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A Newsletter for Our Non-Profit Recycling Cooperative Members

- 26TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPO FOLLOW UP -

Gray Skies Didn't Deter Green Dialogue



The 26th Annual Conference & Expo held in Nashua, NH opened and closed on a stormy note. The rainy weather that prevailed throughout the Expo started on the first tee at the golf tournament and lasted through to the last bid at the Silent Auction. The weather didn't deter the energy and enthusiasm though, found inside at the 26th Annual.

With attendance slightly above average then in previous years, and Exhibitor booth space maxed out, the individual conference story lines became the news of interest.

The Silent Auction bidding ended with a flurry with many mad dashes to be the last person penciling in on the bottom line. The bidding competition was tough with many bidders disappointed as their "object of affection" slipped through their fingers to the next highest bidder. Minimum bids were abolished this year, which increased the quantity of bids, but lowered the overall income created. At the suggestion of Jan Carter at the Co-op, a "starting bid" may be implemented next year instead. The Silent Auction (right) fund-raiser brought in just over \$3,300.00.



The 50/50 raffle raised another \$194.50 for the Co-op and cash earnings for lucky winner, Michelle Sturgeon. Michelle, of South

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- GREAT MEMBER IDEA - LEE TRANSFER STATION -

Display That "Seed Potato"

Roger Rice, Manager of the Lee Transfer Station, discovered the need for "visuals" to increase their sales. With a large supply of Compost Bins previously purchased and still stored from a few years ago, Roger cleaned one up and put it on display. What a difference a visual makes!

"This year we sold all of them, except one, which was damaged and will be used for display next year" declared Roger. He went on to say, "I would highly recommend buying an extra compost bin, so that next year you have the 'seed potato' to greatly increase your residential bin sales."



Member Services Wants To Hear From You!

The Co-op works for you! Please consider sharing your thoughts and ideas by emailing or calling 603-736-4401!

We Have More Room...

2,500 sq ft of office space is now available for lease in our new building! It can be divided into smaller spaces if needed. Please call Paula Dow at 736-4401 if you or anyone you know may be interested.


- TOWN OF WALPOLE - Entire Staff Attends!

Every staff member from Walpole's Transfer Station attended the 26th Annual. They were able to do this because, with permission from the Town, they closed the Transfer Station in order to attend. "The information and education that can be absorbed in just two days at the Conference has an amazing impact on my crew", declared Rick Cooper Walpole's Transfer Station Manager and NRRA Board President. "They were able to see first hand, what goes on out there in our industry and the Additional Attendee Rate of only \$50 per person, really helped us afford to send the entire staff".



- SURCHARGE NOTICE - Interstate Refrigerant Affected by Rising Fuel Costs

Rising fuel costs continue to impact all of us; and as a result, many business' have had to pass on some of these costs to their customers. Interstate Refrigerant is the latest NRRA Vendor to assess and pass along such a fuel surcharge. This will take effect on July 15, 2007.

Those of you using Interstate for CFC removal will begin to see a "pick up/fuel surcharge" fee added to your invoice. We apologize for any temporary inconvenience and hopefully, as fuel prices go down, so will the surcharge. 

Conference & Expo Follow-up continued

Portland, ME (right) was so amazed to win. After announcing several winning ticket numbers, all with NO claimers, Michelle's lucky number was finally called over the loud speaker in the Exhibit Hall. "What a thrill it is to win", said Michelle, "Not only do I win but the Co-op does too!"




An Environmental Stewardship Award was presented to the NRRA by Marissa Frischetti of Veolia ES Technical Solutions. Each year, Veolia selects a valued customer from each region that has exhibited a dedication to environmental stewardship that goes above and beyond that of a simple recycling program. According to Ms. Frischetti, Veolia's Regional Manager (center) "NRRA



was selected because of its mission to the environment through waste reduction, recycling and education. Its success is evident in its broad membership base, its diverse marketing services and its network of innovative recycling and waste management partners throughout greater New England". Ms. Frischetti went on to say, "The NRRA provides the highest environmental and ethical standards for outsourcing recyclables, with expert technical assistance and great purchasing power for its more than 375 members."

This year, the many varied sessions were difficult to choose from. According to one attendee's

evaluation "Jerry Powell has the pulse of what's happening in the plastic industry; he provided great insights." The attendee went on to say, "He also had excellent E-waste information and it was VERY enlightening." Climate Change, The Art of Recycling and the TerraCycle sessions also drew great interest. As some attendees said, the Drop-Off Recycling Networking Session wasn't nearly long enough, and requested a two hour session for next year. Change is happening though, as the Annual Conference & Expo is currently undergoing a complete review/revamp from top to bottom. So next year at the 2008 Conference & Expo, watch for some more creative session scheduling, inspiring industry speakers, and a fresh and exciting new look.

Thanks again to our sponsors, exhibitors and donors for their monetary support. The Co-op produces this conference every year in hopes of; prompting regional discussion; promoting new products and services; and providing a dynamic venue to encourage the renewal of energies and dedication to recycling. We hope, once again, we've accomplished this goal. 

- FAREWELL TO GORDON McCOWN -

"Did You Hear the One About the Steel Buyer..."

The NRRA staff and Co-op membership will surely miss Mr. Gordon McCown! Gordon's knowledge of the industry, combined with his witty ways, created a seriously fun and very personable marketing service atmosphere.

Beyond his Marketing Services expertise, Gordon managed Exhibitor space at the last six conferences; launched and maintained the Boat Shrink Wrap Program; handled the Co-op's commercial accounts and became the "Ultimate Smoke Master" as he bar-B-que'd the best ribs at the Pignic every year. "Dem some recycled ribs!"

Gordon announced his intent to leave the Co-op after several weeks of critical *self-career review*. "I wasn't looking for a career change," remarked Gordon, "but, when this opportunity came up...it was an offer I couldn't refuse." Gordon's new job with Advanced Recycling-Schnitzer NE (based out of Concord, NH) will have him out and about and on the road as a commercial steel buyer.

Please join the Co-op in wishing Gordon the best of luck in his new job and may every story uttered, be a proven side-splitter! 



“When purchasing steel-toed boots, make sure they say PR.”

Adam Tasker, Wolfeboro’s Transfer Station Manager, passed along the above safety tip to your Co-op. After further research specific to his “tip” we found more valuable information to pass along to you, our members.

Matching the correct footwear to a specific work environment can improve safety and reduce risks. A basic element of any quality safety footwear is a steel toe, sometimes called a steel cap. The cap should cover the whole length of the toes from the tips to beyond the natural bend of the foot. Some workers may falsely believe that wearing a steel-toed shoe is all that is needed to provide foot protection. Unfortunately, they have neglected to take into account other factors in selecting proper safety footwear, such as nonslip and **puncture-resistant(PR) soles**, metatarsal protection and boot material that is designed for electrical or chemical hazards.

Protective footwear must comply with American National Standards Institute’s (ANSI) standard Z41-1991. ANSI Z41 separates safety footwear into six categories: impact- and compression-resistant, metatarsal, puncture-resistant, electrical hazard, electrostatic dissipative and conductive.


Following are 3 of the category descriptions that are more specific to the waste management/recycling industry.



1. Impact- and Compression-Resistant footwear uses a steel or nonmetallic toe cap to protect against falling objects or crushing from heavy, rolling objects. Most any industrial work situation calls for steel-toed shoes.

2. Metatarsal shoes are designed to prevent or reduce injuries when the metatarsal (upper foot) and toe areas are exposed to “drop” hazards. Metatarsal guards can be internal or external. This type of footwear should be worn on jobs involving a fork lift or where workers carry heavy objects that could be dropped on their feet.

3. Puncture-Resistant (PR) footwear should conform to a set of ANSI standards that, when met, reduce the possibility of puncture wounds to the soles of the feet by objects such as nails, glass or sharp metal that could penetrate the soles of footwear. The footwear should have reinforced, flexible metal soles or inner shoes, assuming there is no risk of electrical contact.

Above are excerpts pulled from the article, *If the Shoe Fits the Hazard, Wear It* by Todd Nighswonger. To read the entire article go online to www.occupationalhazards.com. 

An Update

The committee has received dozens of resumes from some very qualified applicants for the Executive Director position. We are currently in the process of scheduling interviews and hope to have a new Director on board soon. Meanwhile, if anyone has any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to contact Paula Dow at the NRRRA office. Paula is serving as the Interim Administrator until the new Director takes over. 


MEMBER HELPING MEMBER



SANBORNTON & JAFFREY, NH



The Big Baler Swap!

Recently Russ Bennett, of Recycling Mechanical of N.E., discovered that Sanbornton had a vertical baler that required 3-phase power, yet Sanbornton did not have 3 phase power available. Russ then remembered that Jaffrey had a single phase baler but **did** have 3-phase power available. Upon this realization, Russ suggested a Member-to-Member Swap! Mary in Sanbornton and Peachie in Jaffrey discussed this possibility with their own Selectmen and Administrations. The Swap was a “go” with both towns! On June 12 & 13, 2007, Sanbornton’s baler was transported by Russ to Jaffrey and Jaffrey’s baler was transported to Sanbornton. Both balers will be used to store and bale plastics! That’s a Co-op vendor helping Co-op members in the best way! 

- THE SCHOOL RECYCLING CLUB NEWS -

The CLUB Receives a “Green Theater” Grant

The NRRRA has received a \$10,000 grant from the Walker Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The Grant is to help fund the first production of The Recyclabulls called *Commenda Bull’s Club*. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA), and the Winnepesaukee Playhouse are collaborating on this project. This series of four fun-filled musical adventures are designed to bring environmental interactive live theater performances to elementary schools and science centers. Some of the topics performed will be about recycling, climate change, water and forest conservation.



The first production is about recycling and is called the *Commenda Bull’s Club*, with the recurring theme of “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle”. *Commenda Bull’s Club* will be toured to 15 interested elementary schools and science centers during the first three weeks in April to augment schools’ 2008 Earth Day curriculum. If you would like to view a video clip of the play, you can find it on The School CLUB’s web site. Go to: www.nrrra.net; then click on School Recycling; then click on Recyclabulls. If you’re interested in having them perform at your local school, please call the Co-op for details at 603-736-4401. 