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IN THE BEGINNING

SWANA National has asked each of the chapters to provide some history about their organization. Don Alexander and Ben Masengil have been combing the archives and have begun pulling together the Beaver Chapter's historical highlights. Here's the first installment.

Pre-1970

Prior to 1970 there was no official organization in Oregon focused solely on solid waste issues. The State Sanitary Authority existed (prior to formation of Oregon DEQ), but it concentrated its efforts primarily on cleaning up pollution in the Willamette River and discharges from industrial and municipal facilities.

A group of individuals in Oregon began discussing the need to form an organization focused on solid waste issues. An organization in Southern California called the Governmental Refuse Collection and Disposal Association (GRCD) provided a model for the type of organization that might best serve Oregon's needs.

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The 1970s

In 1970 Ben Massengil was hired by Lane County Health Department to do rodent control. As a result of his work, Ben began to get familiar with dump and burn crews and disposal issues. When a position opened up for solid waste coordinator with the County, Ben applied and got the job.

In 1971 Ben traveled to the Los Angeles area to visit with GRCDA, whose leadership offered to come to Oregon and assist with forming an Oregon Chapter.

Name changes as organization evolves

The first official solid waste organization in Oregon was formed in 1975 and was called The Committee for a Greater Oregon Solid Waste Working Group. This group officially joined the GRCDA in 1976/1977 and was called the Oregon Solid Waste Management Association-Oregon Chapter of GRCDA. The group then changed its name to Oregon Beaver Chapter/GRCDA, and finally, to Oregon Beaver Chapter-SWANA.

Founding members

The following individuals were part of the group that led to the founding of Oregon Beaver Chapter-SWANA: Ben Masengil, Jerry Carter, Bruce Bailey, Terilyn Anderson, Walt Cate, Ken Spiegel, David Phillips, Ernie Schmidt, Corky Kelerling, Ron Perkins, Mike Turner, Chuck Kempe, Bill Webber and Dennis O'Neil. Ben and Chuck are still active in the Chapter; Jerry Carter and Walt Cate are deceased.

To be continued ...



WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

2009 SWANA NORTHWEST REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM UPDATE

The Solid Waste Association of North America/British Columbia Pacific Chapter hosted the 24th annual Pacific Northwest Regional Symposium in Richmond, British Columbia in early April. The event managed to hold its own against a gloomy economic picture of travel and training cutbacks and attendance was good. This says a lot about the people who are SWANA members and who support these events, either through sponsorships, presentations of papers, volunteerism, or just plain outright registration! Review the list of sessions and presenters at 2009 SWANA Northwest Regional Symposium-at-a-Glance.



ENTERTAINMENT!

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2010 CONFERENCE HEADS TO ALASKA

Traditionally the NW Regional Symposium rotates between British Columbia, Washington and Oregon, but for 2010, reset your GPS to ALASKA! Yes, the Silver Anniversary Symposium moves up to the Land of the Midnight Sun! Watch for details on www.swana-alaska.org.

OREGON DEQ SOLID WASTE GRANTS

The 2009 application period for Oregon DEQ solid waste planning, reduction, and household hazardous waste grants opened June 1. Applications must be postmarked by 5 p.m., Friday, August 29, 2009. Any local government responsible for solid waste management is eligible to apply. Local governments may subcontract with individuals, private businesses, or nonprofit organizations to perform grant-funded projects. Commercial waste prevention and reuse projects will be given preference. Application materials are available from DEQ (call Paula Carson at 503-229-6832, toll-free in Oregon at 1-800-452-4011 x6832) or online (www.deq.state.or.us/lq/sw/grants/index.htm).

SWANA NATIONAL AFFECTS NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Recommendations made by the Solid Waste Association of North America have been included in a revised draft of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 HR 2454. Chairman Waxman introduced a revised draft of HR 2454 that is much more supportive of waste-to-energy operations and recognizes their contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Read SWANA's press release at www.swana.org ("Press Room" page).

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ASSOCIATION OF OREGON RECYCLERS HOLDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE, ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

AOR headed back to Redmond for its 31st annual conference and tradeshow. Sessions ranged from a lifecycle analysis of a water bottle, to rural recycling, to rate-setting, to cap-and-trade systems, to green jobs and more. The AOR membership also elected new board members. Jeff Murray with Far West Fibers is AOR's new Markets Chair; Tina French of North Lincoln Sanitary Service was elected as Membership Chair; Joe Wonderlick of Waste Connections was re-elected as Treasurer; Ronda Chapman-Duer of Washington County was re-elected as Education Chair; Metro's Scott Klag was re-elected as Legislative Chair. Meet the rest of the Board and peruse the conference presentations at www.aORr.org.



JERRY POWELL HOSTS MARKETS PANEL



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TOUR OF WASTE CONNECTIONS WASHOUGAL TRANSFER STATION

The SWANA Oregon Chapter will host a tour of Waste Connections new transfer station in Washougal on Thursday, July 23. Lunch will be served, so please RSVP so we can plan accordingly. This new transfer station opened in February of this year and moves about 110 tons per day via top load-trailers heading out to The Dalles.

Date: **July 23, 2009**

Time: **11 a.m.**

Place: **Washougal Transfer Station, 4020 S. Grant Street, Washougal, WA.**

RSVP: **BPatton@SWANAOregon.org or 503-230-9513**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 22- 24

Waste-to-energy finance and investment summit

San Diego, California

Meet with and learn from leading waste-to-energy developers, technology providers, investors, lenders, utilities, representatives from the federal and municipal governments and other industry experts. Get more information at www.infocastinc.com/index.php/conference/wastetoenergy.

JULY 23, 11 A.M.

SWANA Beaver Chapter tour, Waste Connections Washougal transfer station

See description on page 7. RSVP to Betty Patton at BPatton@SWANAoregon.org, or call 503-230-9513.

SEPTEMBER 22-24

Wastecon 2009

Long Beach, California

SWANA is once again bringing the best educational, networking and exhibiting opportunities for solid waste professionals to one location. WASTECON 2009 offers: training courses, technical sessions, facility tours, networking opportunities, trade show exhibits, keynote speaker Tom Szaky, and more. Information at wastecon.swana.org. Thinking ahead to next year? WASTECON 2010 is co-locating with the American Public Works Association's Annual Congress and Exhibition. The 2010 conference will be held August 14-18 in Boston, MA.

SEPTEMBER 23-24

E-Scrap 2009

Orlando, Florida

Learn how to take advantage of the economy to maintain and grow your business. Leading experts will present extensive and detailed industry assessment, including analyses of stewardship systems and trends in the U.S. and Canada, e-scrap collection issues, recycling market factors, and legislative policy considerations. Learn more at www.e-scrapconference.com.

