

# ALL OHIO CHAPTER NEWS

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## ORIGINS OF THE ALL OHIO CHAPTER OF THE SWCS

By John Clark



As members of the All Ohio Chapter look to a useful future, in this 50th Anniversary year, it may be well to consider what successfully has gone before. This story may be the first in perhaps a series of newsletter articles, from the perspective of one who came on board in the Chapter's sixth year.

### How It All Began In Ohio

Knowledge of and individuals participation in the Soil Conservation Society of America (SCSA) lead to the creation of the Northeast Ohio Chapter, SCSA. The new chapter met in Lordstown on January 25, 1952, and was chartered to operate in a 14 county area.

The record shows officers over the three year life of this group were: Herman Reuter, Duane Bosworth, Robert C. Robison, and Robert E. Krietler.

Interest continued to stir across Ohio, culminating in a November 10, 1955 meeting at The Ohio State University Faculty Club. The participant list read like a "whose who" in Ohio natural

resource circles, representing numerous government agencies and organizations. This visionary group saw the need for a statewide interdisciplinary approach by those involved in the science and art of desirable soil, water, and professional, forest resource management. A letter was sent to the international SCSA Executive Council, signed by Floyd E. Heft, transmitting a petition requesting a chapter be approved for the entire state.

"At noon on April 26, 1956, the All Ohio Chapter was chartered with some 110 members and prospective members present at a Columbus, Ohio luncheon meeting. Dr. Edward Graham, President of the Soil Conservation Society of America, presented the charter on behalf of the Society", according to the Chapter's 25th Anniversary Booklet, published in 1981. Northeast Ohio Chapter members became a part of the statewide body. Southern Ohio members of the Northern Kentucky Chapter were invited to join.

Officers through 1959 were: Chairman- Floyd Heft (OSU plus), Lloyd Harrold (ARS), & John Ferguson (ODNR); Vice-Chairman- Harrold, Ferguson, and Wilbur Shisler (SCS); and Secretary-Treasurer- Curtis O. Steele (SCS) & Sam Bone (OSU).

Chapter annual winter meetings were first held at the Ohio State Fairgrounds Youth Center (now the Rhodes Building), where participants met, slept, & ate.

These sessions featured strong interdisciplinary leadership and subject matter, such as:

- Problems in use of spray materials on vegetative cover
- Timber production, marketing, & grading
- Siltation problems from strip mine spoil banks
- Upland and forest game habitat
- Recreational use of farmland
- SCS led Small Watershed Program
- Impacts of industrial and urban expansion on Ohio's natural resources
- Advances in "techniques" for soil mapping
- Current federal and state resource legislation

The 1959 annual meeting program featured a high powered panel discussing, "Are resource programs geared for effective use of basic resources?" Panelists were:

- T.C. Kennard, SCS State Conservationist
- Dr. Mervin Smith, Chair, Dept. of Agr. Economics & Sociology, OSU

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

- **AOC-SWCS Annual Winter Meeting and Conservation Employees Partnership Meeting:** March 1-2, 2006 at The Worthington Holiday Inn, Worthington, Ohio
- **SWCS International Conference:** July 30 - Aug 3, 2006, Keystone, Colorado

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## MEETINGS

Executive Council meetings will be held at the Delaware County USDA Service Center

## LISTSERVE

To post a message to the AOC-SWCS ListServe, send the message to aoc-swcs@lists.acs.ohio-state.edu

## VISIT US ON THE WEB!

[Http://www.ohiochapterswcs.org](http://www.ohiochapterswcs.org)

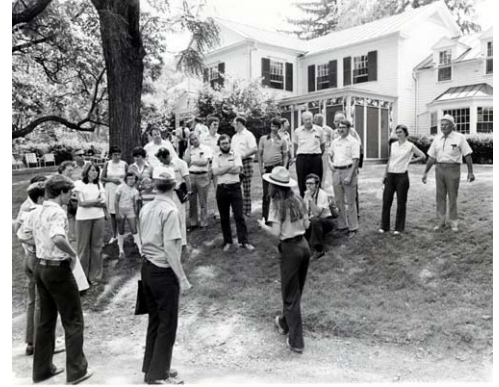
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# A TRIP TO THE PAST



1970's—Lloyd Harrold (l), Robert Quilliam (r)



1970's—Society Meeting at Malabar Farm



1981 Officers- (l-r) Kenneth Wenner, Secretary; Marilyn Heberling, Treasurer; Paul Hoskins, President; Thomas Sommer, President Elect



1981- (l-r) Glenn Schwab, Chairman; Norm Fausey, Moderator; Julie Weatherington Rice, Panel Member



1990—(l-r) Jim Piper, David Hanselman, Tom Zimerman, Dan Ross



1996—(l-r) Dan Ross, Jill Diabel (Evans), Dan Kush, Bob Vertrees, Dennis DeWeese (hiding behind Bob), John Crumrine

## ELECTION RESULTS

The ballots have been counted and the results are in, the following are your officers for the All Ohio Chapter of SWCS this year!

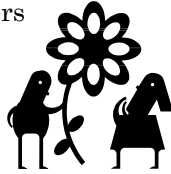
- President-elect: Andy Ward
- Secretary: Rich Gehring
- Treasurer: Rob Hamilton
- Member-at-Large (2005-2006): Doug Gifford
- Member-at-Large (2006-2007): Kim Browning

In all, 71 ballots were returned. Congratulations to the newly elected Executive Council and thanks to John Clark for serving as the Election Teller. Officers will be installed at the March business meeting.

# AWARD NOMINATIONS

## Outstanding Chapter Member

Many chapter members make significant contributions that help achieve the goals and build the reputation of the All Ohio Chapter. These individuals freely volunteer their talents, time, and efforts to foster the wise and sustainable use of our natural resources. As a Society, one of the ways of acknowledging these contributions and saying 'Thank You' is through the awards program. People who give the extra effort don't do it to get awards, but awards are meaningful and appreciated. If you know someone who deserves recognition for their contributions, please nominate them for a Society or Chapter award.



The Awards committee especially needs your nominations for Outstanding Chapter Member. Send us the name of someone you think deserves to be recognized, and tell us briefly what that individual has contributed that you feel should be recognized. Send your nominations to Norm Fausey electronically (Fausey.1@osu.edu) or hard copy (590 Woody Hayes Drive, Columbus, OH 43210).

## Outstanding Publications

The All Ohio Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society invites interested individuals to submit publications for consideration of one of our three awards for 2005. The purposes of these awards are: 1) to encourage members to publish excellent information that supports the

purpose and mission of SWCS; 2) to recognize members who have published such information, and 3) to recognize non-AOC members in Ohio who have published excellent information that supports the purpose and mission of SWCS.

One publication will be selected in each of the three categories. Nominations are due by February 3, 2006 and award winners will be honored at the annual meeting in March. Please contact Brent Sohngen (Sohngen.1@osu.edu) for more information, and for an official application form.



### Dan Kush Award for Excellence in an Educational Publication

This award is given in honor of long-time member of the All Ohio Chapter Dan Kush. The award is given for an excellent publication or report that is non-technical in nature, and that is intended to educate Ohioans about soil and water conservation and environmental resources.

### Excellence in a Scientific or Technical Publication

Publications such as a refereed or juried journal articles, books, or chapters in books, research reports, or published papers are considered for this category.

### Excellence in a General Information or Popular Publication

Publications directed to the general public are considered in this category.

## OSU STUDENT CHAPTER IN THE MAKING

The Terra Aqua Club of Ohio State University has submitted a petition to the Soil and Water Conservation Society to become the Student Chapter of SWCS at OSU. Officers and members of the All Ohio Chapter have met with the students and advisors of the proposed student chapter to provide information, encouragement, and support in this undertaking.

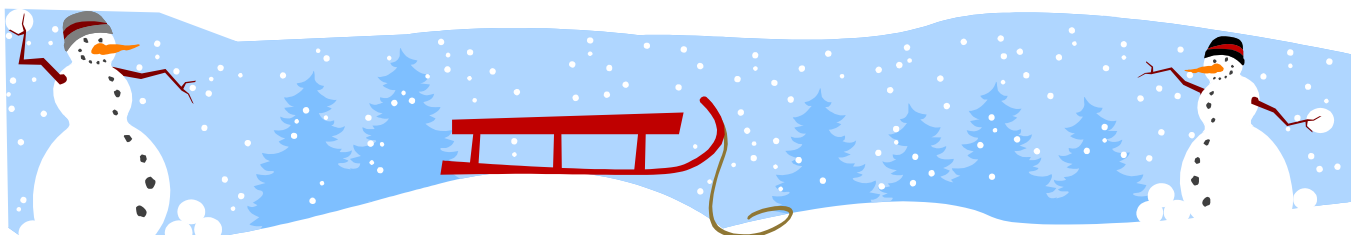
The Terra Aqua Club has been an OSU organization for numerous years although somewhat dormant the last few. The officers of the Terra Aqua are seeking to revitalize the organization and begin an association with an international conservation based society. The AOC is pleased that Terra Aqua has sought this association with us.

The AOC Executive Council feels that the establishment of a student chapter at OSU will only benefit the conservation movement in Ohio and are excited about the opportunity to mentor new conservationists. Many members have volunteered to assist in this effort.

The Terra Aqua group is interested in implementation of projects and is currently pursuing a grant to implement an education project on vernal pools.

The AOC submitted a letter of support to the SWCS Board of Directors to approve authorization of this new student chapter.

*By Dennis DeWeese*



# All Employee Partnership Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

**10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**      **General Session and Opening Ceremonies** (Rm. Florence & Venice)  
Ohio SWCD Employee Assn., All Ohio Chapter of the SWCS, OFSWCD,  
ODNR- DSWC, NRCS, Soils Judging Awards, SWCS Awards

**12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m.**      **Lunch** (Rm. Florence & Venice)

**Breakout Sessions 1:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.**

- **P.R. on a Shoestring Budget** - Ohio Sea Grant, The Nature Conservancy ideas on increasing public awareness.
- **Conservation in Action** - Entering into conservation easement contracts.
- **Energy Conservation and Agriculture** - Dull Farm and Homestead, Ohio Biomass Energy Program, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and Ohio Farm Bureau discuss energy conservation, funding opportunities and on-farm energy conservation with wind turbines and derelict corn fueled grain dryers.
- **Flash Judgments—A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words** - OSU Extension presents an interactive experience about how you relate to others based on your personal background.
- **Is this what we all work for...RETIREMENT!!** - Ohio's Deferred Compensation Program and Ohio Public Employees Retirement System will present information on investing and risk management, health care benefits and answer your questions.
- **Ohio CEAP Symposium**—Evaluating the Influence of Conservation Practices on Ohio Watersheds - Researchers working in CEAP watersheds within Ohio will present their objectives, approaches and preliminary results.

**Special Event 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Celebrating SWCS's 50th Birthday!!!** Join Us for Cake

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Thursday, March 2, 2006

**7:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.**      **Breakfast Meeting** (Rm. Florence & Venice)

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**      **Lunch** (Rm. Auditorium)

**Breakout Sessions 8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

- **General Public Education Programs - A Tough Nut to Crack** - Examples of successful general public education programs, including rain gardens, and new twists on watershed tours.
- **Technically Speaking of Course** - ODNR and NRCS engineers and soil scientists present roof designs, web soil survey and much more.
- **Managing in Hard Times for Office Managers** - How to deal with tight budgets from ODNR Program Specialists.
- **The Administrative Assistant Development Program (AADP)** - ODNR Division of Internal Audits presents the AADP, what it will cost and the time required.
- **Up-to-Date with Soil Fertility** - The latest info on soil fertility issues and how it effects conservation planning.
- **URBAN** - Urban post-construction storm water practices, review of storm water design case studies.

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

AFFILIATION: SWCD/NRCS/ODNR/OTHER (circle one)

### REGISTRATION FORM

TO AVOID CONFUSION, ONE PERSON PER REGISTRATION FORM, PLEASE.

## All Employee Partnership Meeting

### Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Holiday Inn Worthington

March 1-2, 2006

#### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

You are responsible for making your own **Hotel Reservations**. Rooms are \$89 per night, plus tax if reserved before February 6. Please call the Holiday Inn Worthington (1-800-HOLIDAY) . Tell them you are with the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts to receive the discounted room rate.

Name and Title: (Please Print)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of: (Check all that apply)

EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION \_\_\_\_\_

CONSERVATION SOCIETY \_\_\_\_\_

TUESDAY REGISTRATION (March 1st).....\$50.00  
(discounted to \$30.00 if registered before February 17, 2006)

WEDNESDAY REGISTRATION (March 2nd).....\$50.00  
(discounted to \$30.00 if registered before February 17, 2006)

TWO-DAY REGISTRATION (March 1st and 2nd).....\$80.00  
(discounted to \$60 if registered before February 17, 2006)

TOTAL.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

All meals are ala carte - Meals will be offered for the following prices:

- Breakfast Meeting Day 1- \$15.50
- Lunch Day 1 - \$15.50
- Lunch Day 2 - \$17.50
- Additional Event: Food, Fun, Film and Fellowship- IMAX- \$25.00

**Registration Deadline is February 24th, 2006!**

*After this date late fees will apply.*

**Guest/Spouse Registration is Complimentary  
No Refunds Will Be Offered**

Mail this REGISTRATION FORM along with CHECK made payable to OFSWCD to:  
OFSWCD, P. O. BOX 24518  
COLUMBUS, OH 43224

*Please make a copy for your records and return original.*

**DO NOT FAX REGISTRATION**

## AOC SWCS ORIGINS cont.

- Wilbur Wood, Director, OSU Cooperative Extension Service
- Herbert B.Eagon, Director, ODNR
- Douglas Stanfield, Executive Director, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation

Also in 1959, the Chapter began the practice followed for many years, of recognizing the outstanding professional and student papers presented at the annual meeting. Herbert B.Eagon received the Chapter's first Society award, honorary membership. Chapter dues were \$1.00 per year! The first summer meeting was held at the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station's (later OARDC) northwest substation at Castalia to view farm drainage.

Again quoting the 25th Anniversary Booklet, "Strong

opinions were voiced by all the charter members of the 'All Ohio Chapter' that the success of the Chapter rested primarily upon (a) the services it would render to its membership and (b) the distribution of chapter officers and committee members among all conservation and natural resource agencies functioning within the state..." Strong agency/organization leadership support contributed materially to the Chapter's birth and rapid growth.

And thus began this organization, with a subsequent name change to the Soil and Water Conservation Society. The challenges and opportunities in natural resources continue, sometimes with different twists. We salute the visionary founders of the All Ohio Chapter.

## STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE PROPOSED

The usefulness of a strategic plan diminishes in direct proportion to its age, unless it is reviewed and updated. It has been five years since the existing Strategic Plan for the AOC was reworked. Consequently, the Executive Council decided to take a fresh look at the document. While much of the Plan appears current and relevant, some changes are recommended.

An updated Strategic Plan has been proposed and posted on the AOC-SWCS web page (<http://www.ohiochapterswcs.org>). The Executive Council would like the membership to vote on this proposed Plan, so take a moment to review it before our Annual Meeting on March 2. A paper copy of the Plan can be requested from Mark Wilson or Steve Hall.

*By Mark Wilson*



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