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PETE CONINE NAMED SE OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Pete Conine, who was honored at the WWOA Annual Meeting for his career in the wastewater field.

Following courses in wastewater, Pete worked at three plants prior to being hired by Waukesha in 1992. He became the Superintendent in 1995 and has overseen upgrades to streamline plant operations in the areas of septage receiving, primary sludge pumping, safety, and risk management.

Elected to a Directorship this year, Pete encourages his staff to become involved in WWOA activities, including Tricks of the Trade and the Operators Competition.

In his spare time, Pete enjoys motorcycling and hunting.

SE REGION ALL-STARS COMPETE

As usual, the competition was stiff at the Operator's Competition during the Annual Conference in Milwaukee. Despite our team's valiant efforts, other teams came away with the top prizes.

Included in the team were:

Mark Osmundsen – Union Grove WWTP

Dale Hapner – Union Grove WWTP

Randy Kirkman – Bristol WWTP

Jim Bergles – Sussex WWTP

SE Region thanks go out to the four men who stepped forward to represent us. We hope you consider staying on for next year!!



Pete Conine accepts Operator of the Year Award from SE Chair Jim Thalke.
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The enthusiastic SE Team prepares for battle.

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SPORTS

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NEW LEADER FOR SE

In January 2002, a new chair will take the reins for the SE Region.

Jim Driver was born in Kentucky and at a young age moved with his family to Northern Illinois.

In 1978, Jim began his 17 year career at North Shore Sanitary District, the 2nd largest facility in Illinois.

Five years ago, Jim took over at the Union Grove WWTP. His involvement with the WWOA began in 1999 when he volunteered his plant to host a SE Region meeting at the last minute. He found that experience so enjoyable that he ran for office and was elected Vice Chair for 2000.

Jim is married and has two children. When his work and family commitments allow, he enjoys playing golf.

WELCOME ABOARD,
JIM!!

CALENDAR

21 Feb '02 – Jackson, WI

Topics include:

- Lab reporting
- Bio-P Removal
- Screening/Compact-ing

13 June '02 – Burlington

Aug 2002 – 3rd Annual Pig Roast, Brookfield, WI.

Feb 2003 – Grafton, WI

May 2003 – Kenosha, WI

Aug 2003 – 4th Annual Pig Roast, Bristol, WI

Feb 2004 – Your Plant??

May 2004 – Union Grove

Aug 2004 – 4th Annual Pig Roast, Your Plant??

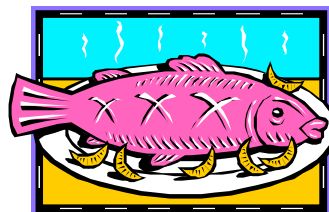
BE A SHOW-OFF!!

You work hard to maintain your plant and serve your customers. Show it off by hosting a SE Region meeting in 2003 or 2004!!!

Your Regional officers will help with the details – contact Kerry Gloss (262-653-4349) if you are interested.

WANTED

THE GRAPEVINE



WWOA Fisheree

Rumor has it, on Sept. 8, 2001, a hardy group met on the western shore of Lake Winnebago for the first annual WWOA Fisheree. Confidential sources report that a good time was had, some fish were caught, and refreshments were consumed. Plans are under way for the 2nd annual Fisheree – Contact Jim Thalke @ 262.246.5184 for info.

OPERATORS RIDE SET

July 11-13 are the dates, South Beloit to Dubuque is the route. Contact Reid Snedaker for more info @ 888.272.1722.

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SE Team in action.



Your 2002 SE Region Officers.

We welcome your input and comments!!! This is your region & your webpage! Please contact us with information or questions -

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