

IPSSSA Houston

Newsletter for the Houston Chapter of the Independent Pool & Spa Service Association

Cracks in the Ground Broken Pipes

ping cracks.

Perhaps you have noticed. We are in a drought. Seems like it hasn't rained since the '90's. As I write this (late June), we have had a couple of light rains, but we would need a hurricane or a flash flood to make up for our precipitation shortage.

You may also have noticed the huge cracks in the ground all over the place. Our ground tends to shrink severely when it is thoroughly dried out, resulting in large ga-

ping cracks. That's not the worst of it. We have all seen water gushing out of the ground, as city water pipes have burst under the pressure of the moving earth. Pool plumbing is just as susceptible to ground movement fractures, and you can expect it. If your customers have not had a problem with it yet, the damage may well come when we finally do get the ground-soaking rains and

the earth begins to swell back. More movement. More breaks.

So be sure to have a good leak-detection company on speed-dial, and get ready for some serious shovel work. Sure it's a dirty job, but somebody's gotta do it, so why not you, Bubba?

Be careful out there.

**IPSSSA meets
every month at**



**2475 Kirkwood
Near Westheimer**

**Next Meeting 7:00pm
Tuesday, July 12**

VGB Drain Cover Recall

Yes, it's the old "good news/bad news scenario, boys and girls. By now you have found out that the drain cover makers are telling us that recalled covers on pools with multiple drains do not need to be replaced. Unfortunately for us, Texas has ruled that all drain covers that do not comply with VGB flow rates MUST be replaced. So do we have to buy new covers ourselves in this case? Stay tuned right here, folks. I will keep you up-dated.

IPSSSA Meeting Houston

- *Free to attend
- *Door Prizes
- *Open to Pool Professionals
- *Learn More to Earn More
- *Meet Factory Reps
- *Reps from Local Suppliers

Join us at Fudruckers on Kirkwood near Westheimer on May 10th at 7:00pm



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Contact Star for meeting speakers at 281-594-3511

Service Quiz Answers

Answers to last month's quiz.

1- Which mechanical seal does a Polaris booster pump (PB-3/PB-4) take?

Answer: PS-1000 (AS-1000)

2- Stabilizer (Conditioner) is properly known by 3 different chemical names. List at least two of them.

Answer: The 3 proper chemical names are Cyanuric Acid, Isocyanuric Acid and "S-Triazinetrione".

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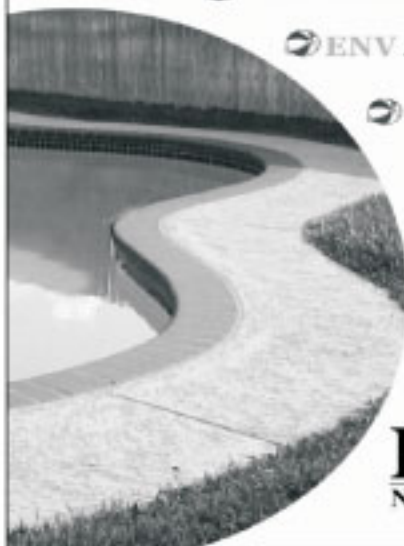
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July 12- IPSSA/Houston Meeting
7:00 pm at Fuddrucker's, 2475 Kirkwood just North of Westheimer.

Board Meeting preceeding.

July 14- Barbeque at Pool Electrical Products 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

July 14- APSP Monthly Meeting
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3- *What pool chemical has been known to cause spontaneous fires, when*

contaminated with certain oils?

Ans.: Calcium Hypochlorite

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4- *Pool professionals who carry chemicals on their trucks are legally required to have what papers with them?*

Ans.: Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) must be on board for every chemical you carry.

Be very careful out there!



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