

BOARD FOCUSES ON POLITICAL ISSUES

The heat is on in Virginia this summer, and it isn't just the soaring temperatures! Several political issues of importance to the well industry have surfaced and have required the attention of VWVA's Board of Directors and our legislative director, Teresa Gregson. Work is underway to decide what actions will be necessary when the legislature convenes in January.

Watch for a summary of all of the association's legislative agenda in the next issue of the newsletter.

In the meantime, think about what the association has accomplished for you in the past. Then consider sending a donation to the PAC fund! Now is the perfect time. VWVA's legislative success depends on two things – your giving generously to the PAC, and, your concern for the welfare of the well drilling industry. Please act now!

FALL FIELD DAY - GEOTHERMAL PRACTICE

This year's field day will focus on geothermal drilling and installation.

- Date:** October 8, 2010
Place: Falwell Corporation
3900 Campbell Ave.
Lynchburg, VA 24501
Time: 8am – 5pm
Cost: Members: \$ 75.00 (over 3, \$60 per-
before Sept. 15th)
Non-members \$100.00
(Fee includes lunch)

Registration forms are also available online at www.vawaterwellassociation.org.

ACCOMODATIONS: A limited number of rooms are available at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel, located at 4640 Murray Place, Lynchburg, VA. Call 434-846-7900.

ROOM RATE: \$95.00. You must register by October 1, 2010 to get the group rate.

A complete agenda and registration form are on pages 2 and 3 of the newsletter.



Fall 2009 – Baroid presents!

IN THE NEWS

The following commentary appears on the new NGWA "blog". Written by NGWA Executive Director, Kevin McCray, his commentary is timely and thought provoking.

SUBJECT: "The decline in residential water systems" *It's well understood that across the nation construction for residential water well systems has dramatically declined from the levels enjoyed just a couple of years ago.*

But let's put things into perspective. Were the levels of a couple of years ago the norm, or

were they as much an anomaly – on the high side – as hopefully the present times will be seen as abnormal lows in a few more years?

Since 1980, NGWA has reached out to state agencies to inventory reported annual well construction. Unfortunately, our requests for voluntary response have met with uneven returns from busy state agencies. But, for one state – Arizona – we have compiled residential well construction numbers for each of the 29 years starting with 1980 and ending in 2008. Over that period, the average number of residential wells reported to the state was 2,439. Over that period, 15 years were below that average – including 2008, and 14 years (all during the stretch between 1997 and 2007) were above that average.

The 38 percent one-year decline between 2007 and 2008 is pretty dramatic, and when compared to the not so long ago all-time high (for the 29 year period) of 4,517 in 2005, the drop is even more striking – 68 percent. While the freshest numbers are not always a complete reflection of actual activity because of the paperwork back log among contractors and the state agencies to whom they report, it is pretty evident that well construction has recently fallen off.

Yep, I can hear you saying, “Well, duh!”

But, the 1,452 reported (so far) for 2008, is still more than the state reported for 1980, 1990, and 1991.

If you are a drilling contractor working in Indiana, or Maine, or in any of the other states, what do you care about Arizona? Probably not much other than your compassion for your fellow contractors’ circumstances.

Perhaps though we should all take a long view and gain some perspective. Yes, the low demand is painful and we all wish it would disappear. Perspective may allow us to keep in mind that we may be returning more to our industry norms, rather than to what may have been – at least so far – our all-time industry highs.

NGWA is now compiling the data for 2009. We hope you have filed your required reports with your state agency and we hope those typically understaffed and overworked state officials will

diligently and quickly update the data, and will in turn, share that data with the overall industry.

And let’s all hope they get swamped with work – really soon.

Let me know what you think,

Kevin McCray

If you are interested in joining in this conversation, go to NGWA’s website, www.ngwa.org and sign in on the new blog.

MEMBERSHIP CLARIFICATION ON FEES

For several years now, the question has been asked, “If my company is a VWWA member, does that mean all of my employees pay the member rate for conferences and meetings?”

The answer to that question is “NO”. With the basic VWWA membership, three individuals can be qualified as members. However, there is a small charge (\$45.00 per person) for additional individuals in your company to join VWWA.

The bottom line is this: Unless your employees are signed up individually, non-members in a member company must pay non-member fees.

LOOKING AHEAD

Plans are underway for VWWA’s Winter Conference and Trade show. Dates to remember are February 16 -17, 2011.

We will meet at the Holiday Inn Select off of Route 60 in Midlothian (site of last year’s meeting!). They have given us a further discount on the room rate over last year, a very reasonable \$94.00 per night.

Information has already gone out to exhibitors and we are looking forward to a great turnout.

Virginia Water Well Association

Fall Meeting and Field Day

Demos – Geothermal Drilling and Grouting

Friday, October 8, 2010

Falwell Corporation

3900 Campbell Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24501

Agenda

7:30am	Registration and Coffee
8:00am	Geothermal Drilling & Installation Demonstration
12:00noon	Lunch and General Membership Meeting
1:00pm	Unknown Factors of Sand Enhanced Geothermal Grout
3:00pm	Thermal Conductivity Testing
4:00pm	Intro to Polyethylene Socket and Butt Fusion
5:00pm	Field Day Adjourns

Exact timing of events depends on the time needed for the construction demonstrations.

Join us at Falwell Corporation for a demonstration of geothermal drilling and grouting. This day of education is designed as vocational education for trainees and journeymen as well as continuing education hours for Master Drillers.

The General Meeting will include a discussion on VWWA member communications.

Space is somewhat limited, so register now!

Members: \$ 75.00 per person; 3 or more from your company, **before September 15th**, \$60 each.

Non-Members: \$100.00 per person.

Onsite Registration: Additional \$20.00.

Watch the VWWA website for further details: www.vawaterwellassociation.org

For information call 540-740-3329 or email to info@vawaterwellassociation.org

2010 VWWA Fall Field Day Sponsors



Virginia Water Well Association
Fall Meeting and Field Day Registration Form

Friday, October 8, 2010

Company: _____

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ **State:** ____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

***Only individuals listed on your company VWWA membership are entitled to member registration fees.**

Member Registration*: \$75.00 per person (**Includes:** field day with lunch)
(Submitted before September 15th - 3 or more registrations per company, \$60 per person.)

I am registering _____ person(s) at \$_____ per person. \$_____

Non-Member Registration: \$100.00 per person (**Includes:** field day with lunch)

I am registering _____ person(s) at \$100.00 per person. \$_____

Additional lunch tickets: \$20.00 per person

I need _____ additional lunch tickets. \$_____

Lunch ticket name(s): _____

Total Amount: \$_____

Attendee names for name tags: (Please print.)

**VWWA
CONTACT INFO**

P.O. Box 1128, New Market, VA 22844
Phone: 540-740-3329; Fax: 540-740-4556
Email: info@vawaterwellassociation.org
Web: www.vawaterwellassociation.org

Payment with Check: Payable to VWWA. Mail with form to P.O. Box 1128, New Market, VA 22844.
Return check fee \$30.00.

Payment with VISA, Mastercard or AMEX: Complete information below and fax form to 540-740-4556.

Circle one: **VISA** **Mastercard** **AMEX** Amount of credit card payment: \$_____

Cardholder name (as on card): _____ Does company name appear on card? **Yes** **No**

Card #: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Exp. date: ____ / ____ Signature: _____

Refund Policy: \$35.00 fee; written notification required. No refunds after 9/30/2010.

Onsite Registration: Additional \$20.00 fee.



Drillers visit the trade show

You can look forward to a number of educational sessions that will help you keep moving your business forward. Here's a small sample:

- Geothermal pipe fusion certification;
- Electric licensing update class;
- A review of the VA construction regulations;
- A class on job bidding.

Watch the new VWWA website www.vawaterwellassociation.org and upcoming newsletters for further announcements and information on this important association event.

NEW ASSOCIATION MEMBERS JANUARY 2010 – AUGUST 2010

New Member Companies

Aquaflow Pump & Supply, Bear, DE
Ed King, Henry King Jr

Astec Underground, Loudon, TN
Stan Brown, Bob McGinty, Clarence Parks

Atlas Copco CMT USA, Pilot, VA
Paul Haynes II, Dean Woodward

H.D. Supply – Plbg., Lynchburg, VA
Andrew Mayhew, Keith White, Jason Williams

J.A.C. Diversified Services, Ranson, WV
Joe Castaldo, Patricia Schultz, Grady White

Pentair Water, Lewisburg, PA
Glenn Larson, Robert Marshall, John Peterson

REHAU Construction, LLC, Leesburg, VA
Sean Custis, Mike Maher, Chris Fox

Water Solutions, Gloucester, VA
Robert Flippin

Weber Industries, St. Louis, MO
Jeff Puckett, Ryan Weber, Walter Weber

New Members - Existing Member Companies

Basnight Land and Lawn, Chesapeake, VA
Jonathan Acree

Bedford Well Drilling, Inc. Bedford, VA
Patrick Dunman, Stephen Ripley

Clearwater Drilling Company, Galax, VA
Justin Petty

Clearwater Well Drilling, Poquoson, VA
Samuel Brown Jr

Christian & Pugh, Inc., Smithfield, VA
Matt Cunningham

Creason & Sons Well Service, Zuni, VA
Robert Archer

Curtis Drilling Inc., Rockville, VA
Jake Martin

Douglas Well Drilling, Warsaw, VA
Anne Douglas

Haynes Drilling Co., Christiansburg, VA
Dallas Haynes

Jefferson Sales South, Kingsport, TN
Melba Davis

Kenneth L. Krout Pump & Well, West Point, VA
Robbie Carlton

Address Service Requested

P.O. Box 1128
New Market, Virginia 22844



New Members, continued

L. Franklin Easterday, Inc., Mt. Airy, MD
Lester Simmons Sr., Darren Wilson,
Sandi Sandifer

May Supply Company, Harrisonburg, VA
Tom May

Modern Well Drilling, Rustburg, VA
Chris Royal

Noah Horn Well Drilling, Inc., Vansant, VA
Darell Boyd

Payne Well Drilling Inc., Stephenson, VA
Michael Payne

Randy Hunt Well Drilling, Brookneal, VA
Quinton Waller

Sharp's Well Drilling, Austinville, VA 24312
Jerry Viars

VSC Geothermal, Virginia Beach, VA
Mikey Harwell

**Please remember to welcome the
new member companies at your
earliest opportunity.**

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- **Lynchburg, VA**

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- **Midlothian, VA**