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Annual Picnic & Cookoff

Date: October 2, 2009
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
Judging: 6:30 pm
Dinner: 6:45 pm
Dinner Tickets: \$20 Members
\$10 Spouses & Guests
\$5 Children ages 5-12
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\$30 Family Maximum
Cook-off Teams Free

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The 3rd Annual
Operations Challenge
Cook Off will be a very
fun family event.



Profits made from the
cook-off will benefit the Operations
Challenge teams.

We challenge all of the sections to
make a donation to help support
the Operation Challenge teams in
National Competition at WEFTEC.

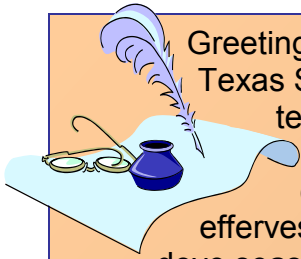
The teams from Texas are:
TRA CReWSers, Dallas Aquatechs,
Austin Dillo Xpress, and Power
SAWS.

See Details of the cookoff at the
back of this newsletter.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings from the WEAT - North Texas Section. As you can probably tell from the number of people wearing their ever stylish camouflage and sporting the effervescent aroma of gunpowder, dove season has started. If you are a hunter, I hope you are getting a chance to enjoy the great outdoors and maybe even bagging a dove or two along the way. As for me, as of this newsletter distribution, I am in New Mexico with my trusty old Browning bow to see if I can manage to get one of those massive bull elks to come within 40 yards of me. This should be a great experience and I am really looking forward to the 30 degree nights, 60 degree days and the tranquil serenity that you can only experience in the mountains.

If you missed our July dinner presentation then you missed a great one, we had a fantastic turnout and the chance to see several old faces along with some new ones. If my count is correct we had 16 YP's in attendance. Continuing to develop our YP program is one of my primary goals and I was very pleased to see so many at the meeting. I hope we can count on you to attend our annual cookout on October 2nd (see flier for details). Historically we have had well over 100 people in attendance not to mention some of the best barbeque I have ever eaten. For those of you with a sweet tooth, this is a can't miss event; the desserts are outstanding! To date we have six teams cooking entrees and we need more teams for the dessert competition. Be sure to contact me if you are interested in becoming part of this event.

The WEAT-NTS executive committee has been hard at work planning for dinner meetings topics, the February seminar and for something we have not done in a while. Yes kids,

we are taking a field trip. On November 19th we will all meet for steaks at the Trail Dust restaurant then it is on to Jerry's world, better known as the Cowboys Stadium for a tour of the new facilities. This should prove to be interesting and fun for football fans as well as those that just enjoy marveling at an amazing facility. Erin Flanagan has done a great job at putting this together and is working on some really great dinner presentations for the future.

WEFTEC is just around the corner and once again our section will be represented by the TRA CReWSers - Defending National Champions - and the Dallas Aquatechs. Our two North Texas teams will be joined by teams from Austin, the Dillo Xpress and the Power SAWS from San Antonio. TRA, Dallas and SAWS will all compete in the highly competitive Division I and Austin will represent us in Division II. Be sure to come out on Tuesday October 13th to cheer for our Texas teams. These guys all practice and study very hard and we should be proud of everyone one of them. They are great ambassadors' of our industry.

One of the primary goals of the WEAT-NTS is to provide you with timely, technically accurate information and insight. Even though we are a non-profit organization it still takes money to keep us up and running. We need your help. We still have some openings for dinner presentations sponsors, and our great newsletter is always in need of more advertisements. You should have received mailouts earlier this year outlining the opportunities that you have to be a part of this organization. Everyone knows how economically tough the times are but I believe we can all agree that you definitely receive some bang for your bucks. Please contact Erin Flanagan, if you have not received a mailout or if you are interested in providing assistance for one of our great programs. While I

am on the subject of money, I want to point out the cost associated with the dinner meetings that we host. The average cost per person is around \$28, dependant on the location. We charge \$20 a person to participate. This gets you a good meal and a timely topic along with some fantastic networking opportunities. I think we can all agree that this is a great deal. One of the problems that we often encounter is that we must provide our registration numbers a week in advance. We are charged for this number regardless of attendance. I know how busy we all are and that there are often last minute things that come up, but recently we are experiencing a large amount of registered attendees that do not show up. This cost us \$28 per no show and this really adds up. With this in mind, if you have pre-registered for an event and you are unable to attend, please have someone attend in your stead. Better yet, sponsor an YP and get them a great learning opportunity.

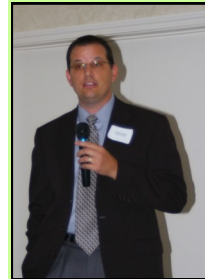
Until next time, happy hunting!

John Bennett
President 2009-2010 NTS-WEAT
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WEAT-NTS July Dinner Meeting Highlights

July 16, 2009 – Texas Star, Euless, TX

Meeting attendees listened to speakers Bill Tatum, Betty Jordan, Dawn Anderson, and David Jackson’s presentation on TRA’s On-Site Storage plan for TRA’s Central Regional Wastewater System.



With many municipalities battling to balance regulatory compliance with increasing flows, especially during wet weather conditions, the Trinity River Authority has developed a cost effective concept for peak flow storage and conveyance that greatly reduces sustained wet weather flow, allowing the facility to meet future

peak flow capacities for many years to come. Development of this concept, key design elements, and current status were discussed.



YP Involvement Encouraged
 North Texas Section President John Bennett, challenges meeting attendees to bring a young professional (YP) or new WEAT member along with them to WEAT events.



New YP Model Installed

North Texas Section YP Fort Worth-Representative, Rick Shaffer, discusses the new YP model recently incorporated in North Texas. The model includes the development of separate YP representatives for Dallas and Fort Worth with the expectations of enhancing YP participation across the metroplex.



Announcements

SAVE THE DATE..... The 3rd Annual Operations Challenge Cook Off will be held on Friday, October 2nd. Mark your calendars. This is a very fun family event. The WEAT North Texas Section will make a donation to the teams. We challenge all of the sections to make a donation to help support the Operation Challenge teams in National Competition at WEFTEC. The teams from Texas are: TRA CReWSers, Dallas Aquatechs, Austin Dillo Xpress, and Power SAWS.

Recent New Hires by Carollo Engineers

Carollo is pleased to announce the addition of Tony Bradshaw to the Dallas office. He will play a lead role in Carollo's strategic marketing in Texas. Tony brings ten years experience in A/E/C business development and client service activities. Tony is a member of the Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT), the Water Environment Federation (WEF), and American Water Works Association (AWWA).

William Causey has also joined Carollo as a Texas Infrastructure Engineering Manager. A graduate of Texas A&M, he has 18 years experience in civil/environmental engineering. His infrastructure experience includes the design, program management, and construction management of 130 miles of transmission mains ranging in size from 48" to 78". He is based in the Carollo San Anto-

HDR New Hire

HDR Engineering is proud to announce the hiring of Ramon Miguez, PE in their Dallas office. Ramon serves as the new operations manager for North Texas with responsibility for all of HDR's Dallas and Fort Worth offices. A graduate of the University of Texas, Ramon brings with him 34 years of experience in capital improvements development and implementation. With a background in consulting and public service, Ramon spent the previous 14 years serving as an Assistant City Manager for the City of Dallas, with responsibility for the water enterprise, aviation, sanitation, streets, public works, and several other city departments.

Texas Water 2010 Call for Abstracts

Abstracts are being submitted now for Texas Water 2010 at

<http://www.gillelandcreekpress.com/txwater10/index.php>

**Don't Delay...
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WEAT-NTS Calendar of Events

October 2, 2009	Lake Arlington Richard Simpson Park	WEAT-NTS	Picnic and Cookoff
October 10-14, 2009	Orange County Convention Center, Orlando FL	WEFTEC	WEFTEC ⁰⁹
November 19, 2009	Trail Dust Restaurant Arlington, TX	WEAT-NTS	Dinner and Cowboys Stadium Tour
January 21, 2010	TexasStar	WEAT-NTS	Dinner Meeting
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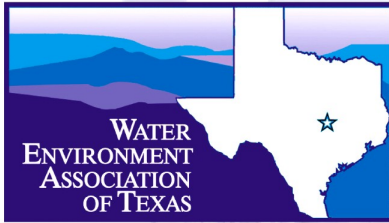
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WEAT-NTS Annual Picnic

Operations Challenge Cook-Off

Friday, October 2, 2009

Get your teams together and let the cooking begin!

Proceeds will go to support our Texas Operations Challenge teams! Good luck to the TRA CREWSers, Dallas Aqua Techs, and Dillo Xpress at this year's event!!!

Location:
Lake Arlington Activity Room
(Richard Simpson Park)
6300 West Arkansas Lane
Arlington, TX 76010

- Entering a team in this cook off is free. Each team will be reimbursed up to \$100 for an entree entry and \$25 for a dessert entry.
- Cook-off Team Registration is due by Friday, September 18. Please call John Bennett at 817-822-5673 or Bennettj@trinityra.org to register your team. (Five people max per team.)
- Teams can cook any type of entree (BBQ, Steaks, Hot dogs, Chicken, etc.) and are encouraged to be creative with those secret recipes and unique side items!
- Winners will be chosen by a panel of judges and awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.
- Dinner reservations are due by Friday, September 25. Please e-mail Holly Ingram at hingram@cpyi.com with your RSVP.
- 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
6:30 PM Judging Begins
6:45 PM Dinner Buffet

Dinner Tickets: \$20 Members
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\$5 Children ages 5 to 12
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