



American Water Works
Association

VirginiaSection

33rd Annual Water Distribution Seminar and Utility Rodeo



*Hosted by the Distribution
Systems Committee*



Seminar and Rodeo Preview

LOGISTICS

Tuesday, October 10 thru
Thursday, October 12, 2023

See program for a detailed list of event times

Holiday Inn Roanoke Airport
3315 Ordway Drive
Roanoke, VA 24017

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 10th



6 Water Operator CPE Credits
Approved

11:00 am **Registration Opens**

1:00 pm- **Automated Control Valves**

2:00 pm



This control valve session is designed to give operation and maintenance personnel and engineers a basic understanding of application, installation and maintenance of control valves.

Dan Esser, ClaVal

2:00 pm- **Traffic Control Safety**

3:00 pm



This session will provide an overview of work zone safety, emphasizing the alarming statistics related to accidents, injuries and fatalities occurring within these zones. It will highlight the economic and human costs associated with such incidents, underlining the urgent need for proactive safety measures.

Matt Jones, LMC Safety

3:15 pm- **Vendor Sessions**

4:15 pm



Join these experts as they share the uses, benefits, and functionality of their products:

- **High Defection High Pressure Restraints (HDSS)**, Rick Stone, U.S. Pipe and Foundry Company. Gain a basic understanding of HDSS Restraints and their working pressures (3:15)
- **Pipeline Rehabilitation Services**, Hunter Dance, USG Water Solutions. Learn about the Pipeline Rehabilitation Services *Spray in Place* Process which extends the life of the system, mitigating the high costs associated with repairs, replacements and shut downs. (3:35)
- **Traffic Safety Lights**, Tad Brooks, LMC Safety. Experience a demonstration of a new traffic signal system, introducing a hands-on approach to facilitate a safer work zone environment. (3:55)

4:15 pm **Explore the Exhibit Hall**

5:00 pm **Taste Test Sample Deadline** (3 liters)

5:00 pm- **Meet and Greet** (located in the exhibit hall)
7:00 pm

QUESTIONS

Brian Whitenack, Chair

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Cynthia Barnes, VA AWWA

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Wednesday, October 11th

7:30 am **Registration Opens**

8:00 am- **Active Shooter**

10:00 am



This session reviews what to do in the event of an Active Shooter in the work place or in a public area.
Ronnie Hodges, Roanoke City Police

9:30 am - **Best of Virginia Taste Test** *(Based on panel of judges. Judges report at 8:30).*
10:30 am

10:00 am- **Networking Break and People's Choice Taste Test** *(located in the exhibit hall)*
10:30 am

10:30 am- **Corrosion Control for Ductile Iron Pipe**

11:30 am



Learn effective methods of corrosion control for ductile iron (DI) pipe. This session will cover cathodic protection, coatings, and field-based corrosion testing.
Conor Madden, U.S. Pipe and Foundry Company

12:00 am- **Lunch** *(located in the exhibit hall)*
1:00 pm

1:00 pm- **Competitions** *(location TBD)*
3:30 pm

6:00 pm- **Cocktail Hour**
7:00 pm

7:00 pm- **Banquet**
9:00 pm

Thursday, October 12th

Thursday's competitions will take place at the hotel

TBD **Morning Competitions**

12:00 pm **BBQ Cookout** *(provided by Ferguson)*

TBD **Afternoon Competitions**

COMPETITIONS

Best In Virginia Taste Test

Tap water samples will be judged on four categories (clarity, odor, flavor, and after-taste) in a blind taste test by a panel of local officials. There will also be a people's choice taste test by seminar participants. Each contestant will need to submit 3 liters of water to the registration table by 5:00 pm on October 10th to be entered. Maximum one entry per utility.



Hydrant Hysteria

Three-person teams will assemble a dismantled fire hydrant in this timed event. National contest rules and regulations, as well as industry safety standards, will be followed. All equipment and tools will be furnished. Teams are required to furnish their own safety equipment.



Meter Challenge

Contestants will begin this competition simultaneously. Each contestant will be furnished a bucket containing a disassembled 5/8" meter along with numerous unrelated items such as nuts, bolts, etc. Each bucket will contain the same contents. At the signal, "go", contestants will empty the buckets and begin assembling their meter. Proper assembly and operation of the meters will be determined by the judges with penalties given for leaks and improper assembly. This competition begins with a preliminary round followed by semi-finals and finals. The contestant that successfully assembles their meter in the fastest time (including penalties) is the winner of the event. Entry limited to first twenty-four registered contestants. Maximum three entries per utility.



Splish Splash

A timed event that has contestants starting with a previously crimped 3/4" copper service line under pressure. At the "go" signal the contestant will cut and flare the pipe. The contestant will then install a 3/4" curb stop on the end of the pipe. The event is complete, and the clock will be stopped when the opened curb stop is closed. The contestant with the fastest time (including penalties) is declared the winner.



Buried Treasure

Using traditional locating equipment, each contestant will have 5 minutes to trace a conductive conduit, mark the facility with flags, then measure and record the location of the facility. The contestant with the most accurate locate is declared the winner. Locating equipment shall be furnished by the contestant. Entry is limited to the first sixteen registered contestants. Maximum one entry per utility.



Rapid Tappin'

Four-person tapping teams will tap a ductile iron water pipe in this timed event. National tapping contest rules and regulations, as well as industry safety standards, will be followed. All tapping machines and tools will be furnished. Teams are required to furnish their own tapping bits and safety equipment.

The winners of each competition will be provided travel money to represent the Virginia Section AWWA at the National-level competition. All contestants are required to sign a waiver in order to compete in any event. For full competition rules and details, see our website at: <https://vaawwa.org/page/distribution-systems>

PRICING

Member	\$195	Exhibit Table - 6'	\$400	Rodeo BBQ	\$15
Non-member	\$224	Exhibit Table - 10'	\$800		
Retiree	\$70	Additional Exhibitor	\$150		
Spouse	\$100				

REGISTRATION

Online *(preferred method)*

<https://vaawwa.org/events/2023distributionrodeo/>

- Please register online regardless of payment type (check or credit card)
- Credit card payments accepted online only.
- No Faxed or emailed registrations will be accepted.

Mail

Name: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Work Telephone: _____ AWWA Membership #: _____

Circle registration type/rate from pricing above

Circle t-shirt size: **Med** **Large** **XL** **2XL** **3XL** **4XL**

Registration must
be received by
September 1st to
receive a t-shirt.

- Form can be mailed into VA AWWA if unable to register online.
- All mailed registrations must pay by check. Make check payable to VA AWWA
- Mail form and check to:
VA AWWA, Attn: Geneva Hudgins, PO Box 11992, Lynchburg, VA 24506

HOTEL INFORMATION

Contact Hotel directly for all hotel reservations:

Holiday Inn Roanoke Airport- Conference Center
3315 Ordway Dr NW Roanoke, VA 24017

<https://www.bit.ly/23RodeoHotel>

Phone: 877-424-2449

Hotel Rates: \$122 per night/plus taxes and hotel fees. Use
Group Code AWW for the Group Rate under Rate Preference.

All hotel rules and regulations apply, contact hotel for details. A block of rooms has been reserved at special rates. Reservations should be made prior to **September 19, 2023**. After that time, room rate price and availability are subject to change.

All attendees are responsible for their own lodging arrangements.