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2008 OWPCA Annual Short School October 27 - 31, 2008

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Education Center
Rose State College

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Letter from "DRIP" and "DROP"

WELCOME EVERYONE

The 2008 Annual OWPCA Short School is coming up real fast during the last week of October. The OWPCA Short School is being held at Rose State College this year. Look for further information on our web site at www.owpca.com and in this newsletter. Make sure you make plans to attend. This year is going to be bigger and better than ever.

Don't miss out on this year's OWPCA Awards Ceremony. OWPCA will be handing out Awards to well deserving plants and operators and Accurate Environmental Training Center (AETC) will be handing out two \$500 Scholarship Check to two outstanding students. Look for further information in the rest of this newsletter.

We are looking forward to seeing you at this year's OWPCA Annual Short school.

From "DRIP" & "DROP"

About OWPCA

The Oklahoma Water and Pollution Control Association is a non-profit operator association organized in 1926 and dedicated to the advancement of knowledge among water and wastewater system operators. OWPCA receives no state or federal funds. It is supported only through membership dues, advertising fees for the Drip Magazine, and the proceeds from its Annual Conference and Short School, held each year during the last week of October.

OWPCA works closely with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality to provide high quality training opportunities that meet the standards for approved training credit. OWPCA District Directors and other volunteers conduct training sessions at District Meetings throughout the state. Over the years OWPCA has hosted hundreds of District Meetings providing approved Training to Operators over the State of Oklahoma.

OWPCA Mission

OWPCA is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge pertaining to the science of Water, Waste Management and Wastewater Works Operations; the promotion of cooperation among members, the American Water Works Association, AWWA, the Water Environment Federation, WEF, the Oklahoma Rural Water Association, ORWA, and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, ODEQ; and the interchange of experience among all groups.

What OWPCA Provides

- An Annual Conference & Short School
- Approved Operator Training at District Meetings Statewide
- Operator Training Materials and Publications
- Opportunities to "Network" with fellow Operators
- Limited Operator Consultation Services
- College Scholarships for Members and Families of Members
- Special Recognition for Outstanding Plants and Operators through Annual Awards Program
- Official Representation for Operators on Oklahoma Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Advisory Council
- Representation for Oklahoma Operators in National Legislation and Policy Development through AWWA & WEF
- Statewide Employment Listings for Positions Wanted and Positions Available
- Product and Service Referrals for Vendors

Reasons To Join OWPCA

- Support your State Water, Waste Management and Wastewater Operator Association
- Receive Drip Magazine Quarterly
- Be Eligible for door prizes at OWPCA District Meetings
- Have Voting Privileges at OWPCA District Meetings
- Support Use of Most Current Operator Training Materials
- Gain a Stronger Voice in the Development of State and National Water and Pollution Control Regulation

**OWPCA
Officers**

President
- Rodger Gilchrist

Executive Secretary
- Kristi Hill

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- Alan Coffin

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- Chair - Robert Turner
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- Co-Chair - Kristi Hill
- Co-Chair - Kevin Menning

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- Co-Chair - Carl Gray
- Co-Chair - Woody Epperson
- Co-Chair - Jim Pumphrey
- Co-Chair - Tom Tolbart
- Co-Chair - Tony Lacy

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- Co-Chair - Sam Drain
- Co-Chair - Woody Epperson

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- Chair - Chris Wisniewski
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- Co-Chair - Jim Pumphrey
- Co-Chair - Alan Coffin
- Co-Chair - Arnold Miller

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- Chair - Sam Drain
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- Chair - Brian Conroy
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- Co-Chair - Kevin Menning
- Co-Chair - Scott Gouard
- Co-Chair - David Rodriguez

Editor of Web & Drip Publication
- Clarke Hodson

ODEQ Advisory Member
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Ron Swafford

District Four
Mike McFall 580-225-4995

District Five
Joyce Hight 580-249-4919

District Six
Vivian Moody



2008 OWPCA Meetings

OWPCA holds District Meetings throughout the year to discuss and plan for the Annual OWPCA Short School, training classes throughout the the state, and operating business of the OWPCA. The meetings are open for the public and members to attend. We do urge everyone to attend or contact your District Manager to express your interests and inputs for the organizational meetings. The following is the current schedule for the OWPCA Meetings. We hope to see you there. We have moved the meetings and the Annual Short School this year to the Professioanl Training and Education Center on Hudiburg Drive, Rose State College, in Midwest City.

08 February 2008 Rose State College
11 April 2008 Rose State College
13 June 2008 Rose State College
22 August 2008 Rose State College

27 - 31 October 2008

**Short School - Rose State College
Professional Training & Education Center**

The President's Last Word

This is the last time I am coming to you as president in this column. I want to take this brief opportunity to thank the board, district directors and everyone within the organization for supporting and helping me get through these past two terms. I feel strongly that this organization is as needed now as it has been at any point in time. With the new regulations coming out and the sheer number of regulations that have recently become law, education for the operators is of vital importance. I look forward to seeing all the familiar faces as well as new ones at the short school this year in October. So make sure you put this year's short school at Rose State College on your calendar. It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve as your president. I will continue to support this organization in the years to come.



Thanks again,
Rodger Gilchrist



The Secretary Sezs: "It's Retirement Time"

Kristi Hill, OWPCA Secretary, has officially retired from the City of Woodward after a long thirty-one years. She began with Woodward in December of 1977 and officially retired as of June 2008. Congratulations Kristi and Thanks for all of your hard work.

OWPCA Awards Ceremony

The 2008 OWPCA Awards Ceremony will be held during the Annual OWPCA Short School at Rose State College this year. Make sure to visit the OWPCA Web Site and download an "Awards" Nomination Package and send it in soon. The deadline is approaching fast. You can nominate any treatment plant facility, operator, lab technician, or supervisor.

Also, AETC will be awarding up to two \$500 Scholarship Checks to two lucky AETC Students at the Awards Ceremony. Show up to the Awards Ceremony to congratulate the lucky recipients. Find out how can you be eligilble for the \$500 Scholarship Check, contact Clarke Hodson at 1-800-516-5227.

Oklahoma Water & Pollution Control Association
2008 Annual Short School

October 27 - 31, 2008

Rose State College

Professional Education & Training Center

North Hudiburg Drive and Paris Road

Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110

MONDAY

27 October 2008

09:00 - ??:?? Golf Outing - Tee Off
Choctaw Creek Golf Course

01:00 - 04:00 Vendor Set-Up

TUESDAY

28 October 2008

08:00 - 08:55 Business Meeting
09:00 - 09:55 Root Control Treatment
10:00 - 11:30 Tank Cleaning & Inspection
11:30 - 12:55 Lunch Break
01:00 - 01:55 CSO - SSO Treatment
02:00 - 02:55 Water Well Maintenance
03:00 - 04:30 SBR Solids Reduction Process

Brian Conroy / Dukes
Gerald Dildine / Tulsa Divers

Steve Smith / Kruger, Inc.
Francis Weedon / Frontier Logging Corp.
Jeff Adams - Seimens - Jet Tech

WEDNESDAY

29 October 2008

06:30 - 08:00 Double AA Breakfast
08:00 - 08:55 Scada Systems
09:00 - 09:55 Bio - Monitoring
10:00 - 10:30 Break
10:30 - 11:30 Test Review - "Jeopardy"
11:30 - 01:00 Lunch Break / Awards Presentation
01:00 - 01:55 Test Review - "Jeopardy"
02:00 - 03:00 Sewer Line Maintenance
03:30 - 04:30 Filter Removal

Chris Robason / Bio - Aquatics

Rose State

Rose State
Donnell Byndon

THURSDAY

30 October 2008

08:00 - 08:55 Job Hazard Analysis
09:00 - 09:55 Trenching & Shoring
10:00 - 10:30 Break
10:30 - 11:30 Chlorine Safety
12:00 - 12:55 Lunch Break
01:00 - 01:55 Hazardous Communications
02:00 - 02:55 Blood Borne Ppathogens
03:00 - 03:55 Lock-Out Tag-Out
04:00 - 04:55 Confined Space Awareness

Oklahoma Safety Council
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FRIDAY

31 October 2008

08:00 - 12:00 ODEQ Exams

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Professional Education & Training Center
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Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110

Each Class is held from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on corresponding days.

Class "D" Water & Wastewater Operator Classes	Tues, Wed, Thurs	Mike McFall
Class "C" Water Operator Classes	Wed, Thurs	George Holmes
Class "C" Wastewater Operator Classes	Wed, Thurs	Bill Clark
Class "A/B" Water Operator REVIEW	Tues, Wed, Thurs	Carl Gray
Class "A/B" Wastewater Operator REVIEW	Tues, Wed, Thurs	Fred Rice

Oklahoma Water & Pollution Control Association
2008 Short School
Golf Schedule

What: Two-Man Scramble
When: 10:00 am Tee Off
Please arrive by 09:00 am Monday 27, October 2008
Where: Choctaw Creek Golf Course
2200 North Hiwassee Road
Choctaw, Oklahoma 73020
405 - 769 - 7166
Fees: \$50.00 Per Person
*Money raised from the golf outing goes to support the OWPCA's Scholarships.

Golf Course Requirements: A list of players must be submitted to them TWO (2) WEEKS before the tournament, so please contact Ray Gamble as soon as you have a team. We will get a shotgun start if we have a sufficient number of players. **NO METAL SPIKES, NO CUTOFFS, NO TANK TOPS, COLLARED SHIRTS PREFERRED.**

Contact: Ray Gamble
Phone 580 - 795 - 2361 Cell 580 - 263 - 9055
Fax 580 - 795 - 3514 E-Mail ray_roller2003@yahoo.com

Oklahoma Water & Pollution Control Association

2008 Short School Registration 2008-2009 OWPCA Membership

Last Name (Please print)	First Name	MI	
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code
Area Code / Phone Number	Employer	OWPCA District #	

E - Mail Address

Short School Registration Full (includes membership).....\$90.00 (\$105 at door)
Short School Registration One Day (includes membership).....\$70.00 (\$85 at door)
Double A Breakfast (not included with registration) Wed. morning \$15.00
(please check if new member)
2008-2009 Annual Membership Dues ONLY \$10.00
Total Enclosed \$ _____

Purchase Order Number _____

Please Mail with Check or Purchase Order:

OWPCA
Kristi Hill, Exe. Secretary
P.O. Box 946
Woodward, OK 73802

For further information or information about Corporate Memberships,

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Annual Awards
Entertainment & Door Prizes**

"Rules & Regulations" Corner

New Certification Fee Schedule



The treatment of water and wastewater in Oklahoma is regulated by the EPA and ODEQ. The "Rules & Regulations" concerning the Oklahoma Operators and Laboratory Technicians can be found in the ODEQ Chapter 252:710 Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operator Certification on the ODEQ web site at: <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/mainlinks/degrules.htm>.

One of the new rules is the new **Certification Fee Schedule** found under **252:710-1-12**.

252:710-1-12. Certification fee schedule

(a) **Operators of waterworks or wastewater works.** Certification fees for operators of waterworks or wastewater works are:

- (1) Application fee for certification - beginning July 1, 2008, \$51.00; beginning July 1, 2009, \$62.00.
- (2) Certification renewal fee - beginning July 1, 2008, \$38.00; beginning July 1, 2009, \$46.00.
- (3) Registration fee for helpers (per helper) - beginning July 1, 2008, \$19.00; beginning July 1, 2009, \$23.00.
- (4) Renewal registration fee for helpers (per helper) - beginning July 1, 2008, \$19.00; beginning July 1, 2009, \$23.00.
- (5) Reinstatement penalty - beginning July 1, 2008, \$6.50; beginning July 1, 2009, \$8.00 per month for each month certification is expired.
- (6) Late payment of application fee - beginning July 1, 2008, \$6.50; beginning July 1, 2009, \$8.00 per month for each month the application fee is not received after a 120 day grace period from the date of the examination. After 180 days without payment of the application fee, the applicant must reapply and pass the validated exam. The beginning July 1, 2008, \$6.50; beginning July 1, 2009, \$8.00 per month late fee will apply to all previously delinquent application fees 180 days after the effective date of this subsection.

(b) **Operators of laboratories owned by or associated with waterworks or wastewater works.** Certification fees for Operators of laboratories owned by or associated with waterworks or wastewater works are:

- (1) Application fee for certification - beginning July 1, 2008, \$51.00; beginning July 1, 2009, \$62.00.
- (2) Certification renewal fee - beginning July 1, 2008, \$38.00; beginning July 1, 2009, \$46.00.
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So, to have the fullest understanding of operator and laboratory technician requirements and responsibilities, please take some time to read and understand the "Rules & Regulations" regulating our industry. Remember, if you want the public and your city administrators to treat you and pay you like a professional, you must act like a professional. Follow the "Rules & Regulations" as mandated by the EPA and ODEQ.

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**AETC Offers \$500 Scholarship and
Free OWPCA Membership Program**



To encourage excellence in the classroom and on the job site, Accurate Environmental Training Center (AETC) is awarding up to two \$500 Scholarship Checks at the OWPCA Annual Short school in October to two lucky recipients along with "FREE" OWPCA membership. The recipients can utilize these awards any way they like. To become eligible to receive the \$500 Scholarships, the person must enroll in one of the AETC Class A, B, or C Operator Classes or Class A or B Laboratory classes between October 2007 and October 2008, score a 90% or better on the related ODEQ State Examinations, and then show up to the 2008 OWPCA Short School and Awards Ceremony.

AETC will offer up to two checks per OWPCA Annual School. But, you must enroll in and attend one of the above AETC Classes, score a 90% or better on the ODEQ Examination, and attend the OWPCA Annual Short School to be eligible. Four checks have been awarded so far. For further information, contact Clarke Hodson at 1-800-516-5227.



OWPCA Nominations for Awards

There is still time to get those nominations in for the "Best" or "Most Improved" plant, operator, lab technician, supervisor, instructor, etc. Go to the OWPCA Web Page at www.owpca.com and download, fill out, and send in those nomination forms.

Games & Comic Relief

Oklahoma Rivers

I U X K A G J E Q M V N L N V Y L H
 K L D Q E T T Z N E S G K O F Q E V
 Z E Y S R R P O W D A X L R R E O J
 X P J J R F W V G I L D H T E O D V
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 V E R N L U I V P I V N Z I C B I V
 E R N A I L V E G V E A W V H G A E
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 U F Q U K I R M F R E Q D R M S N Z

Arkansas River
 Blue River North
 Canadian River
 Cimarron River
 Deep Fork River
 Illinois River

Medicine Lodge River
 Canadian River
 Red River
 Salt Fork Red River
 Verdigris River
 Washita River



You're an Oklahoman if you know....

What year Oklahoma acquired statehood? (1907)

How many states surround Oklahoma? (6)

What is the state beverage? (milk)

What is and where is the state monument? (Golden Driller - Tulsa State Fairgrounds)

What is the state insect? (European Honey Bee)

What are the state colors? (Green & White)

What is the state dinosaur? (Acrocanthosaurus atokensis)

What county in Oklahoma is surrounded by five states? (Cimarron County)

What motto is on the Oklahoma license plates? (Oklahoma is OK)

What Oklahoma town is in the Mountain Time Zone? (Kenton)

In what Oklahoma town was the first parking meter installed? (Oklahoma City)

What was the first Oklahoma town that had electricity?

What Oklahoma town was bombed during WWII? (Boise City)

What is the state vegetable? (Watermelon)

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