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## President's Message



by *Dianne Bradley, President*

Drivers, start your engines. The pace car has started, as the official car leads the competitors at a safe speed during warm-up. The race cars are using the preliminary laps to warm up their tires, transmission, engine fluids and other components of the race car. The cars now come to a rolling start as the green flag waves. We are off to "Setting the Pace for Conservation".

Many SWCS members gathered at the Crossroads of America and in the racing capital of the world to discuss, present issues and to continue to be a leading player in setting conservation policy and keeping conservationists attuned to the latest in conservation technology and practice.

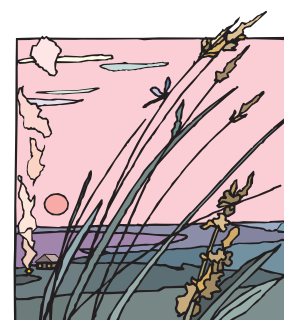
It has been said by many that the current level of awareness for conservation need and support for adequate funding for conservation has never been higher. This is evident by the recent passage of the 2002 Farm Bill. The 2002 SWCS Annual Conference program was organized around this issue with three broad multi-disciplinary program topics. The three areas of focus were: land use - reconciling economic, ethics, and ecology; managing non-point source water pollution; and measuring conservation progress. In addition several opportunities provided information and education as well as a great time to network, meet new partners, greet old friends, and have a lot of fun. This opportunity was experienced at the Family Social Night held at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis with an "Old Time Indiana State Fair" buffet and the many Technical Tours offered to Purdue University; Dow AgroScience, Monsanto, and the National FFA Headquarters; and Caves Carbon, and Wine to name a few.

The Chapter Development Workshop focused on the continued declining membership and what can be done to increase membership with chapter activities, workshops, and the possibility of chapters offering CEUs to support planer certification requirements. Chapters shared ideas and current activities with others to provide support for membership. This will be a continuing battle for chapters in the present and future. It will require pit stops along the way to refuel, change tires, and make mechanical adjustments during our race to increase membership. I am sure we will encounter spin outs along the way resulting from being tapped, racing to close, or clipping another while attempting to move to the front of the conservation movement.

The Plenary Session highlighted speakers and panels with such people as Bruce Knight, Chief of USDA's NRCS; Otto Doering, Prude University Professor; Craig Cox, Executive Director of the SWCS; and Jeff Vonk, Director of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to name a few. Focus was on the topics concerning the 2002 Farm Bill and what the future will hold in conservation as a result of this new legislation.

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**"Wetlands in Missouri:  
Challenges, Problems or Opportunities?"  
Missouri Show-Me Chapter Fall Forum  
September 24, 2002  
Governor's Office Building, Room 450  
Jefferson City, Missouri  
Registration: 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM  
Program: 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
Catered Lunch: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
(see related story on page 6)**





## Indy Conference Focuses on Farm Bill

Over 700 people attended the 57th SWCS Annual Conference in Indianapolis. Highlights of the conference included all three plenary sessions, educational tours, and some very interesting concurrent sessions and poster presentations. New NRCS Chief Bruce Knight and U.S. Deputy Secretary Jim Moseley gave encouraging speeches about the administration's commitment to soil and water conservation. Show-Me Chapter members attending included Diane Bradley (chapter delegate), Wendi Rogers, Teresa Philbert, Kevin Scherr, David Speidel, Gary Baclesse, Marilyn Gann, Ross Braun, Claire Baffaut, Verel Benson, Eugene Albers, and Randy Miles. Claire, Verel, David, Gene and Randy gave presentations.

The second plenary session included a diverse panel who discussed and debated the conservation merits of the 2002 Farm Bill. The panel included SWCS Executive Director Craig Cox, an Iowa farmer, an economist from Purdue University, an environmental lawyer and representative of ag-business. Voluntary and regulatory approaches to environmental protection was the theme for the final plenary session. George Anthan from the Des Moines Register's Washington Bureau moderated the exciting discussions of a Nebraska row-crop farmer, Indiana pork producer, Pete Nowak, professor of rural sociology at the University of Wisconsin, and Jeff Vonk, director of Iowa DNR.

Paul Whitsell was the only Missourian to receive an award.



*Teresa Philbert, Diane Bradley, Gary Baclesse and Kevin Scherr enjoy supper with friends from Arizona and Oklahoma after a long day at the Annual Conference.*

A member of the Central Missouri Student Chapter, he received a Cohee Student Leader in Conservation Scholarship. The Show-Me Chapter was runner-up for the Chapter Professional Development award.

The Show-Me Chapter donated two Missouri back-scratchers, a Missouri ham, two bottles of Missouri wine, and an SWCS walnut jewelry box. The Indianapolis Chapter made over \$1,600 at the silent auction.

## President's Message

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### Other Highlights:

The Board of Directors acted during its meeting on July 12, 2002 to raise membership dues. The Board of Directors decided to raise dues:

- ❖ Enough to sustain our current level of effort through 2002
- ❖ Generate sufficient income in the near-term to accelerate efforts to develop new sources of funds through program development and efforts to retain and recruit members.
- ❖ Set dues at levels comparable to other natural resource societies. (Refer to table.)

Specifically, the Board of Directors elected to set annual dues for Conservationist at \$75, Leader at \$125, President's Club at \$188, and Nonprofit Partner at \$94. The House of Delegates determined, through a vote of delegates present, to raise chapter dues by \$1. Information was provided on additional income needed to support current programming and the effects on this income with \$1 and \$2 increases in chapter dues. This information assisted the Board of Directors

and the House of Delegates in making their decisions. This dues increase will not take effect until later this fall. That gives us another point to sell individuals on joining now at a lower rate than later this fall.

So now it is time for you to help "Set the Pace for Conservation" and take the white flag indicating the final lap which almost always is one of the most exciting as lead drivers (WE) maneuver for the best possible position in meeting the conservation effort. We look forward to seeing the black and white checkered flag as we continue our conservation and membership activities and record our position in the history of natural resource conservation. See you in Spokane Washington in 2003.

DUES IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES SIMILAR TO SWCS				
Society	Basic Dues	Publication	Chapter Dues	Total
Society of Range Management	\$50	\$15	\$5	\$70
Wildlife Society	\$58	\$48	\$5 to \$20	\$111 to \$126
International Erosion Control Association	\$145	\$0	\$15 to \$25	\$160 to \$170
Society of American Foresters*	\$65	\$0	\$1 to \$25	\$66 to \$90
American Society of Agronomy	\$63	\$50	\$0	\$113

\*Society of American Forestry dues increase on a sliding scale based on length of membership in SAF.

# Timelines & Deadlines



## West North Central SWCS Conference

*“Changing Faces of Conservation and Agriculture”*

Come to Moline, Illinois, in October 2002 and see how the changing faces of agriculture and conservation affect America’s working lands—particularly in the Upper Mississippi River Basin.

### Topics to be addressed include:

- Conservation provisions in the new Farm Bill
- Conservation research
- Conservation delivery systems
- Trend to fewer and larger farm operations
- Specialty and niche farming
- Economic trends in agriculture
- Policy, research and practice alternatives

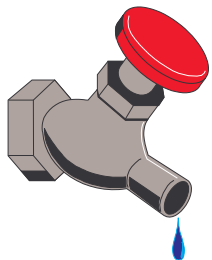
### Conference will include:

- Plenary and breakout sessions
- Exhibits
- Poster Papers
- Post-meeting boat tours of the Mississippi River backwaters
- Planned evening activity

Attendance at the Changing Faces of Conservation and Agriculture conference qualifies as continuing professional improvement training the NRCS requires of Certified Natural Resource Conservation Planners in order to maintain certification. Web address for more information: [http://www.iaswcs.org/west\\_north\\_central.htm](http://www.iaswcs.org/west_north_central.htm).

## Craig Cox To Speak At 2002 World Food Prize International Symposium

The World Food Prize International Symposium “From the Middle East to the Middle West: Managing Freshwater Shortages and Regional Water Security,” will be held in Des Moines, Iowa October 24-25, 2002. This symposium promises to be a stimulating examination of one of the most critical and potentially volatile issues in the world will face in the 21st Century - managing water resources for optimum conservation and quality. Speakers from Egypt, Israel, The West Bank, Syria, United Arab Emirates, Sweden, Vietnam, Canada, and the United States will be at the symposium.



Craig Cox, Executive Director of the SWCS, will be featured on a panel discussion led by Chief Agricultural Writer of the New York Times, Ms. Elizabeth Becker. The discussion will focus on the heightened concerns about water quality throughout the United States and agricultural practices that are providing to be more sustainable in a water-short world.

There is no fee to attend. For more information, please visit the web site at <http://www.worldfoodprize.org/Symposium/symposium.htm>.

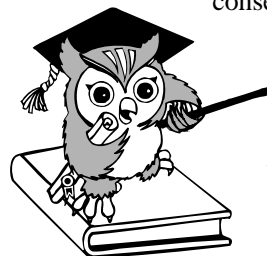
## Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship Announced

by: *Beverly Maltsberger, Scholarship Chair*

The Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarships provide financial assistance to students wishing to pursue studies with a natural resource conservation orientation at properly accredited colleges or universities. One \$1000 First Place Scholarship and one \$500 Second Place Scholarship will be awarded. Scholarship recipients also receive a complimentary one-year membership in SWCS and the local chapter.

This scholarship is for students who attended high school in Missouri. The student need not be an SWCS member. Applicants must be in their senior year of high school, or in a full-time undergraduate academic study. They must major in a

conservation or natural resource-related field



such as soil science, land use planning, forestry, wildlife management, fisheries, agricultural engineering, hydrology, rural sociology, agronomy, water management, agricultural economics, agricultural education, or related environmental protection or resource management curricula. Applications

must attend, or plan to attend, a college or university that is properly accredited by national or regional accrediting bodies, or their equivalence. Financial need will not be a factor in selection.

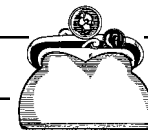
Applications for 2002-2003 must be postmarked by November 30, 2002. The scholarship application form is available on the Missouri Show-Me Chapter SWCS web site home page (<http://swcs.missouri.edu>) or by contacting Beverly Maltsberger, Buchanan County Extension Center 4125 Mitchell Ave., PO BOX 7077, St. Joseph, MO 64507-7077, phone (816) 279-1691 email: [maltsbergerb@missouri.edu](mailto:maltsbergerb@missouri.edu). From the web site, click to view the 2002-2003 application form on-line, or to download an MS Word document containing the application. (Right-click on the link and save the document, then view in Word.)

Each application must include:

- 1) An essay as described in this announcement
- 2) Two letters of recommendation (school advisor, teacher, employer, community leader, etc.)
- 3) List of positions of leadership and conservation activities, including dates and related organizations.
- 4) Most recently available high school and/or college transcript (copy)
- 5) Essay: The theme of the 2003 Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship is “Wetlands in Missouri: Challenges, Problems or Opportunities?” Scholarship applications must include a 3 to 5-page essay answering the following questions, “What are your opinions about the protection and development of wetlands and why do you feel that way?”

# Notes from the Treasurer

by Joe Dillard, Treasurer



## Treasurer's Report

January 23, 2002 - April 25, 2002

Ending Total Assets\*, August 29 ..... \$17,465.20  
Beginning Total Assets, June 27 ..... \$18,393.16  
Net Change in Assets for the Period ..... \$ -927.96

Total Income or Increase for Period ..... \$569.80  
Brommelsiek Fund Donations ..... 500.00  
Interest on savings account - June, July ..... 69.62  
Interest on checking account -June, July ..... .18

Total Expenses or Decrease for Period ..... \$ 1,497.76  
Annual Meeting Registration (Ken Berry) ..... 210.00  
Broemmelsiek Scholarship (Cory Robinson-UMC)1,000.00  
Broemmelsiek Fund Mailings (Postage) ..... 15.15  
Brommelsiek Fund Investment Value Change ..... 272.61

### \*Asset Distribution

Conservation Employees Credit Union (CECU) ..... \$15,394.20  
Savings Account Balance ..... 15,384.26  
Checking Account Balance ..... 9.94  
EdwardJones ..... \$2,071.00\*\*  
Betty Broemmelsiek Endowment Fund ... 2,071.00

\*\* Invested in the Growth and Income Fund of the Investment Company of America (Account No. 650-11108-1-8)

## Member News



### SWCS Membership Report

by Curtis Gooch, Membership Chair

Well, it's been a very busy summer for me, as it probably has for everyone else. By now the kids are back in school and settling down for fall and Halloween. This summer has been busy for the Show Me Chapter as well, with a mass mailing for our 2002 membership drive to all NRCS employees in Missouri and targeted employees of the Missouri Department of Conservation and University Extension. Many of you may have seen a packet of SWCS information floating around your offices and if you still find them lying around, you may want to visit with those individuals and encourage them to join.

The Missouri, Show Me Chapter of SWCS would like to give a BIG WELCOME !! to the following new members.



**Doyle Burch** - NRCS ,Southeast  
**Gereon Brownsberger** - NRCS Southwest  
**Dean Stransky** - NRCS-Northeast  
**Thomas V. Dailey** - MDC Central

Please welcome these new members the next time you see them and keep them in your thoughts as regional activities are planned.

As always, look for new membership opportunities and call or email if you need me to send out any membership information. Have a great fall and I look forward to seeing everyone at the FALL FORUM.

## Calendar of Events

- Missouri Show-Me Chapter Fall Forum: "Wetlands in Missouri: Challenges, Problems or Opportunities?", September 24, 2002, Governor's Office Building, Room 450, Jefferson City, MO.
- West North Central SWCS Conference, "Changing Faces of Conservation and Agriculture - the Future of Working Lands", October 8-10, 2002, Holiday Inn, Moline, IL. Contact [www.iaswcs.org/west\\_north\\_central.html](http://www.iaswcs.org/west_north_central.html).
- 2002 World Food Prize International Symposium, "From the Middle East to the Middle West: Managing Freshwater Shortages and Regional Water Security", October 23-35, 2002, Des Moines, Iowa, Contact <http://www.worldfoodprize.org/Symposium/symposium.htm>.
- Betty Broemmelsiek Memorial Scholarship Applications Due November 30, 2002, Contact Beverly Maltsberger, 816-279-1691, [maltsbergerb@missouri.edu](mailto:maltsbergerb@missouri.edu).
- Missouri Natural Resources Conference, January 29-31, 2003, Tan-Tar-A Resort & Golf Club, Lake of the Ozarks, MO. Contact <http://mnrc.org>
- West North Central Leadership Workshop, Annual workshop for chapter leaders and members, March 11-12, 2003, Ankeny, Iowa, Contact Ross Braun, 573-876-9426, [ross.braun@mo.usda.gov](mailto:ross.braun@mo.usda.gov).

# Happenings



## Southwest SWCS Area Tour

by Diane Bradley, President

The Southwest SWCS Area Tour was held in conjunction with the Miami Creek/Drexel Lake 319 Field Day on June 11th. This event is hosted by the Osage Valley RC&D and the Bates County Soil and Water Conservation District. Approximately 100 producers, agency personnel, and SWCS members braved the heat to tour six demonstration farms located within the Miami Creek/Drexel Lake Watershed. These farms have implemented various Best Management Practices (BMP's) on their operations.

The group toured a Warm Season Grass Planting, Tree Planting, and Rock Chute Structure on the City of Butler; an Integrated Crop Management System on Wainscott Farms; an Animal Waste Management System on Nieder Farms; Underground Outlet Discharge Option with a filter strip on Robert Burch; and Planned Grazing Systems on C.J. Shannon and James Catron.

Other highlights included an Enviroscape Model Demonstration by Joyce Rider, District Clerk during the barbecue lunch held at the Mo-Kan Livestock Market.

All the management systems attracted a great deal of interest from the tour group. The Osage Valley RC&D and the 319 Water Quality Project Team appreciate everyone's cooperation in making the 2002 Field Day a SUCCESS.



- Underground outlet discharge -



- Rock chute demonstration -



- Blue Jeb Subsoiler discussion -



- Nieder AWMS with group -



- Prescribed grazing system on C.J. Shannon's farm -

# SWCS Fall Forum

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Missouri was once home to vast acres of wetlands. These rich and fertile lands were drained and converted to cropland over the last 100 years. Wetland acres continue to dwindle as developments and other conversions occur. Loss of wetlands, nature's filtering system, reduces ground water recharge, leads to water quality reduction, loss of wildlife habitat, stream destabilization, and increased flooding. Landowners, managers and agency staff are challenged with fitting agriculture, urban development and wetland management on our landscape to reap

the benefits for water quality, recreation, flood reduction, and wildlife habitat.

Since the 1996 Farm Bill wetland trends are reversing. Missouri landowners have enrolled over 91,000 acres of wetlands in the USDA wetland programs, offered another 40,000 acres for enrollment, and are continuing to request wetland development assistance.

Wetland programs are allowing landowners to modify their management to shift cropping inputs to less flood prone land, utilizing wetlands for reduced siltation, capturing nutrients, and protecting drainage systems, and losing less crops to flooding.

This forum will allow participants to review opportunities wetlands can provide for nutrient management, flood reduction, wildlife habitat, and farm income. Producers will share their experiences of how they have developed and are managing wetlands to benefit their operations. Presentations will include the latest Farm Bill and Clean Water Act information on wetland regulations.

### Registration:

You are strongly encouraged to pre-register since the facilities can only accommodate 200 registrants and lunch can only be guaranteed for pre-registrants. Checks can be made payable to "Missouri Show-Me Chapter, SWCS" and mailed to the attention of Bob Hagedorn, c/o USDA-NRCS, 1715 West Worley, Suite C, Columbia, MO 65203. A registration/donation of \$15.00 per person (includes lunch) is requested by September 16, 2002.

For future updates and additional information view the Missouri Show-Me Chapter website at:

Anyone who joins SWCS receives a FREE registration provided you PRE-REGISTER!

(Parking is available across street in city parking garage.)

RETURN WITH PAYMENT		
MISSOURI SHOW-ME CHAPTER SWCS FALL FORUM REGISTRATION		
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Employee	_____	
Representing	_____	
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Registration	_____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
New Member Registration (Lunch Only - Free Registration)	_____ @ \$8.50	\$ _____
Membership	_____ @ \$60.00	\$ _____
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