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Letter from "DRIP" and "DROP"

Hello Everyone,



Well, the 2009 OWPCA Annual Short School Scheduled is now posted on the OWPCA Web Site at www.owpca.com and enclosed in this newsletter with the Short School Registration. Please take time to check them out and send in your registration today. We have a lot of great classes and fun times planned. We hope to see you during the week of October 26 - 30.

From "DRIP" and "DROP"



2009 OWPCA Annual Short School October 26 - 30, 2009

Professional Training and Education Center
Rose State College
Midwest City, Oklahoma

*Register Today
See Page 9
or
Go To
www.owpca.com*

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
- Arnold Miller
- Executive Secretary
- Kristi Hill
- Program Chair
- Alan Coffin
- Golf Tournament
- Chair - Ray Gamble
- Co-Chair - Riley Acker
- Exhibitor Committee
- Chair - Scott Gouard
- Co-Chair - Kristi Hill
- Scholarship Committee
- Chair - Arnold Miller
- Co-Chair - Carl Gray
- Co-Chair - Jim Pumphrey
- Co-Chair - Tom Tolbart
- Awards Committee
- Chair - Alan Coffin
- Co-Chair - Sam Drain
- Co-Chair - Rodger Gilchrist
- Advisory Council
- Chair - Chris Wisniewski
- Co-Chair - Bill Clark
- Co-Chair - Jim Pumphrey
- Co-Chair - Alan Coffin
- Co-Chair - Arnold Miller
- Education Committee
- Chair - Bill Clark
- Water Works Division
- Chair - Sam Drain
- Co-Chair - Mike McFall
- Water Pollution Control Division
- Chair - Joyce Hight
- Membership
- Chair - Alan Coffin
- Co-Chair - Kevin Menning
- Co-Chair - Scott Gouard
- Co-Chair - Kristi Hill
- Editor of Web & Drip Publication
- Clarke Hodson
- ODEQ Advisory Member
- Chris Wisniewski



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- District Two**
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- District Three**
Ron Swafford
- District Four**
Mike McFall 580-225-4995
- District Five**
Jack Olson 580-772-5315
- District Six**
Vivian Moody



2009 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 the current schedule for the OWPCA Meetings. We hope to see you there.

- 03 April 2009 Rose State College
12 June 2009 Rose State College
07 August 2009 Rose State College

October 2009

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

The President's First Word

Where has summer gone? Here it is already, time to make plans to attend the Oklahoma Water and Pollution Control Annual Short School and Conference. The Short School provides a time to learn from fellow professionals and attend structured training sessions. I find that I usually learn as much in the brain storming session around the refreshments as I do in the structured sessions. We operators live and perform in the Real World and all have similar problems. Someone in the brain storming session has usually already solved a problem you are currently struggling with, or you may find the answer in the class room. The Annual Short School is a great place to become better at what we do to earn a living.



This is my last article as president of OWPCA, however, I plan to write additional articles drawn from years of experience and things I continue to learn. We never stop learning and improving at what we do. I have enjoyed this year. The Association has grown and has developed new alliances to improve our ability to serve you the professional operator. I would be remiss if I did not give credit to and thanks each District Director; Executive Secretary, Kristi Hill; DRIP publisher, Clarke Hodson, the Short School program chair and co-chair, the many professionals, operators, supply companies and vendors that all work together in the water treatment industry for the good of all. Thanks again for a great year and hope to see you in October.

Arnold Miller
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Oklahoma Training Manuals Available to Download from the Web.

The ODEQ Web site has the following Manuals on their web site to down load:

Class "C" Water Laboratory Manual
Class "C" Wastewater Laboratory Manual
Water System Operation State of Oklahoma Certification Manual

Oklahoma Water & Pollution Control Association

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October 26 - 30, 2009

Rose State College

Professional Education & Training Center

North Hudiburg Drive and Paris Road

Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110

WATER PROGRAM

MONDAY 26 October 2009

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

01:00 - 04:00 Vendor Set-Up

TUESDAY 27 October 2009

09:00 - 10:00 Tulsa Divers: "You found what in my clearwell?" Gerald Dildine
10:00 - 10:30 BREAK
10:30 - 11:30 Frontier Logging "The need for down hole video" Francis Weeden
11:30 - 01:00 Lunch Break
01:00 - 02:00 Filter Removal Kelly Zinnis Associates
02:00 - 03:00 ACOG - "Appreciate water today, drought tomorrow" John Harington
03:00 - 03:25 BREAK
03:30 - 04:30 ACOG - "Appreciate water today, drought tomorrow" John Harington

WEDNESDAY 28 October 2009

08:00 - 09:00 Scada Technologies "What can the technology do for me?" Kelly Zinnis Associates
09:00 - 10:00 Scada Technologies "What can the technology do for me?" Kelly Zinnis Associates
10:00 - 10:30 BREAK
10:30 - 11:30 Concrete Repair, Protect, Improve "What your tanks are leaking" Befzona
11:30 - 01:00 LUNCH BREAK / AWARDS PRESENTATION
01:00 - 02:00 Pump / Shaft Repair, Protect, Improve Befzona (Art Kelley)
02:00 - 03:00 Well Maintenance Sam Drain
03:00 - 03:30 BREAK
03:30 - 04:30 Risk Management "Accidental Chemical Spills" Alan MacDonald

THURSDAY 29 October 2009

08:00 - 09:00 Bloodborne Pathogens Rose State College
09:00 - 10:00 Trenching & Shoring Rose State College
10:00 - 10:30 BREAK
10:30 - 11:30 Chlorine Safety - Safety Rose State College
11:30 - 01:00 LUNCH BREAK
01:00 - 02:00 Job Hazard Analysis Rose State College
02:00 - 03:00 Confine Space Awareness Rose State College
03:00 - 03:30 BREAK
03:30 - 04:30 Lock-Out Tag-Out Rose State College

FRIDAY 30 October 2009

08:00 - 01:00 ODEQ Exams
Exam Applications are due by October 09, 2009.

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Wastewater Program

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Choctaw Creek Golf Course

01:00 - 04:00 Vendor Set-Up

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09:00 - 10:00 Sewer Line Root Control Dukes (Brian Conroy)
10:00 - 10:30 BREAK
10:30 - 11:30 Sludge Dewatering BOP Industries (Bert Fisher)
11:30 - 01:00 LUNCH BREAK
01:00 - 02:00 Biomonitoring Bio Aquatic Testing (Andy Solomon)
02:00 - 03:00 Grit Removal Eutek (Bert Fisher)
03:00 - 03:30 BREAK
03:30 - 04:30 Computerized Maintenance for Dummies
OPS Systems (John Domer)

WEDNESDAY 28 October 2009

08:00 - 09:00 When do you need a LIMS? OPS Systems (John Doner)
09:00 - 10:00 Pump Maintenance Haynes Equipment (Jim Pumphrey)
10:00 - 10:30 BREAK
10:30 - 11:30 CMOM ODEQ (Myles Mungle)
11:30 - 01:00 LUNCH BRAEAK / AWARDS PRESENTATION
01:00 - 02:00 H2S Odor Control Southwest Chemicals (Rodger Gilchrist)
02:00 - 03:00 Line Maintenance City of Del City (Donnell Byndon)
03:00 - 03:30 BREAK
03:30 - 04:30 UV Disinfection To Be determine

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OWPCA Short School Schedule

Current OWPCA Short School Schedule

Registration - \$90 Full Registration
- \$70 One-Day Registration

Monday Oct 26 - Golf Tournament - \$50
Tuesday Oct 27 - 8:00 am - Short School Begins
Tuesday Oct 27 - 4:30 pm - Hamburger Feed
4:00 pm - Venders are welcome to do demonstrations in the
Parking Lot of Rose State
Wednesday Oct 28 - 11:30 am - Pizza Served for Lunch
11:30 am - Awards Presentations
Tues - Thurs Oct 27 - 29 - 8:00 - 4:30 Classes
Friday Oct 30 - 8:00 am - State Exams

Exam Applications are due by October 09, 2009.

Classes Offered:

Water Conference Classes
Wastewater Conference Classes
"A/B" Water Reviews
"A/B" Wastewater Reviews
"C" Water Classes
"C" Wastewater Classes
"D" Water & Wastewater Classes

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**Each Class is held from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on corresponding days.
Exam Applications are due by October 09, 2009.**

Class "D" **Water & Wastewater** Operator Classes
Tues, Wed, Thurs Mike McFall
Class "C" **Water** Operator Classes
Wed, Thurs Larry Cook
Class "C" **Wastewater** Operator Classes
Wed, Thurs Carl Gray
Class "A/B" **Water** Operator REVIEW
Tues, Wed, Thurs Robert Krueger
Class "A/B" **Wastewater** Operator REVIEW
Tues, Wed, Thurs Fred Rice

"Rules & Regulations" Corner

Validated Exams



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/deqrules.htm>.

One of the new rules governing Validated Exams is found under 252:710-1-6.

252:710-1-6. Validated Exams

(a) An applicant shall take and pass an exam that demonstrates that the operator has the necessary skills, knowledge, ability and judgement as appropriate for the classification. The applicant must answer at least seventy percent (70%) of the questions correctly on the exam. An applicant who does not do so may not take the exam again for thirty (30) days unless he has taken additional training.

(b) Validated exams shall be administered by the DEQ or its designee at such times and places as necessary.

(c) Exams, answer sheets and test scores are confidential and shall not be disclosed to any person except the applicant. Proper identification may be required.

(d) An applicant found cheating on an exam shall be deemed to have failed the exam and shall be prohibited from applying for certification for a period of twelve (12) months.

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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Some of the ODEQ Personnel Have Changed Positions

The following persons are now the person to contact in the following positions:

Newsletter:	Kristi Roy	405-702-8144
Enforcement:	Angie Ratcliff	405-702-8146
Training / Interactive TV:	Mark Kurklin	405-702-8148
Exams & Application Approvals:	Kara DuBois	405-702-8150
Forms / Study Guide / Gen. Info.	Debbie Seagraves	405-702-8173

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Oklahoma Water & Pollution Control Association
2009 Short School Registration
2009-2010 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)
2009-2010 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,

please contact us at:
Phone 1-800-776-9722
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E-Mail: owpca@yahoo.com
Web Page: www.owpca.com

Games & Comic Relief

Venders

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



Newsletter Quiz

Find the answers to these questions in this newsletter (or at the bottom of the page).

- Who is the new ODEQ Enforcement person and their phone number?
- Who is the current OWPCA president?
- What is the time period a person must wait to retake an ODEQ Exam they had cheated on?
- Who is the OWPCA Newsletter Editor and Web Master?
- How much does it cost this year for the OWPCA Short School and how much at the door?
- Who would you contact and their phone # to mark buried lines before digging?

Duke's Root Control
 Enviro Treat Tech
 Frontier Logging
 Haynes Equipment
 Oklahoma One Call

OMNI Water Consultants
 Rose State College
 Southwest Chemical
 SW Service Equipment
 The Management Co.

1. Angie Ratcliff
 405-702-8146
 2. Arnold Miller
 3. 12 Months
 4. Clarke Hodson
 5. \$90 / \$105
 6. Okie-One Call
 Jerry West
 405-840-9955 Ext 7241

Answers to the Questions above.

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How would you like to get your company's name and advertisement seen by hundreds, maybe thousands, of operators, supervisors, superintendents, and city officials? You know, advertisements that would be seen by the actual people who buy your products. You can do that by placing your company's advertisement in the **OWPCA Drip Newsletter**. Go to the **OWPCA Web Page** at **www.owpca.com** and check out the advertisement form and send it in today. Not only will you get big advertisement for your dollars, you will also be supporting a great organization. So, what are you waiting for, go place your advertisement today.

Advertisers

Duke's Root Control, Inc.

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The Management Company

P. O. Box 3309
McAlester, OK 74502
Vivian Moody
918-429-1440

Advertisers

Oklahoma One-Call System, Inc.

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Rose State College

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Wow! Look at my company's advertisement in the **OWPCA Drip Newsletter**. It looks **GREAT!** I am so glad I advertise in the **OWPCA DRIP Newsletter**.

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