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# SHOW-ME CHAPTER

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## DAVID SPEIDEL IN IRAQ!



Here's a photo that David Speidel, Show-Me Chapter member, recently sent to show what he is doing in Iraq. (David is the guy in the second row in the blue shirt.)

David R. Speidel  
Agricultural Advisor PRT Diyala,  
Iraq  
Provincial Reconstruction Team

## FALL FORUM 2007—SUMMARY REPORT BY MIKE MORRIS

The Show-Me Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society hosted its annual Fall Forum this year at the Comfort Inn in Macon, Missouri. This year's topic was "Environmental Impacts of Increased Bio-Fuel Production on Soil and Water Resources". Approximately 60 people attended the Forum which featured 5 speakers, a catered meal and wrapped up with a tour of the Ethanol Plant in Macon.

The speakers at this year's Forum were Ron Plain, Professor from the University of Missouri (UMC), Department of Economics who spoke on "Bio-fuels Impact on Agriculture", Representative Brian Munzlinger who provided insights from a Legislative and Corn Grower perspective, Bob Broz, Water Quality Specialist from UMC who spoke on the "Effects on Our Environmental and Water Resources", Claire Baffaut, Program Director for Watersheds, Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) who spoke on "Quantifying Impacts on Soil and Water Quality", and Peter Scharf, Nutrient Management Specialist of Plant Sciences, UMC who spoke on "Negotiating the Minefield of Soil and Nutrient Management for Bio-fuel Production".

A catered meal was served for attendees and speakers followed by a question and answer period with each of the speakers present. A tour of the Ethanol Plant in Macon completed the day's activities. The Missouri Farm Bureau provided refreshments for the event.

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#### Special points of interest:

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## President's Corner BY KIM WORTH



Further on in this newsletter is the obituary of Keith Ticknor. Keith was a Show-Me Chapter member before he passed away recently. I did not personally know Keith, but for those that knew him, I am guessing that he was a good friend and good person, and I extend condolences from the Executive Council. As I read about his life I was amazed that such an "important person" could be in our ranks and we (me) never know about it.

This is not the first time, actually it's the third time in the last two weeks, that I have learned about the prior-to-me history of an accomplished person. There are all sorts of people who have done extraordinary things with their lives before I knew them. While there are many other examples, many of these people are either aging or have passed away, but they were the movers-and-shakers of their families, churches, clubs, workplaces, and cities only a few years earlier.

If you know of a person like this within the Show-Me Chapter please send me their name so that we can introduce them to you in upcoming newsletters. So much tacit knowledge out there is just slipping through our fingers.

At all of these retirement parties, if not years before, find out what makes people successful and happy and find out what their life experiences brought them to this point. Also, use family gatherings to relay stories between the generations. Don't wait until you read someone's obituary to find out that you could have learned a lifetime of information from them.

Also included in this newsletter is the ballot for the 2008-09 Show-Me Chapter Executive Council and short bios on each of the candidates. It's just another opportunity to learn more about the people around you and actively participate in the Show-Me Chapter by voting and/or running for an office.

Happy New Year!

### KEITH TICKNOR OBITUARY

Keith Ticknor, 66, of Camdenton, Mo., and formerly of Anita, Ia., passed away Sunday, Oct. 21, 2007, at the Methodist Hospital in Rochester, Minn., from complications of Multiple Melanoma.

Keith Allen Ticknor was born on Dec. 15, 1940, in Casey IA, the son of Allen and Lucile (Whetstone) Ticknor.

He lived on a farm north of Anita, IA, in Audubon County with his family. Keith graduated from Anita High School in 1959. He continued his education at Iowa State University and received a Bachelor's Degree in Forestry in 1963.

Keith was united in marriage to his high school girlfriend; Sharon May Hamann on June 3, 1961 and was blessed with three children, Kirk, Lisa and Kristin.

He served his country in the United States Army. Keith began his successful career in 1969, as a District Conservationist, with the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service in Osceola. He was transferred to Lincoln, Neb. in 1978 as a Forestry Conservationist and finished his 30-plus year career in Washington D.C. as National Forester. Keith and Sharon retired to their favorite vacation home at the Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., in 2000, where they are members of Ozark Chapel United Methodist Church.

### Scholarship Winners Named

They are First place (\$2000) Clay Deane, Senior at Sikeston HS; Second Place (\$1000) Rebecca Bunton, Sophomore MU student from Liberal. Look for copies of the winning essays coming up in the next two newsletters.

Each year the scholarship essay topic is loosely based on the theme of the upcoming Missouri Natural Resource Conference (MNRC). This year's MNRC is January 30-February 1, 2008 at the Tan-Tar-A Resort and is titled "Get Ready for Change: Ensuring Resource Sustainability in an iPod® World". This year the theme for the scholarship was "Technology, Influencing the Future of Natural Resources Sustainability". The students were asked to address how they will use technology to better address the future challenges of natural resource sustainability and future technology development needs that will address unsolved resource problems.

## **REGISTER NOW!**

# **2008 MISSOURI NATURAL RESOURCES CONFERENCE**

Tan-Tar-A Resort,  
Osage Beach, Missouri

**January 30 - February 1, 2008**

*"Get Ready for Change: Ensuring Resource Sustainability in an iPod® World"*

**Guest speakers for this year's conference include Richard Louv, Author of "Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder", Robert Wendover, and Brett Butler**

**To register and for more information, visit our web site: [www.mnrc.org](http://www.mnrc.org)**

**Richard Louv** is the author of seven books about family, nature, and community, including "Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder," which has created a national conversation about the disconnection between children and nature and its implications for human health and the future of the environment.

A columnist for the San Diego Union-Tribune from 1984 to 2006, he has written for the New York Times and other newspapers and magazines, and has been a columnist and member of the editorial advisory board for Parents magazine.

He is the chairman of the Children & Nature Network ([www.cnaturenet.org](http://www.cnaturenet.org)), and a member of the Citistates Group, an organization of urban observers. He has served as an advisor to the Ford Foundation's Leadership for a Changing World award program and the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child; and as a Visiting Scholar at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University.

He has appeared on Good Morning America, the Today Show, NPR's Fresh Air and Talk of the Nation, and most recently, the CBS Evening News and the NBC Nightly News.

### ***Interesting Workshop Topics include:***

- ◆ Best Practices in Managing Age Diversity
- ◆ Communicating with Family Forest Owners
- ◆ Protecting Land and Natural Resources through Land Trusts and Conservation Easements
- ◆ Connecting People to their Watershed: Recruiting Public Involvement in Watershed Protection Efforts
- ◆ Challenges and Opportunities in a Changing Natural Resource Workforce
- ◆ The Potential Impact of Climate Change on Missouri's Biodiversity
- ◆ Collecting, Cleaning, Storing, Stratifying and Planting Seed of Native Trees and Shrubs
- ◆ Management Evaluation
- ◆ Stream Channel Monitoring and Assessment: Experience from Southwest Missouri

## **SWCS MEETINGS YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN....**

**Wednesday, January 30th at 12:00 p.m.—SWCS Budget Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 30th at 1:30 p.m.—SWCS Executive Board Meeting**

**Thursday, January 31st at 3:30 p.m.—SWCS Business Meeting, Room 60/61**

## SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED NOW!

Efforts are underway to solicit raffle and silent auction items for this year's event but I need your help. I need Show-Me Chapter members to seek out donations in the communities they live and work in. I would especially encourage seeking donations from manufacturers in your areas who may be willing to supply a sampling of their products. Other sources are Banks and local retailers whom you do regular business with or something you make yourself! I realize asking for a donation is not always a "comfortable" thing to do but it is easier when you can explain what the proceeds will be used for and the fact that any donation can be used as a tax write off due to our 501 C 3 status. I will be glad to provide documentation for any business requiring this.

If you can provide me with any information about donated items before MNRC that is great, but if you can't just bring them in.

Mike Morris

## FAVORITE NATURE SITES

Following is a letter excerpt from Missouri author and Webster University Professor Don Corrigan..."

In the process of lecturing and book-signing for "Show Me... Natural Wonders" (Corrigan's recently released book from Reedy Press, June 2007) audiences have suggested more bluffs, springs, streams and caves which they would like to have profiled for a natural wonders book sequel.

I am appealing to you for your expertise for such a sequel project.

Following is a brief survey in which I ask that you identify unusual or scenic natural sites. Among the sites that have been suggested to me at my lectures are: Rock-Eddy Bluff, Devil's Backbone, Bell Mountain, Welch Spring, Prairie Park, Knox Cave, Monegaw Springs and more.

Thanks so much for your time and interest. And, of course, as an outdoor lover I also appreciate your interest in conservation.

Sincerely,

Don Corrigan

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"Show Me... Natural Wonders"

Authored by Don Corrigan    Illustrated by Ed Thias

Natural Wonders Survey: This is a survey of your favorite nature sites in the Missouri-Illinois-Arkansas Area. Please read the four questions below and answer about your favorite sites. You may reply to Don Corrigan at [corrigan@timesnewspapers.com](mailto:corrigan@timesnewspapers.com).

1.) My favorite bluff or hill sites from which to see nature vistas are:

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2.) My favorite stream or spring sites to kick back and relax are:

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3.) My favorite cave or cavern sites to visit or explore are:

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4.) My favorite "just special nature place" (think Elephant Rocks or Big Oak Tree State Park) sites are these:

# Election Bios—2008

## PRESIDENT ELECT

### **Diane Bradley –**

The Natural Resources Conservation Service has employed me for the past 17 years. Currently, I am located in the Bates/Cass County FOSSA and serve as the District Conservationist. I have two sons Daniel Aaron (8 years) and Dustin Scott (3 years).

From 1991 to the present I have been a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society and have served on the Fund Raiser Committee for 10 years. I have also previously served as President & Vice President of the Chapter. At the Missouri Natural Resources Conference I have assisted in the set up and manning of the society both for the past 14 years and have served as Arrangements Committee Chair and Social Committee Chair for the conference. For the 2009 Missouri Natural Resources Conference I will be serving as chair of the Social Committee.

In the near future of the Show-Me Chapter I would like to see us continue to increase and maintain chapter membership and involvement in chapter activities. Maintain an awareness of our valued resources and concern that we will be faced with in the next few years will be very important in the continued work and efforts of our society.

## VICE-PRESIDENT

### **Bob Broz -**

Bob grew up on a small farm in Montgomery County. He has a BS in Animal Husbandry and his MS in Extension Education. Bob taught for several years before coming back to the MU campus in 1993 where he is now the Water Quality Program Director. His background is in production agriculture and education. He has been with SWCS for 10+ years, won the Show-Me Chapter Professional Conservationist award and has been the NE area councilperson/director.

## SECRETARY

### **Ashley Johnson –**

Hello, my name is Ashley Johnson and I am a Resource Conservationist for NRCS in Edina, Missouri. I started with the agency as a SCEP student at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri. I have worked at Mexico and Shelbyville field offices also as a soil conservationist. My husband and daughter enjoy boating, gardening and spending time with our two Labradors. I have taken an active role in the society as councilperson and director and would like to further my responsibilities as possible secretary. Thank you for your time and consideration for my vote.

### **Bill White –**

Bill White is a Private Land Program Supervisor with the Missouri Department of Conservation in Jefferson City where he is an MDC liaison with USDA and coordinator for Farm Bill activities. Bill received the Chapter's Professional Conservationist of 2006 Award and has served as Chapter Secretary for the past three years. He lives near Linn and interests include hunting, camping and keeping up with 4 boys, a grandson and a hunting dog. Bill is interested in the educational and awareness aspects of the conservation of all natural resources that SWCS can bring to the table.

## TREASURER

### **Lauren Cartwright –**

I began working with NRCS in the Missouri State office as an Agricultural Economist in January 2004. I joined SWCS shortly after that. Prior to joining NRCS I worked as an economist for the Army Corps of Engineers in Alexandria, VA. My educational background consists of a B.S. in Forestry and Wildlife Sciences with a minor in Agricultural and Development Economics and M.S. in Agricultural and Applied Economics from Virginia Tech. I have pursued my education and current career path to fulfill a desire to work to conserve natural resources and develop a better understanding of the complex nature of human interactions with the environment.

## NORTHWEST COUNCILPERSON / DIRECTOR

### **Tony Bittiker –**

I began my career with SCS in 1987 at the Butler Field Office as a Soil Conservationist. I have worked in various counties within the state

and have served as District Conservationist in Cass County and presently in Lafayette County in Missouri. I have two kids. A daughter Taylor, who is 13 and a son Tate, who is 8. Both are very active in sports of all kinds.

**David Ritchhart –**

David is a Soil Conservationist at the Higginsville NRCS office in Lafayette County. He has worked for NRCS since 1992 and been a member of SWCS since 1998. He lives in Warrensburg where his wife Janet teaches sixth grade. They have two children Kyle 16 and Katelin 12. He enjoys his membership with SWCS and would like to represent the NW area as Director

**NORTHEAST COUNCILPERSON**

**Lonny Boring -**

Lonny is a Resource Scientist for the Missouri Department of Conservation. He is part of the Agricultural Systems Research Field Station in Kirksville, Missouri. He works to develop and conduct collaborative research projects which seek to better inform resource conservation decisions. As Northeast Councilperson, Lonny will strive to expand Show-Me Chapter membership and support advocacy of science-based conservation programs.

**Tyler Preston -**

My name is Tyler Preston. I currently serve as the Soil Conservationist for Putnam County, and the Chairperson for the Area 2 Civil Rights Advisory Committee (CRAC). I graduated from Southwest Missouri State University with a bachelor's degree in Agronomy with an emphasis in soils. I completed an internship with Archer Daniels Midland and was hired full time after graduation as an Agronomic Consultant. I worked with many conservation and farming systems, focusing on wind and soil erosion as well as irrigation water management, pest management and nutrient management. My work was spread across western Kansas, eastern Colorado and the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles. In 2002 I had the privilege to come onboard with Missouri NRCS as a Soil Conservationist. This was an excellent opportunity for me to be able to use my experience gained from school and private industry to work hand in hand with the landowners and producers of my home state. This also gave my wife, Camille, and I the opportunity to move back close to her family farm in Harris, Missouri. Since moving back to Missouri we have been blessed with the birth of our first child, Case Anthony Preston, who is the 5<sup>th</sup> generation on the family farm.

I realize that conservation is not a Monday to Friday job, and that it is an on going effort. I would like to put my experience to work for the SWCS and serve as the NE Councilperson.

**CENTRAL COUNCILPERSON**

**Lisa Potter -**

Lisa works for MDC as an Area Biologist stationed in the NRCS State Office in Columbia; she has been in this position for 6 months. Prior to this, she was a Quail Unlimited Technical Assistance Biologist in Monroe County, MO. She received her BS in Wildlife Biology from Kansas State University and her MS from Iowa State University in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.

**SOUTHWEST COUNCILPERSON**

**Curtis Gooch -**

Curtis is an 18 year member of the Missouri Show Me Chapter and has served as the membership Committee chair from 1999 to 2003 and currently serves as one of the SWCS representatives on the Mo. Natural Resource Conference steering committee. Curtis works for the Natural Resources Conservation Service at the Osceola Service Center as a Grassland Resource Conservationist. Curtis looks forward to serving the SWCS members in southwest Missouri.

**SOUTHEAST COUNCILPERSON**

**Ron Ziehm -**

Ron is currently the NRCS District Conservationist for Franklin, Jefferson and Washington Counties, and has been for 5 ½ years. Prior to coming to Missouri, he was a DC in Colorado for 5 years and a Soil Conservationist for 4 years in Virginia. While in Missouri, Ron has held the SE area councilperson/director position 3 years ago and was the webmaster for the Show-Me Chapter website for a year. In Colorado, he was the Colorado SWCS chapter treasurer/secretary for one year, and chair of the Science Fair committee and newsletter editor for 2 yrs. Ron has been a member of SWCS for 12+ years. He is married and has three kids, ages 10, 8, and 3.

# Missouri Show-Me Chapter SWCS 2008 Election Ballot

All members may vote for one candidate for each office by placing an "X" in the box.

*Ballots must be postmarked by Friday, **January 25, 2008***

President Elect **Diane Bradley**

Vice President **Bob Broz**

Treasurer **Lauren Cartwright**

Secretary **Ashley Johnson**  OR **Bill White**

Northwest Councilperson **Tony Bittiker**

Northeast Councilperson **Lonny Boring**  OR **Tyler Preston**

Southeast Councilperson **Ron Ziehm**

Central Councilperson **Lisa Potter**

Southwest Councilperson **Curtis Gooch**

Northwest Director \* **David Ritchhart**

This 1-year position is being filled because Director-to-be David Speidel is serving on a Provincial Reconstruction Team in Iraq.

Northwest Councilperson **Tony Bittiker**

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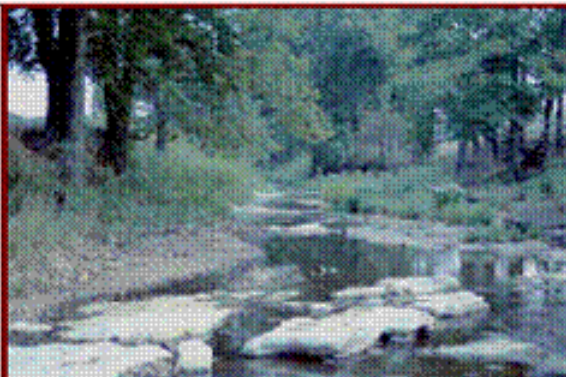
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Invites all future natural resource professionals....**

The Soil and Water Conservation Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated towards fostering science and the art of soil, water and related natural resource management to achieve sustainability.

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Membership in professional organizations is a great way to:

- Reinforce your natural resources education
- Meet and network with natural resources professionals
- Learn about the top resource issues: SWCS is working to improve
- Help focus your career goals
- Enhance your resume

**...to apply for a subsidized 1 year student membership\* to the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS).**

The Missouri Show Me Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society is offering to subsidize twenty student memberships (full price is \$25). We will pay \$15 and you pay \$10.

For your \$10 contribution you will receive:

- Effective representation in policy circles on environmental, agricultural, and conservation issues
- Opportunities to network with and learn from professionals from many disciplines through local, regional, and international meetings
- Interaction and education through local chapter membership such as: Quarterly Chapter Newsletters, Missouri-specific tours and educational opportunities (i.e. The Fall Forum), and access to local professionals for club meeting speakers.
- *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*
- E-Newsletter *Conservogram*
- Discounts on books and conference or workshop registration fees
- Lapel Pin and membership card

To apply, fill out the information below and mail to: MO Show Me Chapter SWCS c/o Lauren Cartwright, 601 Business Loop 70W Suite 250, Columbia, MO 65203. The first twenty applicants will be contacted and instructed where to send your \$10 contribution.

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\* Student Memberships are open to full time high school students, university undergraduate or graduate students

# Showing you care is simple

Introduce a friend to the benefits of an SWCS Membership with a discounted rate of \$40 for a first time member. Your gift will not only support local, national and international soil and water conservation, but will allow the recipient to receive professional education, networking opportunities and all the other great member benefits you enjoy! Plus, they'll receive an introductory welcome packet, too!



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Checks  Please make payable in US funds to: Soil and Water Conservation Society  
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## Thank you for your support this year!

*We would like to take this opportunity to show our gratitude for your generous support of the Soil and Water Conservation Society and wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season. We look forward to partnering with you for another great year!*

\*Offer for new members only.

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