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NEWSLETTER #3

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

Late as usual, no input from associate Newsletter Editors. It's understandable, but send in your input, ideas, complaints and if any, compliments.

Committees and Assignments

If interested in a committee, contact your President for consideration. Committees will be published in next Newsletter.

Ideas

Lets have them from the general membership. What do you want or need in the Newsletter?

Wanted

List of all aquatic weed control operators, capabilities, equipment and support systems. We need this list for inclusion in Newsletter as U.S. Corps of Engineers will be sub-contracting aquatic weed control work. At least this is the latest scuttle butt.

Results of Poll-July A.P.M.S. Meeting

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| 1. Where should future meetings of A.P.M.S. be held? | 245 returns |
| A. In Florida every year - | 19 = 7.75% |
| B. In Florida every other year- | 88 = 35.92% |
| C. Alternate between Florida, the Southeast U.S. and somewhere else in U.S. every 3rd year - | 138 = 56.33% |
| | 245 = 100% |

2. As to the drinking, eating, get together; Should all social functions be included in registration fee? 248 returns--(don't know where the other three came from, probably didn't vote in the first section of poll.)

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| A. Yes | 122 = 49.19% |
| B. No | 126 = 50.80% |
| | <u>99.99%</u> |

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

So, these are the results, and it looks like Ford and Carter, but that's over. Let us all unite in an effort to make our Society a bigger and better organization dedicated toward our initial aim of controlling the noxious aquatic plants and improving our application techniques. Let us continue to grow in size and stature.

Chapters

Mexico - Things are real slow. Presidential Election holding things up. After Inauguration, activity will pick up with newly appointed heads of various government branches. We are still working on it.

Had a couple of visitors from Mexico, who are spraying water hyacinths in the area around Lake Chapala. Canals being sprayed from levees using a truck orchard insecticide fan type blower. Using a mixture of 1 gal. 2,4-D, 1 gal. transmission oil and 5 gals. diesel per acre. Obtaining total control. We need to talk to these people again.

Florida - Les Bitting is making great progress, may be operational this year. Had another discussion on it at Chevron Aquatic Weed Seminar.

Meetings

Chevron's Aquatic Weed Seminar - Had a real fine meeting, excellent papers and presentations. Papers dealt with Hydrilla Controls by Dr. Bill Haller; D.N.R. Approach to Hydrilla by Dr. A. Burkhalter; Inverts and Polymers by Dr. Kerry Steward. Bugs, Beetles and Worms made an excellent appearance thanks to Dr. George Allen who presented a very interesting paper on a "Worldwide Survey of Insects and Diseases Affecting Hydrilla".

Dr. Sam Fluker of E.P.A. was present to give us the latest on "Label Status of Various Aquatic Herbicides". Dr. Sam is really working for us and with us.

Lou Guerra told of his problems with Hydrilla in Texas which in comparison to Florida's, are very small.

On the Sad Side

Perry Sparkman, Florida's District Manager for Chevron Chemical Co., announced this meeting will probably be the last one held under their sponsorship. High costs, new company policies and the general economy have had a lot to do with bringing this most informative and useful program to an end. All of us in the aquatic plant control programs will miss them. These seminars have had a tremendous impact on all of us in the operational and research field and shall always be grateful to Chevron for their sponsorship, support and interest in our problems.

U.S. Corps of Engineer's, Aquatic Plant Control Research Program Meeting at Atlantic Beach, Florida, October 19-22, 1976: This was the most outstanding meeting in years. True, these meetings get bigger and better every year, but this year's meeting was truly well organized, managed and formulated. A big tip of the Texas "Sombrero" goes to Mr. William N. Rushing, who was Head Scout, Chief Planner, Organizer and all around Ramrod for this meeting. His wife Gloria really did a tremendous job with registrations, problems and

taking care of all the little difficulties that arise during a convention. Service from airport to hotel was excellent. Truly was a "first class" operation. Someone is really going to have to do a really top job to beat this outstanding meeting.

Regarding the Meeting Papers - All C.O.E. Divisions presented the problems indigenous to their areas. All phases of aquatic plant control were well represented from biological, chemical to mechanical.

Next Years Meeting Site

C.B. Bryant informs us that two new breweries will be put in operation for this meeting. Those "yankees" are going to really show us how it is all done. Don't ask for grits, hush puppies or barbeque because this meeting is too far North for that. All you Southerners carry your own food essentials to meeting, which figures to be one of our best. A lot of effort is being put into it now. Let us all support them in every way we can. Plan to be there and make a liar out of our poll by being there 100%. Remember, in this part of the country they eat and dress differently and sometimes they even talk "funny".

The Latest Word From the President

Dr. Robert Geiger, has indicated this years program is really going to be different. The general opinion of the membership is going to be included in the activities. Registration fee will be for membership and get together party only. Separate tickets will be available for Commercial Breakfast, Banquet, Cocktail Parties, etc. First night of meeting will be left open and everyone will have to look out for themselves. Hint - all you Southerners travel in groups of at least three. Those Minnesota girls think you all are cute and "talk funny".

Presidential Program Prerogatives and Privileges

A half or possibly whole day session is being planned on the plight or pleasures of the white amur. The northern states are curious, cautious and careful. Many people from states like Indiana, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, North & South Dakota and Nebraska, plan to attend. Remember they will be present for the first time, so be courteous, don't argue until after you have been introduced. No hitting until after the second insult. The South shall arise again, but not until next year.

Presidential Prerogative Panel

Doc Geiger is planning on a panel from various states to present various views on what are noxious aquatic plants in each state. Many states will be represented and given 5-7 minutes to tell us their problem plants and who is giving them their lumps.

Plan to stay over Wednesday night. The scene will be Aqua-tennial festivities with all sorts of "Nawthen" beauties on parade, of course in skimpy bathing suits. Please bring binoculars, at last we can compare them with our "Southern belles".

Please plan to attend, save your money. Confederate money not legal as yet, but hold on to it. Let us all plan to go and show these people that we are one big united organization. We are the best, lets be the biggest.

START THINKING ABOUT THE PAPER YOU WILL PRESENT AT THE MEETING. WE NEED NEW IDEAS, NEW PROGRAMS, NEW PEOPLE, ETC.