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Presidents Corner

by John Briest

As SWANA's year draws to a close, we are looking forward to the Chapters Annual meeting. This year should be quite interesting given the location is in Estes Park and the quality presentations which are scheduled. I would like to give special thanks to Leonard Butler and Debby Barton for doing a great job in putting together and the presentations and Stephen Gillette for working on the venue. I'm looking forward to a great conference.

As the new year begins, we are seeing changes coming forth as part of SWANA's new year. The biggest news is that SWANA National will be holding the 2005 Landfill Symposium in Bolder, Colorado. The Conference is scheduled for June 6 – 10. A call for papers has been sent out and they are due November 22, 2004. If you need more information on the conference you should contact Steve Ridzon at sridson@swana.org or 240.494.2241. As part of this conference, there have been discussions about possibly having a session on Arid Climate Landfills. Please stay tuned for further details.

Secondly, the membership dues to be paid will be increased for both Regular and Corporate members for the 2005 fiscal year. The increase in dues will amount to \$6.00 per year and is a result of both a consumer price index increase as well as the National Board trying to increase reserves, which are set aside for unforeseen events.

I am looking forward to seeing all of our members at the annual conference. We are now a chapter of just under 150 individuals and bring a variety of experience and perspectives in every discussion and forum. This makes for a very strong chapter. Don't hesitate to visit our chapter's website at www.coloradoswana.org, it has been a huge success this year and keeps abreast of the Chapters activities.

2004 Colorado Rocky Mountain SWANA Chapter Meeting

by Leonard Butler

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 2004 Colorado Rocky Mountain SWANA Chapter Meeting to be held October 7-8, 2004 in Estes Park at the Holiday Inn.

Registration information is included with this newsletter and was e-mailed to chapter members separately. The program will begin the afternoon of October 7, 2004 with a tour of solid waste practices at Rocky Mountain National Park. The Park is Colorado's biggest tourist attraction and this time of year is a wonderful opportunity to observe the large elk bugling. The tour will be followed by a reception from 7-8:30 pm that evening at the hotel.

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A full day of speakers is planned for October 8, 2004. The day's program will consist of five segments divided into the following categories:

- Material Handling Bidding Wars?
- Material Handling the Difficult Wastes
- Mold; Verb or Noun?
- Methane – Non-Explosive issues.
- Managing a Plan to use Closed Landfills

For those members with SWANA Certifications, a total of 11 hours of continuing education credit can be completed by attending both days.

Our luncheon speaker is Kyle Patterson, Rocky Mountain National Park Public Information Officer. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Park, its future and the challenges. Bring those questions that you have always had about the Park and get the answers.

The afternoon will also include the annual business meeting to elect chapter officers, board members and adopt changes to the bylaws. General input from members is welcome and needed to help meet the coming year's needs of the solid waste community.

The annual meeting will conclude in the evening with a dinner at the Stanley Hotel nearby in Estes Park.

SWANA Landfill Symposium/Arid Landfills
by Dick Sprague

SWANA is planning to hold its 2005 Landfill Symposium at the Millennium Harvest House in Boulder, CO. This annual symposium brings together experts from around the country the hottest topics in the landfill business, including trends and new technologies. Some of the topics will include:

- Liners, Caps & Liner Performance
- Bioreactor & Leachate Recirculation Technology
- New Concepts in Landfill Design & Operations
- Arid Landfill Management & Operations
- Landfill Closure & Postclosure Care
- Landfill Redevelopment & Reuse
- Landfill Health & Safety
- Sustainable Landfill Technology

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As you can see, SWANA plans to have at least one session dedicated to Arid Landfill issues, and expects that this will take the place of the Arid Landfill Symposium that has been held annually for several years. The symposium will be held June 6 through 10, 2005, and will never be easier for our Chapter members to attend.

SWANA INTERNATIONAL BOARD - MID-YEAR REPORT

By Laurie Batchelder Adams, Colorado Int'l Board Director

The SWANA International Board of Directors held its mid-year meetings in Silver Spring, MD on June 13-15, 2004:

- FY 2005 Budget - revenues of \$4.75 million and operating expenses of \$4.68 million (SWANA's fiscal year is September 1st thru August 31st)
- Dues Increase - by \$6 for both regular (public) and corporate (private) members (includes a CPI adjustment of \$2.00 and a \$4.00 allotment for restricted reserves) beginning FY 2005
- Chapter Loans - SWANA largely funded the new E-Business program with chapter loans (this is the program that now allows members to conduct internet searches of other members, and check their CEUs, conference registrations and member status on-line); Colorado has made two loans at very advantage interest rates and is in the process of extending one of those loans through 2009
- D&O Insurance – SWANA and all chapters contribute to insurance for chapter board directors and officers (D&O) and the payment allocation has been refined to take the burden of smaller chapters beginning FY 2005
- Strategic Management Plan FY 05-09 – SWANA has a five-year plan that considers the fine balance of living within its means and providing the growing services our members demand (for example, the current plan considers how/whether to consolidate more of the technical symposia to contain costs)
- WasteCon 2004 in Phoenix - despite recent press about consolidating WasteCon with WasteExpo and APWA, SWANA's current and only focus is on a successful WasteCon in Phoenix.
- Officer Nominations – the Int'l Board approved the following Nominating Committee recommendations for Officers for FY05, which you are currently voting on:
 - President - Richard Mauck, City of Santa Clara, CA
 - Vice President- Andrew Quigley, Lake County, IA
 - Treasurer - Thomas Parker, Senior Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc., Albuquerque, NM
 - Secretary- Laurie Batchelder Adams, LBA Associates, Denver, CO
- New Corporate Operating Officer - Carol Fearn, SWANA's COO, is leaving and the Executive Committee is currently working to replace her

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- Arid Landfill Conference Session – The CO, UT, NM and AZ chapters are working with the Landfill Technical Division to develop an arid landfill track at the upcoming Landfill Symposium (Boulder, CO in June 2005)

Please feel free to contact me with any questions on SWANA International Board issues or for further details – 303-73307943 or lbaassoc@qwest.net.

2004 COLORADO ROCKY MOUNTAIN SWANA TRASH TRUCK ROADEO RESULTS

by Mark McMullen

The Colorado Chapter has a long and successful history of getting the best trash truck drivers in the State together for an annual trash truck Road-e-o competition. As part of the International SWANA organization, which holds an International Road-e-o competition each year, the top two finishers from each Chapter are eligible to compete in the international SWANA Road-e-o.

This years Chapter Road-e-o was held at the Mount Elbert Parking Lot at Denver International Road-e-o on May 8th and drew 25 contestants, their families and friends. It was a beautiful day that started with coffee and breakfast burritos, after which the contestants began taking their written tests and pre-trip inspections, which are included as part of their overall score. A number of great prizes were raffled off throughout the day, which finished off with a fantastic Bar-B-Q lunch. The driving portion of the course consisted of a number of obstacles, including the off-set, serpentine, alley back-up, parallel parking, straight line, and right-hand turn events. Points are deducted at each obstacle for hitting barriers or finishing too far away from a barrier. Each driver is timed through the course, which is used as a tie-breaker. Contestants have their choice of driving a side-loader, front-loader, rear-loader, roll-off, or transfer trailer. To make the competition as fair as possible, the winner of each truck category then competes in a “drive-off” to determine the final standings, in which they again drive the truck of their choice.

After winning their category, the results of the drive off are as follows:

- First Place: Warren Saunders, City of Thornton
- Second Place: Eduardo Gutierrez, Waste Connections
- Third Place: Keith Kovak, City of Northglenn
- Fourth Place: Charles Lucero, City of Denver
- Fifth Place: Mark Rodriguez, City of Denver

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Both Warren and Eduardo will be representing Colorado at this year's International competition in Denton, Texas to be held August 26-28. Congratulations to all of the drivers, and best of luck to Warren and Eduardo!

We would like to acknowledge our sponsors for this year's roadeo, their generous contributions helped make this event successful.

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Finally, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who donated their Saturday for some fun, education and sore feet. We all came away with a greater appreciation for the skill these drivers need to do their job.

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