The Bill Shrader Cartoons

Compiled by Don Marske and many friends of Bill .

The Alumni History committee is excited to bring a sample of the many cartoons of Bill Shrader to the website. Bill, a talented electrical engineer and project manager in the Corvallis office from 1966 to 1992, was also a very talented cartoonist who enjoyed capturing the "special" features of our early wastewater treatment business in a humorous light. In a recent conversation with Bill, he noted that our business provided a never-ending source of cartoon material. We laughed at his grit hopper; pig launcher; and, of course, the pig catcher. He said he couldn't have done it without the people who appreciated and welcomed the humor. "It was a special time with a special group of people."

His sketches spanned a wide range of subjects including design, operation, project management and project managers, and his friends and colleagues. He also helped many of us with our brochures and presentations. Following is a sample of his work.

On wastewater treatment design and operation ...

Bill clearly enjoyed the pipe cleaning tools of our business where, for those not familiar, a “pig” was installed and pulled through a pipe to clean the interior of a pipe. See attached link for more..

Alright... I give up. Where are the gallery lights?

That's an overhead traveling crane... Section 1600 of the specifications.

Typical gallery junction detail 7689

M.T.S.

Wallgren treatment plant
Bill's suggestion for an air pollution commercial ..
On project management and project managers ...
On brochures and presentations ...

APRIL MEETING NOTICE

WHEN: Thursday, April 29, 1976
WHERE: International Dunes Restaurant
3350 Gateway
Springfield, Oregon
(15 at Belt Line)
TIME: 6:30 P.M. Social
7:15 P.M. Dinner ($4.85 w/gratuity)
8:15 P.M. Meeting (business, announcements)
8:30 P.M. Program
PROGRAM: Meyerhauser Plant Tour (Springfield)
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Basil Adams - 746-2511

OR

Stress-Tested Your Treatment Plant Lately?

How to Optimize Plant Performance

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Bill's most enduring and widely recognized sketch appears on *The Little Yellow Book*.

Bill shared that Jim Howland asked him to do the cartoons for the book. Bill told him, "Gee, I'm just too busy right now. Check with Bob Wehnert." (Can you imagine telling Jim you're too busy?!

A little while later, Jim came back with Ann Adams at his side and asked Bill if he would do the cover. Bill again deferred, "Gee, I'm just about to go to Portland. I can't do it until I get back." Jim said, "Well, can you do it right now?" And Bill did. Check the cover. Bill did that classic cover on the spot with Jim and Ann Adams looking over his shoulder!
On friends and colleagues...
Gene Suhr was a close friend of Bill and stayed in touch with his woodworking and sailing skills.
Bill captured our very own Sherlock Holmes ... Austin Evanson
On some of our original partners ...
The First Annual Softball Tournament Awards ...

Editor’s Note: We are sad to report that Bill passed away at his home in Alsea, Oregon, on May 3, 2017. He was 81.