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TVMA Conference Plans Taking Shape

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The Texas Vegetation Management 2008 Annual Conference, being held from Monday, October 6, 2008 through Wednesday October 8, 2008, will again be at the Holiday Inn San Antonio-Riverwalk, 217 North St. Mary’s St., San Antonio, TX 78205. The board met this past month to acquire informative speakers and plan the training classes. They are also working on innovative, outdoor, hands on demonstrations as requested by many in attendance last year. Transportation to numerous events is also being scheduled when possible. This year’s conference is shaping up to be even bigger and better with something for everyone as shown on the tentative agenda published in this *Clip*. The conference offers training and testing to obtain your TDA license. Courses will also be available so you can obtain your TDA CEUs and ISA CEUs and together, with others in field, make a difference for our professions.

As you plan your schedule for October, also consider the excellent **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** available for 2008. Sponsorships help defray conference costs and allow TMVA to support programs for vegetation managers in Texas. Sponsors will be recognized at the Annual Conference, on the TVMA web page, and in the *TVMA Quarterly Clip*. Go on line to www.tvma.net to examine the advantages of each level of sponsorship and to decide which sponsorship best suits your company. Our thanks always go out to those who have sponsored in the past making it possible for TVMA to accomplish its goals.

In addition to the levels of sponsorship available, companies can also choose from the following:

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| <i>Scholarship</i> | <i>Golf Tournament Hole Sponsor</i> | <i>\$100</i> |
| <i>Luncheon/Social</i> | <i>Sponsor</i> | <i>\$3,000</i> |
| | <i>Co-Sponsor</i> | <i>\$1,500</i> |
| | <i>Supporter</i> | <i>\$1,000</i> |
| <i>Breakfast/Break</i> | <i>Sponsor</i> | <i>\$500</i> |
| | <i>Supporter</i> | <i>\$250</i> |

Presidential Update

Dear TVMA Members:

It's Friday afternoon before Memorial Day and what a long week. I guess the season is upon us. It's that time of the year when things really get going especially within the association. We are working hard to put together a conference that everyone can enjoy. Rob Brooks is putting together a great agenda including a field tour to demo equipment. This was requested by our membership and we are working hard to make it happen so keep the requests coming.

We are also working on finalizing the location for the 2009 conference. We have gotten proposals from various locations to review. That final decision should come shortly.

Many changes have taken place within our association. The one I am most proud of revolves around our scholarships. By increasing the scholarships from \$1000.00 to \$2000.00, we have been able to set the TVMA scholarships and the new *Craig Johnson and Family/TVMA* scholarship above and beyond many of the traditional scholarship offered to students today. We had a great pool of applicants and I encourage everyone to recognize the recipients in this quarter's *Clip*. On this same note, I would also encourage any member that has a college student enrolled or about to be enrolled to check out the *Craig Johnson and Family/TVMA* scholarship regardless of their academic major. This could be an opportunity for your college student to receive a \$2000.00 scholarship simply because you are a member of this wonderful association.

In a time when most conversations revolve around gas prices, presidential candidates, and the glyphosate market, our industry will remain strong thanks to the people that keep the vegetation management industry going day in and day out. Many of those people are members such as yourself and the board of directors would like to thank you for all your hard work. As always, I am honored to be your president this year and feel free to contact me directly with any issues concerning the association.

Sincerely:



Rick Bennett
2007-2008 TVMA President

Storms Roll Into Austin



Sometimes workers have to go to great lengths to get the job done and prevent further damage to utility lines and property. Learning this type of work doesn't happen over night. The volume of wood debris left behind is incredible. It take a lot of men and tools to handle these jobs.

Steve White,
Davey Tree Surgery Company

Scholarships and Award Annouced

TVMA awarded three scholarships which have been increased to two thousand dollars each in 2008. The 2008 Scholarship recipients include:

Meg Ehrenreich of Colleyville-a freshman at Texas Tech University majoring in Environmental Conservation of Natural Resources,

Melody Minkley of Claude-a junior at Tarleton State University majoring in Agronomy and Range Management, and

Brent Newsom-a senior Urban Forestry major at Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches.

Paul Schattenberg of Austin, a freshman at Texas A & M in Galveston majoring in Marine Engineering Technology, is the first to receive the **Craig Johnson and Family/TVMA Leadership Award** which is also in the amount two thousand dollars.

Congratulations to all these students who have taken advantage of the scholarships and award offered by TVMA to the leaders of tomorrow, and many thanks to the membership who participates in scholarship activities making these awards possible. For more information on scholarship activities at the conference in October, contact Rob Brooks at 409-752-7627.

Tentative Agenda for the 2008 TVMA Conference

Planning has to begin early for any major event, and the TVMA Conference is no exception. When last year's conference ended, the board began plans for 2008. Speakers, sites, events, and travel are all coming together to create what promises to be a great conference you will not want to miss. What a fantastic way to get CEUs, meet others in the field, and share information!

Monday, October 6

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| 9:00 am | Registration |
| 10:00 am- 5:00 pm | Training |
| 12:00 pm-6:00 pm | Exhibitor setup |
| 1:00 pm-5:00 pm | Golf Tournament |
| 1:00 pm-5:00 pm | Skeet Shooting |
| 5:30pm-7:00pm | Tentative Reception-Appetizers/Cash Bar |
| | Dinner on your own |

Tuesday, October 7

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| 7:00 am | Registration opens |
| 7:00 am-8:00 am | Continental breakfast |
| 8:00 am-5:00 pm | Training |
| 8:00 am-8:30 am | Opening remarks |
| 8:30 am -9:00 am | Exhibitor presentations |
| 9:00 am – 12:00 pm | General Session I |
| 12:00 pm- 1:30 pm | Luncheon |
| 2:00 pm- 5:00 pm | General Session 2 - Field Tour to Demo Equipment |
| 6:00 pm-9:00 pm | Casino Night |

Wednesday, October 8

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| 6:30 am-8:00 am | Past Presidents' Breakfast |
| 7:00 am | Registration Opens |
| 7:00 am-8:00am | Continental Breakfast |
| 8:00 am -12:00 pm | TDA Testing |
| 8:00 am -12:00pm | General Session 3 |
| 12:00 pm -2:00 pm | Board Meeting |

Proposed Changes to Structural Pest Control Service Regulations

When the Structural Pest Control Board was abolished by HB 2458, the responsibilities for licensing and regulation of structural pest control was transferred to TDA. The Structural Pest Control Advisory Committee was formed to advise the commissioner and department of structural pest control issues. That committee met on May 22nd to propose changes to Structural Pest Control Service Regulations. To examine those proposed changes go to www.agr.state.tx.us and click on the structural pest control services website link in the blue on the right of the TDA home page. Then click on "Structural Pest Control Advisory Committee" and agenda on "Structural Pest Control Services." On the agenda go to section IV to read "Summary of Proposed Changes to SPCS Regs."

No changes will be finalized until September, but watch for filing in the Texas Registry and make comments during the comment period before the regulations are adopted. Comments about changes you agree or disagree with are both welcome. These changes are important to your future so stay informed.

Educational Opportunities

TVMA will hold a two day training meeting for new applicators followed on the third morning with the TDA testing for the general test, laws and regulations test, and the right-of-way test during the annual TVMA meeting in San Antonio. Study manuals can be ordered on form D-1405 at www-aes.tamu.edu website.

B-5073 Commercial/Non Commercial Applicator-General at the cost of \$25.00

B-5056 Laws and Regulations at the cost of \$15.00

B-5068 Right-of-Way pest control at the cost of \$35.00

For other information you can contact Howard Pierson at 214-435-5152 or hpierson101@aol.com

TVMA will hold a one day CEU class for applicators on Monday October 13, 2008 at the Koko Palace in Lubbock, Texas from 9AM to 3PM with lunch provided. the cost of this program will be \$50.00 per person. Contact Howard Pierson at 214-435-5152 or hpierson101@aol.com for more information.

Casino Night

Roll the dice, play the tables, spin the wheels, and deal the cards. The Casino Night was fun for everyone who participated last year or just watched to learn a few skills. Join TVMA again and help raise money for scholarships while enjoying games. Casino Night activities will be Tuesday, October 7 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 5, 2008
TVMA Board Meeting
San Antonio

October 6-8, 2008
TVMA Annual Conference
San Antonio

October 6-8, 2008
New Applicator Training
San Antonio

October 13, 2008
CEU Applicator Class
Lubbock