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SWCS past president John Vernon "Swede" Martin dies



Longtime SWCS member John Vernon "Swede" Martin passed away October 6, 2006, in the Linwood Nursing Home, Cushing, Oklahoma, after a lengthy illness. He was born August 9, 1918, in Loco, Oklahoma. His parents, James David and Josie Martin, preceded him in death.

Mr. Martin was a native of Sulphur, Oklahoma, a graduate of Davis High School, and a graduate of Oklahoma A & M with a degree in agronomy in 1941. After graduation, Swede worked with the Soil Conservation Service (now NRCS) at DeFuniak Springs, Florida. He was a veteran, having served in the United States Navy in World War II. In the early 1940's, Swede began his career with the Soil Conservation Service in Lindsey, Oklahoma and was an economist for the Watershed Group at Chickasha, Oklahoma; served as area conservationist at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; as the assistant state conservationist for the Alabama State Conservation Program; and as the Missouri State Conservationist. In 1975, he moved to Fort Worth, Texas and served as the director of the South National Technical Center and Assistant Chief of the Soil Conservation Service for the Southern (16) states. In 1979, he retired from the Soil
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Agri Drain joins Society as first Gold corporate member



(above) Sue Ann Lynes presents Charlie Schafer, President of Agri Drain, with the Gold Corporate Membership plaque. (Read more on page 3)

Share your news!

Send in your chapter and member news along with photos you'd like to share to: suzi.case@swcs.org



Communication director leaves Society

Deb Happe, communications director and editor of the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*, will leave the Society October 24, 2006 to join BioForce Nanosciences in Ames, Iowa. Happe came to the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) in 1998 as editor of *Conservation Voices* magazine, and assumed the duties of communications director in 2000, overseeing website development and production of all Society publications.

She was instrumental in revamping the *Journal*, combining it with content from *Voices*, which is no longer published, and reformatting it to a leading research publication complete with a full-color features section that is also available on CD-ROM. Happe, along with research editor, Dr. Jorge Delgado, developed the *Journal's* research peer review process, which is now supported by an editorial board of 22 associate editors and three advisory board members, to provide for shorter review timelines and a tighter manuscript acceptance rate. As a result, research submissions have consistently risen and quality has improved.

Her vision moved the Society's publications forward into the "technology age," converting the membership newsletter, the *Conservogram*, into an electronic format that is posted to the website with email notification to members and developing a new, more user-friendly website with an added job board and online store for sale of Society publications and products.

Prior to joining the SWCS staff, Happe worked for the American Cancer Society and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

2007 Annual Conference Call for Workshops

Intentionally separate from the Call for Papers (which is also available online at <http://www.swcs.org/>), the Professional Development Committee is currently accepting proposals from individuals interested in delivering workshops at the 2007 SWCS Annual Conference in Tampa, Florida. Workshops are two-hour to full-day events designed to provide direct training and learning experiences for participants on key techniques, tools, models, approaches, or other subjects of interest to participants. Only 8-12 workshops will be offered during the conference. Proposals will be reviewed for their linkages with the program topic areas and must be self-supporting through workshop fees, sponsors or a combination thereof. Workshops may be held on Sunday (7/21/07) or Wednesday (7/25/07) during the conference.



The deadline for proposal submission is December 1, 2006. Workshop proposals will be notified of acceptance by January 1, 2007. Individuals interested in offering a workshop should download and complete the SWCS workshop budget worksheet from the SWCS website. Workshop proposals can be submitted to Kristin Smith, SWCS Professional Development Committee Chairperson, at: kristin.smith@gnb.usda.gov or to Dewayne Johnson, SWCS Professional Development Director, at dewayne.johnson@swcs.org.

New Science and Policy Committee takes shape

Since science is an integral part of the Society's mission and is a critical need in the further development of SWCS's role in policy and analysis and program activities, a proposal was made that a Science and Policy Committee be developed as a standing committee. Meetings were held in Keystone, Colorado during the annual conference to determine the committee structure, how the committee would operate, and how it would interface across Society representative groups.

Birl Lowery was appointed by the Board of Directors to serve as chair of an ad hoc committee to make recom

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Corporate membership highlights

By Sue Ann Lynes, Executive Assistant

Corporate membership in SWCS is for businesses and firms interested in seeking an identity with a U.S. based international conservation organization. Membership provides organizations with an opportunity for national and international visibility, identification with a conservation mission, and an opportunity for involvement in policy development within the Society. It also ensures that field-oriented, science-based voices representing rural and urban interests alike are heard in the policy making arena.

Corporate members receive several benefits depending on their membership level. Some benefits include: participation in a leadership forum lead by the executive director and the president of the society, two regular memberships and the opportunity to be involved with the local SWCS chapter, complimentary registration to attend special conferences, free or reduced exhibit space in a prime location at the annual conference, advertising opportunities in the *Journal* at significantly reduced rates, and a conservation plaque suitable for display in the corporate sponsor's lobby.

There are three levels of corporate membership: Gold, Silver, and Bronze. All local chapters who help to recruit corporate members will receive a portion of the membership dues if the corporate member wishes to have membership at the local level. For information, contact Sue Ann Lynes at sueann.lynes@swcs.org.



(above) Sue Ann Lynes presents a recruitment incentive check for \$500.00 to the Iowa Chapter

Environmental philosophy at core of Agri Drain's business



Agri Drain Corporation's name would suggest that they are strictly in the drainage business, but

nothing could be further from the truth. Owner Charlie Schafer of Adair, Iowa began his career in the agricultural drainage industry in 1976, when he and two brothers began installing drainage tubing for local farmers and began manufacturing products for their own jobs and to provide to other contractors. In 1984, construction activities were discontinued in order to focus on manufacturing, distribution, and product development full time.

Tremendous growth has taken place for Agri Drain during the past 30 years, now offering products to a worldwide customer base. Agri Drain has dedicated their efforts to designing, improving, and producing flow control devices that can manage the movement of surface and sub-surface waters to reduce the volume and velocity of water that leaves the landscape. These products include manual and automatic inline and inlet water level control structures, slide gate valves, and various types of surface inlets. These products have a variety of applications and are used to manage flows from sub-surface ag drainage systems, wetlands, surface ditches, farm ponds, retention and detention structures, confined animal feeding operations and aquaculture to name a few.

The Agri Drain team views water as a precious resource that must be managed and conserved to maximize yields and minimize surface water quality impacts and provide habitat for wildlife and plants to ensure a healthy balance for agriculture and the environment. The company believes that drainage water management will be one of the most important water quality tools that farmers will have to address resource concerns in the next century. Agri Drain is a member of the Ag Drainage Management Coalition formed in 2003 to promote the practice of drainage management in the midwestern states to reduce nitrate discharge from tile drainage systems.

As a proud Gold level corporate sponsor of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, Agri Drain looks forward to working more closely with the members of the Society to implement practices that benefit agriculture and the environment.



What do you stand for?

By Ira Linville, South Central Region Director

What makes you tick? Think about it. For the SWCS, our mission is our driving force that keeps us ticking. You know, "to foster the science and the art of soil, water, and related natural resource management to achieve sustainability." Sound familiar?



What makes our SWCS tick? Yes, we have a mission and vision statement. But, the SWCS members who are dedicated, informed, and effective conservation leaders make us tick. Our multidisciplinary membership is how we achieve the vision and accomplish our mission. As a Society, we are a sought-after source of knowledge and objective information by those who research, plan, and apply natural resource conservation. Our assistance is sought by policy makers at all levels. We are advocates for our membership and for the objects of our mission statement.

Just as each of us has an individual set of principles by which we live, the SWCS has guiding principles that are, or should be, revered by our members. Without simply restating each of the thirteen principles, I summarize them as follows:

- *We promote a conservation ethic, especially on privately owned agricultural and forest land (working land). This includes responsible use of our natural resources.
- *We do not exclude anyone who shares our values, our mission and our vision.
- *We seek out and facilitate the involvement and development of members and potential members who work to support the SWCS mission and vision and who can lead the Society.
- *We value trust and honesty. Integrity is important to our Society.
- *We value volunteerism and partnerships and respect the rights of private landowners.
- *We, as a nonprofit organization, methodically operate the organization and its resources with planning and dedication to support and achieve our mission.

As I said, our members make the Society tick. It is our members' dedication and professionalism that keep us moving forward on our mission. Our vision and guiding principles help us stay focused. Now, what makes you tick?

Board holds fall meeting in Des Moines

The SWCS Board of Directors met at the Airport Radisson in Des Moines for their annual fall meeting October 5 and 6. Topping the list of action items were revisions to the roles and responsibilities for several SWCS committees. The Board received department updates from staff in communications, membership and corporate membership, professional development, financial management, and special projects. The Board agreed to work with a facilitator at the Spring 2007 meeting to develop a new strategic plan to replace the current plan that was developed back in 1999.

During the second day of meetings, progress was reported on current initiatives, including member recruitment and retention and member surveys. Several possible future initiatives were discussed and prioritized, including development of an on-line format for the *Journal*, a series of primers to be added to special publications, new conferences, and distance learning.

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mendations to the Board of Directors regarding a working plan and charge for the new committee to be presented to the Board. Committee development is still underway and will be reported to membership as details are known.

Three issues presented by the Georgia Chapter at this year's House of Delegates meeting at the annual conference have been referred to the Science and Policy Committee for review and recommendations, with findings to be reported to the Board of Directors. These include:

- *Improved estimates of conservation tillage,
- *Improving the Soil Conditioning Index for peanut rotations, and
- *Improving recognition of the benefits of conservation practices in water conservation and drought mitigation.



Kentucky Bluegrass Fall Meeting

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and Mammoth Cave/WKU Tour

The Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) is hosting its fall meeting near Cave City, Kentucky, at Mammoth Cave National Park and surrounding areas on October 30, 2006.

SWCS will meet at 9:00 a.m. (CDT) at Mammoth Cave National Park Visitor's Center to begin the program. Lunch will be served at the Mammoth Cave Hotel Restaurant. The meeting will begin with a tour of two farms with CREP practices and Western Kentucky University's (WKU) Biopreserve farm and conclude back at Mammoth Cave for a short cave and walking tour and discussion about karst areas and CREP benefits at Mammoth Cave. SWCS will then conduct a short business meeting after the tour ends. The meeting is expected to end by 3:30 pm (CDT).

This meeting will offer participants an ideal time to view the ongoing efforts of individuals and groups that have committed to conserve and preserve the wonderful natural resources that are found in this region of the Commonwealth.

With the changes taking place in the foliage of the landscape during this special time of the year; this occasion will provide all in attendance a great opportunity to view the beauty of nature. Invite a friend, co-worker or family member and come on down to South Central Kentucky for this time of fellowship as we learn and share together. Thanks for your continued efforts to "Foster the science and the art of soil, water, and related natural resources management to achieve sustainability".

For more information, contact Danny K. Hughes, Jr. at phone: (859) 224-7392

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Technical meetings and book sales top Empire State Chapter's events

Fall has been busy for the SWCS New York Empire State Chapter as they conclude a successful field day event for agricultural and conservation professionals and jump into preparations for the annual meeting in November. "Technology Meets the Environment" was held October 5th at the Mulligan farm in Avon, New York and featured presentations on conservation tillage and cutting-edge technology for farmers. The event was partnered with USDA-NRCS, Agricultural Consulting Services, Inc, John Deere Lakeland Equipment, and Unverferth Manufacturing Company.



(above) Members view root development and earthworm holes in the path of the previous fall subsoiler, demonstrating the importance of conservation tillage.

The annual meeting, scheduled for November 8, 2006 at the Holiday Inn in Auburn, New York will feature technical sessions linking roadside ditches to stormwater quantity/quality and the Root Production Method for tree production.. In addition to conducting chapter business and committee updates, SWCS President Theo Dillaha and Larry Geohring from Cornell University will make afternoon presentations on the effectiveness of vegetated filters for both silage/barnyard/milkhouse waste and as buffers for streams and buffers influence (continued on page 7)

Chapter officer information needed

We would like to make sure that we have complete and accurate chapter officer information. Please take a few minutes to send us a list of all your chapter officers and their current email addresses. The list should be emailed to: memberservices@swcs.org



Ohio Chapter commemorates 50!

Notable speakers and anniversary banquet mark the occasion

The All Ohio Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society commemorated its 50th Anniversary on September 5-8, 2006 in Columbus, Ohio by presenting a conference entitled *Floodplains, Riparian Zones, and Buffer Strips: Key Components to Aquatic Life Attainment and Self-Sustaining Stream and Watershed Systems*. The conference (and related workshops) was organized in collaboration with the faculty and staff of the Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering at The Ohio State University.

More than 165 people from 15 states and Canada, including 15 past presidents of the All Ohio Chapter, attended the event that centered on the theme of "Celebrating 50 Years of Conservation and Beyond". Events included a technical tour to view urban stormwater best management practices; a conference with presentations from 12 nationally and internationally recognized speakers from 5 states; one 4-day workshop; five 1-day workshops; a CPESC Certification Examination on Erosion and Sediment Control, and 14 exhibits.



(above) Rich Mitsch, recipient of the Stockholm Water Prize speaks to the group.

The conference began with an insightful introductory address by Craig Cox, Executive Director of SWCS. This was followed by a stimulating presentation by



(above) Craig Cox presents new student chapter charter plaque to Melissa Fries

Professor Bill Mitsch, a recent recipient of the Stockholm Water Prize, on "Putting Back the Floodplains and Wetlands of the Mississippi-Ohio-Missouri (MOM) Watershed and Its Delta: The Nation's Greatest Restoration Project". Other eminent speakers were Dave Baker, Norm Fausey, Jon Fripp, Jon Hayes, Ed Herricks, Ted Napier, Deni Porej, Ed Rankin, Stan Trimble, Peter Whiting, and Lance Williams. All the presentations were excellent and were very well received.

Other events included a 50th anniversary banquet, a commemorative luncheon, and a meeting of All Ohio Chapter members. At the banquet past presidents shared their memories, insight, and advice on the last 50 years of All Ohio Chapter and the future of conservation. In attendance were the very first president of the All Ohio Chapter, David Brooks; many other past presidents and officers and the current president, Sean Browning. Melvin Westbrook, NRCS International Activities Program Specialist, flew in from Maryland to attend this event. Luncheon speakers included David Hanselmann, Chief of ODNR's Division of Soil and Water Conservation, and Terry Cosby, NRCS State Conservationist for Ohio. The luncheon concluded with Craig Cox, Executive Director of the Soil and Water Conservation Society presenting a student chapter charter to Melissa Fries, President of the newly created TerrAqua Ohio Student Chapter at The Ohio State University.

Further details on the speakers and their presentations can be obtained at the <http://streams.osu.edu/>.



National Capital Chapter tours largest research farm

A special tour of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) and the National Plant Materials Center (PMC) was hosted by the National Capital Chapter (NCC) of the Soil and Water Conservation Society and USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) on September 21, 2006. In sync with the NCC theme this year, the tour focused on "Cutting Edge Research for Conservation Technology".

Lunch was at the historic Log Cabin and Visitors Center. After lunch President Beth Sauerhaft presented the Norman A. Berg – Conservation Legacy Award 2006 to R. Neil Sampson. Both Neil and Norm made inspirational comments.

The Beltsville Plant Materials Center primarily focuses on national initiatives and provides coordination and assistance for plant materials work across all 50 states. Beyond national duties, the center has developed plants and technology to help conserve natural resources in the Mid-Atlantic region. The center has released new varieties of Bermuda Grass and black locust, and has researched and published information on growing wildflowers and native grasses in the region, and on sand dune restoration.



(above) More than 30 participants tour the ARS center and NRCS Plant Materials Center

Alabama Chapter wins 2005 Professional Development Award

The Leadership Development and Professional Development Committees are encouraging chapters to report their accomplishments each year to be eligible for an annual chapter award, which is recognized each year at the Society's annual conference. In addition, chapter award selection, chapter information is used to inform the SWCS Leadership Development Committee, the Board of Directors, and SWCS staff of each chapter's activities during the past calendar year, and more importantly, to share activities among chapters.

This year's recipient of the Chapter Professional Development Award is the Alabama Chapter. The chapter was one of two recipients of this award last year and has continued to offer outstanding opportunities for SWCS members and non-members. Most of the Chapter's professional development activities focus on continuing education for Certified Professionals in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC). The Chapter offers the CPESC review course and a proctored exam twice annually and in 2004-2005 held four one-day courses and five field

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and P transport. The afternoon will conclude with a panel discussion by the day's presenters and a question/answer period for participants.

A major fund raiser for the Empire State Chapter has been the sale of their published "Blue Book" on the New York State standards and specifications for erosion and sediment control. The book is a manual for erosion and sediment control plans, written for the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, and was a collaborative effort of several agencies, including USDA-NRCS, Cornell University, and New York State departments. New York law requires every construction site larger than one acre to have an erosion and sedimentation control plan written by a Certified Erosion and Sedimentation Control expert, which initiated the need for this important reference. Information about the reference can be found on the chapter's website at <http://www.swcsnewyork.org/>.



SWCS benefits members and non-members

by Ross Braun, Membership Committee

In the process of recruiting SWCS members, we do a good job of identifying the professional benefits that members receive. However, there is another significant type of benefit that SWCS offers. SWCS provides opportunities for us to extend our conservation impact beyond our daily responsibilities. I feel lucky to have a job that I believe in and enjoy. And, I think most natural resource professionals feel the same way. We want to do all we can to advance soil and water conservation. Membership in SWCS gives us the ability to expand our conservation influence. We can address issues that are not included in our day-to-day job. Through SWCS, we can network and influence people we do not necessarily encounter in our paid profession.



Many SWCS chapters successfully advance conservation by conducting educational activities for a wide variety of professions. As an NRCS employee, I have had limited conservation involvement with bankers, health officials, or land developers. SWCS activities, especially chapter workshops, provided me with events where I made valuable contact with people in disciplines other than conservation. Workshops about on-site septic systems, the economics of soil and water conservation, and community planning broadened my interaction and influence on important people. These have been very rewarding experiences.

Many organizations are interested in conservation education and addressing soil and water issues. They may be very interested in collaborating with SWCS. Some non-traditional partners to consider for future collaboration include banking organizations, home

builders' associations, land use planners, health department inspectors, and lawyers. Facilitating cooperative activities with these organizations is a valuable service to them and to SWCS members. It can dramatically expand our conservation efforts. Individuals associated with these organizations may also be good candidates for SWCS membership.

When inviting people to join SWCS we should appeal to the altruistic nature and their personal interests in the environment. Make it a formal invitation. People like to be invited, wanted, and even needed.

Finally, do not forget our standard list of SWCS membership benefits:

- Professional development and education
- Visibility and career enhancement
- Networking with conservation leaders and peers from other locations
- Receiving the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*
- Non-partisan influence on conservation, environmental, and agriculture policy
- Discounts on publications and conferences
- Scholarships

IN MEMORIAM

We remember those friends who have passed on and keep their families in our thoughts.

Dr. Raymond Richard Allmaras, of Roseville, Minnesota died October 12, 2006 at 80 years of age. Dr. Allmaras was born and raised on a farm near New Rockford, North Dakota and earned his B.S. degree from North Dakota State University in 1952, where he was scheduled to receive an Outstanding Alumni Award this month. Following graduation, he married Modesta Michalek on June 21, 1952 and joined USDA-ARS as a soil scientist, leading to a career spanning 44 years. He earned his Master of Science degree in 1956 from the University of Nebraska and soon after, his Ph.D. from Iowa State
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Conservation Service and lived the remainder of his life in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

During his lifetime, Swede was a loyal alumni and supporter of Oklahoma State University; Committee Chairman, Class of 1940, for the construction of Henry G. Bennett statute – 1991; and served as president of several organizations, including the Soil and Water Conservation Society; the National Association of Retired Soil Conservation Employees; Stillwater Country Club, where he also served on the board; National Association of Retired Federal Employee; and the Stillwater Exchange Club. He served as alumni advisor for the Alpha Gamma Rho (AGR) Fraternity at Oklahoma State University for several years and was an active member of the First Methodist Church in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Mr. Martin is survived by his wife, of 64 years, Julia Anderson Martin of Cushing, Oklahoma; a son, Vernon D. and his wife, Kanda, Martin of St. Simons Island, Georgia; a daughter, Judy and her husband, Lars B., Ostervold of Columbus, Georgia; five grandchildren, ten great grandchildren; a sister, Jocille and her husband, George, Kienlen, Arvada, Colorado; two sisters-in-law and several nieces and nephews. Swede lived knowing his family and friends loved him.

Memorial services were held at Cushing Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 with burial at Euchee Valley Memorial Park, east of Cushing, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers, family requests that memorials be made to the Oklahoma State University Foundation, the Soil and Water Conservation Society, or Judith Karmen Hospice, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

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University. He joined the USDA-ARS laboratory in Morris, Minnesota, where he worked from 1960 to 1971, when he became research leader for ARS in Pendleton, Oregon. He would remain there for the next 14 years until returning to Minnesota to join the Soil and Water Management Unit in St. Paul, retiring in 2001. During his time in St. Paul, he also served as an adjunct professor in the Department of Soil, Water and Climate at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Allmaras' accomplishments are many over the course of his career including more than 200 refereed publications, and leadership in several professional societies and the community. He received a number of awards, the latest of which were the prestigious Soil Science Professional Achievement Award (2005) from the Soil Science Society of America and the North Dakota State University Alumni Achievement Award (2006). He was elected a Fellow in five different scientific societies and was a member of eight professional societies. Dr. Allmaras was a veteran of the Korean War and did volunteer work with the Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, VFW, and Boy Scouts of America. He traveled and lectured internationally, and mentored and encouraged students and colleagues alike. His sincere interest in his profession and the research works of others made him an exemplary citizen to the scientific community. Dr. Allmaras is survived by four sisters, two brothers, five children, and five grandchildren.

Keith Roble of Presque Isle, Maine. Mr. Roble was a member of the Maine Pine Tree Chapter.

William H. Matthews of Wapello, Iowa. Mr. Matthews was a Life member of the Iowa Chapter.



**Happy anniversary to our members
who joined or reinstated their
memberships in the month of
October!**

20 Consecutive Years

Virgil Beougher
Mrs. Henry S. Stamatel

10 Consecutive Years

Dan Butler
Clarence L. Finley
Jennifer Hayward
Andrea King
Craig King
Carol H. Klein
Kevin Kuhn
Morris Lobrecht
Cristine Morgan
John H. Peverly
Sherman D. Reed
Stanley W. Steury
Dianne Watts

5 Consecutive Years

Eastern Panhandle SCD
Margaret L. Addington
Davin Althoff
April Brandt
John Clausen
Rob Fredericksen
Dale Fulk
William F. Garvin
Lorella B. Jennings
Madhu Khanna
Bradley A. King
Kent S. Koptiuch
John S. Kruse
Roderick Kuykendall

Marvin Lundstedt
Jim Powell
Jeremy Redden
Terry L. Schumacher
Bob Tribelhorn

**Welcome new members
Congratulations to the Louisiana Chapter
with eight new members and the Michigan
Chapter with four new members!**

Alabama

Thomas Kirkland

Canada-Ontario

Aisha Chiandet
Carly Dulberg

DC-National Capital Chapter

Anthony J. Cavaliere
Arlen Lancaster
Jackie Roscoe

Florida

Kenneth Lackmann

University of Georgia

Adam Speir

Iowa

Mike S. Winkie

Kansas

Michael Henderson

Louisiana

Karla E. Allen
Christopher B. Coreil Jr.
Dustin Farmer
Justin B. Hinkel

MEMBER RECOGNITIONS



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UPCOMING EVENTS

NRCS CONSERVATION PLANNING COURSE - MODULES 6-8

October 23 through 27, 2006
SWCS Michigan Chapter
Marshall, Michigan
Contact: DFKesselring@aol.com

KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS FALL MEETING

October 30, 2006
Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter
Mammoth Cave National Park - Cave City, Kentucky
Contact: Danny K. Hughes, Jr.
Phone: (859) 224-7392
Email: danny.hughes@ky.usda.gov

EMPIRE STATE CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING

Link between Road Side Ditches and Storm Water Quality and Quantity
November 8, 2006
Auburn, New York
Contact: Tibor Horvath
Email: tibor.horvath@ny.usda.gov

For more event information, visit the SWCS web calendar at:

http://www.swcs.org/en/calendar_of_events_and_resources/

George W. Mason
Eran C. Robinson
D. Scott Romero
Brandon Samson

Michigan

Adam Shedd
Kevin Kowalk
Carrie Vollmer-Sanders
Sarah Zeiler

Mississippi

Oktoc Water Association

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

John Quinn
Courtney Quinn

NJ-Firman E. Bear

Dave M. Clapp

New Mexico

Susan Rich
Karyn Ruiz-Toro

NY-Empire State

Suzy Daubert

TX-North Texas

Erin M. Cafferty

Virginia Tech University

Helene Seita

Wyoming

Heather Cole
Teresa E. Koper
Drew Mather



Serious graziers will meet in St. Louis

December October 13, 2006

Third National Conference on Grazing Lands

Nearly 2,000 people with an interest in grazing are expected to meet in St. Louis December 10-13, 2006 for the Third National Conference on Grazing Lands. The conference is hosted by the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI). It will provide a forum for exchange of information, an opportunity to identify grazing land research and program needs, and a chance to see new products and learn about new services.

There will be presentations about grazing management from a variety of sources, including farmers, ranchers, and representatives of universities and agricultural agencies. Technical assistance will be emphasized. The conference also should heighten public awareness of the economic and environmental aspects of grazing lands.

Presentations will focus on: building partnerships between agricultural, grazing and urban communities; successful cutting-edge management technologies for grazing practices; economic, marketing and public policy implications of grazing; and optimizing grazing land health for environmental and social benefits.

For more information about the conference, including registration information, visit www.glci.org, and click on the "grazing conference" link.

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days on erosion and sediment control BMPs. They also held a professional technical conference on planning and managing lands for multiple land uses, including wetlands, agriculture, forest, and urban.

Chapter reports and forms for each award can be found on the SWCS website at:

www.swcs.org/en/members/leadership_awards_reports/

For more information on these awards, contact Judy Doerner, Chair, Leadership Development Committee at: 802-951-6796 (work) or 802-862-4757 (home) or Judy.Doerner@vt.usda.gov.