

The Meter Setter

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Water Operator Competitions - ACE17

The AWWA Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE) provides an opportunity for water professionals to meet, learn, and discuss the world of water. Along with association committee meetings and training sessions, ACE offers an opportunity for fun. Six competitions are featured at ACE and five of them involve water operators.

AWWA operator competitions are:

- **PIPE TAPPING** - Pipe Tapping is a competition of skill in which water operators work against the clock to drill a pressurized water pipe and install a service line connection. There are two divisions, Men's and Women's.
- **THE WORLD WATER CUP** - The World Water Cup is an international tapping competition among champion teams from North America, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands.
- **TOP OPS** - Top Ops is the "college bowl" of the water industry. Teams of water operators and lab personnel compete against each other in a question-and-answer tournament.
- **METER MADNESS** - Meter Madness is a fast-paced event where contestants assemble a water meter in the best possible time. The assembled meter is checked and tested to ensure proper operation.
- **HYDRANT HYSTERIA** - Hydrant Hysteria features two-member teams working to assemble a hydrant as quickly as possible. Once assembled, the hydrant is checked by judges and penalties are assessed for a variety of errors including loose bolts and improper operation.

The Ford Meter Box Company is a proud supporter of operator competitions and congratulates all participants. Through this friendly competition, life-long relationships are developed and skills are perfected.

From AWWA.ORG: The American Water Works Association is an international, nonprofit, scientific and educational society dedicated to providing total water solutions assuring the effective management of water. Founded in 1881, the Association is the largest organization of water supply professionals in the world. Membership includes over 3,900 utilities that supply roughly 80 percent of the nation's drinking water and treat almost half of the nation's wastewater. Nearly 50,000 total memberships represent the full spectrum of the water community: public water and wastewater systems, environmental advocates, scientists, academicians, and others who hold a genuine interest in water, our most important resource. AWWA unites the diverse water community to advance public health, safety, the economy, and the environment.



Hydrant Hysteria is a new competition for 2017



A large crowd watches Meter Madness at ACE17



Charlie Chapman, Ford Meter Box Advertising Manager, pictured with Ford's competition test benches



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