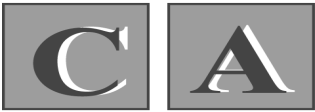


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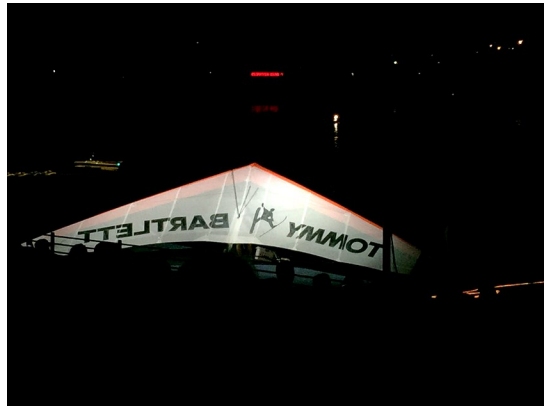
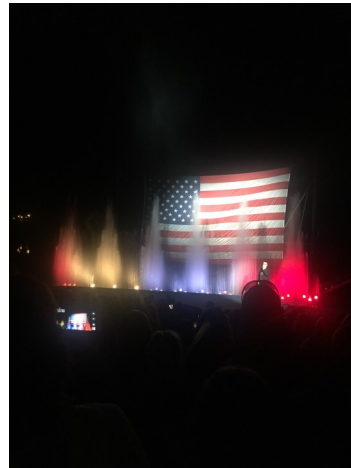
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The Annual WPCA Summer Conference kicked-off with a tour of Wieser Concrete's Portage plant. Following the tour, attendees gathered for networking and dinner in Kalahari Resorts Indoor Theme Park. Some even took to the lanes for a little bowling!

Saturday's meeting involved in-depth discussion of the upcoming OSHA Crane Certification regulation and WPCA's plans to assist members and their operators in getting the necessary training, testing, and certification. There is much work to do in this area yet. Watch for more details!

Some members spent the afternoon playing 9 holes at beautiful Trapper's Turn Golf Club. A friendly wager earned funds at the golf outing. The funds have been donated to REACH-A-Child on behalf of WPCA. Members and their families staying in the area until Sunday ended the evening at the Tommy Bartlett Show.

Mark your calendars for July 15-16, 2016 at Heartwood Conference Center in Trego, WI!



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The mailing address and fax number changed April 1, 2015.

President's Letter: Paul Miller



Greetings WPCA members,

Thanks to all who helped and participated with the summer conference. I feel it was a great success. Without trying to beat a dead horse up too bad, there was a lengthy discussion regarding the OSHA Crane Certification. The discussion included a lot of input from members around the state about the training held, what we need and thoughts for moving forward.

Claude Goguen from NPCA joined us at the event and provided input regarding what NPCA is doing to get in front of the issues. WPCA is fortunate to have three members participating on the revised Crane Training Sub-Committee. Watch for more information to come.

We also had a good discussion with Ron Overton, from Overton Safety who was our partner in the April 2015 training session. The conversation focused on the fact that nearly 50% of the member boom truck operators who took the training did not pass one or more of the written exams. We hope we can get this all dialed in before the next classes.

George also spoke about what he's been working on. He has done very well lobbying to get what we want achieved and kept the POWTS out of DNR's hands. See more details on page 4 in George's Legislative Update.

As these busy HOT days come and go, it leaves a thought in mind. Winter's coming soon. And soon enough, we'll be wishing it was warm again.

With that said, I better get back to work.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Miller". The signature is cursive and includes a small flourish at the end.

Paul Miller
WPCA President

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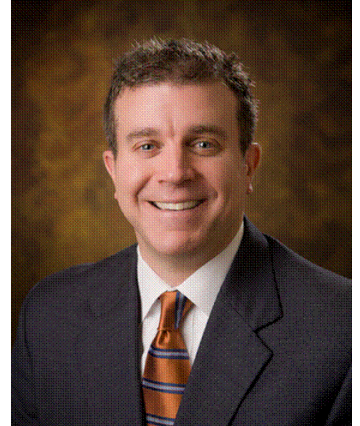
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Wisconsin Legislative Budget Proposal Includes Electrical Changes to Septic Systems

For WPCA members that also install septic systems, you are aware of the electrical connections that are required to ensure a POWTS is fully operational and up to code. Most, if not all of you are also aware of a series of state legislative proposals and law changes over the past decade that created some interpretational concerns of what a septic installer could and could not do from an electrical standpoint. For those that don't, here is a quick history lesson on the changes.



- In 2007, Act 63 revised 101.862(4)(g) to clarify the scope of the exemption it creates for individuals who install manufactured equipment, utilization equipment, and manufactured systems
- In 2014, Act 143 amended provisions in 2007 Act 63, specifically to clarify manufactured and utilization equipment for a system

I am happy to report, that with the assistance of Assembly Speaker Vos, Representative Larson and legislative council, we were successful in drafting language that was included in the Joint Finance Committee version of the budget that amended 2014 Act 143 and created specific exemptions for septic and well pump installers to perform the minimal wiring for required for septic installations. This legislative change was signed into law by Governor Walker on July 12, 2015.

POWTS Code Advisory Committee to Reconvene on November 12, 2015

In early August, 2015 The Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) announced that the POWTS Code Advisory Committee would reconvene after a very long hiatus. According to the announcement, the committee would be meeting on November 12, 2015. This scheduling of the committee is positive news for the WPCA and industry stakeholders as the committee has not met for years.

The WPCA is represented on this committee by Bryon Wooten of Lake Shore Burial Vault. Wooten is joined by other like-minded industry stakeholders such as Alan Kaddatz representing the Wisconsin Liquid Waste Carriers Association and Sue Schambureck, representing the Wisconsin Onsite Water Recycling Association.

The POWTS Code Advisory Committee was created under Wisconsin Statutes 227.13 and 440.042 to advise the DSPS on matters related to the POWTS code as set forth in Wisconsin Administrative Code SPS 283.

Transportation Related Proposals Focus of 2015 Fall Legislative Session

The Wisconsin State Legislature will convene its Fall Floor Period beginning September 15 and adjourning on November 5. The primary point of focus for the WPCA will be on transportation related proposals. While more details on these bills will be covered in WPCA's fall newsletter, the two primary bills the association staff is focusing on will be:

- AB 208/ SB 157 – relating to special restrictions cards issued with certain motor vehicle operator's licenses
- AB 209/ SB 158 – relating to commercial driver's licenses

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George Klaetsch

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