



GEORGIA CHAPTER SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



1997 Georgia Chapter Annual Meeting

The 1997 annual meeting of the Georgia Chapter was held on June 25 in Macon. The members and guests attending enjoyed an excellent program with outstanding presentations. The chapter appreciates the continued support from Monsanto Chemical Company by supplying refreshments for the annual meeting. Thanks are also extended to the Section VP's and others who contributed door prizes for the meeting. **Plan now to attend the 1998 annual meeting of the Georgia Chapter. We need your participation.**

1997 GA Chapter Award Winners

The annual GA Chapter awards were presented at a luncheon in conjunction with the annual meeting. Thanks to Dan Thomas, Awards Chairman, for his efforts in the awards program. The 1997 award winners were:

Merit Award - Mr. Billy Russell, Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission, for contributions to the advancement of conservation tillage in Georgia.

Environmental Educator of the Year - Mr. Terry Seehorn, biology teacher at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School, for efforts in founding the Envirothon in Georgia.

Congratulations to these award winners.

We all know people and groups putting forth extraordinary efforts in promoting conservation in Georgia. Plan now to nominate them for a GA Chapter award. It doesn't take much time.

Precision Farming Trade Show and Forum

The third annual Precision Farming Trade Show and Forum will be held June 4-5, 1998 at the Rural Development Center in Tifton. This event is one of the premier precision farming shows in the Southeast Region and brings together academic, industry, and on-farm expertise related to precision farming. Equipment demonstrations, seminars, and hands-on activities are planned. For more information, contact the National Environmentally Sound Production Agriculture Laboratory (NESPAL) at 912-386-7274. Make plans now to attend.

Robbie Robison Passes Away

Robbie Robison, long time member and supporter to the Georgia Chapter of SWCS, died August 30, 1997. Robbie was a retired Agriculture Engineer with the Soil Conservation Service. Robbie was a fellow of the SWCS and among the leadership positions he held in the Society were Southeast Regional Vice President, President of the Georgia Chapter, and advisor to the UGA Student Chapter of SWCS. The Chapter would like to express our sympathy to Robbie's wife, Pat, as well

as the rest of the family. Robbie's contributions to the SWCS and conservation in Georgia will be missed.

Upcoming Events

Georgia Conservation Tillage Alliance Meeting - February 24-25, Douglas

State Science Fair - April 16-18, UGA, Athens

South Georgia CPESC Tutorial and Exam - April (date and place to be announced)

Georgia Chapter Executive Committee Meeting - June 10, Griffin

Natural Resources Conservation Workshop - June 7-12, Tifton. Plan now to send students to this outstanding educational workshop. For more information contact Joel Wood at 912-276-2643

Georgia Envirothon - Plan now to form and coach teams. For more information, contact Greg Kist at 706-798-7967

For more information on any of these events contact any of the Georgia Chapter Officers

1998 Annual Meeting

President-elect, Jean Steiner, is working on plans for the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Georgia Chapter. The annual meeting is planned for Friday, September 18 at the Georgia State Botanical Garden in Athens. Those of you who have not toured the Botanical Garden are in for a real treat, as it is a beautiful place that should be a source of pride to all Georgians. Our program for the annual meeting is being developed around the theme of Natural Resource Management at the Urban:Rural

Interface. We believe that this will be of broad interest to our membership, including the growing core of members who are joining the Society out of the CPESC program. Current plans are to have a half-day program, the awards lunch, and the business meeting followed by a tour of the Botanical Garden for members and guests.

Wally George is looking into the possibility of obtaining a block of tickets to the University of Georgia football game with Wyoming on Saturday, September 19. Please mark your calendars for September 18 and 19 and plan to spend the weekend in Athens. Detailed information and registration forms will be mailed as we get closer to the meeting.

Attendance at the GA Chapter Annual Meeting will provide 0.5 CEU for CPESC certification.

National Membership Week

The national Society sponsored National Membership Week November 10-16, 1997 with a goal of increasing membership in the Society by at least 10%. The GA Chapter's goal in this drive was to recruit 12 new members. Although the National Membership Week has passed, the need to recruit new members has not. We all have colleagues that would benefit from membership and that could contribute to the Society. So, sign one up today. Membership applications are available from any Chapter officer or from the National Office in Ankeny (1-800-THEOIL or on the web page <http://www.swcs.org>).

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Contact any of these officers if you have questions, needs, or concerns about the Georgia Chapter.

A note from the editor: If you have any newsworthy item of interest to the membership, please forward them to your section vice president or to me, Larry T. West, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7272; 706-542-0906; FAX 706-542-0914; email: lwest@uga.cc.uga.edu.