VWWA Virginia Water Well Association

November 2010

FALL FIELD DAY ROCKS

Over 200 contractors and suppliers gathered at Falwell Corporation in Lynchburg for the association's third Fall Field Day. A perfect autumn day made the outside part of the event pleasant as well as educational.

The Rorrer Well Drilling team, headed by VWWA president, Eric Rorrer, began the day with a geothermal drilling demonstration. They were aided in the "demo" by Northern VA Drilling members who did the grouting and by Todd Tannehill of CETCO who provide commentary on the thermal grouting process.

The afternoon sessions covered

- Unknown Factors of Sand Enhanced Geothermal Grout
- Thermal Conductivity Testing
- Intro to Polyethylene Socket and Butt Fusion

THANK YOU!

The association is indebted to the following companies and individuals that helped make the Field Day a success:

- Falwell Corporation – location & coffee
- Rorrer Well Drilling – rig/demo
- Northern VA Drilling – grout machine/demo
- CETCO – Todd Tannehill, speaker
- Charter Plastics – Kirk Maher, speaker
- Bowman Geothermal – Harrison Crecraft, speaker
- Certainteed for Certalok casing
- May Supply –beverages onsite
- US Silica - sand

Field Day Sponsors

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THEFT ALERT!

Several member companies have reported being the victims of major theft. The items have ranged from trucks to tires, pipe, tools and other equipment. One member reported that the thieves brought their own cement blocks to prop a vehicle and remove the tires.

Losses have ranged as high as $7,000 to $10,000. If you do not have everything in your shop and yard locked down, be sure to do it.

Investigators at one driller's shop said that other people in the area who are in construction trades were experiencing theft as well.

Robberies at member companies so far seem to be limited to the eastern part of the state. To date they have not found whether the thefts are related.

DIRECTOR POSITIONS FILLED

At the membership meeting held at the Fall Field Day, three directors were elected to serve 3 year terms beginning in February, 2011. Returning to the board for second 3 year terms were incumbents John O'Dell, contractor and Jon Chisholm, supplier representative. Jeff Stagg, Pinkston Geothermal, was elected to fill the other 3 year contractor position.

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ACTION ON CONNECTION ISSUE

Acting on reports coming from members in several counties, the association took the following position in addressing the issue:

Lewis Watts
Head of Department
Spotsylvania County Building Department
10304 Spotsylvania Ave, 4th Floor
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

RE: Main shutoff valve on individual water well and pump systems.

Dear Mr. Watts:
I am writing to you on behalf of the Virginia Water Well Association regarding the proper placement of main shutoff valves where an individual water well system is utilized. It has come to our attention that some localities in Virginia may require the main shutoff valve to a dwelling or building to be located immediately as the supply line enters the foundation wall, prior to the pressure tank and controls, when served by these systems. Installation of such valves prior to the pressure tank and controls removes the systems ability to be automated and safely controlled if the valve is incidentally closed while power is still supplied to the pump circuit. Isolating such supply lines prior to the safety and control devices located at the pressure tank, allowing extraordinarily high pressures, creates both a concern of safety and compromises the integrity of an individual water well system. The proper placement of a main shutoff valve for these systems should be on the effluent or outgoing side of the pressure tank as directed through general industry practice guidelines.

Clarke County has established a water well ordinance as seen below that does a good job in providing guidelines for the proper location and placement of shutoff valves for an individual water well system. Clarke County has established a water well ordinance as seen below that does a good job in providing guidelines for the proper location and placement of shutoff valves for an individual water well system.

CLARKE COUNTY WATER WELL ORDINANCE:

(r) "Water service connection" means the water service connection of a public water supply and shall be considered the effluent connection of the water meter or the effluent pipe of the pressure tank where there is no water meter. The water service connection of a private water supply shall be considered the effluent pipe of the pressure tank.
(s) "Water supply system" means the source, works and auxiliaries.

It is of the opinion of the Virginia Water Well Association that such language be implemented for building officials throughout the state to use where these systems are concerned. Furthermore, it may be beneficial if the state adopted such a position within
the Code of Virginia.
I would like to thank you in advance for your attention in this matter. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding this matter or any other where an individual water well system is concerned. You may reach me by phone: (540)552- 6029 ext. 102; or by email: rorrerwell@aol.com.

Sincerely,
Eric Rorrer President, VWWA

FOR SALE!

2007 Rosewall Grout Pump, Model RW5800, mounted on a 2-axle Currahee trailer. Comes with pressure washer. Works perfect, looks like new. Asking $5,000 or best offer. Call Buddy at 434-645-2049, or e-mail catfishannie@embarqmail.com. We are located in Crewe, Va.

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POWER UP THE PAC FUND!

Fundraising for VWWA's Political Action Committee Fund is now in full swing. A goal of $20,000 was announced at the fall meeting.

An anonymous donor has offered to match up to $5000.00 any donation in the amount of $500.00 or more. The gift can be from a company or an individual..

Nearly $3,000.00 was raised at the October meeting. Members are encouraged to send their donations as soon as possible. Make checks payable to: VWWA PAC Fund.

WINTER MEETING AHEAD

With a successful field day just a few weeks behind, what more could VWWA have to offer? It's the Winter Conference and Trade Show, coming up February 16-18, 2011 at the Holiday Koger Center in Richmond. For reservations call direct at 804-379-3800; or utilize the toll free Group Reservation Number, 1800-397-1034. The Group Rate ($94.00) ends February 1, 2011.

* Need to get points for your electrical license? You'll be able to do it on Friday, the 18th.
*Want to get started diversifying into water treatment? Look for the class on Water Treatment ABC's.
*Think you need to know more about geothermal drilling and installation? You'll find new information here.
*Struggling with well abandonment on the coastal plane? The DEQ experts will fill you in.
*Ready for a refresher on the regulations? This one's for you!
*Like to drum up more business with improved marketing tech niques? Learn from an experienced marketing "pro".

Watch for addition details, the agenda and more in upcoming publications and on the web.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

VWWA scholarship applications are now available.

The deadline for submitting an application is January 1, 2011.

MORE JOIN VWWA

New Member Companies

Pritt Well Drilling Inc., Droop, WV
Kenneth Pritt, Jeffrey Pritt
Wilson Drilling Services, Johnson City, TN
James Good, Dennis Hicks, Chris Wilson

New Members to Existing Member Companies

A C Schultes of Carolina Inc., Wallace, NC
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Northern Virginia Drilling, Manassas, VA
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