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START YOUR ENGINES FOR ROAD-E-O!

By Jan O'Dell

SWANA-Oregon presents the Northwest's first Road-E-O, being held May 15 at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer, Oregon.

The Road-E-O event offers an opportunity for front-line employees in the solid waste management field – truck drivers, heavy equipment operators and mechanics – to obtain education through formal training and networking, and also a chance to display their on-the-job skills in a competitive arena.

The competition includes a behind-the-wheel test that requires each driver to maneuver industry-standard roll-off, front-end loading, and automated side-loading vehicles through a preset course. The competition has been designed to challenge the drivers' skills at starting and stopping the vehicle, negotiating the road, and backing up the vehicle while exhibiting general safe driving skills.

Awards and trophies are given out following the Saturday event. The winners are determined by the highest combined score of their pre-trip examination and driving/operating skills. For truck drivers,

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their written exam score is also added. Awards will be presented for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each category. The 1st and 2nd place finishers in each classification will be eligible to compete at the SWANA International Road-E-O event in September in Arizona.

Registration and lodging

The basic contestant registration fee is \$150 per driver, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. However, the event needs volunteers to help with judging, scoring, and general event activities. If your company is willing to provide a volunteer or judge for each company contestant registered, the registration fee is reduced to \$125 per driver.

The Red Lion on Market Street in Salem is offering a special Road-E-O rate of \$70 for a single and \$80 for a double, plus tax. To receive the special rate, guests must call the hotel at 800-248-6273 and ask for the "Road-E-O" special rate. There are various other hotels in the area as well – a number of them are listed on the Road-E-O registration form on the Chapter website.

There is a lot more information – including a sample truck driver's test, a registration form and information about sponsorships – on the SWANA-Oregon website, www.swanaoregon.org.

A ROLL OFF-TRUCK MANEUVERING THROUGH AN OBSTACLE



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



David Vonasek, Weaver Boos Consultants

Since my last report, the Chapter has been busy organizing two events scheduled for the first half of 2010. But first, here's some information about our January meeting and forum.

On January 21st the Chapter held its annual general membership meeting and Winter Forum at the Red Lion Inn in Salem. The event began with a buffet lunch, followed by the Chapter's annual general membership meeting. The afternoon segment consisted of a technical session featuring several presenters discussing the new Federal Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Rules, as well as the State of Oregon's own GHG Reporting requirements. The event was well attended and we all were provided a good overview of the new rules and how they may or may not affect our operations.

The Chapter is now getting ready for its first-ever SWANA Truck Road-E-O (see story on page one of this newsletter.) Originally, the event was to be held in Bend during September. However, there were concerns about potential scheduling conflicts with a number of other events, including SWANA's own International Road-E-O event, which is also scheduled

for September in Glendale, Arizona. The decision was ultimately made to reschedule the Chapter Road-E-O event for May. This now makes it easier for our 1st and 2nd place finishers to compete at the International event if they choose to do so. Planning for our Road-E-O event is nearing completion. Additional event information, including event registration forms and information, is currently available on the Chapter website. Check your calendars and, if possible, come out and enjoy a fun-filled day of watching some of our industry's truck operators compete against one another for bragging rights while demonstrating their skills operating equipment safely and efficiently.

We are also in need of a host of volunteers to assist in the event, including competition judges, timekeepers, scorers, and general assistance. If you are interested in helping out, please complete the event registration and indicate where shown on the registration form your willingness to participate.

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In July, the Board will be reviewing and selecting our 2010 scholarship winners for both graduating high school students and returning college students. Applications are due May 1. In the weeks to come, additional information will be circulated regarding the process for submitting applications for Board review. Since awarding the scholarships to the 2009 recipients, the Board's Scholarship Committee has made a couple of changes to the scholarship policies. See the "Scholarship" story on page 6 for details.

Just a reminder that May 5-7, the Alaska SWANA Chapter will be hosting for its first time the 2010 SWANA Northwest Regional Symposium in Anchorage. The Alaska Chapter has posted additional information about the event, including the event program and registration information, on its website at www.swana-alaska.org. If you are planning on attending the event, or may be in the Anchorage area at that time and are able to fit it into your schedule, please stop by and let the Alaska Chapter know that we appreciate and support its efforts in making the event successful. The 2011 Northwest Regional Symposium will next be hosted by the Washington Chapter, followed by the Oregon Chapter again in 2012.

For those of you keeping tabs on the EPA's efforts in developing new Greenhouse Gas rules and regulations, including the proposed Title V and PSD Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule, we have posted a copy of a SWANA March 19, 2010 letter sent to Senator Jay Rockefeller (D – West Virginia) on our Chapter website. The SWANA letter supports his efforts in introducing a new bill that would essentially delay for two years any new EPA permitting or performance standards rulemaking with respect to carbon dioxide or methane emissions from stationary sources. SWANA believes the bill would give EPA more time to develop a more appropriate course of action.

***David Vonasek, President
Oregon Beaver Chapter***



BEN MASENGIL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM

College scholarships available! Apply by May 1

The Oregon Beaver Chapter is preparing for its sixth year of the Ben Masengil Scholarship Award program. Just go to the SWANA Oregon website to download the forms and submit them by May 1.

Children and grandchildren of SWANA members are eligible for two scholarships of up to \$1,000 each. The first is for graduating high school seniors, and the second is for returning college students. The students can enroll in a junior college, four-year college, or university in any undergraduate or graduate program.

Since awarding the scholarships to the 2009 recipients, the Board's Scholarship Committee has made a couple of changes to the scholarship policies, which are now in effect for 2010. These changes include:

- The deadline for submitting the scholarship application, including all supporting documentation, must be postmarked no later than May 1.
- Supporting documentation, including transcripts, must originate from a high school, college, university, or testing organization. Legible photocopies of documents made by the applicant are acceptable. However, transcripts printed from an online source will not be accepted.
- Application materials will be retained by the Oregon Chapter for one year. After that time, all materials will be destroyed in a manner that protects personal information. Winning applications may be retained for a longer period of time for historical purposes, but will not exceed four (4) years.

We look forward to awarding scholarships to this year's winners!



OREGON E-CYCLES PROGRAM

Higher-than-expected collection totals in 2009...

The Oregon E-Cycles Program collected 18.9 million pounds of materials in its first full year – far exceeding initial expectations and amounting to more than five pounds of electronic waste per Oregonian.

For 2010, DEQ anticipates collecting more than 21 million pounds of electronics. The estimate is based in part on the impact of a new law that went into effect Jan. 1, 2010, making it illegal to dispose of computers, monitors and televisions in the garbage or at landfills.

Under the law that created Oregon E-Cycles, anyone may recycle up to seven computers, monitors and televisions at a time – free of charge – through Oregon E-Cycles collectors. The program does not cover computer peripherals such as keyboards, mice, speakers, printers, scanners or other types of electronics or appliances. All brands of computers, monitors and TVs, regardless of working condition, are accepted for free recycling through Oregon E-Cycles. The manufacturers pay for the services.

Complete information is on DEQ's Oregon E-Cycles website.



SWANA NORTHWEST SYMPOSIUM 2010 – ALASKA!

Each year the Northwestern Chapters of SWANA hold a joint Northwest Symposium. Members come together to exchange information, socialize, and learn from each other and technical experts.

This year's Northwest Symposium is being held May 6-7 at the Anchorage Hilton in Alaska. (Note: May 5 is the Health and Safety of Municipal Solid Waste Landfills training.) There will be a lineup of technical sessions, classes in topics of interest to solid waste managers and tours of facilities of interest to the solid waste community.

Cory Hinds, President of SWANA-Alaska Chapter, will provide welcoming remarks, and Lori Scozzafava, SWANA National, will provide the keynote address. There will be sessions on waste-to-energy, closure projects, recycling, solid waste technology in Japan, composting, customer service, leachate management and more.

The cost for this year's Symposium is \$250 for SWANA members until March 31 (goes up to \$325 after that date), and \$325 for non-members (\$400 after March 31).

Get registration, exhibitor and lodging details on the SWANA-Alaska website, www.swana-alaska.org/nw-s-2010.html.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 12-17

Landfill Symposium and Planning & Management Conference

Reno, Nevada

Training sessions featuring peer-reviewed papers, two-day trade show, facility tour and technical sessions. More information at lfpm.swana.org.

2010 AOR Sustainable Oregon conference

Salem, Oregon

Join the Association of Oregon Recyclers at "Sustainable Oregon," this year's conference on waste reduction, reuse, recycling and composting. Topics include operational issues, policies, pilot projects, legislation, economics and international trends. More information at www.aorr.org.

MAY 6-7

Pacific Northwest Symposium

Anchorage, 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! Details at www.swana-alaska.org.

JULY 15 (TENTATIVE)

SWANA-Oregon tour

Corvallis, Oregon, Nevada

Tour the new compost facility at Coffin Butte. Details will be posted at SWANAOregon.org.

MAY 15

SWANA Oregon Road-E-O – Keizer Stadium

Keizer, Oregon

The Pacific Northwest's first Road-E-O will be held at the Volcanoes' stadium in Keizer, Oregon. Details available at www.SWANAOregon.org.

AUGUST 14-18

Looking ahead to WASTECON

Boston, Massachusetts

WASTECON 2010 will be held August 14-18, in Boston Massachusetts; the 2011 conference will be in Nashville Tennessee; and the 2012 conference will be held in Washington, DC. Learn more at wastecon.swana.org.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 10
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

SWANA Beaver Chapter board meeting.

Salem, Oregon

Watch website for details, www.swanaoregon.org.

RSVPs required to BPatton@SWANAOregon.org.

BEAVER CHAPTER WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER - ROB SMOOT

Rob Smoot has worked at Metro since 1986. Rob develops and manages contracts for engineering and construction services for capital improvement/maintenance projects for Metro's transfer stations. He also provides technical support for the operation of those facilities. His first project with Metro was managing a contract with SCS Engineers to perform a waste characterization study. Rob has been involved in most major improvements to the Metro South (transfer) Station and has managed the construction of both of Metro's household hazardous waste facilities, as well as Metro's first latex paint recycling building. He also worked on the St. Johns Landfill closure project and provides engineering support for current landfill operations, including gas collection and condensate removal. *Welcome, Rob!*

