

Happy Holidays



We wish all our members a wonderful holiday



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Dear COWRA Members,

I wish all of our members a very Happy Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year. However, this holiday season begins on a very sad note.

On November 3rd Frank A. Schaub passed away. Frank had been on the COWRA Board of Directors since November of 2007. He brought to the Board of Directors his years of experience and a common sense approach to getting things done. Frank will be missed by all, as a good friend, a colleague and an expert in our industry. Rest in Peace my dear friend.

Sincerely,
Frank R. Talarico

NEW MEMBER PROFILES COWRA WELCOMES



Gary E. Schmidt recently joined COWRA. Gary is the owner of **Drain Doctor Inc.** which is located in Berlin CT. Since 1972 Gary's company has been providing full service septic solutions throughout Connecticut. His services include: installation, cleaning, inspections, cameras/videos, water jet, greasetreaps, sewerline installations, drainage, and a host of additional services. As a business leader Gary is very active in his community. In 2015 Gary's company was presented with the Town of Berlin Small Business Award, for his contributions in economic development within his community. Ryan Schmidt, Gary's son, will be taking the 2020 Installer Courses with us next year. For more information visit him on the web at: www.draindoctorct.com

New Members Profile Continued



Yuriy Strus of Turfpro, LLC joined us this year. Yurly is the owner of Turfpro which is located in Norwalk Connecticut. Yuriy's services include: landscaping, excavations, foundations, drainage and construction. He is enrolled in COWRA's 2020 Septic Installer Course and plans to secure his septic license early in 2020. Yurly has been working in the excavation and septic industry for over 15 years. For more information about Turfpro LLC, you can contact Yurly via email at www.turfprollc@hotmail.com

COWRA Loses One of the Best Frank A. Schaub

Frank A. Schaub, 72, of Bethlehem CT, passed away November 3, 2019, at Yale New Haven Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie; daughter, Jennifer; son-in-law, Craig; 2 granddaughters; brothers, Fred and Ernie; sister Louise and many nieces and nephews. No services are scheduled at this time.



On November 3, 2019 we were all shocked and saddened to learn that Frank Schaub had passed away. Frank had been on the Board of Directors of COWRA since November of 2007. For 18 years Frank worked as the head of the Department of Public Health On-site Sewage Disposal Section which was renamed

the Environmental Engineering Program. However, Frank worked at the Department of Public Health for over 28 years prior to his retirement in 2002.

Frank was one of those incredibly knowledgeable people who could answer any question, whether asked by a lay person or a professional and would answer it to the understanding of the person he was speaking to.



Frank and his wife Bonnie went on trips all throughout the United States and Canada after his retirement. Many of us were fortunate enough to be taken on those trips through a virtual tour of a series of wonderful photographs that Frank took along the course of

his journeys. Every few days Frank shared his travels through the emails he would send to those of us he shared his journeys with.



When one asked Frank for help on a project he was right there. Whether it was to explain how to solve a problem, proof a copy of a newsletter, write a specific letter or speak at a gathering, you could count on Frank. He was a trusted

friend to all of us and to those in the industry he was an encyclopedia of information on anything septic-related.

Frank will be missed by many, for multiple reasons, I will miss him for the smile and nod he would send across the table at a Board Meeting to let us know things were okay. Good-bye Frank, may your travels in Heaven be as lovely as the snapshots of your life that you took here on earth, and shared with those who were lucky enough to have known you.



COWRA's 2020 Installer School

COWRA is accepting applications for our 2020 Installer School. Students enrolled in the Installer School are automatically enrolled in the Pumper/Cleaner School. Both Schools will be held at First Congregational Church in Cromwell, CT, in the second floor conference room. Classes for the Installer School will begin on Thursday January 23, 2020 and run for six consecutive Thursdays.

Topics for the Installers School include: Septic Tanks: design, structure, function; watersheds and drainage profiles; Soils: physical characteristics, profiles and types, identification; Site Conditions: deep hole and percolation testing, plumbing and pipe configuration; Distribution Systems; Leaching fields; Trenches; Dry wells; Galleries; Curtain Drains; Biomat; Septic Failures; Transit work and Surveys; Septic Design: MLSS, plans and sketches, forms, etc.

The School will cover all sections of 19-13-B103 and 19-13-B100a of the CT Public Health Code, Technical Standards and the Design Manual for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems. Example questions of the type encountered on the

Installer exam will be covered. Practical exercises will be assigned for class work and field-encountered problems will be discussed. Students will need to obtain a calculator and an engineer's ruler for the course.

Materials for School

The materials you will receive include the updated CT Public Health Code 19-13-B103 & Technical Standards for Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems (SSDS), Design Manual for SSDS, a Study Guide & other handouts.

The Cost of the Installers School is \$280.00 tuition fee for COWRA members & their employees. Non-members tuition fee is **\$490.00**. Manuals are included in the cost of each course.

COWRA 2020 Pumper/ Cleaning School

COWRA is accepting applications for our 2020 Pumper/Cleaner School. This course will be held on February 27, 2020 at First Congregational Church of Cromwell, 355 Main Street Cromwell, CT 06416.

Topics included are: Septic Tanks: design, structure, function; Watersheds and Drainage Profiles; Outlet filters; Port-O-Lets, etc.

The school will specifically cover sections of the CT Public Health Code 19-13-B103 General Provisions (pages 5 and 6 in the code) and 19-13-B100a, as well as the Technical Standards Section V on Septic Tanks (pages 28-32 in the code), Chapter 9 on Septic Tanks and Grease Traps from the Design Manual. The majority of the questions on the Pumper/Cleaning exam come from parts of the Code, the Technical Standards and the Design Manual.

The Cost of the Pumper/Cleaner class for students not taking the Installer course is \$85 for COWRA members & \$95 for non-members. Please note: students enrolled in the Installer Course are automatically enrolled in the Cleaner Course as part of the six weeks.



WWETT Show (Water & Wastewater Equipment Treatment and Transport)

The WWETT Show - Water & Wastewater Equipment, Treatment & Transport - is the only place where wastewater and environmental services industry professionals can gather under one roof.

The premier event is for municipalities, plumbers, portable sanitation professionals, septic contractors, sewer contractors and wastewater professionals.

WWETT20 Show 2020 - Water & Wastewater Equipment, Treatment & Transport - will be held in February at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. This important annual event is a gathering of thousands of water and wastewater practicing professionals, and they are there to learn about - and shop for - your products and services. Exhibiting at the WWETT Show will give you unparalleled access to this group and put you face-to-face as they make their buying decisions.

The WWETT20 Show is attended by professionals in the wastewater and environmental science industry. Their jobs are septic installers and maintenance; vacuum truck services; sewer and pipe installation, cleaning, and rehab; municipalities; treatment plant operations; and portable sanitation.

WWETT20 Education programs run from Monday through Thursday morning. A full list of the 2020 education session can be found on the website a www.wwettshow.com

NOWRA Presents ROE-D-HOE® at WWETT20 Live!

NOWRA - the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association - with the support of sponsor SALCOR, will be conducting the National Backhoe ROE-D-HOE® Championship Competition.

The ROE-D-HOE® competition is a two-day open event where attendees who are skilled backhoe operators compete by using the backhoe shovel to skillfully and smoothly move small objects such as a golf ball or bowling pin in an extreme race against time. The competition is timed and will culminate with the contestants with the top three times winning belt buckles in addition to up to \$1,000 in cash prizes.

In addition to the competitors who participate in the competition at WWETT Show 2020, champions from state ROE-D-HOE® competitions held around the country will also participate. The overall champion will be presented with the Championship Belt to wear for the day! No early sign-in required. Contestants may register onsite for a \$5 fee.

LOCATION

Indiana Convention Center
100 S. Capitol Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46225
Registration Phone Number for Consumer Service
877 978-7322 www.wwettshow.com

Dates to Remember

COWRA Membership Renewal Forms must be received by **February 10, 2020**, to guarantee your updated listing in our Consumer Directories. Please return the form promptly.

Installer and Pumper/Cleaner School applications must be in by **January 15, 2020** to avoid a late fee.

COWRA's 2020 Annual Meeting will be held at Baci Grill in Cromwell CT on April 4, 2020, please **save the date**.

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Joyful Holiday*

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

UPDATES!! Registration Information for 2020 State Installers & Cleaners Exams:

You **MUST** contact the Department of Public Health to register for the Installers & Cleaners Exams. Please Note, attendance at the COWRA Installer School **DOES NOT** register you for the State exam. Please contact D.P.H. at 860-509-7554 for any information pertaining to your results and license. You may also contact them by going to www.dph.state.ct.us/licensure/apps/subsew.pdf

2020 Examination Schedule Subsurface Sewage Installer/Cleaner

Exam Date	Application Deadline
March 13, 2020	February 26, 2020
June 5, 2020	May 20, 2020
September 11, 2020	August 26, 2020
December 4, 2020	November 18, 2020

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