

# AZOWRA

## Arizona Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association

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Dedicated to the Education of the Onsite Wastewater Industry and the Public

## First Flush

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### 2009 Onsite Wastewater Educational Conference

Hey! How did the 2009 Conference go in June? Well folks, let me tell you it was great! We ate good BBQ, had fabulous, cool weather, showed each other how good we are on a mini excavator, learned a lot of new stuff, were able to speak with some of the best exhibitors in the industry and had a great time getting to know each other (networking).

The Exhibit Hall was sold out with 17 exhibitors showing us what is new in the way of pumps, tanks, treatment, and disposal. We had the benefit of visiting with product representatives from across the USA right in our very own North Country. The President's Reception in the Exhibit Hall was a great time to meet the exhibitors and learn more about their products.



### Industry Calendar of Events

#### August 25-26, 2009

NAWT Inspection Training  
[Holiday Inn Casa Grande](#)  
777 N. Pinal Ave  
Casa Grande, AZ 85222  
[ag.arizona.edu/waterquality/onsite/#2009](http://ag.arizona.edu/waterquality/onsite/#2009)

#### September 22-24

Tristate Seminar on-the-River  
Primm Valley Resorts  
Primm, Nevada  
<http://www.tristateseminar.com/>

#### September 29-30

AZ Soil and Site Evaluation for  
Onsite Wastewater Systems  
Snowflake, AZ  
[ag.arizona.edu/waterquality/onsite/#2009](http://ag.arizona.edu/waterquality/onsite/#2009)

#### November 19-20, 2009

Advanced Design of Onsite  
Wastewater Treatment Systems  
Maricopa Agricultural Center  
37860 W. Smith-Enke Rd.  
Maricopa, AZ 85238-3010  
[ag.arizona.edu/waterquality/onsite/#2009](http://ag.arizona.edu/waterquality/onsite/#2009)

#### January 27-28, 2010

ACDEHSA Southwest Onsite  
Wastewater Conference  
Riverside Hotel and Casino  
Laughlin, Nevada  
[wastewater2010.wordpress.com/](http://wastewater2010.wordpress.com/)

#### March 22-25, 2010

NOWRA 18th Annual Technical  
Conference and Exposition  
St. Louis, MO  
Contact: (800) 966-2942 or  
[www.nowra.org](http://www.nowra.org)

Secretary of State, Ken Bennett, was the keynote speaker. He gave a wonderful presentation about the Arizona State budget and how it got to the condition it is in now. He explained where all the money comes from to fund the state programs and how much each program receives. A fascinating look at government spending.



Educational sessions were well attended. We tried something new this year—we invited the exhibitors to make educational—not sales—presentations about their products. This idea was really well received and it will be something we will expand for next year. Two presentations were the first in a series that is planned—the conventional septic design and disposal works issues will be followed up next year with design issues of alternative systems. We added to the program a session on contracts as well as one on liens to expand the topics covered from just wastewater education to include business development. There was information about all facets of the industry and topics you need to know about developing your business.



The BBQ dinner was a great time. The food was fantastic—BBQ to You just out did themselves. The Exhibitors beat the AzOWRA Board of Directors in horseshoes. The Board had to ante up two bottles of wine on that wager. The newest addition, the Roe-D-Hoe, was just a plain ol' blast of good fun. Flagstaff Equipment brought a mini excavator on which we could test our skills.

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## Septic Education Program for Homeowners

Do you know how to operate and maintain your septic system? Of course! And now 190 Prescott Area homeowners do, too. Board members Lowell Fagen, Brian Bishop, Suzanne Ehrlich, Geoff Meek and Lou Brown have worked together to develop the first of its kind Septic Education Program for Homeowners.

The Septic Education Program for Homeowners was presented July 14, 2009, to a capacity crowd in Prescott. Attendees learned how their septic system works, how to recognize problems, how to maintain and effectively operate their systems to extend the service life and save money. Homeowners received an Operation and Maintenance Manual that was developed by the AzOWRA team.

The Prescott Community has had an on-going debate as to sewer or not to sewer certain areas of the city. As a result of these discussions it was decided to roll out this program for the Prescott community. There will be a repeat performance in September also in Prescott. The first presentation was co-sponsored by AzOWRA, City of Prescott, Prescott Creeks Assoc., and Prescott Area Assoc. of REALTORS®. The team will also make this program available to communities across the state.



## AzOWRA Meetings Calendar

### August 17, 2009

1:00 PM Board of Director's Meeting  
Teleconference  
(Board meetings are generally held the 3rd Monday of each month)

### November 13, 2009

Time TBD Annual Membership Meeting/Election  
Place-TBD

<http://www.azonsite.org/>

### November 13, 2009- Mark your calendar

The Annual Membership Meeting & Dinner will be on November 13, 2009. The location and menu have yet to be determined.

At the meeting new officers (Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President/President-elect) and Board of Directors will be elected to assume office in January 2010.

The steering committee will collect information on the direction and projects the organization should pursue in the next year. In addition, a special speaker is being sought to make a presentation.

The dinner will require an RSVP and details will be sent to you by email. Watch for notifications about the Annual Membership Meeting.



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Chuck was a great teacher and gave a lesson to anyone who wanted one. Those who knew how to run a mini excavator and those who had never been in the cab of a piece of digging equipment both had fun trying the skills test.

The Real Estate Continuing Education course was well attended and well received.

Attendees and Exhibitors told us that they had a good time, learned some new things and enjoyed meeting local professionals in the field.

Questions, comments or to remove your name from our mailing list, please contact [suzanne.ehrlich@co.yavapai.az.us](mailto:suzanne.ehrlich@co.yavapai.az.us)

### Wanted: Committee Members

AzOWRA is desperately seeking help to continue the progress the organization has made to date. The following working committees need volunteers:

**Membership-Kathy Mills is the Chairman.** The membership committee is responsible for planning and presenting the Annual Membership meeting during which elections for new Officers and Board members are held. Membership committee is also responsible for planning membership drives.

**Education-Justin Ramsey & Kitt Farrell-Poe are co-chairmen.** The education committee is responsible for guiding the creation of new education programs and scheduling the presentation of those programs.

**Communication- Lou Brown and Edwin Swanson are co-chairmen.** The communication committee is responsible for the publication of the Association Newsletter, maintaining the Association Website and advertising Association activities and events in relevant publications.

**2010 Conference-Suzanne Ehrlich is the chairman.** The conference committee will plan and be the labor force for the 2010 Conference. The committee must arrange for all aspects of the conference from choosing the venue to registering attendees.

You are saying to yourself, "I don't know how to run a website or plan an Annual Membership Meeting." That is OK. Volunteer for something you don't know how to do and learn a new skill. On the flip side you are a manic party planner-the annual hunting trip is great-volunteer to help on something you do know and help someone else learn how.

You also are saying, "I don't have time to drive to X for a committee meeting." That is OK. No one else does either-most meetings are via toll free teleconference.

So, get involved. You will meet more people in the Association, have a lot of fun and learn some new skills.