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September Picnic

- Date:** September 19, 2008
- Place:** Lake Arlington Activity Room
(Richard Simpson Park)
6300 West Arkansas Lane
Arlington Texas 76016
- Topic:** Operations Challenge Cook-off
- Social Hour:** 5:30 pm
Dinner/Judging: 6:30 pm
- Dinner Tickets:** \$20 Members
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President's Message

Happy September! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer vacation and experienced a smooth transition into school days with the family. This time of year also means the beginning of hunting season. So for all you hunters out there, good luck this season!

Last year we had great success with our September Picnic and we look forward to another great turnout to continue our support for the Operations Challenge teams going to WEFTEC this year. Our 2nd annual Ops Challenge Cook-Off is Friday, September 19th. Thanks to Joe Etchegaray with FloTec we will have activities for the kids. So bring the family out for some fun and great food. The cook-off teams will be cooking most of the day, so come early and enjoy the camaraderie. Read on for more details about the picnic.

Our July dinner meeting was a hit. Webster Mangham presented on the development and capabilities of TRIMS and demonstrated its application to environmental issues. Thanks Webster for taking the time and effort to speak at our meeting. The topic brought many new faces to the meeting.

The executive committee and program committee members met last month to

President's Message (continued)

plan this year's events and have some great ideas for dinner meetings and the February Seminar. This year's seminar will focus on "Going Green." Stay tuned for more details....

WEFTEC is fast approaching and will be here before you know it. This year's conference is October 18-22nd in Chicago.

Don't forget the deadline to submit your abstract for Texas Water 09 is September 30th.

If you would like to get involved in any Section activities, please call me or another officer or committee chairperson. Contact information for the officers and committee chairs for the Section is listed in the newsletter or on our website. We are always looking for more people to help out.

Amy Robinson
President 2008-2009
WEAT-NTS
(817) 332-8727

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

Date: September 19, 2008
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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Texas Water 2009 Call for Abstracts

The Texas Water Conference uses an online Abstract Submittal process.

Complete instructions are provided at the online submittal link below.

The deadline for submittals is SEPT. 30, 2008.

Please note that the Texas Water Program Committee will begin the review of the Abstracts before the deadlines. Consequently, the earlier you submit your abstract, the better.

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E&IC Committee Technical Seminar

The E&I Committee of WEAT will be sponsoring its third technical seminar of 2008 in September. This seminar will be on instrumentation. In particular, it will address some of the application and environmental considerations for such instruments as flow, level, and various analytical instruments used in the water / wastewater arenas. For example:

- Pros and cons of using specific instruments for specific applications
 - Do-s and Don't-s of specifying, installing, and maintaining these types of instruments
- Considerations such as heat related issues, humidity, corrosive environments, and solutions to alleviate these concerns such as availability of conformal coatings, etc.

The meeting details are:

Date: Wednesday, 17 September 2008
 Presentation: 09:00AM – 12:00AM (Lunch provided by Carollo Engineers following presentation)
 Location: Dallas Water Utilities Elm Fork WTP
 1440 Whitlock Lane, Carrollton, TX 75006

Please put this on your calendar. For more information about this seminar, or about other activities of the WEAT E&I Committee, please contact any of those on the committee. Those currently on the WEAT E&I Committee are:

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Please RSVP to [George Luke](#) if you will be able to attend this seminar.

Freese and Nichols Announces New Associate Trooper Smith, PE

Trooper joined Freese and Nichols in 2000 as a water/wastewater engineer after graduating from Texas Tech University with a B.S. and Masters of Environmental Engineering. He manages projects for the Trinity River Authority's Central Regional Wastewater System and has served on and led design and planning projects for water supply, treatment and distribution; and wastewater collection, treatment and disposal in North Texas. A familiar presenter at professional workshops, Trooper has authored papers on project management and wastewater systems. He is an active member of the U.S. Army National Guard, and was stationed in Iraq in 2005. Trooper received the Bronze Star for his service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Trooper has served as WEAT-NTS Membership Chair and currently serves as WEAT Young Professional Co-Chair and the WEF Students and Young Professionals Committee (SYPC) Region 6 Liaison.



CP&Y, Inc. Announces New Director of the Environmental Division Randel L. West, PE

CP&Y, Inc. is pleased to announce the appointment of Randel L. West, PE as Director of the Environmental Division, which is recognized for innovative water and wastewater solutions. Randel, who is based in Dallas, is a Vice President and Principal with CP&Y. Randel received his B.S. and M.S. in Civil Engineering from Texas Tech University in 1987 and 1990, respectively, and has been working in the environmental engineering field for over 20 years. Throughout his career, Randel has been recognized for his unique ability to develop and apply innovative solutions to the challenges faced by municipalities and industries. He has pioneered many new technologies in the water and wastewater arena and has championed energy efficiency and sustainability efforts in the practice. From the field to the Board Room, Randel has been involved in every facet of engineering management. He has directed large-scale business development activities and high-profile project pursuits around the country and has managed the planning, design and construction of projects ranging in size from \$50,000 to over \$100 million.



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UNICEF Teacher Forum: October 4th

The World Affairs Council (WAC) of Dallas/Fort Worth (www.dfwworld.org) will be holding an upcoming UNICEF Teacher Water Forum on October 4, 2008. It will be at the HEBISD Pat May Center, 1849B Central Drive, Bedford, Texas 76022. The Forum seeks to educate students and teachers within the Dallas/Fort Worth area on water issues. As you know, water scarcity, purity, and conservation are all major global issues. With this in mind, the WAC has requested a presentation speaker from WEAT to educate teachers on current challenges of water environment issues around the world. If you are interested in speaking briefly to 200 teachers at this event, please contact Rene Aguilar of Carollo Engineers at 972-239-9949 for additional information regarding the Forum.

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WEAT-NTS Calendar of Events

September 19, 2008	Lake Arlington Activity Room (Richard Simpson Park)	WEAT-NTS	Annual Picnic
October 18-22, 2008	McCormick Place Chicago, Illinois	WEF/WEAT	WEFTEC. ⁰⁸
November 20, 2008	TexasStar	WEAT-NTS	Dinner Meeting
January 15, 2009	CityPlace	WEAT	Dinner Meeting
February 10, 2009	CityPlace	WEAT	Annual Seminar
March 19, 2009	TexasStar	WEAT	Dinner Meeting
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Operations Challenge Cook-Off

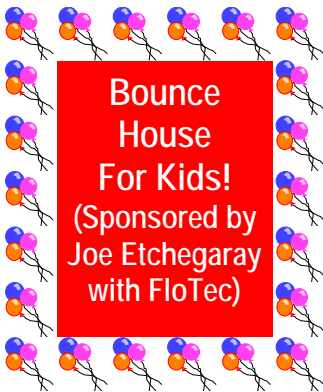
September 19, 2008

Location: Lake Arlington Activity Room
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 6300 West Arkansas Lane
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Get your teams together, and let the games begin!

Go for the gold and join us in this year's "Olympic" inspired BBQ cook off! Proceeds will go to support our Texas Operations Challenge teams! Good luck to the TRA CREWSers, Dallas Aqua Techs, and Power SAWS at this year's event!!



- ★ Entering a team in this cook off is free. Each team will be reimbursed up to \$100 for an entrée entry and \$25 for a dessert entry.
- ★ Cook-off Team Registration is due by Monday, September 8. Please contact Amy Robinson at (817) 332-8727 or robinsonar@cdm.com to register your team.
- ★ Teams can cook any type of entrée (BBQ, Steaks, Hot dogs, Chicken, etc.) and are encouraged to be creative with those secret recipes and unique side items!
- ★ Medal Winners will be chosen by a panel of judges and fabulous prizes will be awarded!

- ★ Dinner reservations are due by Friday, September 12, 2008. Please call the voice mail reservation number at 214-890-6878 (Dallas) or 817-740-5759 (Ft. Worth).
- ★ Drinks are BYOB (cans and plastic bottles only). Alcohol is allowed only inside the building.
- ★ Traditional side items, water and soft drinks will be provided.

Time: 5:30 PM Meet and Greet
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