

26-28 National Truck Equipment Association's SUPERSHOW VIII. Commercial Truck and Equipment Exposition. Charlotte, NC. Contact: Joan Christophersen. Phone: (800) 441-6832 or (810) 489-7090. Fax: (810) 489-8590.

March

3 "The Microbiology of Turfgrass Soils," an educational seminar cohosted by the Alabama Golf Course Superintendents Association and the GCSAA. Birmingham, AL. Phone: (800) 472-7878.

3 "Irrigation System Operation and Principles of Design," an educational seminar cohosted by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of South Dakota and the GCSAA. Sioux Falls, SD. Phone: (800) 472-7878.

4 "Personal Stress Management," an educational seminar cohosted by the North Michigan Turf Managers Association and the GCSAA. Gaylord, MI. Phone: (800) 472-7878.

4 North Carolina State University and the Turfgrass Council of North Carolina sponsor the second annual Turfgrass Conference. Asheville, NC. Contact: Turfgrass Council of North Carolina. Phone: (910) 695-1333. Mail: P.O. Box 289, Southern Pines, NC 28388.

4-5 "The First Step to Behavior-Based Safety™," two-day training seminar for training in behavioral methods for accident prevention. Houston, TX. Contact: Behavioral Science Technology, Inc. Phone: (800) 548-5781 or (805) 646-0166. Fax: (805) 646-0328. E-mail: bstojai@bscitech.com. Web site: www.bscitech.com.

5 "Calibration and Safety of Pesticide Application Equipment," an educational seminar cohosted by the Main Golf Course Superintendents Association and the GCSAA. Rockport, ME. Phone: (800) 472-7878.

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STMA MESSAGE



Looking Back and Moving Forward

By Mike Schiller

STMA's 8th Annual Conference & Exhibition in Colorado Springs has come — and gone — and there are some special people to be thanked — especially: Mary Owen, program chair, for putting together such excellent sessions; and Dr. Eugene Mayer, exhibits chair, for pulling together our most successful exhibit ever.

I extend many thanks to all of our speakers and round-table discussion leaders. It's through the efforts of those willing and able to share their knowledge, expertise and ideas that we raise our level of professionalism. I also extend thanks to all the exhibitors who devoted their time and efforts to helping us see and find out more about the products and services that help us do our jobs better.

I also thank the people of the Colorado Chapter. Over this past year, we have had the opportunity to work with Chapter President and Conference Chair Dave Rulli, with Ross Kurcab and Abby McNeal on the Educational program, with Mitch Hovet on Exhibits, with Ken Norkosky on Hospitality, and with Chapter Executive Secretary Troy Smith. These key people deserve a round of applause for all their efforts.

Then, at the conference, we had the opportunity to meet and mingle with many more Colorado Chapter members. We especially appreciate those who arranged and hosted the excellent tours in Colorado Springs and in Denver. What a beautiful

area to live and work in! We also appreciate those who helped with the on-site details that make a conference function. On behalf of the board and all the attendees and exhibitors, I want publicly to extend a big thank-you to the Colorado Chapter for all its hard work and for being such an excellent host.

An excellent time was had by all. If you were there or if you missed this one, now is the time to start making plans to attend STMA's 9th Annual Conference in Orlando, FL, January 14 to 18, 1998. We're going to Disney World!

I want to thank everyone for his or her support this past year. It's been a successful year for STMA. I want to thank all of our board members for their time and dedication, and I thank all the members for their vote of confidence in allowing us the opportunity to continue to serve you in 1997.

STMA continues to grow, but we still need your help. We're always open to your suggestions on what we can do to continue to improve. Just contact me, any of your board members or anyone at headquarters. If there is a committee that you have an interest in, please contact that committee chairperson, Steve Trusty or me — we'll get you involved. We can only continue to grow and prosper if we have hard working individuals dedicating some time to the association. Become an active participant — you'll meet great people and get more out of being a member.