

2023 April Cleaning the Waterwall

On the last Friday in April, Mike Anderson led a crew of six club members in opening up the waterwall for a thorough cleaning. The top cover was removed along with the nearly 40 feet of paper honeycomb sections. Then the bottom metal drip trays could be removed to give access to the large plastic pipe running along the bottom. After only about six months of operation in the cooler wither months, a good deal of sludge had accumulated in the pipe as the dust in the outside air was drawn through the waterwall to cool the building via evaporation.

The metal sections had most of the mineral deposits scraped off with elbow grease and putty knives. The paper honeycombs were pounded on the table, vacuumed, and brushed to get rid of as much of the mineral deposits as possible. It was a dusty process that called for face masks like the ones used during the COVID infections

All the pieces were put back in place with the whole process being completed in under three hours.

