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## Santa Fe Springs Backflow Industry Product Fair a Huge Success

Submitted by Steve Nakauchi, City of Long Beach Dept. of Health Services

On October 14, 1999, the ABPA Southern California Chapter and the Los Angeles County Cross Connection Inspectors group hosted the 2nd Annual Backflow Industry Product Fair in Santa Fe Springs. The weather was great and the turnout was excellent, with approximately 300 people attending!



Henry Chang enchants the crowd at Santa Fe Springs Vendor Fair.

There was a demonstration/lecture by Jim Purzycki of BAVCO on repair and troubleshooting backflow assemblies. At the same time, Henry Chang from USC FCCCHR demonstrated proper backflow testing procedures.



Jim Purzycki demonstrates repair procedures.

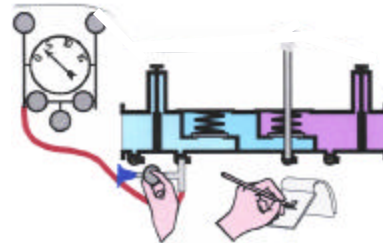
Thanks to our co-sponsors, In-N-Out burgers were provided for everyone. The attendees had a great time networking, talking and learning about various products with the vendors. Due to the response, we will probably have a 3rd Product Fair.



A BIG thank you goes out to all those who helped make the vendor fair a success!

## Repair Seminar Scheduled for March 15

The famous Jim Purzycki repair class for every type of known backflow device will be presented by the Southern California Chapter of ABPA on March 15, 2000. The location, easily accessible to Southern California backflow testers and enthusiasts, will be at the Palomar College Escondido testing labs, located at 1951 East Valley Parkway, Escondido. The class is scheduled from 8 am to 5 pm. Coffee, snacks and lunch will be provided. The cost is \$ 45.00. Seating is limited, so apply early. Questions? Contact Dick Carlson at (858) 694 -2548.



### REPAIR SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Send your application and \$45.00 payment (check or money order only, please) to:  
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PO Box 712  
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## Manual of Cross-Connection Control - 10th Edition

Submitted by Paul Schwartz, P.E., Chief Engineer, FCCCHR, USC

The USC Foundation for Cross-Connection Control and Hydraulic Research's Manual Review Committee (MRC) has been working diligently on the Tenth Edition of the Manual of Cross-Connection Control. There are currently several items being developed.

Backflow prevention assembly testers may be interested to know that the field test procedures for the 10th Edition will be revised, but not to the degree as was seen between the 8th and 9th editions. Many testers may remember the change in the double check valve procedures from the duplex gage method to the current one hose differential gage method. The proposed 10th Edition procedures currently contain some of the following modifications:

*RP: Modified test cock bleeding procedure (i.e., Open TC 4, 3, 2, 1 then close 1, 2, 3, 4)  
First check reading changed to a minimum value of 5.0 psi d (recommended 3.0 psi buffer has been eliminated)*

*DC/PVB: Details of when it is critical to raise the gage to the proper elevation*

*PVB: Bleed-off valve arrangement to be attached to TC # 1 at start of test  
Illustration to be added showing the air inlet valve full open test*

There are many other modifications that are being considered for the 10th Edition. The MRC welcomes any comments or suggestions for the next edition. Comments should be submitted through the Foundation Office or via the MRC web site.

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# Seminar in Santa Maria on Cross-Connection Control Program

Submitted by Ray Zierman of Ray Zierman Plumbing Inc., Santa Barbara County Director

The Southern California Chapter sponsored a Seminar on Cross -Connection Control programs for the New Millennium on November 10, 1999. The seminar was held in Santa Maria at the Santa Maria Airport Regency.

The seminar was well attended, with 66 attendees, eight speakers and nine vendors. The speakers were: Bill Laird, Carlsbad MWD; Henry Ruiz, County of San Luis Obispo; Dick Carlson, County of San Diego; Arnold Hatai, State of California; Steve Nakauchi, City of Long Beach; Paul Schwartz, USC FCCC&HR; Henry Chang, USC FCCC&HR and Jenette Denning, Aqua Check.

We had knowledgeable speakers covering a wide variety of backflow prevention subjects. This was a "first" in this area for a full -day APBA seminar. Earlier in the year, ABPA had two evening workshops. The exposure of Southern California ABPA on the very northern edge of its boundaries in Santa Barbara County has proven to be positive, evidenced by new members (and future members) signing up.

I personally thank each and every speaker and vendor who contributed to a successful day. Their dedication to the backflow world "shined" on all who were there, removing the "darkness" is what the American Backflow Prevention Association is all about.

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 ☆ A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR VENDORS AT THE SANTA MARIA SEMINAR! ☆  
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 ☆ RENCO SALES -CONBRACO INDUSTRIES ☆ WILKINS ☆  
 ☆ AMERICAN BACKFLOW BLAIR MARTIN ☆ DELCO SALES - ☆  
 ☆ SPECIALTIES ☆ MIDWEST INSTRUMENTS ☆ WATTS REGULATOR ☆  
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## ABPA CHAPTER ELECTIONS COMING SOON!

Are you interested in becoming a Southern California ABPA Chapter County Director or Officer? Duties include participating in chapter board meetings, planning educational seminars, submitting newsletter articles, promoting backflow prevention and cross-connection control awareness, and duties as assigned.

Contact Steve Nakauchi, Chapter President to nominate candidates by mail: City of Long Beach Department of Health Services, 2525 Grand Avenue, Room 220, Long Beach, CA 90815; or by fax: (562) 570 -4038. The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2000.



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Interested in joining the Southern California Chapter of ABPA?  
Contact your County Director listed on Page 1.

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## We're Looking for Your Ideas

Have any stories to share with other ABPA members?

We're looking for news articles, experiences, adventures (or misadventures), incidents, accidents, equipment updates and training opportunities relating to backflow prevention and cross-connection control. Comments, suggestions and advertisement inquiries are welcome too.

Send your stories or ideas to: So. California Chapter ABPA, PO Box 712, Cypress, CA 90630.

### ATTENTION VENDORS AND MANUFACTURERS

Are you interested in advertising in the ABPA Southern California Chapter Newsletter? Contact Steve Nakauchi, Chapter President, at (562) 570-4134. Our newsletter will be published quarterly and distributed to ABPA members, seminar participants and others interested in backflow prevention and cross-connection control.

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