



## Join us for two days of Pre-Expo workshops!

Join us for the two days before the Pumper & Cleaner Expo to take part in NAWT's nationally acclaimed workshops! On Monday and Tuesday, February 28 through March 1, 2011, in Louisville, Kentucky, NAWT will offer its two-day onsite inspector training course; the two day, 12-hour onsite operation and maintenance (O&M) course; and the one-day vacuum truck technician training course, to be held on Tuesday, March 1. All courses will be held in the convention center.

The inspector course is at the operation level. The first day of class meets and covers the basics of onsite wastewater treatment and system types using a troubleshooting perspective. The second day goes through the step-by-step procedure to conduct a system inspection. It requires attendees to locate and



System for Visitor Center under construction. Courtesy of Bernheim Woods.

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## NAWT Officer Nominations

The Nomination Committee met in December and has put forth the following slate of candidates for NAWT Executive Committee for the coming year. This announcement fulfills the posting requirement in the NAWT bylaws. Approval of the slate of candidates will be requested at the annual meeting held in Louisville during the Pumper and Cleaner Environmental Expo. The candidates and the office for which each is nominated are listed below. The state or province they represent is also provided.

**President:** Roger Winter, Ontario

**Vice-President:** Tim Frank, Ohio

**Secretary:** Tom Ferrero, Pennsylvania

**Treasurer:** Ralph Macchio, New York

Per the NAWT By-Laws Article X Section 4, additional nominations must be made in writing two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting for names to be placed on the official ballot. Nominations must be sent to the NAWT secretary, Tom Ferrero, and received in the NAWT office by February 16, 2011. Send to the NAWT office address in the masthead or electronically to [info@nawt.org](mailto:info@nawt.org).

## Participate in NAWT's important Expo Week events

Information on the pre-Expo workshops is available in the article above, but there are a number of other important activities that will occur during Expo week that may be of interest to NAWT members and friends.

### NAWT Instructors Meeting

On Tuesday afternoon, March 1, beginning at 3:30

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# Waste Treatment Workshop offered in California this fall

**You cannot afford to miss this event if you have an interest in or are currently operating a septage or grease trap waste treatment facility!**

On October 6 and 7, 2011, a waste treatment workshop will be held at Sierra Septic Treatment Facility in Sutter Creek, California. On the first day of the workshop, the classroom session will give an overview of waste treatment options and ways to determine whether a treatment facility is in your business' future. On the second day, attendees will visit the treatment facility itself, owned by Dean Trevaskis. The recently-constructed facility uses an Alar system, along with dewatering boxes and a unique tankage system for storage and waste combinations. Look for more information on lodging and schedules in the April issue of this newsletter and in the Pumper magazine, or stop by the NAWT booth in Louisville at the Expo.

NAWT is also planning to collaborate in a workshop and field day on land application

issues that will be held in Pennsylvania during the summer. Anyone conducting land application as a part of their disposal strategy should plan to attend this workshop, which will focus on 503 compliance issues. As this develops, the information will be posted on the NAWT website and will be in the newsletter, Pumper magazine and at the booth in Louisville.



Alar dewatering system, Sierra Septic Treatment Facility.

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PM after we have returned from the inspection and operation and maintenance course field trip, there will be a meeting of all NAWT course instructors. The meeting has several purposes, not the least of which is the opportunity to get to know one another, since we are scattered across the country. More importantly, though, we will have the opportunity to discuss current NAWT courses and their content, discuss necessary changes—what works what doesn't—and to discuss the potential for state partnerships and educational programming into the future. If you have an interest in NAWT education programming, but are not an instructor, you are still invited to attend, meet the instructors and participate in the discussion. The meeting will be held in instruction room B 109 in

the convention center.

### **NAWT Track for Education Day**

Don't forget to join us on Wednesday, March 2, for Education Day presentations. This year, the morning will consist of presentations on whether a waste treatment facility is in your business' future. The afternoon will focus on specific operation and maintenance issues encountered by service providers working with alternative and advanced technologies. We are sure you will find these presentations informative and entertaining.

### **NAWT Board Meeting**

On Wednesday evening after the Education Day courses are completed, the NAWT Board of Directors will conduct a face-to-face business meeting. Again,

members of any state association that are interested in learning about NAWT affiliation are welcome to attend and get to know the current board members! This will be held in one of the NAWT rooms in the convention center.

### **State Association Breakfast**

On Friday morning, March 4, in the convention center, we will hold the state association breakfast, sponsored by Cole Publishing. This is also when Cole Publishing will present the Ralph Macchio Lifetime Achievement Award and the first annual NAWT Excellence in Service Award! The William Hapchuk Memorial Scholarship recipient will also be announced. So come by, have a free breakfast, and take part in the award recognition and state association meeting discussion.

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identify all parts of the system, assess their condition, and determine if they are operating properly. Instructors for this course will be the nationally acclaimed Dave Gustafson and Jim Anderson and Tim Frank of Tim Frank Septic Tank Cleaning, Huntsburg, Ohio. Among them, they have more than 60 years of experience with onsite treatment systems! The inspection course will be held in rooms B 107-108. The inspector course is a prerequisite to take the O&M course.

Everyone who has taken the inspection course should jump at the opportunity to enroll in the NAWT O&M Course. It is the next logical step beyond inspecting systems: learning how to service and take care of the systems once they are in place. Topics include operation and maintenance of septic tanks, ATUs, media filters and drip irrigation systems. Instructors, in addition to Dave, Jim, and Tim, will be Tom Frank of Tim Frank Septic Tank Cleaning, Huntsburg, Ohio, and Kit Rosefield, Accredited Septic System Monitoring of Mi Wuk Village, California. They bring a wealth of expertise owning and operating businesses to the operation and maintenance course. O&M will meet in room B 110.

The best thing about the Pre-

Expo Workshops is that both the inspection and O&M courses will include hands-on and field opportunities. Last year, in cooperation with Bullitt County Septic Services, we were able to look at a mound treatment system as well as a constructed wetland. We would like to thank the folks at Bullitt County Septic again for their help and assistance. As always, an exam for certification will be given for both the inspection and O&M certification.

This year, we will travel to the Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest with Connie Back from the Bullitt County Health Department. At this location, we will have the opportunity to inspect a large peat system, which discharges into a lateral field that serves the visitor center. Connie helped design the system and used the site to provide training for environmentalist and installers during the system installation.

We will be able to look at the system in operation and go over necessary procedures for inspection and long-term operation and maintenance. In addition, we will inspect a conventional septic tank drainfield system that serves the arboretum workers' compound.

Meeting rooms will be available at the park for discussions and

lunch. Those who have been on recent field trips at Louisville will recognize this as a huge advantage, given the weather that we have had to deal with. Since the Expo will be in Indianapolis next year, this will be our last opportunity in Kentucky for awhile, and it is one you do not want to miss!

NAWT's vacuum truck technician training course is for new owners and employees who operate vacuum trucks to clean septic tanks, aerobic treatment units, holding tanks, or grease traps. It can also serve as a refresher course and overview for experienced operators. Training includes presentations, videos, and hands-on exercises with a pump truck.

We encourage business owners, who continually need to provide training to new employees, to consider this program. Employees can take the on-line version of the vacuum truck technician training. This is the perfect opportunity to evaluate this course to see if this is right for your business! Instructors for this course will be Bruce Fox of PSMA, one of the course developers, and Tom Ferrero, Executive Director of NAWT. The vacuum truck technician training course will meet in room B 109.

**Registration for Pre-Expo Inspection, O&A and Vacuum Truck Courses February 28 and March 1, 2011**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, ST, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION:  Inspection (\$395 Members/\$495 Non)  O & A (\$395 Members/\$495 Non)  Vacuum Truck (\$175)

Check enclosed  VISA  MC  DISC  AMEX \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ON CARD: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

# Training and certification schedule

Information and registration at [nawt.org/training/](http://nawt.org/training/).

## Inspector Training & Certification

**January 27–28, 2011 – San Luis Obispo, CA**  
San Luis Obispo County  
Register: Kit Rosefield at (530) 513-6658 or [kit@septicguy.com](mailto:kit@septicguy.com)

**February 14–15, 2011 – Tucson, AZ**  
Radisson Suites Hotel, Tucson, AZ  
Register: Kitt Farrell-Poe at (520) 621-7221 or go to [www.COWA.org](http://www.COWA.org).

**February 28–March 1, 2011 – Louisville, KY**  
Kentucky Exposition Center - Pumper & Cleaner Environmental Expo  
Register: NAWT Office at (800) 236-6298 or registration form, page 3.

**June 8, 2011 – Tucson, AZ**  
NAWT Inspector Recertification Training (One Day)  
Radisson Hotel on East Speedway  
Register: Kitt Farrell-Poe at (520) 621-7221.

**July 21–22, 2011 – Sonora, CA**  
Tuolumne County  
Contact: Kit Rosefield at (530) 513-6658 or [kit@septicguy.com](mailto:kit@septicguy.com) to register for training or go to [www.COWA.org](http://www.COWA.org)

## Operations and Maintenance Training

**February 24–25, 2011 – Salinas, CA**  
NAWT Operation & Maintenance Training Part I  
Monterey County  
Register: Kit Rosefield at (530) 513-6658 or [kit@septicguy.com](mailto:kit@septicguy.com) to register for training or go to [www.COWA.org](http://www.COWA.org)

**February 28–March 1, 2011 – Louisville, KY**  
Kentucky Exposition Center - Pumper & Cleaner Environmental Expo  
Contact: NAWT Office at (800) 236-6298 or registration form, page 3.

**March 10–11, 2011 – San Luis Obispo, CA**  
NAWT Operation & Maintenance Training Part II

San Luis Obispo Cty Botanical Garden  
Register: Kit Rosefield at (530) 513-6658 or [kit@septicguy.com](mailto:kit@septicguy.com) to register for training or go to [www.COWA.org](http://www.COWA.org)

## Installer Training

**March 3, 2011 – Louisville, KY**  
Installer Training Course - fee included in Expo registration  
Kentucky Exposition Center - Pumper & Cleaner Environmental Expo  
Register: Preregistration NOT Required

## Vacuum Truck Technician Training

Sign up for Vacuum Truck Technician Training online ANYTIME!  
Visit <http://nehacert.org/catalog/> and choose Certification Review.

**March 1, 2011— Louisville, KY**  
NAWT Vacuum Truck Technician Training  
Kentucky Exposition Center - Pumper & Cleaner Environmental Expo  
Register: NAWT at (800) 236-6298



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