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## MARCH SEMINAR IN GALAX

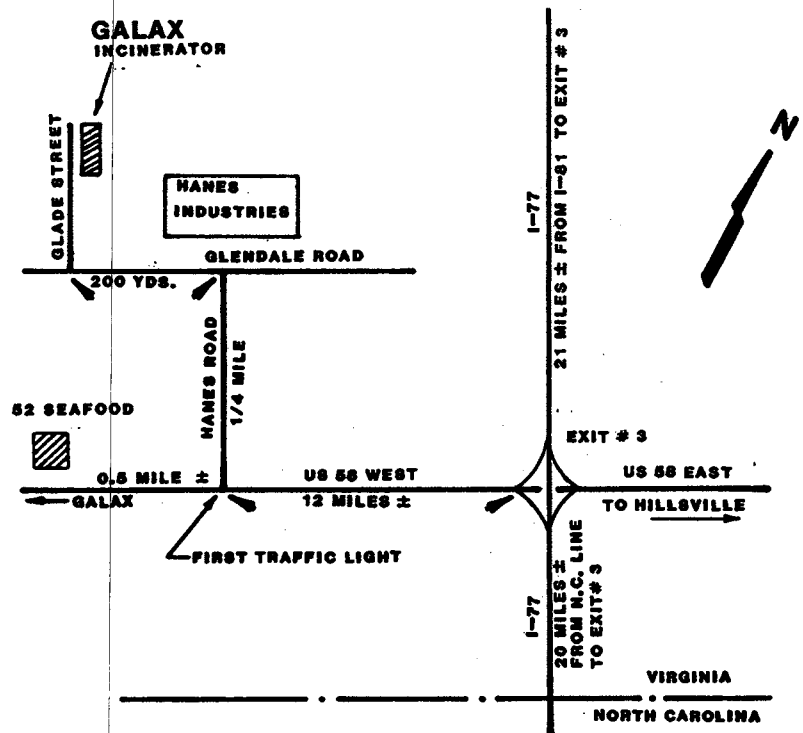
The chance to see a solid waste incinerator inside and out and to find out about its day to day operation, problems and benefits is right around the corner. That is Wednesday, March 11, 10:00 in Galax. It is the topic of the annual training seminar held each March by the Southwest Virginia Solid Waste Management Association. A good turnout is anticipated for this look at an increasingly popular technology which generates usable energy while saving landfilling space.

The agenda for the day is as follows: gather by 9:45 at the Galax Incinerator (see map below) for a tour of the facility starting precisely at 10:00, after tour and questions proceed to 52 Seafood for a short business meeting, lunch and the remainder of the program. During the business meeting of the association there will be a vote on the amended bylaws and a report on the plans for the annual meeting and equipment show. Afternoon speakers on incineration technology, operations and economics will be John Holston of the Harrisonburg, VA facility, Jim Finder, operator of the Salem Incineration Plant, and Sam Miller, a financier with the New York firm of James Lowry Associates.

The program will end between 4:00 and 4:30 and certificates will be given for completion of the seminar. Lunch will be a choice of three different entrees which will be on individual tickets with a gratuity added in. There is no other fee for the seminar.

Jes Alexant, Claude Hutton and Ed Jones among others of the Engineering firm Dewberry & Davis have planned this training event and will serve as moderators. Hosts and implementors are Harold Snead, Galax City Manager and Mike Martinez, Engineer for the Galax Incinerator.

See you there!



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## MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING

A meeting of the Southwest Virginia Solid Waste Management Association was held Wed. Dec. 17, 1986 at 11:00 am at the Christiansburg Municipal Building.

Present were: Tim McCoy-Montgomery Co.; Robert Gearhart and Donnie Board-Town of Christiansburg; Don Henderlite and Lynn McKinney-MRPDC; Jeff Crate and Marla Thornton-Draper Aden; Randy Utt-Carroll Co.; Rhea Lawrence-Smyth Co.; J.W. Smithey-City of Bristol; Bill Kreye-OLver, Inc.; Billy Pruitt-Bland Correctional Center; Mark Flippo-Cavalier Equipment; Larry Vest-Pulaski Co.; Jes Alexant-Dewberry and Davis; and Dan Buckley-Carter Machinery.

In the absence of the president Earl Rife, the meeting was chaired by Don Henderlite.

On motion by T. McCoy, second by R. Lawrence, the minutes of the Sept. 10, 1986 meeting were approved as distributed. Vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's report by D. Henderlite, as attached to these minutes, showed loss of \$282.26 on Annual Meeting and Equipment Show. On motion by T. McCoy, second by R. Gearhart, a reimbursement from the state solid waste management association for this amount will be requested. As Treasurer of the state organization, R. Lawrence to follow up on this request. Vote was unanimous.

Related discussion: the Virginia Solid Waste Management Association continues to be inactive and our association would like to take over its treasury for the purpose of funding the 1987 annual meeting and equipment show. Request Olin Willis to help R. Lawrence find contact people to facilitate this transfer.

On motion by T. McCoy, second by R. Utt, the Treasurer's report as read was unanimously approved.

A 1987 slate of officers was presented by T. McCoy and D. Henderlite as nominating committee. With no nominations from the floor and on motion by R. Lawrence, second by J.W. Smithey and no dissenting votes, new officers for one year terms are: Jeff Crate, President; Danny Turner, Vice President; and Lynn McKinney, Secretary. Don Henderlite continues a 2-year term as Treasurer. As part of the approved slate the following appointments were made: Tim McCoy, State Program Director; and Marla Thornton, Activities Chairman.

At this time J. Crate took over as chair of the meeting and new officers assumed duties.

The following reports were made on the 1986 Annual Meeting and Equipment Show: D. Henderlite on program printing and information dissemination; J. Crate on speakers - written thanks were sent; M. Thornton on questionnaires - 23 returned out of 118 in attendance, few negative comments received; L. McKinney on mailing list - made available at this meeting; T. McCoy on vendors and exhibits - 14 took part out of 60 invited, letters of thanks and followup were sent.

A motion by J. Alexant to host the 1987 Annual Meeting and Equipment Show was seconded by T. McCoy and carried unanimously. Subcommittees were appointed as follows under the committee chairmanship of T. McCoy:

Advertising and publicity, Marla Thornton; Location and food & beverage, Jeff Crate; Program, Jes Alexant, Bill Kreye & Butch Joyce; Vendors, Tim McCoy, Robert Gearhart & Dan Buckley; Brochure design & distribution /

Registration, Don Henderlite & Lynn McKinney; Entertainment, Rhea Lawrence.

Committee to meet Wed. Jan. 14, 1987 at 10:00 am in Wytheville at a location to be determined by D. Turner. L. McKinney to send out notices.

Related discussion and suggestions:

Design-in better circulation to vendors and equipment; move to Wed.-Thurs.; move to Sept. date; have breakfast with speaker and finish meeting at noon; invite news media; have delegated photographer; have our own association membership booth; center program around new state regs; have vendors "sponsor" each segment; get abstract from potential speakers; advertise in WasteAge Magazine, others; have lighter topics to balance out more technical segments; have panel discussions; advertise earlier and emphasize as STATE meeting; have "family-oriented" entertainment; do field trip by bus.

Taking up old business, a task force was appointed to monitor the developments on the new state regulations and to be prepared to attend public hearings. A major function of the task force is to relay information back and forth among county, city and town leaders. Chaired by T. McCoy, the Task Force is R. Lawrence, J. Crate, B. Joyce, B. Kreye, J. Alexant and D. Henderlite.

To boost membership in our organization a committee was set composed of Olin Willis and Butch Joyce. On motion by R. Lawrence, second by D. Henderlite and unanimous vote, a quarterly newsletter to our membership and potential members will be initiated. It is to contain membership registration, news about our organization and news pertinent to our members as well as minutes of the previous meeting and notice of next meeting. Newsletter committee chaired by J. Alexant consists of M. Thornton, D. Henderlite and L. McKinney. Suggestions for logo and name are requested.

Amendments to the Constitution are under study by a committee chaired by D. Henderlite. Proposed changes must be circulated by mail to the membership one month prior to a vote at the March 11, 1987 meeting.

Turning to new business, a motion by R. Lawrence, second by T. McCoy and passed by unanimous vote, to table until the March meeting a request by Sam Connors of Brammer Safety Supply to demonstrate safety equipment at the June meeting.

On motion by T. McCoy, second by R. Lawrence, the March meeting and day-long seminar will be set for March 11, 1987 in Galax with incineration feasibility and operation the topic of the seminar. Motion passed with no dissenting votes. J. Alexant is to contact Harold Snead, City Manager of Galax, to arrange meeting site, tour of incineration facility and speakers. We will give our own certificate for completion of this seminar.

Thanks were given to outgoing officers with a letter of same to be sent by the president. Thanks also were extended to host for this meeting Robert Gearhart.

A motion to adjourn made by D. Henderlite, second by T. McCoy, carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn McKinney, Secretary

## PROFILE



**JEFF CRATE, ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT**

President of our Southwest Virginia Solid Waste Management Association this year is Jeff Crate. He is the director of the Solid Waste Division of the consulting engineering firm of Draper Aden Associates working in their Blacksburg office. He has been with the firm since 1982. He and his wife Ann have a soon-to-be one year old daughter Emily.

Jeff received his B.S. in Geology in 1973 from Virginia Tech and his M.S. in Civil Engineering in 1976, also from Virginia Tech. He's a registered Professional Geologist in Virginia and served as team engineer and hydrogeologist on the 1976 Antarctic Research Team sponsored by the Virginia Tech Biology Department.

You'll remember Jeff was one of the speakers last October at our Annual Meeting and Equipment Show. He spoke on the topic "Insights Into the Future of Solid Waste Management and Alternatives". As first speaker of the second morning he had an immediate challenge of getting his audience awakened and tuned in which he did with a few off-the-topic slides thrown into his presentation. His grinning orange Jack-o'-lantern riveted quite a few heavy eyelids.

Currently, Jeff is a member of the committee planning the 1987 Annual Meeting and Equipment Show chairing each meeting and doing site visits of potential conference center facilities. Jeff also holds membership in the Governmental Refuse Collection Disposal Associates.

Jeff has had a series entitled "Solid Waste Management Alternatives" in the past 3 issues of Virginia Review. The Sept./Oct. 1986 issue's topic was the latest regulations in solid waste management being drafted by the State Department of Waste Management. Continued in the Nov./Dec. 1986 issue, different national, Congressional and Environmental Protection Agency issues and mandates were presented as well as some guidelines for reducing the costs and liabilities of waste management. In the Jan./Feb. 1987 issue, Jeff covered the many aspects of resource recovery and energy generation. If you missed any part of this valuable series please contact Lynn McKinney, Association Secretary, for xerox copies.

## DATES AND NOTES

- ◇ Some late-breaking news on the March 11th. seminar! The choice of three entrees from 52 Seafood: > Shrimp, deep-fried / slaw / hushpuppies / choice of potato (\$3.95) > Flounder, deep-fried / slaw / hushpuppies / choice of potato (\$3.35) > Chopped sirloin / choice of potato / bread / trip to salad bar (\$3.35). Soft drinks, coffee, tea etc. additional.
- ◇ Mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting and Equipment Show tentatively set for October 13th. and 14th., 1987, a Tuesday and Wednesday this year! We'll be going to the Salem / Roanoke area this time. More information will be forthcoming. Get set for a great event!
- ◇ On the premise there's always room for one more...there's a good one-day workshop March 26th. in Lynchburg presented by Virginia Tech entitled "Protecting Groundwater at the Local Level". It will be held at the Radisson Hotel and the \$5 fee includes lunch. Call Margaret Hrezo at (703) 961-5624 for registration and information.
- ◇ Your newsletter needs news! Dates! Articles! Brag! Communicate with your COMMUNICATOR! Send such to Lynn McKinney, Assoc. Secretary and Editor-Apparent, at M.R.P.D.C. or call (703) 783-5103.

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#### ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

The Southwest Virginia Solid Waste Management Association is a group of people from Southwest Virginia involved in the collection and disposal of solid waste. The association has members from various walks of life, from landfill operators and waste collectors to engineers and planners, including salesmen and government officials.

The purpose of the association is to share and exchange ideas to improve and make easier the management of solid waste. Since it's beginning (February 16, 1977) the members of the association have shared ideas among each other and as a result have become a unit to help solve any problems that may arise.

Present officers include Jeff Crate (Draper Aden Associates) President; Danny Turner (Town of Wytheville) Vice-President; Lynn McKinney (Mount Rogers Planning District Commission) Secretary; Don Henderlite (Mount Rogers Planning District Commission) Treasurer; Tim McCoy (Montgomery County) Special Events Chairman; and Marla Thornton (Draper Aden Associates) Activities Chairman.

Anyone who is interested in solid waste can join the association by paying the annual dues of \$20. The dues are paid in June of each year and are paid to the association's treasurer.

The association meets on a quarterly basis on the second Wednesday of the last month of the quarter (March, June, September, and December). The association also sponsors an Annual Meeting and Equipment Show held in the fall quarter of each year.