



Newsletter

Western Michigan Chapter

October 2024

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This months meeting info:

Grand Rapids Meeting:

Kalamazoo Meeting:

Dates:

October 9th & 10th

Location:

**Canopy by Hilton - Grand Rapids Downtown
131 Ionia Avenue SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

Location:

**Park Club of Kalamazoo
219 W. South Street
Kalamazoo , MI 49007**

Speaker:

**Tyler Oatmen
Associated Heating Sales**

Time:

**11:30 Social
12:00 Presentation & Lunch**

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**11:30 Social
12:00 Presentation & Lunch**

Subject:

**Commercial Lift Station
Design: Pumps, Controls,
& Basins**

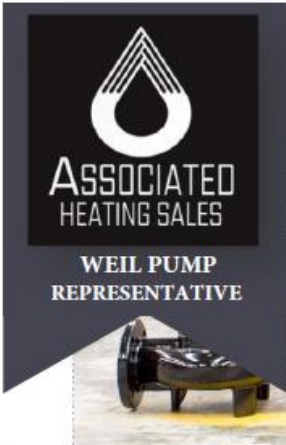
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Chapter President—Brian Peceny

Back and better than ever. OK, maybe a little hyperbole. But the school year has started and so have our monthly ASPE West Michigan Lunch Meetings. For our first month, we had Mr. Tony Dinoisio with the American Gas Safety. The focus of the meeting was detection of gas leaks and CO2 leaks. If you visit their website, you find many products related to safety.

Something I very excited about is our December meeting/celebration. This year will meet at Gun Lake Casino. I hope we'll see a nice mix of our GR and Kzoo engineers and reps. Should be a great time. The date will be December 12, so clear your calendar. Look for our future newsletters for addiotnal information.

For ASPE national, the focus is on the Convention and Expo the coming October in Columbus Ohio. Over the weekend will be the convention where board members from around the country will discuss, review and plan for the coming year. Monday through Wednesday will be the Expo with technical sessions as well as the Expo itself with all the major plumbing manufacturers represented. If there is anything you think ASPE.org could do better, please let me or one of the board members know and we can take it to the convention.

This month's meeting we are pleased to welcome Tyler Oatman with Associated Heating Sales. Tyler will present on commercial lift stations for sanitary and ground water systems. If you haven't designed one of these systems, I bet you will at some point. I wish we could use gravity all the time, but sometimes we have no option but to lift the waste.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.



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We will discuss each issue separately and offer solutions to the problems caused by each issue, which are most commonly found in wells & aquifers and are generally close to lakes, ponds, or rivers.



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VP Technical—Nick Von Myhr

Hello Everyone,

First, I would like to thank Tony DeDionisio for the excellent presentation given regarding emergency gas detection equipment. It was very well presented and packed full of important design considerations when involving natural gas systems.

This month I am pleased to introduce Tyler Oatmen with Associated Heating Sales. Tyler will be educating us on commercial lift station design, diving deep into design considerations for the pump, controls, and the basin. If you haven't had the opportunity yet to design a lift station, this would be a great presentation for you.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

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VP Membership—John Cassady

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If you know anyone interested in joining our chapter, please have them reach out. All new members will receive a voucher for a free meeting, redeemable at checkout when registering for an event.

For those of you who have a membership expiring by the end of October, you should have received an email reminder from the national society already. I will send out follow-up reminders to you all as well.

When you are renewing your membership, please be sure to select West Michigan as your “home chapter”. Any “at large” members may miss out on communication from the chapter.

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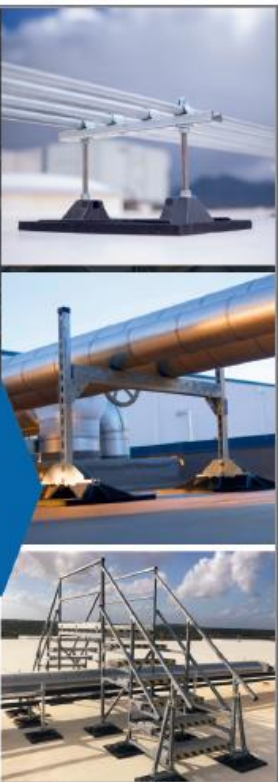
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VP Legislative —Luciana Kayo

Balancing valves are essential components in domestic hot water recirculation systems, designed to optimize system performance. These valves have evolved significantly, offering a range of technologies suited for various applications, some of which have been in use for decades, while others represent newer advancements. With the plumbing Codes being more stringent regarding delivery of domestic hot water to plumbing fixtures, we have seen an increase in the use of balancing valves. In this article we are going to explore the different types of balancing valves. Having a comprehensive understanding of the different balancing valve options will help ensure you select the most appropriate solution for your specific project.

Manual Balancing Valves

Manual balancing valves, also called static or pressure-dependent valves, have been widely used for decades. These valves are adjusted during installation and remain fixed afterward, with no internal movement. They feature pressure-test ports (PT) that allow measurement of the pressure differential to calculate flow rates using charts or graphs.

Two types of manual balancing valves exist:

- **Fixed Orifice (FO) Balancing Valves:** The orifice in these valves stays constant, and flow is directly proportional to the pressure drop across the ports. Flow rate is calculated using a formula, but manufacturers typically provide charts to simplify this process.
- **Variable Orifice (VO) Balancing Valves:** In VO valves, the orifice changes as the valve is adjusted, making flow rate calculations more complex. Flow curves based on different knob settings help determine the correct flow, but multiple adjustments are often necessary to achieve the target rate.

Balancing systems with manual valves can be time-consuming, as changing flow in one circuit often affects others, requiring several adjustments to stabilize the system.

Direct Reading Balancing Valves

A newer option in manual valve technology is the direct reading balancing valve. These valves include built-in flow meters, which allow technicians to read the flow rate directly without needing pressure measurements or calculations. This simplifies the balancing process, reduces labor, and minimizes errors, particularly in low-flow applications where traditional valves may struggle to provide accurate readings.

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Automatic Balancing Valves

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Thermal Balancing Valves

Thermal balancing valves (TBVs) are designed for domestic hot water recirculation systems, where temperature control is critical. These valves modulate flow based on water temperature, reducing flow as temperatures reach set points to ensure a consistent hot water supply. Some models include a bypass for thermal disinfection, adding extra protection against issues like Legionella. TBVs are generally more expensive than other types of balancing valves but they offer a straightforward, effective solution for maintaining domestic hot water temperatures without complex balancing processes.

Each valve has unique strengths, and with more balancing valve technologies available than ever before, it is crucial to evaluate your system's needs to choose the best approach. Understanding these options will help ensure optimized performance, reduced energy consumption, and lower operating costs in plumbing systems.



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March 13th & 14th
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January 8th & 9th
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