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Outdoor Exhibits; Indoor Classes

On October 6-8 Texas Vegetation Management hosted another successful conference in San Antonio with outdoor exhibits and indoor classes. According to comments and survey results, the outdoor exhibits were a success providing hands on demonstrations and a chance to leave classroom chairs. Weather cooperating gave Rob Brooks a sigh of relief as his vision of the demonstrations came to life. The indoor classes also provided quality speakers from Texas and throughout the United States keeping members current about issues in vegetation management and related fields. For example, Dr. Fred Whitford of Purdue University created great audience participation with his victims and handlers of pesticide spills. Howard Pierson also taught the educational class for those taking the TDA Pesticide Commercial Applicator Exam. About two hundred attended giving great to good ratings to just about every session offered.

If you missed San Antonio this year, make sure you mark your calendar for October 5-7, 2009 when The TVMA 2009 Conference moves to the Holiday Inn Emerald Beach in Corpus Christi. Plans have already begun to expand outdoor exhibits with less road noise and to book speakers in heavy demand early. Obviously, there are also beautiful golf courses and plenty of water activities in the Corpus Christi area not to mention the seafood.

Please read further in this *Clip* to get more details about conference events. Also take note of board members, sponsors and exhibitors who made everything run smoothly allowing TVMA to offer great classes, good food, scholarships, and fun. The conference would not happen if it were not for those who support TVMA with hard work, participation, and sponsorship.

Presidential Update

Seasons Greetings! I hope this note finds you back at work after a much deserved rest and time spent with family and friends celebrating our Savior's birth and the birth of a new year.

As I look back briefly over the last year, it all seems to have gone by so quickly as we went about our days providing for our families, working with our friends and managing vegetation to keep the lifelines of our great nation up and running. All the time spent working on the conference came and went in just a few short days and the torch has been passed to our next Vice President, John Mason. At any rate, I hope you all enjoyed the conference, and thank you for the feedback. We constantly strive to keep you on the cutting edge of what's going on in our industry, and hopefully, keep you entertained as well. The new format was quite a success in both the eyes of the attendees as well as the exhibitors, and well, it's just hard to mess up when you host a conference in San Antonio. I would be remiss if I didn't take the time to thank all the support I had in pulling it all together. Countless hours were spent on the phone with Rick Bennett who had already been there, done that, Myron Rabalais was there to cut the checks, and Kay Dippel and her group did everything else, including keeping me calm when some of our speakers were running late and we couldn't reach them by phone. Many others on the board and some good friends helped out as well, so regardless of all the credit I got, it was definitely a team effort and it couldn't have happened without them or you. Yes, you. Just showing up is a big part of what makes any conference a success, and since this is your organization I want to extend an open line to anyone who would like to contact me. Any organization is only as strong as its membership and ours are among the best, most professional in our industry or any other. I would encourage you to take part in the process and volunteer to make our organization stronger. It can be as simple calling up to make a suggestion for improving the conference, working on a committee or becoming a board member. We are constantly looking for dedicated individuals to keep the ball rolling. Now that the new year has begun, I guess we shouldn't take too long to reflect and instead fix our eyes on the horizon and what's yet to come. Our economy and the change in political parties will make things more challenging for some of us, but as we all work together we can overcome any obstacle. As for what's in store for our organization in the coming year, we have our board meetings already scheduled, and anyone interested is encouraged to attend. We also have meetings with some of our legislators in the works which could become more important than ever in the changing political environment. There are several opportunities for training around the state, and of course the conference to be held in Corpus Christi this year. Please don't forget about the scholarship opportunities for members and their families.

The Craig Johnson Family TVMA Leadership award was a huge success this year and a big thank you to the dedicated membership we have. Paul Shattenberg was a great inaugural recipient as his dad, Carl has been a long term supporter of the organization.

Let me just close by saying how honored I am to serve as your president in the coming year, and to once again say my line is open if I can be of any assistance to you, or if you have a suggestion to help improve our organization.

Sincerely,
Rob Brooks

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Paul Northcutt Receives
Lifetime Achievement Award

The 2008 TAIA Lifetime Achievement Award Winner was Paul Northcutt. For those of you who know Paul and his dedication to the Texas Vegetation Management Association and those in related fields, no further information is necessary. But, for those of you who have never met Paul, the following explains why he deserves such an honor.

Paul Northcutt currently serves as the Coordinator of Transportation Training for the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA). Paul has been in that capacity since March of 2005. Paul is responsible for curriculum development and instructor coordination for transportation safety-related training provided to state, city and county personnel.

The Transportation Training program provides safety training to the Texas Department of Transportation a through the delivery of approximately 15 individual transportation-related courses. UTA also provides training to city and county government through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

Paul is a retiree of the Texas Department of Transportation, having served for almost 30 years with that agency, completing his career as the Supervisor of Vegetation Management. Paul was very active in erosion and sediment control research during his career. Paul is a registered landscape architect and is the recipient of the Raymond E Stotzer Jr. Award, TxDOT's highest award to a non-engineering employee. Paul served as President and then as Executive-Director of NRVMA, the National Roadside Vegetation Management Association. Paul is a long-time member of TVMA, having served as the Secretary-Editor and editing the *Quarterly CLIP* for several years.

Paul currently maintains TVMA's web page, as well as web sites for the North Carolina Vegetation Management Association and the South Carolina Vegetation Management Association.

Paul and his wife Bonnie reside in Austin, Texas.



January Vegetation Management Conference

The Texas Vegetation Management Association in conjunction with Texas AgriLife Extension Service of Harris County will offer for those who need CEUs the Twenty Ninth Texas Vegetation Management Conference on January 21st at the Baytown Community Center and again on January 22nd at the Bear Creek Extension Auditorium. The conference will offer both TDA and structural credits. Five TDA credits include IIPM, 1 Laws and Regs, 1 Drift, and 2 General. Structural will also offer five credits with areas to be announced. Classes will run from 9-3 each day, and the fee is \$25 to preregister and \$30 for on-site registration. For more information or to register contact Diana Todd at 281-855-5614.

Membership Form

Dues fees are included in conference registration, but if you did not attend the conference, TVMA asks for your membership to help TVMA have a strong voice for vegetation management and have the ability to continue its work for the vegetation industry. The dues are only \$25 and include numerous benefits. Visit tvma.net to learn more about the Texas Vegetation Management Association or to join online.

Name: _____

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Yearly Membership Fees:

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Annual Cost:

Individual Membership	\$ 25
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Golfers, Gamblers, and Shooters

Golfing, gambling, and shooting—all in the name of scholarship. TVMA hosted a golf tournament arranged by Stan Jones at Pecan Valley Golf Club, a casino night at the hotel, and a skeet tournament arranged by Rob Brooks at the National Shooting Complex, to raise money for the three two- thousand dollar scholarships and the two-thousand dollar Craig Johnson and Family/TVMA Leadership Award given each year. Winners this year included:

Golf	Skeet	Casino Night
Closest to Pin 3	Cole Adams	Texas Holdem Tournament
Russell Johnston	Louis Newburn	Daniel Neiser
Closest to Pin 7	Cody Magruder	Shane Winkler
Eric Sabala		Emil Sodolak
Closest to Pin 10		
Tee Cotten		
Closest to Pin 16		Casino Night Games
Michael Telesz		Walter Hambrick
Closest to pin 12		Frank Rakoczy
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October 5 - 7
TVMA Annual Conference
Corpus Christi

January 22
Twenty Ninth TVMA Conference
Bear Creek Extension Auditorium

January 21
Twenty Ninth TVMA Conference
Baytown Community Center

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