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From the President

Dear TRC Members and Board of Directors,

As of August 11, 2003, I am resigning as President of the Tennessee Recycling Coalition. As many of you know, my husband has had some medical problems over the past two years and they seem to be continuing. I just don't have the time or energy to do much of anything besides take care of him and work. I have enjoyed serving as your President and working with each of you over the years. Of course, I will continue as a member of TRC and help in any way I can.

Again thank you,
Marcia Heath

From the Vice President

According to the current Bylaws, the Vice President shall, in the absence or disability of the President performs the duties and has the authority and exercises the powers of the President.

Since it is so close to the Annual Meeting, the position of President shall remain vacant until the Annual Conference when the Board of Directors for 2004-2005 will elect a new President. Other officers of the Executive Committee, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer (positions currently filled) will also be elected from the new board for 2004. Please take the time to read the ballots you will be receiving shortly and vote for nominees to the board positions that will become vacant in October.

Also on the Ballot is a revision to the Bylaws for your approval and a vote to remain affiliated with the National Recycling Coalition (NRC). Please take time to read the information and vote accordingly. You can send in your ballots or bring them to the Annual Conference. Hope to see you there!

John Homa, TRC Vice President

Calendar of Events

Sept. 14-17

22nd Annual NRC Congress and Exposition
Baltimore, MD - www.nrc-recycle.org
<http://www.nrc-recycle.org>

Sept. 14-17

Academy of Certified Hazardous Materials
Managers Conference - Dallas, TX
www.kuce.org - <http://www.kuce.org>

Sept. 29

TRC Board Meeting
Murfreesboro, TN
(615) 668-9174

Oct. 14-16

Wastecon 2003 - St. Louis, Missouri
(800) GO-SWANA

Oct. 22-24

14th Annual TRC Conference and Exhibition
Knoxville, TN - www.trc-online.org
<http://www.trc-online.org>

Oct. 23-24

9th Annual National Association of Demolition
Contractors Safety Summit
Los Angeles, CA - (800) 541-2412

Nov. 12-14

Green Building Council International
Conference and Exposition - Pittsburg, PA
www.greenbuildexpo.org
<http://www.greenbuildexpo.org>

Nov. 15

America Recycles Day

Dec. 10-13

Annual Special Waste Conference
New Orleans, LA - (800) GO-SWANA

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service Completes First Decade

Written by Christina Tregila

The Tennessee Mobile Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection service just completed a decade of operations. The very first event was held in September of 1993 in Rutherford County- 423 people attended. In 1993 there were only five events, but the program took off quickly. The program gained momentum and hosted 47 events in 1994. Now the program is going full tilt with some counties even having two events in a year.

During the decade of operation almost 10 million pounds of waste have been collected for proper disposal. The types of materials that have been safely disposed of include automotive fluids, pesticides, pool chemicals, paints and thinners, batteries, and mercury. The newest materials that have been added to the program for collection are electronics scrap and fluorescent light tubes.

Over the years, the staff working at the collection events has seen some strange things. In Warren County, a young lady came in with a trunk full of dead cats from a biology lab. The cats could not be accepted both because the program is limited to only households and because no biological waste can be accepted. The strangest occurrence that I know of in the six years that I have been involved with the program happened in Memphis a few years ago. A lady who had a large quantity of mercury to get rid of informed me that her father had been building a space ship in the basement and was using the mercury for the coating on the ship.

The HHW program is administered by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and was authorized by the Solid Waste Management Act of 1991. The funding for the program comes from a \$.75 per ton landfill surcharge. In addition to the mobile collection program there are three permanent HHW collection facilities in Tennessee, they are located in Nashville, Chattanooga, and Knoxville. They were constructed with grant money provided by TDEC and receive operating funds from the host city, county, and from TDEC.

Anheuser-Busch Receives Top K.A.B Award

Anheuser-Busch will be honored in an awards event October 28, 2003 in Chicago. Keep America Beautiful will present chairman August A. Busch III with the Vision for America Award, KAB's highest honor. The organization has been presenting the annual award since 1986 to those who demonstrate a significant personal and corporate commitment to enhancing civic, environmental, and social stewardship. KAB President, G. Raymond Empson states, "Anheuser-Busch has an impressive and long-standing record of environmental stewardship that extends back for more than a century." The company is the largest recycler of aluminum cans in the world, recycling more than 100% of the cans it sells domestically. To learn more about the Vision for America Award, please visit www.kab.org.

TRC Membership Levels

Join today to have voting rights in our upcoming elections and to receive a discounted rate to attend our Annual Conference in Knoxville!

Sponsorship = \$1,000 and up

Plaque recognizing your support
Feature story in the TRC Newsletter
Press release announcement in your home area
Receive TRC quarterly newsletter and NRC reports
Reduced rates to TRC and NRC Conferences
1 year membership to TRC and NRC

Patron = \$500 to \$999

Certificate recognizing your support
Feature story in the TRC Newsletter
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Sustaining = \$250 to \$499

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Organizational = \$350

Each representative from your organization may attend the TRC conference at the reduced member rate
Receive quarterly TRC Newsletter and NRC reports
Reduced rates to TRC and NRC Conferences
1 year membership to TRC and NRC

Individual = \$120

Receive quarterly TRC newsletter and NRC reports
Reduced rates to TRC and NRC Conferences
1 year membership to TRC and NR

Board of Directors

It is the goal of the Tennessee Recycling Coalition to be governed by a Board of Directors that reflects the diversity of the Coalition. TRC Board members come from business, government, nonprofit, and for-profit organizations. We strive to represent the geographic diversity of the state, rural and urban. The 2002-2003 Board is listed below:

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Meet your Candidates for TRC Board of Directors

Charlie Freeman

Charlie works as the Executive Director of the Recycle Marketing Cooperative for middle and east Tennessee. He is married with two grown children, a veteran of the U.S. Army, and has an Associates Degree in Industrial Engineering from Walter State Community College. He has served for 12 years on the Hawkins County Commission, is a member of the Hawkins County Solid Waste Planning Board, and the Clinch Powell R C & D Board. He is the Coordinator for the A.D.A (America for Disability Act) for Hawkins County and was appointed to the Forest Service Advisory Committee by Governor Don Sunquest in 1997. He is also a member of the Overton Lodge F&AM, Knoxville Scottish Rite Masons, and the Shriners.

Becky Ford

Becky and her sons have resided in beautiful Blount County since 1990. After graduating from the University of Tennessee in 1996, she began working for SP Recycling Corporation as the Knoxville Division Manager. SP Knoxville Division currently processes and transfers source separated multi-materials with a primary focus on procuring post-consumer news for SP Newsprint. Becky is involved in Knoxville area events that promote and support recycling and envtal. care. F&AM, Knoxville Scottish Rite Masons, and the Shriners.

The following bios were provided by the candidates running for 2004-2005 TRC Board of Directors. This will give you a chance to get to know them before the entire membership vote takes place in October. Remember to vote for your favorite candidates using the ballots that you will be receiving shortly. You can either mail them in or bring them with you to our Annual Conference and Exhibition in Knoxville in October. (Information for candidate, Jeff Holmes was not available.)

Gil Stauffer

Gil has worked for the T.V.A. for over twenty years. Before taking his position there, he received a Bachelors Degree in Biology from Illinois College and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Illinois. He also worked for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for 8 years and spent two years with the U.S. E.P.A. in Washington. He has been engaged in solid and hazardous waste management, waste reduction, and recycling issues from both policy and enforcement angles. He is a Registered Sanitarian and has been active in his local Lions Club, Boy Scouts, and Youth Sports Leagues. He has resided with his wife in Oak Ridge for 15 years and has 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

Grady Weaver

Grady has worked for SONOCO for 26 years and now works as Account Development Manager. He is responsible for leading and facilitating procurement activities of recovered paper and other recyclable's for the division. He graduated Shorter College with Bachelor of Arts Degrees in History and Political Science. He also graduated from Troy State University with a Master of Science Degree in Human Resource Management. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army National Guard Reserves.

Tonya Healea

Tonya has been in the paper recycling business for 8 years. She would like the opportunity to apply her knowledge within the coalition as a board member. She sees the industry in many ways, whether it's marketing or problem solving for the manufacturing in recycling. She obtained her knowledge by establishing relationships with mills and networking with all types of businesses, not matter how small or large.

Morgan Thomas

Morgan has been the Environmental Coordinator / Solid Waste Director for Marshall County since August of 1998. He is a life long resident of Marshall County and received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 1996. He has been a member of TRC since October 1998 and is also a member of SWANA, NRC, Middle Tennessee Solid Waste Directors Association, and the Big Rock Creek Advisory Council.

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Carol Fulmer

Carol is the Education and Waste Reduction Coordinator for the Interlocal Solid Waste Authority. She is a wife and mother who earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in mathematics, computer science, and education from Middle Tennessee University. She is a 1998 graduate of Leadership Franklin County, an Ambassador for Franklin County's and the City of Tullahoma's Chamber of Commerce and serves on the America Recycles Day Advisory Committee. She enjoys remaining active in her church community and playing competitive sports with her daughter.

Teresa Benson

Teresa is a Sales Data Warehouse Administrator with Mayfield Dairy, whom she has been with since 1996. She oversees the daily operations of the Mayfield Sales Data Warehouse Program, a large sales database. She ensures all information is current and trains new users on the program. She has a Bachelors Degree in Organizational Management from Tusculum College and is married with two grown children.

Christina Treglia

Christina works for the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation in the Household Hazardous Waste Program. She has co-coordinated Tennessee America Recycles Day since 1998, has served on the TRC Board of Directors for four years and the Recycle! Nashville Board of Directors for one year. She attended Centre College in Kentucky where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology.

L & P Wire Tie Systems: The One Stop Source for all Wire and Equipment Needs

L & P Wire Tie is the leading manufacturer of designed systems for wire and the preferred O.E.M. supplier for all major baler manufacturers. They have been serving the industry for over 30 years and have installed tying equipment worldwide. L & P Wire Tie Systems are designed for dependable service in a minimal amount of space and provide you with umbrella coverage with their Total System Assurance. They provide trained and experienced technicians to assist with installation and start up training and they offer a nationwide service and sales network committed to assisting with any problem that may arise. They can even conduct a cost efficiency review to assess your current equipment and wire usage for potential cost savings. For more info., visit lpwiretie.com.

TRC would like to thank Roger Bougher and L&P Wire Tie for their continued support of our organization.

New Auction Website for Institutions

The Institution Recycling Network (IRN) announced a major new program to promote the reuse of surplus furniture and other surplus property from colleges, universities, hospitals, independent schools, and other institutions. Using a new auction website, www.surplusnetwork.net and direct connections with non-profit organizations and other users of second-hand furniture and equipment, the IRN will provide an outlet for the broad range of surplus property that comes from the health care and educational community. For more information, contact the Institution Recycling Network at (603) 229-1962.

Reminder: Award Nominations Due!

TRC has extended its deadline for submission of Recycler of the Year Award Nominations till September 24 in order to allow everyone time to participate. So, visit our website at trc-online.org for criteria and info. about submitting your nomination.

TRC is proud sponsor of America Recycles Day (ARD) on November 15. For more information about local events as this date approaches, please visit www.state.tn.us/environment.dca/recycle/and.php or www.americarecyclesday.org

Steel Recycling Institute: Promoting and Sustaining Recycling of All Steel Products

Submitted by Suzette Thomason

The Steel Recycling Institute (SRI) continues to support steel recycling in the U.S. Through its award winning multi-material recycling education program, which includes activities for pre-k through 12th grade, and its children's website, www.recycleroom.org, the SRI promotes recycling and offers entertaining lessons about solid waste management.

The SRI also continues to provide recycling options for consumers through its recycling database, which can be accessed through the SRI website, www.recycle-steel.org. Consumers simply enter their zip code and wait for an e-mail that provides them with recycling options in their area.

The SRI's General Manager, Eastern United States, Suzette Thomason, works to ensure that steel recycling infrastructure remains strong. Together, the SRI team has helped steel remain North America's number one recycled material.

In 2002, more than 70 million tons of steel scrap found its way to end markets rather than landfills, which resulted in an overall recycling rate of 70.7 percent. In the case of automobiles, the recycling rate for 2002 was 100.6 percent. The auto recycling rate is calculated by comparing the total steel utilized to produce new cars versus the total steel recovered from old cars.

When it came to household recycling, appliances continue their impressive trend with a recycling rate of 86.6 percent. In addition, Americans continue to participate in their local curbside and drop-off programs and the steel can recycling rate increased to 58.5 percent in 2002.

For more information about steel recycling, please visit the SRI's website, www.recycle-steel.org.

TRC would like to thank Suzette Thomason and The Steel Recycling Institute for their support of our organization.

Massachusetts E.P.A. Pays Town Recycling Award

The town of Littleton, MA was awarded \$1,816 over a six month period for recycling 362 tons of waste. The town participates in a Municipal Recycling Incentive Program that rewards cities and towns for the steps they take to improve their recycling programs. Littleton earns \$4 a ton for their recyclables, but for every additional ton that is recycled over last year, the town earns \$20 a ton. The money the municipalities earn is used to further enhance their programs and can even make the programs self-sufficient. A list of criteria must be followed to qualify for the program and the town must increase its recycling tonnage and recycle a certain amount of products to participate. The program is funded through the \$13 million the state has collected in unclaimed beverage container deposits over the past five-and-a-half years.

Conference News: "Recycling Mountains of Materials"

TRC is proud to present our 14th Annual Recycling Conference and Exhibition at the Marriot Knoxville from October 22-24.

Come help us kick off the conference with an informal gathering Tuesday evening at Barley's in the Old City. RockTenn Knoxville will sponsor the "first-round" for those who arrive early.

We get down to business on Wednesday with the Keynote Venture, a panel of experts discussing an array of environmental issues, and the Annual TRC Membership Meeting.

Technical Tours

A choice of technical tours will be offered on Wednesday. One will travel to Advanced Polymer Recycling, a plastics processing facility, and to The Oak Ridge National Recycle Center in Clinton, an electronics demanufacturing and plastics sorting operation. The second tour will visit The Goodwill Materials Recovery Facility in Morristown, a processing facility for industrial, commercial, and residential recyclable's that provides a good model for smaller communities. You must choose one of the two tours on your registration form to participate.

Technical Sessions

Thursday will kick off with a **breakfast tabletop discussion** on end-user markets that fit your program. Technical Sessions on varying subjects will be offered to help you enhance your programs. Topics include: Combining litter and recycling efforts, What's happening with SWM Act revisions and the revitalization of Regional SW Boards, Industrial and commercial recycling, The economy and recycling, What to do with wood waste, Paint collection, reuse, and resale, Faith-based environmental initiatives, and Recycling in hospitals, retail outlets and recreational facilities.

Special Workshops

Two separate workshops will be offered this year. The first is a one-hour Driver's Safety Workshop that will be offered Thursday afternoon. This is a great opportunity to further promote the importance of maintaining a safe vehicle to all of your drivers. Check the conference brochure for more information. The second workshop, Reaching New Heights for the Future, will be held Friday morning and provides insight into environmental stewardship at colleges and institutions.

Special Events

The Annual **Golf Tournament** will be held at Three Ridges Golf Course this year. Set in she shadows of the Great Smoky Mountains, this 7,035-yard championship course is a host for the annual Nike Knoxville Open. The tournament will have a shot-gun start and prizes and "goody bags" will be provided. For more information, contact Clark Lindsey at (865) 522-6129.

New this year - **dinner and entertainment**, along with the Annual Auction and Exhibitor,s Reception. Bid on a number of valuable items while enjoying the music of the highly talented and versatile Jodie Manross. Also back by popular demand, the "Recycling Elvis" will be in the building. To donate items for the auction, please contact Lori Munkeboe at (615) 532-0705.

Friday Give-Away

This year, TRC will give away a valuable door prize at Friday morning's workshop. You must be present to win!

EPA Launches Teen Environmental Education Program

On September 1, the EPA launched a new campaign aimed at 7th-12th grade's. This "Make a Difference" Campaign encourages teens to make informed decisions in their daily lives about the environment and the effects the products they use may have. Ideas on how to initiate school and community programs are also a focus. As part of this campaign, the EPA is offering free copies of a resource kit "Your Life, Your World, Your Choices," to assist in education. For more information, visit www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/students.htm.

YES!

I want to help TRC promote recycling in Tennessee!



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