporting their educational endeavors. Keep your eyes open for an upcoming sporting clay shoot benefiting the WEAT-NTS scholarship fund. Darryl Corbin and Jeff Sober are working diligently to put this together early in 2010.

Until next time, thanks for all your support to WEAT and our North Texas Section.

John Bennett
President, WEAT-NTS
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New Scholarships Awarded for the 2009-10 School Year

The WEAT NTS Scholarship Committee is proud to announce new scholarships awarded for the 2009-10 school year. Each student will receive a total of \$1,000 this year (\$500 per semester).

This year we have four returning students who have been in our scholarship program for the last few years:

Michael Longoria is the son of WEAT member **Ray Longoria**. Michael is a senior Electrical Engineering major at Texas A&M University. He graduates this fall so be on the lookout for his resume!

Jessica Davila is the daughter of WEAT member **Rey Davila**. Jessica is a junior Biology major at UTA.

Wes Fichera is the son of WEAT member **Buster Fichera**. Wes is a sophomore Software Engineering major at UT Dallas.

Sam Williams is the son of WEAT member **Brian Williams**. Sam is a freshman at Texas A&M University and is a sophomore in Computer Engineering.

In addition to our returning students, we are proud to announce that we are awarding three additional scholarships for the coming year. Our new students are:

Chace Price is the son of WEAT member **Steve Price**. Chace will be a freshman General Studies major at Tarrant County College.

Michael Loreda is the son of WEAT member **Jose Loreda**. Michael is a junior Music major at UT Austin.

Megan Waldock is the daughter of WEAT member **Darryl Waldock**. Megan will be a freshman Chemistry major at Baylor University.

The scholarship committee would like to congratulate our returning students and our new recipients for this year. We are proud of your accomplishments and are looking forward to watching your growth and development as you pursue your chosen degree programs. Best of luck for this school year!

In addition, as President Bennett mentioned in his update, we are progressing nicely with the **Darryl Hall Fund** and intend on awarding our first scholarship from that program in 2010! The Darryl Hall scholarship program supports those men and women who work for North Texas wastewater utilities in operations, maintenance and laboratory services. Be on the lookout for an announcement on the application form and dates for submittal.

David Jackson
Scholarship Committee Chairman

CREWSers Win Fourth National Title By John Bennett, PWO Representative

The TRA CREWSers' won First Place Overall at the WEFTEC.09 conference in Orlando, Florida. If you are counting—and let's face it most of us from Texas are—the CREWSers have won four of the last five National Championships.



Winning a National Championship is never easy. When you compete in Division I, it means going up against ten of the toughest most competitive teams in the nation. And this year's competition was as close as it gets. Only 10 points separated the CREWSers from the second place team, the Terminal Velocity from Virginia. The tension at the awards ceremony was thick enough to cut with a knife.

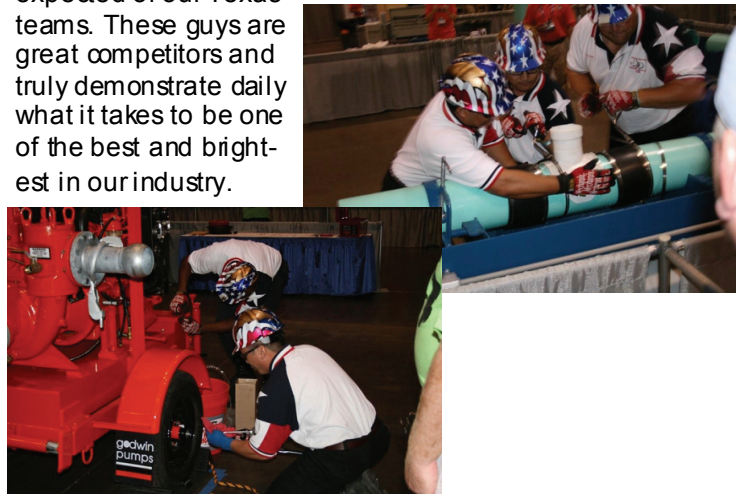
In an ironic twist, it was the CREWSers first place win in the collections event, one of the five events in operations challenge competitions, that provided the team with enough points for a first place overall win. In the past, the collections event has proven to be the nemesis of the CREWSers. According to TRA CRWS Project Manager Bill Tatum, "The collections event cost us the National title in 2001, 2002, and 2004." "It really feels good to have an event that has been so disruptive to our success to be the key to us winning," said Steve Price, one of the two remaining original CREWSers team members.

Once again, the CREWSers put in a steady performance taking first in the safety event, second in the laboratory event and third in the maintenance event. Even the team's 4th place showing in the process control event wasn't bad, considering the competition.



CREWSers captain, Dale Burrow, has preached consistency to his team for years. "We don't win every event. We focus on accuracy which reduces penalties. That keeps us in the top 5 in most events. That is our best chance of an overall win," Burrow said. For the CREWSers, it is a proven formula for success.

The North Texas Section had another team competing in Division I. The Dallas Aqua Techs lost key team members prior to the competition resulting in performances that did not live up to their expectations. Despite setbacks, they still competed to the best of their ability and, more importantly, demonstrated the professionalism and hard work expected of our Texas teams. These guys are great competitors and truly demonstrate daily what it takes to be one of the best and brightest in our industry.



The respect and support the Texas teams have for each other is the best part of the national competition. All of WEAT's teams, along with a large contention of supporters from the North Texas Section took over seven tables in the same area at the awards ceremony. Anytime a Texas team was called to the podium, everyone was on their feet and celebrating. WEAT and especially our section provides outstanding support for the Operations Challenge Program. Texas has the largest crowds when we compete and by far the largest representation at the awards ceremony. And the Texas teams deserve it. They work hard to prepare for competition and make many individual sacrifices. They look and act like the professionals they are. Recognition and professional development are the goals of the Operations Challenge program and I am proud to say that in Texas, we set standard for the rest of the nation to follow.

WEAT – NTS Operations Challenge Teams at WEFTEC

TRA CREWSers,
Raudel Juarez, Coach
Dale Burrow, Captain
David Brown
Steve Price
Jacob Burwell

Aqua-Techs
Calvin Norman, Coach
Rey Davila, Captain
Kevin Willey
Tye Nguyen

WEAT-NTS Annual Picnic & Operations Challenge Benefit October 2009



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Announcements

Jaster-Quintanilla Dallas and Mehta West Brash ear Group LLC Merge; New JQ Infrastructure Division to Focus on Public Sector Projects

Founded in 1984, Jaster-Quintanilla (JQ) provides structural and civil engineering and surveying services for the built environment throughout Texas and the southern United States. JQ has offices in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio

Jaster-Quintanilla (JQ) and Mehta West Brash ear Group LLC (MWB Group) have agreed to merge, according to JQ Dallas managing principal Stephen H. Lucy, P.E. Under the terms of the agreement, MWB Group's founder and principal Charles Raajan Mehta, P.E. will assume leadership responsibilities within the newly formed JQ Infrastructure Division.

MWB Group's consulting engineering services include: water supply, treatment and distribution; waste water treatment and collection; utilities, and drainage evaluation and design. MWB Group currently holds several Small, Minority, Disadvantaged-owned Business certifications that allow it to fulfill minority contracting procurement goals of prime consultants and other procurement entities. Projects completed or in progress by the firm include a wastewater facilities strategic plan for Dallas Water Utilities, the rehabilitation of EF-R3 sanitary sewer main for the Trinity River Authority, design of the Southwest Water Transmission Main for Dallas Water Utilities, and water treatment plant process and civil improvements at the Dallas East Side and Bachman Water Treatment Plants.

JQ Dallas' recent projects include structural engineering services for the Trinity River Audubon Center, which was named the "Best Green Project in 2008" in the North Texas Region by the Dallas Business Journal; and the Morris Sheppard Dam Powerhouse restoration at Possum Kingdom Lake in Graford, Texas which received the Merit of Award by the International Concrete Repair Institute.

Jacobs Announces New Hire

Jacobs Engineering is pleased to announce the addition of Ahsan Moeen, PE in their Dallas office. A graduate of Michigan State University, Ahsan brings nearly 13 years of engineering design experience to the Jacobs team.

He managed and worked in a variety of municipal and regional engineering infrastructure design projects for water, wastewater and combined sewer overflow systems.

In his new role with Jacobs, Mr. Moeen will support business development activities and oversee a wide variety of engineering and construction projects related to water and wastewater treatment plants, storm water management and conveyance. He can be reached at 214-920-8396.

Alan Plummer Associates, Inc. Announces New Hires

Alan Plummer Associates is pleased to announce the addition of 4 new employees in its Dallas office.

Paul Howsen, Jr joins APAI from Raleigh NC where he worked two years doing electrical and instrumentation design on water/wastewater treatment plants. Paul has a BS in electrical engineering from Clemson University.

Christopher Haeckler joined APAI in July after graduating from Texas A&M with a ME in civil engineering. Chris performed volunteer work for TPWD at the Tarrant Regional Water District constructed wetland site at Richland-Chambers Reservoir.

Carmen Grayson also joined APAI in July after graduating from Clemson University with a MS in civil engineering. Carmen's research experience involved doing soil chemical analysis for archeological studies in Mexico.

In August, Ryan Pierce joined APAI after graduating from Virginia Tech with a MS in environmental engineering. Ryan had previously worked for an environmental consulting firm in Florida. Welcome Paul, Chris, Carmen and Ryan!

Announcements (Continued)

WEAT Award Nominations

Award nominations for the following categories will be open through **NOVEMBER 25, 2009**. See <http://www.weat.org/awards.htm> for complete details on each award and how to submit a nomination.

WEF ARTHUR SIDNEY BEDELL AWARD acknowledges extraordinary personal service to the Water Environment Association of Texas.

WEF GEORGE W. BURKE, JR. AWARD recognizes municipal and industrial wastewater facilities for active and effective safety programs.

WEF WILLIAM D. HATFIELD AWARD recognizes operators of wastewater treatment plants for outstanding performance and professionalism.

WEF LABORATORY ANALYST EXCELLENCE AWARD recognizes individuals for outstanding performance, professionalism, and contributions to the water quality analysis profession.

WEAT LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD recognizes a current or past WEAT member who has demonstrated continual and tireless contributions toward the improvement of the water environment throughout a long, distinguished career in the wastewater treatment industry and in WEAT/WEF.

WEAT PILLARS OF THE PROFESSION AWARD recognizes an individual with a long and distinguished career in the wastewater treatment or water quality industry who has demonstrated meaningful and substantial contributions toward the improvement of the water environment and who has had a positive impact on the success and growth of WEAT.

WEAT MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OF THE YEAR AWARD acknowledges a municipal wastewater treatment plant in Texas that has consistently exhibited outstanding performance of daily activities beyond the normal call of duty.

WEAT INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OF THE YEAR AWARD acknowledges an industrial wastewater treatment plant in Texas that has consistently exhibited outstanding performance of daily activities beyond the normal call of duty.

WEAT OUTSTANDING OPERATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD recognizes a wastewater treatment plant operator (municipal and/or industrial) in the State of Texas who has demonstrated outstanding professionalism at his/her facility and has performed his/her duties tirelessly and with dedication to the betterment of the water environment.

WEAT MEDAL OF HONOR FOR HEROISM recognizes an individual (or group of individuals) from the State of Texas who has demonstrated exceptional courage and bravery in the performance of a single act of heroic behavior involving the water environment industry.

WEAT SIDNEY L. ALLISON AWARD recognizes a person (or entity) who has made significant contributions to the engineering, science, and/or op-

eration and maintenance of wastewater collection and pumping stations with the mission to transport wastewater to a treatment plant.

WEAT T. L. SATTERWHITE AWARD recognizes an individual, an engineering firm, or an industrial entity for the development of a solution to an industrial wastewater treatment problem.

WEAT RONALD B. SIEGER BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT AWARD recognizes a WEAT member (s), an engineering firm, a specific project, a municipality, or a specific municipal or industrial facility that has made significant accomplishments in the field of biosolids technology and management practices within the boundaries of the State of Texas.

WEAT EMERGING LEADER AWARD recognizes a young WEAT member who has provided outstanding service in support of WEAT.

WEAT EXEMPLARY EMPLOYER AWARD recognizes Texas employers that support and facilitate employee involvement and activities within the WEAT and WEF organizations



Congratulations goes to Jennafer Covington on the birth of her daughter, Piper Elizabeth Covington, born October 5, 2009 at 12:35 PM.. Piper Elizabeth weighed 8 lbs, 7.5 oz., and measured 20.5 inches long.



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Announcements (Continued)

WEAT E&I Committee

The Electrical & Instrumentation recently held its fourth seminar of the year. This one was held on Wednesday, 16 September 2009 at the Fort Worth Office of Freese and Nichols, Inc. There were about 30 participants. The outline for the presentation was:

- Overview of Per Unit Techniques
- Review of Fault Currents
- Typical Short Circuit and Device Evaluation Computer Output
- Protection and Coordination
- Practical Methods for Reducing Arc Flash Hazards
- Fuses

Final plans for the next technical seminar sponsored by the WEAT E&I Committee are now being made. Please note the following details:

Topic: Control Systems Redundancy

Date: 18 November 2009

The expectation is that there will be three areas addressed:

- HMI Redundancy
- PLC Redundancy
- Control System Reliability Assessment and Failure Recovery.

The final details and presentations are being developed and another note will be sent in a few weeks with more information. This will be the last technical seminar we sponsor this year and we hope you will be able to join us

Thanks...

George Luke, PE
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1st Ever WEAT Podium Position at the WEF Student Design Competition

At the WEF Student Design Competition which was held in Orlando, Florida at the WEFTEC Conference in October, the Southern Methodist University (SMU) team placed 4th overall. The students, **Angellia Chandler Points** and **Drew Michael Aleto**, will be awarded with a commemorative plaque and \$500 Student Chapter cash. This marks the first incidence that a WEAT Student Design Team has earned a podium position at the national level. The SMU design team earned the opportunity to represent WEAT at the national level when they were awarded 1st place at the WEAT Student Design Competition (held in April '09 at the Texas Water Conference). The SMU Team prepared a design alternative for Nutrient Removal at the Trinity River Authority (TRA) Central Regional Wastewater System (CRWS) Treatment Plant. The team assumed that TRA currently has the system improvements to handle existing permit requirements for CBOD/TSS/NH₃/DO of 7/15/(2/4)/6. Additionally, the team assumed that the permitted capacity will remain 162 MGD. The Nutrient Removal solution developed by the SMU Team was capable of handling the addition of nitrogen and phosphorus limits to the projected 2015 permit requirements of 5/5/0.5/10/1/6 CBOD/TSS/TP/TN/NH₃/DO. Congratulations to the SMU Team and all the best for future endeavors!



Left to Right: Drew Michael Aleto, Dr. Jim Yu (Faculty Advisor), Angellia Chandler Points, and Jim Clark (WEF Past Officer).

Announcements (Continued)



WEAT-NTS Presents: THE Cowboys Stadium Tour (and dinner)



Date: Thursday, November 19, 2009

Social Hour: Trail Dust Restaurant @ 5:00PM
2300 East Lamar Blvd, Arlington, Texas
Dinner: Trail Dust Restaurant @ 6:00PM
Tour: Cowboys Stadium @ 7:15PM
900 East Randol Mill Road, Arlington, Texas

TOUR DESTINATIONS:

- Pro Shop
- Press Box
- Limited Field Access (Not Guaranteed)
- Scoreboard Control Room
- Silver Level Platform
- Cowboys Locker Room (If Accessible)
- A Suite
- Player Interview Room
- And last but not least...our wastewater component: Grease Interceptors and Sewage Ejector Pumps at Event Level

Tour departs from the Pro Shop, located at Entry A, Gate 1. Parking in Lot 1 is free.

<http://stadium.dallascowboys.com/quests/parkingMap.cfm>

Maps will be provided at Trail Dust for driving to the Cowboys Stadium.

TOUR REQUIREMENTS (A.K.A. "THE FINE PRINT"):

- No video recorders, or large bags or backpacks will be allowed on the tour.
- Small purses (5x7) will be permitted into the stadium.
- Cameras will be allowed on the tour.
- The tour will last for 1 hour and 15 minutes.
- Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Notify your tour guide or your group tour coordinator of any special needs (bilingual guide, wheelchair access, etc.).
- Please refrain from bringing any food or drink on your tour.
- The Cowboys Stadium is a smoke free facility.

**COST: \$25/per person (includes dinner and tour)
(Dinner or Tour can not be purchased separately.)**

Please RSVP to Holly Ingram at hingram@cpyi.com by Friday, November 13th

Announcements (Continued)



**WATER ENVIRONMENT
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WEAT-NTS February Seminar

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| Topic: | Poopers and Bloopers: The Joys of Designing, Building and Operating (An Operations Forum) |
| Location: | City Place, Dallas |
| Date: | February 9, 2010 |
| Time: | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| Registration Cost: | \$120 (Registration Opens January 2010) |
| Sponsorship Cost: | \$250 (Contact Dawn Anderson, danderson@cpyi.com) |

Seminar will Include:

- ◆ Recent Changes to TCEQ Modeling and Effects to Plant Permits and Operations
- ◆ Operator Training with Today's Technology: Explore How to Overcome the Standard 20-Hr Course
- ◆ Inspection Process from TCEQ Perspective
- ◆ Electrical Health: Calorie Counts, Flash Protections, etc.
- ◆ Coatings and Corrosion 101: Impacts to Operations
- ◆ Non-Main Stream Odor Control
- ◆ Lessons Learned from Past Designs
- ◆ Balancing Owner's Engineering and Operator's Needs and Wants
- ◆ Start-Ups and Everyone's Role
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- ◆ Equipment Selection: Selection, Specifying, Bidding to Get What You Want
- ◆ Owner's Budgeting Perspective

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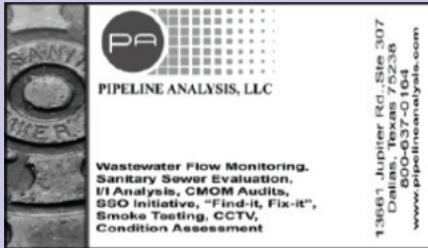
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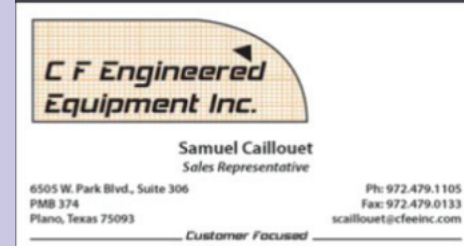
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| November 19, 2009 | Trail Dust Restaurant Arlington, TX | WEAT-NTS | Dinner and Cowboys Stadium Tour |
| January 21, 2010 | Texas Star | WEAT-NTS | Dinner Meeting |
| February 9, 2010 | City Place | WEAT-NTS | February Seminar |

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