#### CAPITAL VALLEY IPSSA CHAPTER



## Water Watcher

MARCH 2011

#### March 2, 2011

Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm

#### UPCOMING SPEAKERS

MARCH Hot Water Works

APRIL Zodiac-Jandy

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### President's Message



- 1. Drive less! Ha, what I mean is route your customers on a mapping program to be more efficient when doing the pool route. You should be checking your route and mapping every time you add a new account. Yes this means you may have to move some of your customers to a different day to save fuel.
- 2. Limit your service area. Don't drive across town for one pool. (sometimes you are better off not serving a pool)

- 3. Try to do your repairs on the customer's service day. (you may need to work longer that day)
- 4. Find good fuel prices; check out Costco or Safeway.
- 5. Try to buy your fuel before Friday. Fuel prices tend to rise just before the weekend.
- 6. Don't carry extra equipment or chemicals you will not use on that day.
- 7. Top off the air in the tires every few weeks to the manufacturer's recommended pressure.
- 8. Keep up on your trucks maintenance. Oil changes, spark plugs, air filters, and tune ups.
- 9. Avoid Idling. Leave the truck off while you fill out any paper

work or looking for directions in the map.

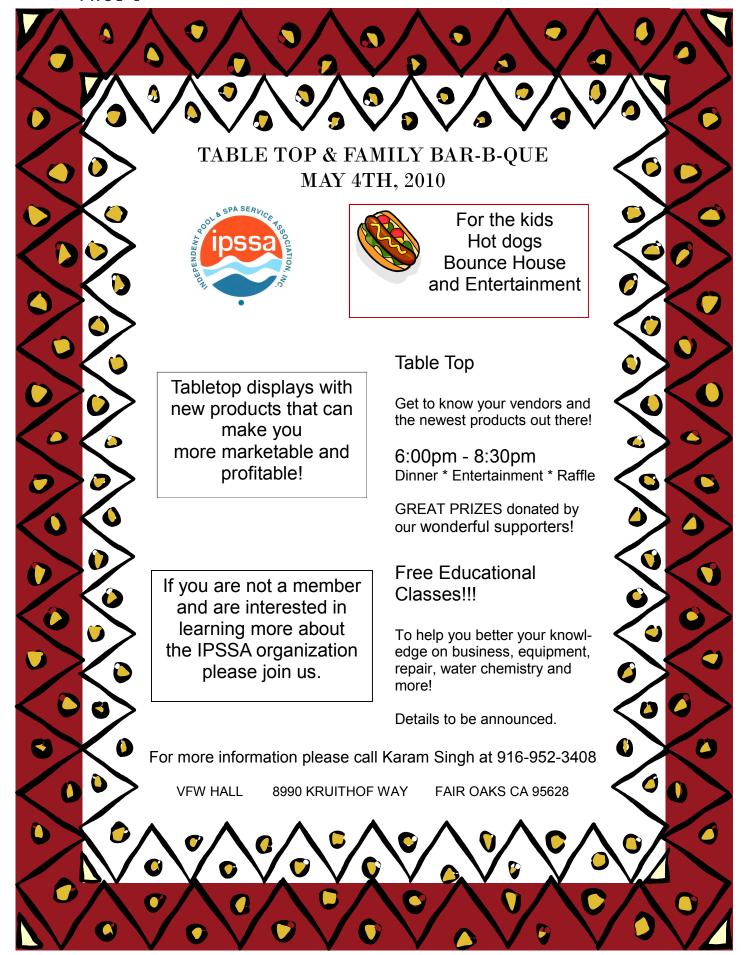
10. Last but not least, start thinking about a fuel surcharge to your customers. I know they are not going to like it, but let's face it; someone has to pay for the fuel.

'Til next time, "Keep It Clear"

Scott Houseman, President

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#### Sick Route News

 Your sick route summary cards were due by January 31, 2010. If you have not turned them in you will be fined \$200.00 on March 15, 2010. The next fine for not turning them in will be assessed on April 15, 2010 for \$300.00.
 Take a couple minutes to fill out the card and save yourself a bundle in Chapter fines.

You may check the Capital Valley IPSSA website at <a href="www.cvipssa.com">www.cvipssa.com</a> to verify your summary card has been received.



#### MEMBERS ONLY DRAWING

Brek Peterson was the winner of the February drawing.
Unfortunately, he was not present and did not receive the \$100 prize!
Remember, you must be *present* to win.

If you are not present you will not win! There is no carry over to the next meeting. So come to the meeting, learn something from the guest speaker and maybe even win a little cold hard cash!!



#### Insurance Membership Education Networking Friendship



Newsletters are being sent out via e-mail! If you do not receive a newsletter via e-mail its because the IPSSA financial office does not have your e-mail address. Please e-mail me at jneronde@yahoo.com and I will be sure to add you to the list.

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