

Building a Pressure Washing System

fter enjoying an evening of barbeque and camaraderie, sponsored by Envirospec at a local eatery, attendees arrived the following morning ready to face a new challenge: building pressure washers from the ground up.

The group worked in teams to piece together two separate machines. "My group's unit was an 18-hp Vanguard mounted to a skid plate. We then attached a gearbox, pump, unloader, inlet filter and bypass line," said Styles.

Once the machines were completed, the groups took them outside for everyone to test out. Styles, who was already in the market for a new machine, got so "attached" to the unit – "with its PA gear drive and the new Quantum Z unloader – that he brought it home "with a great show special price. Thanks again Envirospec!"

Allison also offered anyone who attended the class the opportunity to come back and have a certified systems technician help them build their own machine at no charge (other than the cost of the parts).

Engine Maintenance

ext, Greg Dupree of Kohler Engines led a discussion on engine maintenance, which dispelled a number of engine misconceptions and provided greater insights on how to keep engines running better, longer.

The engine diagnostic and repair segment was the favorite part of the school for Rudolph Palmer of Optimal Power Washing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Palmer, who said he was fairly comfortable in working on his pump and engine prior to the class, felt "much more confident" working on these components by the time the school was over.

"After talking with Greg and looking at the engines, I think my next engine will be a Kohler," added Mike Barrett of Barrett's Pressure Cleaning in St. Augustine, Fla.



Playtime!

two was spent "playing," as attendees got to test out any and all equipment and accessories that they wanted to see in action. "It was kind of like being a kid in a candy store. You want to grab everything!" said Barrett.

This "playtime" also gave attendees the unique opportunity to test out products that they may otherwise have never considered trying. "I gained some great new insights by being able to see and test new equipment and products that were different from what I