By James F. Stearns

Compressors – Every pool service company should have a portable compressor in their toolkit. Compressors can assist you with unclogging lines, pump repairs, cleaning, maintaining equipment and having fun. You can purchase them at just about any home improvement center for around $150.00. We prefer what’s called a “Pancake Compressor”. As to the type, we have had great luck with the ones that are maintenance free (no compressor oil), around six (6) gallons capacity and rated at a maximum operating pressure of 150 PSI.

Be prepared to lay out about another $150.00 for hoses, connectors, fittings, tools and oil. Hoses come in various lengths. We usually purchase a 25 and a 50 foot hose. Now you need connectors. A couple of quick release female connectors one (1) for each compressor and hose that you purchased. The number of male connectors is all dependent on how many hoses, fittings and / or air tools that you acquire, six (6) to eight (8), should do it. Other items would be an air tool accessory kit, tire inflator gauge, impact wrench, air tool oil and various bushings to construct 3/4 male water hose connector(s).

Unclogging Pool Lines – Compared to a garden hose a compressor is a faster and more efficient way to clear clogged pool lines. Using the 3/4” male water hose connector, a water shut off coupling and a rubber 1.5” – 3” blow bag. Blow bags are also known as a drain king, plumber’s helper, drain bladder and by various other names. Set your compressor up so your hose pressure is no higher than 60 PSI. Start at the pump suction line and control the airflow with the water shut off coupling. If the line is really clogged you may have to switch between the pump and skimmer several times before it clears. We have blown lose leaves, sticks, rocks, toys and clothes.

Pump Repairs – I actually learned this one

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CHAPTER MEMBER MEETINGS

AUSTIN MEMBER MEETING
Cherry Creek Catfish Company
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Cedar Park Library
550 Discovery Blvd.
Cedar Park, TX 78613
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Schitterbahn Veranda Restaurant
14353 Commodores Drive
Corpus Christi, Texas 78418
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1540 N. Main Street
Fort Worth, TX 76106
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Barton Barber Secretary 817-229-8535
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San Antonio, TX 78232
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Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm
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Second Wednesday of the month 7:00am
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THE DATE IS SET FOR SEA TURTLE PROJECT

Join us on our next mission to Sea Turtle Inc. November 12th thru 16th. We will be installing some new equipment on a new 6,000 gal. source water silo. We will be combining the new system into the existing system and can use everyone’s expertise on the plumbing project.

There will also be the usual maintenance and rehab projects we always have a good time and gain knowledge from everyone’s different input. We all do things differently and can learn from each other. The manufacturers that participate create the opportunity of “hands on” you can’t get anywhere else.

So if you would like to join us - contact Tina Slagle, Fort Worth chapter president and Sea Turtle project director. Tina Slagle 817-991-0555

Thanks

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Region Meetings
Region 9 and Region 12 Board meeting - October 15, Georgetown

August 6, 2016
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NEW OFFICERS FOR WEST HOUSTON CHAPTER

From left to right David Howard Treasurer, Troy Bowser Vice President, Bill Williams President, Duncan Darlin Sergeant at arms and Curtis Young Secretary

Our president Bill has come up with a big idea: passing out cards to see what chapter members wanted the membership to accomplish and what problems the members wanted help with?

The top five things the members wanted to see the chapter continue were: training, certification, education, brotherhood, professionalism and employee training.

The top seven problems members have are: having a meeting out with employees, bad debts/ collection, Service agreements, growth and profitability, how to repair heaters/ automation, employee training, and more customers.

I feel like this is a great way to start off his new leadership with the West Houston Chapter this is also something that I feel every chapter needs to do. Poll your members, find out what's going right and what type of changes they feel would make your chapter a stronger chapter.

Pool guys and gals there in the pool industry are looking for guidance and help. If this is what you're looking for consider joining IPSSA. Not just for insurance or sick route coverage. Come for the same reason that the west Houston chapter members want; to continue training certifications, education, professionalism in our industry and help with training employees. Come get help with the problems you may be facing in your business and with other pool professionals that have been in the same situations and found the answers.

I want to wish the best of luck to all IPSSA members and remind you I still have educational websites available and answers are just a phone call away.

Earl E Jones former president West Houston Chapter
“What were they Thinking?” We have all run into those situations that are just so outrageous, funny or just plain stupid that they warrant a photo - it doesn't just have to do with all the “creative” plumbing or equipment layouts we have seen. If you have a contribution of interest just let me know at: Ingrid - info@ipssatexas.com

HORROR FILE OF THE MONTH

What's wrong with this picture? Customer swore he got the gasket on correctly when he changed the bulb. We took him at his word and ordered him a new light. This is what we found for his repair.
Submitted by Keith Timm Austin

I would think it's been a while since this poor pump basket has been emptied.

This is the kind of pool you find outside city limits, training and exercising pool for horses. Imagine cleaning that one, you must love cleaning pools.
Submitted by Paul Nelson Fort Worth

Guess the ants can’t resist the electric currant. Replacing the Intermatic time clock...
Submitted by Tina Slagle Fort Worth
from a customer. We were struggling with the seized bolts on a pump and trying to loosen them with the ole socket wrench and a length of pipe challenge. When he matter of factly says, “why don’t you use your compressor to do that”? Huh?? I told him “I was informed that an impact wrench would not work with such a small compressor”? He replied with “well then you were misinformed”. Now struggling with seized bolts has mostly become a thing of the past. By utilizing a compressor set at 90 PSI on the hose line and an air impact wrench you may spend more time setting up the compressor and wrench than it takes in removing the bolts.

Cleaning – Think of your compressor as an industrial sized can of air. Where you use to use your lungs, a can of compressed air and / or a garden hose with a sweeper nozzle. You can use the duster implement that came with the air tool accessory kit or the sweeper nozzle with the 3/4” male hose connector. To achieve drier and cleaner results in removing dust and / or debris from a piece of equipment you are working on or in maintaining a clean work area. I have used the compressor with the sweeper nozzle to do just that in the shop, sweep. It works great and removes a lot of dust that a broom would normally leave behind.

Maintaining Equipment – It seems we all end up with various pieces of equipment within our inventory like handcarts, trash pumps, pump carts, pressure washers, wagons, etc. All with tires that require air. About once a month I put the tire inflator gauge on the compressor and make the rounds, checking all the tires for proper inflation. I do not know about y’all but I really get peeved when I go to use one of these pieces of equipment and the tires are flat. This can especially become a challenge once you get employees. If you’re the type that services your own vehicle, the impact wrench comes in really handy with removing and / or replacing tires. Just like a real mechanic.

Having Fun – Heck we are after all, working and playing around bodies of water and it seems that, that is synonymous with things that float. A vast majority of these items require air. Instead of using your lungs and taking a chance on suffering a serious bout of winded light-headedness. Use the compressor with the appropriate attachment. You will accomplish your goals very quickly and your lungs and head will thank you.

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Could not resist sharing this horror file from Service Industry News, I don't think I have ever seen anything equal to this installation. Wonder how one would clean the pump basket......mmmmmmm

This was submitted by Tye Barriner out of California.

If you are nor subscribed to the Service Industry News, you should. Fort Worth bought a subscription for every member this year.

IPSSA IS GROWING

Region 12 has been approve to open a new chapter in the Stephenville area, preliminary preparations are under way. Look for the new chapter opening before the year is over.

Region 9's Houston area is working on getting a new region for Texas. There are minimum requirements to open a new region that Houston is trying very hard to meet.

As more service companies determine it's better to have and be well informed in the service trade, education is the key to a successful company, to protect yourselves and your customers. IPSSA gives you these tools to succeed.

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Scott with TCS Tile Cleaning Solutions came by the July member meeting and told us about his glass bead brick and tile cleaning company. He discussed the importance of knowing what type of blasting material to use to avoid damage to the surface of the tile or brick.

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BORD MEETING IN CALIFORNIA

Photo on right: Terry Snow, Todd Starner, Derric Raymond, and John Oldfield

Photo on left: Amy Nijjar, Scott Peterson, Jason Lehmann and Mark Cannon

The BORD meeting in LA was productive. We went over all the chapters sick route templates and the majority of the chapters were approved. We are one step closer to a comprehensive sick route plan. The next meeting will be October 29 in Las Vegas.

WELCOME TO THE FORT WORTH CHAPTER

Omar Abdalhalim of Summertime Pool Service was voted into the Forth Worth chapter at the August member meeting. He has been in the pool business for a while and joined IPSSSA because we provide education, have great insurance and support each other. Welcome aboard Omar we hope we meet all of your expectations.
1. One percent is how many ppm?
A. 1.0
B. 10.0
C. 1,000
D. 10,000

2. Electricity pass through a solution of salt and water produces chlorine gas, hydrogen gas and
A. Sodium chloride
B. Sodium hydroxide
C. Sodium hypochlorite
D. Sodium hypochloride

3. One pound of salt is need in 10,000 gallons of water for each 10 ppm.
A. True
B. False

4. Stabilized chlorine refers to chlorine compounds that contain:
A. Sodium
B. Hydrochloric acid
C. Cyanuric acid
D. Calcium

5. Liquid chlorine must be packaged in a container with a non-vented, leak-proof top or cap.
A. True
B. False

6. The element chlorine (Cl) is a gas.
A. True
B. False

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