

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Inland Empire Chapter

Fall 2003



FALL MEETING

Friday, November 14, 2003

*Meeting Location: Northern Lights Brewing Co.
1003 E. Trent Ave.
Spokane, WA 99202*

PH: (509) 242-2739

The Fall Meeting Topic:

Celbrating a Successful International Conference

- 12:30 P.M.** Registration.....Esther Patterson, Chapter Treasurer
- 1:00 P.M.** Welcome.....Larry Cooke and Dennis Roe, 2003 Conference Co-chairs
- 1:15 P.M.** SWCS Chapter Business Meeting.....Larry Cooke, Chapter President
- 4:00 P.M.** Closing.....Larry Cooke, President

Complimentary Food Service Following the Meeting

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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| Mark Bareither | John Hair | Chris Miller |
| Mary Bodley | Jessie Ham | Stephen Roecker |
| David Brown | Eric Harwood | Laylah Scarnecchia |
| Cathy Chadwick | Cherie Johnsen | C. James Shawley |
| Tim Dring | Jodi Johnson-Maynard | Amy Simmons |
| Michael Duval | Jennifer Krenz | Kelly Sprute |
| Marlen Eve | Diane Leone | Bob Tribelhorn |
| Juan-Pablo Fuentes | Sammy Marseli | Roberta Winn |
| Kim Golden | Dan McCarty | Allyson Young |
| Tom Groesbeck | | |

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Inland Empire Members, Conference Sponsors, and Conference Volunteers,

It is over! Can you believe the three years of planning and hundreds of hours of hard work by many chapter members are all over? We have a lot to be proud of and I personally thank all of you, your family members, friends, and supervisors who all contributed to one of the best conferences ever. We have a lot to celebrate and the celebration will continue at our fall meeting. Mark your calendars and reserve November 14th for your fall meeting. The meeting will be an informal fun time where we can relax and enjoy ourselves as we make the final conference report to the membership and close the books!

As one era ends, another is beginning for our chapter. We have many options and directions available to us. The entire membership has the responsibility to join together and decide what face to put on the chapter and to what level of leadership we will position ourselves in the Inland Empire area.

I look forward to seeing all of you on November 14th for a fun and relaxing afternoon.

Sincerely

Larry Cooke, IEC Chapter President

THANK YOU CONFERENCE SPONSORS AND CONTRIBUTORS

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LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The following offices will be up for election this spring: Vice-President/President Elect, Treasurer, South East Washington Area Director, Central Washington Area Director, and North Idaho Panhandle Area Director. We also need a newsletter editor, web master, and volunteers to help with the newsletter and web page. If you are interested in volunteering, running for an elected office or would like to nominate another member for any position, please contact Vice President Steve Durgin by November 7th.

Roger Veseth (1952 - 2003)

Long-time Inland Empire Chapter member, Roger Veseth, passed away on September 9, 2003 at the Latah Health and Rehabilitation Center in Moscow, Idaho. Roger was a member of the chapter for 17 years.

Roger began working for the University of Idaho and Washington State University Cooperative Extension service in 1983 as a conservation tillage specialist. He coordinated Inland Empire Chapter conservation tillage conferences for 8 years at Pullman and Moscow where 300 farmers would attend. Roger received his undergraduate and Master of Science degrees from Montana State University. Before coming to the Palouse, he worked one year at North Dakota State University.

Roger was sledding near his home with wife and children in March 2003 when he fractured two vertebrae in his neck. Roger was recovering in the rehabilitation center at the time of his death. He was learning to use a voice-activated computer and preparing to work from his home. Many of his colleagues had worked on remodeling his home for his return.

In his work at Washington State University and University of Idaho Roger actively promoted conservation tillage, and more recently, direct seeding. Roger was instrumental in facilitating the development of the Pacific Northwest Direct Seed Association. Roger was serving as a technology advisor to the 300-member association. He traveled to several countries as a speaker on conservation tillage and brought technology to the Palouse.

The association was begun during one of the Pacific Northwest Direct Seed Conferences at Pendleton, Oregon. Roger was key in expanding the STEEP (Solutions To Environmental and Economic Problems) annual reviews to include farmers. The result was that attendance grew from 100 persons to 860 persons with the majority being farmers. Roger, as part of a university team, received the American Society of Agronomy group publication award for his work on the Direct Seed Case Studies in 2000.

Roger was considered the lead extension educator by WSU Department of Crops and Soil Sciences Chair, William Pan. Roger was awarded the title of Outstanding Extension Educator in 2000. Roger served as the principal extension educator on the Columbia Plateau Wind Erosion/Air Quality Project in the Pacific Northwest.

Roger was very active in the Inland Empire Chapter. He was chapter president in 1987. In 1992 he was presented the Fellow Award at the International Conference. Roger was chair of the exhibits subcommittee for the 2003 conference in Spokane.

He is survived by his wife, Claire, and four children at their Moscow, Idaho home.

Fall Meeting RSVP
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Name: _____ Representing: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Let us know by November 7th if you plan to attend.

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