

# OKVMA NEWSLETTER

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## Oklahoma Vegetation Management Association

### Spring Conference in Oklahoma City



#### Points of Interest:

- *OKVMA Leadership*
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OKVMA will be hosting its annual Spring Conference, Trade Show and Training in Oklahoma City, OK at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center - 737 South Meridian.

**Tuesday, 03/02/10**, a pre-test study session will be offered for those interested in attending at no charge and applicator testing will be set after the study session. Testing fees are applicable for all Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry (ODAFF) exams. This session is located: Association of County Commissioners— 429 NE 50th, Oklahoma City, OK, beginning at 9:00 am.

The Spring Meeting is a 1-day training on **Wednesday, 03/03/2010**. Enclosed you will find an agenda and registration form, please note the deadlines to take advantage of the **early-bird registration fees**. Fees will go up after February 19, 2010. No refund requests will be processed after February 19, 2010.

Continued education units (CEU) will be offered. Remember to bring your license. Please note that you must be in attendance of the meetings to be eligible to receive credits. **CEU awards for the following categories:**

- 5** - Category 6-Right-of-way and Category 10-Research & Demonstration
- 4** - Category 3a-Ornamental & Turf and Category 5-Aquatic
- 2** - Category A -Aerial

#### OKVMA Leadership

##### 2009-2010 Officers

President	Mike Wellner, Advanced Applicators
VP/Pres. Elect	Vacant
Secretary/Editor	Kathy Markham, Northeast Rural Services
Treasurer	Steve DeShazo, People's Electric Cooperative
Past President	Rich Hendler, DOW AgroSciences

Mike Darnell, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative, resigned as 2009-2010 President, the Directors appointed Mike Wellner to fill the vacated position. Currently the Directors are seeking candidates to fill the VP/President Elect position. If you are interested please contact one of the directors.

If you are interested in serving on the OKVMA Board, please contact any Director for more information. Elections are held during the fall meeting.

##### 2009-2010 Board of Directors

Academia	Craig Evans, OSU - RMV Program
Contractors	Jimmy Pongetti, BASF
Electric Cooperative	Joe Osborne, Oklahoma Electric Cooperative
Municipalities	Phil Sapienza, City of Muskogee
Suppliers	Stacy Gingrich, Estes
County Govt.	Dale Frech, Association of County Commissioners
Ind. & Prod.	Erika Stockton, O G & E
I.O. Utilities	John Byrom, AEP
Pipeline	Charles Columbus, Chaparral Energy LLC
State Govt.	Mike Vandeventer, OK Dept of Ag, Food & Forestry
Dir at Large	Jim Clark, Application Specialties
Dir at Large	Bob Bogle, Grand River Dam Authority
Dir at Large	Mark Bays, OK Dept of Ag, Food & Forestry

7:50 - 8:00 Greeting - Housekeeping - Sponsor & Exhibitor Introductions - Mike Wellner, OKVMA President

8:00 - 9:00 Dr. Fred Whitford, Coordinator - Pesticide Programs - Purdue University

**Mystery of the Fish Kill - Natural or Chemical** Questions arise whenever a pond owner discovers dead fish floating on the surface or lying along the shore, especially after a recent pesticide application that you made adjacent to the property. A fish kill complaint is serious and requires a quick response and a thorough investigation. This program will provide specific questions to ask when investigating whether the application the herbicide that you made caused the fish kill.

9:00 - 9:30 Ken Spady, Safety Director - ESTES

**Applicator Safety - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** This presentation will discuss the need for proper Personal Protective Equipment. Common and not so common means of exposure and how to prevent it. General leakage, equipment failures, and the unforeseen "accident"

9:30 - 10:00 **BREAK WITH EXHBITORS**

10:00 - 11:00 Dr. Fred Whitford, Coordinator - Pesticide Programs - Purdue University

**Securing Pesticides and Cargo On Trucks and Trailers** Losing cargo on the road is serious business. Unfortunately, cargo falling on highways results in material loss, destruction of personal property, and, sometimes, environmental impacts. Properly loading, positioning, and securing pesticide-related cargo within the truck or on a trailer prevents highway accidents and reduces transportation liabilities. The proper selection and use of tie downs makes can make a significant impact in keeping the roads safe from falling cargo. This program will describe how properly placed and correctly, sized tie downs can hold cargo on and within commercial trucks and trailers.

11:00 - 11:30 Ken Spady, Safety Director - ESTES

**Calibration and Label Uses** This presentation will be a "back to the basic" approach to proper equipment calibration and label uses.

11:30 - 1:00 **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

1:00 - 1:30 Bob Smalley, Founder - Smalley Foundation

**Pipeline Safety** This presentation will educate the audience of pipeline safety as related to vegetation management rights-of-way.

1:30 - 2:00 Catreana Bennett, Manager - OPAL

**Pipeline Right-of-way Safety** This presentation will cover hazard recognition when entering rights-of-way to perform vegetation management maintenance.

2:00 - 2:30 Mike Vandeventer, Complaints Program Administrator and Ralph Tyler, Field Inspector  
Oklahoma Department of Food and Forestry

**ODAFF – Rules & Regulations and General Information** This presentation will cover updated information and highlight the rules and regulations. In addition, this topic will cover what inspectors are looking for when they perform a facility inspection or make a routine stop of an application in process.

2:30 - 3:00 **BREAK WITH EXHBITORS**

3:00 - 3:30 Dr. Joe Armstrong, Extension Specialist - Oklahoma State University Weed Sciences

**Product Update** This presentation will discuss current product updates.

3:30 - 4:00 Peter Rausch, Forester, Consultant, Certified Arborist - Resource Management & Consulting

**Application Methods** This presentation will cover application methods as pertaining to different types of vegetation, terrain and weather factors.

4:00 - 4:30 Charles Luper, Oklahoma State University

**Recycling and Container Management** This presentation will discuss the proper recycling methods and benefits to the environment by proper recycling methods.

4:30 - 5:00 Les Newkirk, Vegetation Management Specialist - Northeast Rural Services, Inc.

**Close Chain of Custody** This presentation will discuss the benefits of a close loop system, inventory management and recycling.

OKVMA Annual Spring Conference, Trade Show and Training

MARCH 3, 2010

CLARION HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER - OKC

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one form per person.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check appropriate fee applicable:

\_\_\_\_\_ No Charge **Pre-Test Study Session for Commercial Applicators** (Tues. 03/02/10 @ 9:00 am)

**LOCATION:ACCO Building 429 NE 50th Street, Oklahoma City, OK**

*If you do not plan to attend the conference, but wish to test, please complete and submit registration form. This session is sponsored by OKVMA at no charge, however there are ODAFF testing fees that do apply (for details contact ODAFF directly at 405-521-3864).*

Early Registration Fees are available until February 19, 2010

\_\_\_\_\_ \$40 **Early Registration Fee** \_\_\_\_\_ **LATE REGISTRATION after 02/19/10 - \$60**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 **OKVMA Conference Sponsor**

Includes 1-registration and honorable mention during the conference and recognition on program. *Please note if registration is received after 02/19/10 you may not be featured in the program.*

\_\_\_\_\_ \$125 **Exhibitor Registration**

Includes 1-registration, skirted 3’x8’ table for display, listing on flyer and honorable mention during meeting. Exhibitors will be able to set up the evening of Tuesday, 03/02/10. *Please note if registration is received after 02/19/10 you may not be featured in the program.*

\_\_\_\_\_ \$200 **Break Sponsor** - Includes 1-registration and special recognition during conference and on program.

*Please note if registration is received after 02/19/10 you may not be featured in the program.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL FEE(S) DUE**

**Make Checks Payable to: OSU, 430 Student Union, Stillwater, OK 74078**

**Or Register On-line with Visa or MasterCard at <http://orangehub.okstate.edu>**

**Click on Agriculture Conference Services—then go to OKVMA Conference**

**Credit Card or Purchase Order—Fax application to 405-744-8491**

Must have the following information completed for proper processing. *Purchase Order must accompany registration form.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_ PO# \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/MC \_\_\_\_\_ Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature required for all PO and CC charges: \_\_\_\_\_

**Got Questions? Call below contacts for assistance:**

Program Content - Kathy Markham, OKVMA Secretary	918-256-9302
Registration - OSU Ag Conferences	405-744-6489
Personal CEU - ODAFF Consumer Protection Services	405-522-8958

**ACCOMODATIONS:**

Hotel reservation deadline: 02/10/2010

Clarion Hotel & Conference Center

737 S. Meridian, Oklahoma City, OK

For reservations call: **405-942-8511**

Room Block: OKVMA Rate: \$68.00 + tax



## Oklahoma Vegetation Management Association

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c/o OSU Conference Services  
430 Student Union  
Stillwater, Oklahoma 74078

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WE'RE ON THE WEB  
AT: OKVMA.COM

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## Questions & Answers...

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*We have had several inquiries specific to applicator certification. Therefore, we have put together a few of the most recently asked questions for your review.*

**Question:** If I take and pass my applicator test on Tuesday, can I still attend the conference? **Answer:** Yes, you are welcome to attend, however you will have to pay the registration fee, unfortunately you will not be eligible for CEUs

since you just tested but you will get great training!

**Question:** When am I eligible to start receiving Continued Education Units (CEU)? **Answer:** You are eligible to receive CEU's in the year following you receive your license.

**Question:** How many Continued Education Units (CEUs) do I have to have to stay current?

**Answer:** You must earn 15 CEUs during the 5-year cycle.

2010 is the start of a new cycle.

**Question:** How many CEUs can I get per year? **Answer:** You can earn no more than 7 credits per category per year.

If you have any questions that we can check out for you, shoot us an e-mail at

[kmmarkham@cableone.net](mailto:kmmarkham@cableone.net)