



August 2015 NEWSLETTER

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Hi friends,

For the August meeting we gathered again at Perrigo Park in Redmond for our annual picnic.

It was the usual good food, of course prepared by Chef Dominic McLaughlin who always does an outstanding job. Thanks to him again this year.

It was a decent turnout. Those present were Jack Allenfort, Ron Brown, Kathy Caldwell, Tim Cantwell, Debbie Crooks, Deni Gray, Dave Kuca, Mike Matthews, Dennis and Dominic McLaughlin, Linda McMurphy, Pat Nelson, Rachel Neville, Linda Pfeiffer, Ashley Smith, Chris Sutton, Scott Hemingway, Bill Bernier and Jeff Koblyk.

The treasurer gave the report of \$17,882.70 in our account.

For the most part, it was just a nice get together to talk to friends and share war stories, past and present, and there were a couple of brief announcements:

Rachel Neville, Washington State Certification Services wanted to remind everyone, their professional growth period ends this year. Currently only about half of the BATs have met their requirement. There are two new exam sites; one in Yakima and one in Bellingham.

Terri Notestine from DOH introduced their newest hire Bill Bernier to the team. We had met him prior to the picnic at this years' BAT Forum. He is the "complaint department" as well as offering support to the CCS's and the BATs in the State. He also is overlooking the 2014 ASR reports, with particular interest in table 9 compliances. If you have questions or problems, Bill can help. Terri also wanted everyone to know that next year we will be seeing a new software version for the ASR. It will be much like the previous version but with updated fields and an overall facelift.

Bill asked me to include this message from him.....Check it out!

The following link will take you to our new Backflow Assembly Test Report Example that meets the requirements of WAC 246-292. This is not a required

form and it can be modified by anyone before use. There is also an instruction packet that explains which fields are required, which are optional, and what should be entered in each field.

[Sample Test Report](#)

If you have any questions or comments contact Bill at 360 236-3562 or william.bernier@doh.wa.gov

I received a message from a BAT who is selling his equipment. 2 Midwest backflow gauges that have just been recertified please contact Pat Dennehy if interested at 206-818-3559

The Annual Group seminar on October 21st is moving forward and on schedule!

Our next meeting topic is Seminar Committee Reports and anything new on Wednesday September 16th, 10am at Coal Creek Utility District located at 6801 132nd PL SE Newcastle 98059. In the Board room first floor. I've included the meeting calendar

That's it for now,

Kathy

