



Newsletter

Western Michigan Chapter

February 2021

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This months Meeting info: [Lunch Meeting Information:](#) [Dinner Meeting Information:](#)

Date:

**Thursday
February 11th**

Location:

**Virtual Meeting
12PM to 1PM**

Location:

Dinner meetings have been postponed until further notice.

Speaker:

**John Clark
Woodford Mfg.**

Link to the meeting:

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Subject:

Freezeless Commercial Hydrants

This meeting will be offered at no charge.

Important Information!

The Western Michigan ASPE meeting will be held virtually this month.

We will attempt to hold next month's meeting in person. Stay tuned!



VP Technical—Chuck Shoudel

Hello Everyone!

I hope everyone is staying happy and healthy. We had a great turnout for the virtual January meeting. I am glad everyone could attend. It was an excellent presentation on mixing valves. We had 57 in attendance. I would like to thank Todd McCurdy, Business Development Manager, Tempering - East Division of Powers / Watts for such a great presentation.

This month we will be hosting John Clark, Sales Manager for Woodford Manufacturing Company. He will be discussing ‘Freezeless Commercial Hydrants’.
West Michigan ASPE Chapter (Freezeless Commercial Hydrants)
Thu, Feb 11, 2021 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (EST)

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This meeting will be free to all attendees.

Next months meeting we will be trying to hold live in person. Charlie Watson will be presenting on “Water Hammer Arrestors”. This may change if the governor shuts everything down on February 21st. So, Stay tuned!!!

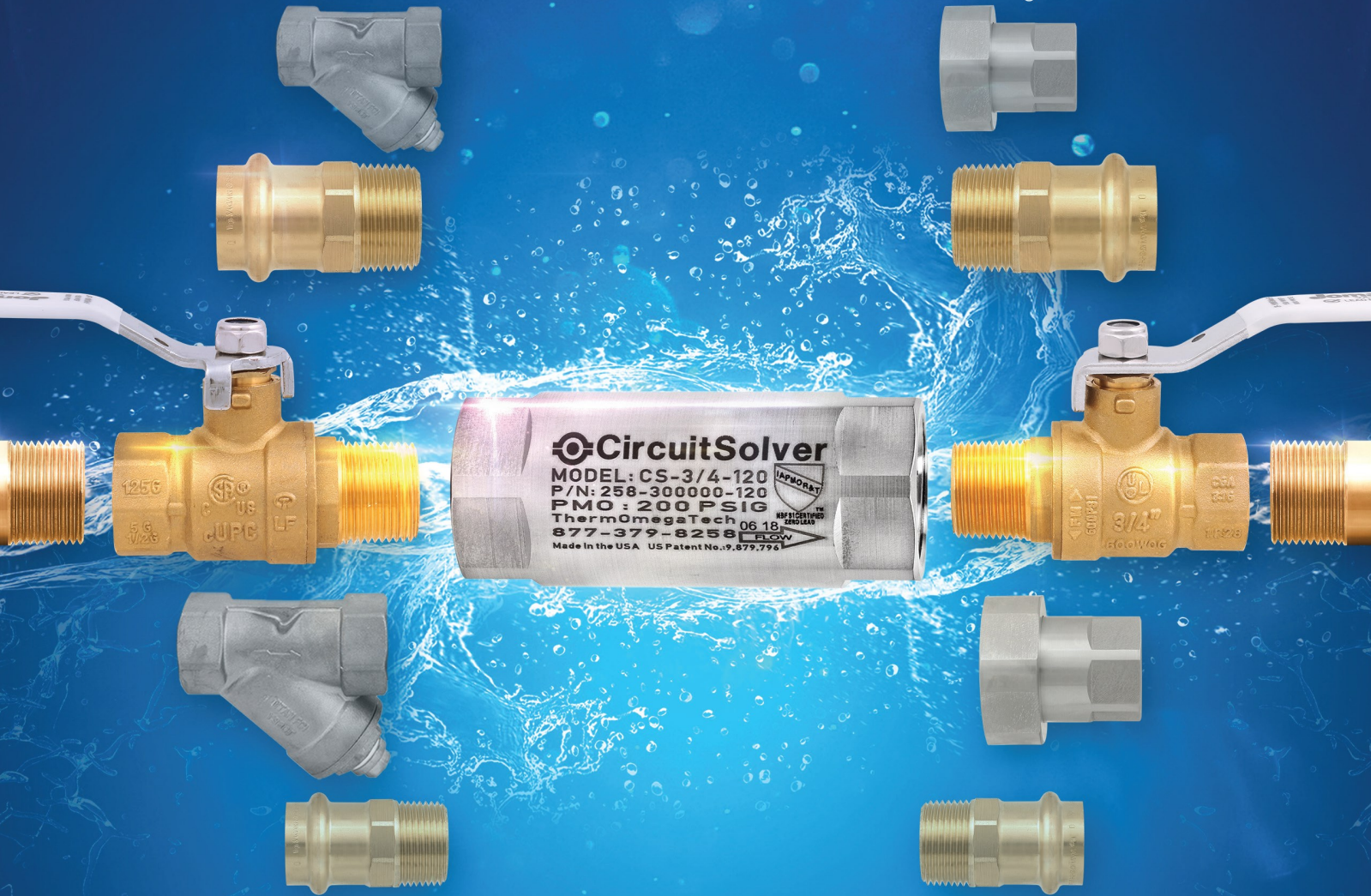
I would like to thank Santa Don, for the awesome gift card. It will come in handy!!

I will be starting to gather topics for next years ASPE presentations. If you have a topic you would like our chapter to present on, please feel free to send me an email.

See you virtually on March 11th.

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Chapter President—Tom Kingshott

It's already almost Valentine's Day, which means spring is just around the corner (sort of)!

In addition to our monthly meetings (hopefully March in person), and all of the educational opportunities that are offered remotely by other chapters, your Western Michigan ASPE board has been busy working on a golf outing, a seminar with the State of Michigan plumbing inspector to review the updated plumbing code changes, and planning for next year's monthly meetings.

In addition, at this point the 2021 Technical symposium in San Diego, California from September 22-26 is expected to be in person: <https://www.aspe.org/2021-tech-symposium/>.

If certifications are of interest, the Certified in Plumbing Design (CPD) test is coming up and remote preparation and testing is in the works for the Green Plumbing Design certification.

As always, we are interested in ideas for seminars and monthly meetings, so feel free to contact Chuck Shoudel (chuck.shoudel@byce.com) or Nick VonMyhr (nickv@gmb.com) with your ideas!

VP Membership — John Cassady

We are currently at 76 members in our chapter. For those of you that have a membership expiring by the end of March, you should have received an email from the national society already. I will send out personal reminders this coming week. If you have a coworker that is interested in joining our chapter, please have them reach out to me for membership.

If you have any extenuating circumstances regarding your dues and COVID-19, please feel free to reach out to me privately. The national society has a waiver of dues that you can apply for to retain your membership during this time.



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VP Legislative—Brian Peceny

OK, where can I drain my condensate? First, how does the IMC define condensate; “The liquid that condenses from a gas caused by a reduction in temperature.” I’m just looking at cooling coil condensate for this article. In the MMC, we look at section 307.2. First, condensate from sensible only cooling coil may not require a condensate system. Examples would be computer room units or similar systems that should not produce condensate or may have such a small amount that a drain pan is sufficient. Now we get to section 307.2.1. This section states that condensate from all cooling coils and evaporators shall be conveyed from the drain pan outlet to an approved place of disposal. Condensate shall not discharge into a street, alley, or other area so as to cause a nuisance.

So, discharge this nice clean water to storm or to sanitary? Well, the MMC/IMC does not tell us which. The commentary tells us “the approval of the disposal place is the responsibility of the local jurisdiction.” In other words, your AHJ can choose where they want condensate to be discharged. Not much help. The reasons are common sense. If the local wastewater treatment plant is over-taxed, they may demand all “clean” waste be discharged to storm. While other AHJ’s will require all indoor condensate be discharged to sanitary to avoid any potential contaminants to by-pass the treatment plants. My personal experience in Michigan and around the United States, is that condensate generated on the roof can be discharged to the roof and eventually to the storm roof drainage system, while indoor condensate can be discharged to sanitary receptors, as they are typically more readily available. Ideally, clean waste should be discharged to storm, but this volume of water is typically small enough to be allowed to discharge to your easiest sewer system which will typically be sanitary.

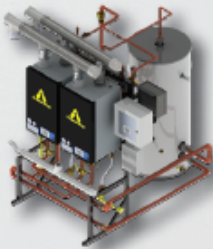
OK, how to drain the condensate. Section 307 or the mechanical code or plumbing code do not tell us. I would argue that Chapter 8 of the MPC or IPC also does not tell us we need to drain these indirectly. The Uniform Code does require condensate to discharge indirectly. Personally, though there should be no way this water could get back into the potable water system or into and food or life safety concern, I discharge these indirectly where possible.

But, as noted, no guarantees. This one is subject that gives leeway to your AHJ.

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March 11th
Charlie Watson
Watts
Water Hammer Arrestors

October 8th
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January 14th
Bruce Fathers
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April 8th
Steve Machler
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November 12th
Michael Sokaris
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February 11th
John Clark
Woodford Manufacturing
Roof and Wall Hydrants

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AYP Liaison — Luciana (Luci) Kayo

Hello everyone!

I am excited to share about a three-part webinar series in Leadership Development by ASPE Young Professionals. These webinars are presented by a Leadership and Team development consultant Christina Rowe, MSOL, of the Collaborative LLC, and are divided into three topics:

- Communication for More Impactful Teams
- Addressing Friction Points to Build a Stronger Team
- Defining Your Leadership and Management Skills.

This series has been prepared for the young professionals, but I encourage everyone to watch the webinars, independent of your experience level. I am sure you will learn something new!

The webinars are completely FREE for ASPE members and \$200 for non-members.

To find out more about Christina and register for the series or individual sessions, visit the link below.

<https://education.aspe.org/products/leadership-development-series-presented-by-aspe-young-professionals-ayp>

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