



Future Meetings

Northeast Aquatic Plant Management Society (NEAPMS) will be held January 14-16, 2008 in Mount Snow Resort, West Dover, VT

The Ninth Annual National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week will be held in Washington, D.C. the week of February 24 to February 29, 2008 to bring people and groups from across the country together to focus national attention on the severe impacts caused by invasive weeds.

The Mid Atlantic Mosquito Control Association will be held February 27 - 29, 2008 in Baltimore, MD

The NC Aquatic Weed Control Council 2008 Meeting will be held in Raleigh, March 12, 2008 at the Parker-Lincoln Building - Contact Rob Emens for additional information rob.emens@ncmail.net

2008 Aquatic Weed Control Short Course, May 5-8, 2008, Aquatic, Upland and Invasive Weed Control; Aquatic Plant Identification - Coral Springs Marriott Hotel, Golf Club and Convention Center, Coral Springs, Florida

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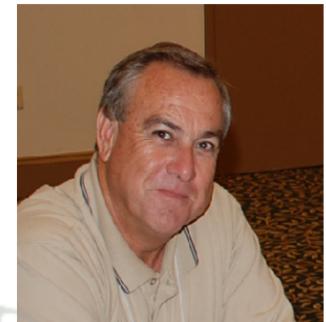


Message from the President; Tommy Bowen, Duke Energy

It is an honor to serve as your President for the next ten months. I have big shoes to fill considering all the dedicated Presidents that have served before me. We had a wonderful annual meeting and excellent program at Springmaid Beach in August with almost 100 attendees. My thanks go to all the folks who gave presentations and to those who worked diligently behind the scenes. I would like to especially thank all the students who helped make our meeting such a success. As always, there is a small group of individuals who make sure the meeting runs smoothly, in particular, the folks at Santee Cooper and SCDNR, who shined as usual, in helping make this meeting one of the best ever. As is usually the case, our sustaining members played a huge role again this year. Thanks very much for your continued support. Our meeting provides a great opportunity to review the latest technological advances in our profession, rekindle relationships with old friends, and network with experts throughout the Southeast on aquatic plant issues. The Springmaid Beach Resort has always been a great meeting venue for us, with lodging and the convention center on the same site, as well as all the other amenities for the attendees and their families.

In July 2008, our Society will have the honor to host the 48th annual meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Society at the Mills House Hotel in Charleston. This meeting will be SCAPMS's 30th annual meeting. I hope we can do something special in honor of all the folks who make this Society what it is today. This is a great opportunity for you to attend the national meeting to get a broad perspective on aquatic plant management throughout the country, when travel outside the state seems to be always limited. While SCAPMS will not have our normal annual meeting, it will be important still for you to attend, possibly give a presentation, and in a special session help elect new officers for the 2008 fiscal year.

There will be many activities planned that SCAPMS will help coordinate, so mark July 13-16, 2008 on your calendar now. If you have an interest in volunteering in the many facets of organizing and pulling off a national meeting, please let me know. There will be more details in an upcoming newsletter, including cheaper alternatives for lodging, so stay tuned. Finally, there are always opportunities for you to volunteer within our Society. If you would like to serve on a committee, help with local arrangements, serve on the Board, or in any other capacity, please let me know. The Board is always looking for fresh ideas and faces to help with the Society's business. Once again, thank you for electing me as your President.
Tommy Bowen .



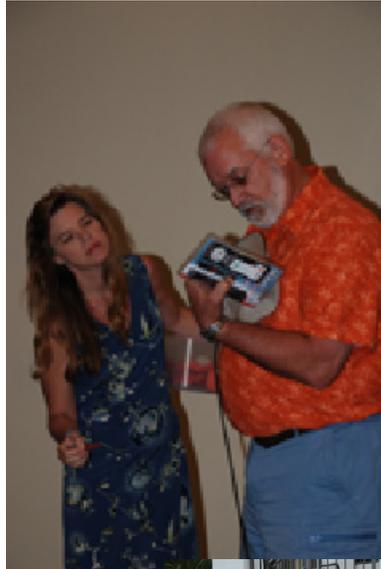
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SCAPMS 29th Annual Meeting Photos



You want to race what?



Door Prizes



Good Food



Friendships



APMS Coming To South Carolina

Make your plans now to attend!

The Aquatic Plant Management Society, Inc.
48th Annual Meeting

July 13-16, 2008
The Mills House Hotel



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2008 Scholarship Award

The South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Society is seeking applications for its annual Phillip M. Fields Scholarship Award. The Society intends to award a \$3,000 scholarship to the successful applicant in the summer of 2008. Scholarship funds may be used by the recipient to cover costs associated with education and research expenses. Eligible applicants must be enrolled as full time undergraduate or graduate students in an accredited college or university in the United States. Course work or research in an area related to the biology, ecology or management of aquatic plants in the Southeast is also required.

Applications must be received no later than May 1, 2008 and will be evaluated on the basis of relevant test scores (ACT, SAT, GRE, etc.), high school and/or college grades, quality and relevance of course work or research, a proposed budget, information obtained from references, and other related considerations. Other factors being equal, preference will be given to applicants enrolled in Southeastern and South Carolina academic institutions. The successful applicant may be requested to present an oral report on research activities at the annual meeting of the Society.

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Annual SCAPMS Award Winners 2007

Member of the Year



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The 2007 Member of the Year Steve Hoyle

A personal note: I have been involved in SCAPMS since 1993. That first meeting was a joint meeting with APMS in Charleston. What I remember most was the fact that there was a great bunch of people, who treated me “a new guy” as one of the group! It is still that way today, everyone is welcome and can share problems and find solutions to weed problems - If I can't kill it, someone can help find a solution.

Thanks, Steve

Howard B. Roach Student Paper Award



Rebecca Haynie -
Howard B. Roach Student Paper
Award Recipient

Brad Garner -
2nd place student paper contest



Rory Rhoten -
3rd place student paper contest

Phillip M. Fields Scholarship

Joshua Cheshier, Miss State - \$1500



Sarah True, NC State - \$1500



Honorary Membership

The Highest Award of the Society “Honorary Membership” was presented to Danny Johnson. In recognition of his many years of outstanding service to the SC Aquatic Plant Management Society and to the field of aquatic plant management in the great State of South Carolina. Danny recently retired from his position with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources but continues to serve the Society in many ways.



Photo L - R Bo Burns, Danny Johnson, Tammy Lark

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In Memoriam: David Demont



David Demont (retired) NCDWR - Aquatic Weed Control Program, passed away March 14, 2007.

Dave was an active member of the Society for many years. First joining in 1982, then serving on the Board of Directors in 1984, 93, 94 and 1997. He also served as Vice-President in 1995 then as President in 1996. When he was not serving directly on the Board, he was involved in Committees and other activities of the Society. He will be remembered for many things, including the unusual photo above - Dressed in a suit covered with Hydrilla.



Don't Forget Your Dues

The Society currently has about 99 paid members for 2007-2008. There are also several others who have been active in the past but have not paid their dues for this coming year. We are trying to up date our membership list. Membership dues for 2008 are being accepted so if you did not attend the last meeting make sure your membership is up to date. A note to all members, if you know of someone who is not a member and should be, please urge them to become a member of the South Carolina APMS. See the web site scapms.org for a membership form.



Invasive Species Meeting Planned

During my short tenure directing the State's Aquatic Weed Control Program I have noticed the need for a state-wide organized approach to managing invasive species. There seems to be a lot of invasive species work going on at various levels across the state but there is also a lot of disconnect. I believe that developing and implementing a hub to connect the piece-work of activities is essential to a focused and effective approach to managing, and/or alleviating, the historically-increasing burden that invasive species impose on our economy and environment. With that said, I invite you to join us on this new road. A meeting is set to occur in Raleigh on January 10, 2008. Questions?? Feel free to contact me.

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