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September Meeting Information

Date: Friday 14, September, 2007
Place: Lake Arlington Activity Room
(Richard Simpson Park)
Topic: WEAT-NTS Annual Picnic
Gates Open: 6:00 AM to 9 PM (for cooks)
Social Hour: 5:30 pm
Judging Begins: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 6:30 pm

Dinner Tickets: \$15 Members
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President's Message

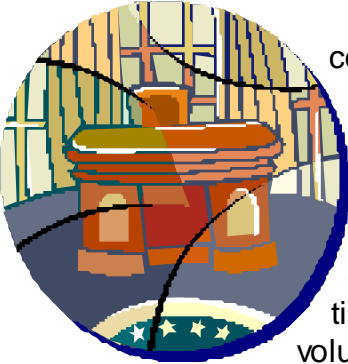
The weather is getting cooler and the WEAT-NTS Picnic is here. This is going to be a fun relaxed event so bring the family and plan to stay awhile. Many great cooks have organized teams, so the food will be excellent, and there was a lot of debate on where to get the best side dishes to round out the meal. We will have volleyball, horseshoes, washers and maybe a good game of dominos or two.

That is a lot of stuff to pack into one evening, so we changed the typical Thursday meeting to a Friday evening. That way the family can stay out late – we have the location booked from 10 AM to 10 PM. The cook-off teams will be cooking most of the day, so come early, enjoy the lake, and learn a good BBQ cooking tip or two.

Most importantly, proceeds from the picnic will benefit the three local Operations Challenge teams that will be competing nationally at the October WEFTEC conference in San Diego. So lets show some support for the teams from Dallas Water Utilities, Fort Worth Water Department, and Trinity River Authority as they represent North Texas.

We have been so focused on planning the September Picnic, we haven't stopped and planned the remainder of our fiscal year. There are a

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)



couple of ideas for dinner meetings and topics floating around, but if you have a suggestion for an interesting topic, or location, let us know. You can do what Martin Charrier did – have the idea, and volunteer someone else to

present it. Try it, think of a topic, and volunteer your boss to present it. Contact John Bennet (BennetJ@trinityra.org) with your topics of interest and ideas. He will contact your boss and keep your name confidential.

There are new laws and regulation updates that may be affecting our business that could be a meeting topic or two. Our Texas Legislature and TCEQ have been very busy passing laws and updating regulations. The passage of HB 447 and HB 1886 changes the way projects can be delivered and phases in design build for water facilities and other civil works projects. TCEQ is also updating Chapter 217 and there have been review meetings around the State and formal responses from WEAT.

Old WEAT Story of the month. Nine years ago while judging the Dallas Regional Science Fair as one of the WEAT judges, I met Allie and Jessica from Maypearl. These two high school sophomores had completed a science project regarding the application of biosolids on their family farms. They had a lot of great information and demonstrated the benefits of biosolids applications. All WEAT judges were impressed with their first science fair entry, gave them some suggestions, and encouraged them to continue. They came in second that year.

Allie and Jessica continued their science projects and study of biosolids. They examined runoff impacts, soil conditioning, etc. They were first place in WEAT judging the next two years and also won the Texas Stockholm Junior Water Prize one year and went to the national competition. Many WEAT members reviewed their work, provided suggestions, and encouraged their interest and supported their project.

Years later after all the science fairs were done, I received a thank you note from Allie, Jessica and Evelyn (their science teacher). The note recognized all the efforts of WEAT members. The support and professionalism of the WEAT people they encountered amazed the three of them. Evelyn discussed how this science fair project and interaction with environmental professionals positively influenced her science program and science interest at Maypearl High School. Wish I could remember, Allie or Jessica?, but the note said that the science fair project and interactions with WEAT professionals had influenced her choice to pursue a major in Agricultural Engineering.

Randy McIntyre
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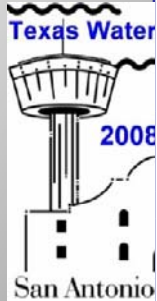
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The WEAT Electrical and Instrumentation committee's next meeting is anticipated to be in late October. Topic is "NFPA 820" which is the Standard for Fire Protection in Wastewater treatment and collection facilities.

We expect to have multiple presentations from engineers as well as vendors.

Time and place to be confirmed.

Contact VK Gupta (972-490-7661) for more details.

Be sure to watch the WEAT-NTS website (under Meetings) for further information and past meeting notes.

The WEAT-NTS Annual Picnic or Operations Challenge Cook-off

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Location: Lake Arlington Activity Room (at Richard Simpson Park)
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! (See end of this newsletter for flyer.)



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WEAT-NTS Calendar of Events

September 14, 2007	Lake Arlington - Richard Simpson Park	WEAT-NTS Annual Picnic	Ops Challenge Cook-off
October 13-17, 2007	San Diego, CA	WEF/WEAT	WEFTEC. ⁰⁷
Late October (TBD)	TBD	WEAT-NTS E&IC COMMITTEE	NFPA 820
November 2007	TBA	WEAT-NTS	TBA

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WEAT-NTS Annual Picnic or

Operations Challenge Cookoff

SEPTEMBER 14, 2007

This year's annual picnic will be a cookoff to benefit the Texas Operations Challenge teams in their quest to compete at nationals in San Diego.

- Entering a team in this Cookoff is free. Each team will be reimbursed up to \$100 for an entree entry and \$25 for a dessert entry.
- Cookoff Team Registration is due by **Tuesday, September 4**. Please contact John Bennett @ Bennettj@trinityra.org or 817-430-4657 to register your team.
- Teams can cook any type of entree (BBQ, Steaks, Hot dogs, casseroles, beef, chicken, etc.)
- Winners will be chosen according to a panel of judges.
- All proceeds will go to benefit the Texas Operations Challenge teams and their quest for competing at nationals.
- Dinner reservations are due by **Friday, September 7th**. Please email Amy Robinson at Robinsonar@cdm.com or call the voice mail reservation number at 214-890-6878 (Dallas) or 817-740-5759 (Ft. Worth) for reservations.
- Activities at the park will include horseshoes and washers. A volleyball net is also available. Bring outside games (balls, games, bubbles).
- Drinks are BYOB - cans and plastic bottles only. Alcohol is allowed only inside the building. Water and soft drinks will be provided.
- WEAT-NTS has pledged \$1,000 but we encourage all of you to pass this flyer around, post it in your office, and get the word out. It's for a great cause!

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