PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Jeff Davidson  
President, Kansas Section, SRM

Spring is springing, and one of my favorite ways to pass time - watching the grass grow - is about to happen. Spring has to be the busiest time of the year for everybody, at least everybody I know, and yet, it’s the time of year we most look forward to. Goes to show we enjoy being busy.

It seems to me there is a continuing increase in rangeland management and the multiple use aspects of rangelands. Those of us in the profession of education and promotion of good range management practices, have been enjoying a genuine interest in what we are doing this last decade. This interest comes from not only farmers and ranchers, but also from suburban and even urban dwellers who see rangelands as a valuable resource of wildlife, wide open spaces, recreational opportunities and ranching or “cowboy” culture. It’s truly an interesting and challenging time to be part of the Society for Range Management.

Ironically, this new interest in the grasslands of the USA has not expressed itself in new members for SRM. Mort Kothmann, in the March issue of the Trail Boss News, brings attention to the need for more SRM members. Kansas is no exception to this problem, and it’s a problem each of us needs to spend some time on. The interest and concern for rangelands by the general public has never been higher - and we should cash in on that by recruiting members for the “flagship society” of rangeland management. Mort offers a few things each of us should do. First we should make a mental inventory of the benefits we gain by contributing our time and energy as an active member. Second, keep a few membership applications in our briefcase, or the pickup dash. Next, when working with professionals, ask if they are members, and explain what SRM does. Look for opportunities to partner with other groups on public programs, and use that opportunity to promote SRM. Finally, consider SRM membership as an opportunity to “make a difference” for natural resources.

There are a number of exciting things happening in our profession these days. It is certainly not “business as usual.” Take note of our spring meeting information in this letter and plan to attend. I think it will be a fun time for those of us in attendance, and challenge us to learn more of alternative, multiple use management strategies.

Have a good spring, and remember, “nature teaches, she never preaches.”

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Kling Anderson Lecture

The 12th Annual Kling Anderson Lecture will be given by Dr. Edward Martinko on Wednesday, May 7, 2003. The lecture will occur at 4:00 p.m. on the Kansas State University campus in Throckmorton Hall Room 1014. Dr. Martinko is a professor and Director of the Kansas Biological Survey in Lawrence. His presentation will be on the use of remote sensing on rangeland.
Subscriptions to the Bluestem Bulletin are available to non-SRM members at $5 per year. Send remittance payable to the Kansas Section, SRM to Walter Fick, D ep t. of Agronomy - TH, Kansas State Univ., Manhattan, KS 66506.

Submission deadline for the next issue of the Bluestem Bulletin: July 1, 2003

MINUTES KANSAS SECTION, SRM MEETING -

Baron Shively opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. on September 20, 2002. The minutes and treasurer’s report were approved as distributed.

A report was given on the national meeting.

No nominations for awards at this time.

Election Report given by Amanda Shaw. Carol Blocksome is the new 2nd Vice-President. Karen Hickman and Maurice Miller were elected directors. A vote of the membership also approved a change in the bylaws. In the case of a tie vote, the Chair of the Elections Committee will flip a coin to determine who the winner is. Amanda will put together a notebook on officer responsibilities and send to officers.

Financial report: Baron’s research on selling caps, buckles, and pins was discussed. He was not able to do this yet, but will pursue this in the fall.

I & E report: Newsletter sent to about 430 individuals. Currently the SRM web site is not functioning. Walt Fick indicated that Roger Masenthin could make a brochure about the Kansas SRM section for a few hundred dollars.

Membership report: Baron stated that SRM membership was up. Walt suggested giving memberships to the top three students at the range youth camp. Baron will fill out the needed forms and send information to the treasurer.

Carol Blocksome reported on the summer SRM meeting in Flagstaff, AZ. The Endowment fund is not growing. Information on third party vendors was discussed. They discussed the new SRM web site. SRM national budget is 10 to 15% in the hole. The advisory council suggested not having a name change for the organization. This will be dropped for now.

Walt asked what was needed to revitalize the planning committee. Keith has posters to set up at KACD and could also use brochures. The downing board display is in rough shape. It needs new posters. Photos for the display are in bad shape and it needs a new header.

GLCI – Public Affairs. Scholarships for ranchers to go to national meeting - $500. GLCI will pay for nearly any educational opportunities for ranchers. Doug Spencer indicated the next GLCI meeting would be in Cassoday on December 17th.

Student Affairs: Range Youth Camp has $7,473.12 in its checking account. Need chairman for next year. Doug Spencer volunteered to be the chair of the student affairs committee and of the Range Youth Camp. Nancy Kirkham suggested a presentation be given at the KACD meeting. Also discussed the Black Mesa Academy.

There was a discussion on who sets up the spring and fall meetings. 1st vice president does spring meeting, and the president sets up the fall annual meeting.

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SPRING 2003 SECTION MEETING  
(Joint Meeting with the Southern Section)

PATCH BURN-GRAZING SEMINAR AND TOUR  
WAH’KON-TAH PRAIRIE, EL DORADO SPRINGS, MO  
JUNE 25, 2003

AGENDA

PRE-TOUR--TUESDAY, JUNE 24

1 PM  
PRAIRIE STATE PARK BISON PASTURES LIBERAL, MO  
(Some of us will leave WKT at 11:30; or meet at PSP at 1 pm.)

6 PM  
STEAK COOKOUT AT WAH’KON-TAH PRAIRIE HQ, 
EL DORADO SPRINGS  ($8 payable to SO Sect., SRM.)

7-10 PM  
SOUTHERN SECTION, SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT BUSINESS 
MEETING AT WKT HQ

PATCH BURNING-GRAZING SEMINAR & TOUR.--WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

8-9 AM  
ECOLOGICAL GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT AND THE SOCIETY FOR 
RANGE MANAGEMENT---Bob Budd, Director of Stewardship, TNC, WY, 
Manager Red Canyon Ranch, and President of SRM.

9-10 AM  
GRASSLANDS AND THE SHIFTING MOSAIC---Dr. Sam Fuhlendorf, Oklahoma 
State University.

10-10:30 AM RESTROOM BREAK AND DEPART FOR WKT PATCH –BURN/GRAZING 
SITE.

12-1 PM  
LUNCH AT WKT (Courtesy of TNC & MDC)

1-3 PM  
PATCH-BURN/CONTROL AND PATCH-BURN/GRAZING TOUR AT 
TABERVILLE PR..

3 PM  
HI-TENSILE ELECTRIC FENCE CONSTRUCTION.

4 PM  
ADJOURN

Please RSVP to Lauri at 660-885-6981, ext. 221; Lana at 417-876-5226; or Kristen at 417-876-2340 by 
June 13 so we can get a head count for meals. Payment in advance to SO. Sect., SRM, P. O. 368, Clinton, 
MO, 64735, would be appreciated.

Modest rooms at the C & H Motel 417/876-5757, or the Dogwood Inn 417/876-6888 in El Dorado Springs. 
Nicer digs and water that doesn’t smell like sulfur available 22 miles west in Nevada @ Comfort Inn, 417/667- 
6777; Super 8, 417/667-8888; Rambler Motel, 417/667-3351; and Country Inn & Suites, 417/667-9292.
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**Finance:**
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**Range Youth Camp:**
Doug Spencer - Ch.

**Information/Education:**
Karen Hickman - Ch.  
Bob Broweleit
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 26-30  AFGC Conference, Lafayette, LA

May 1  Southeast Agricultural Research Center Field Day, Mound Valley Unit

May 7  Kling Anderson Lecture, Throckmorton Hall, Kansas State University, 4 PM

June 24-25  Joint Kansas and Southern Section, SRM Meeting and Tour, El Dorado Springs, MO

July 8-11  Kansas Range Youth Camp, Rock Springs 4-H Camp

Jan 24-30, 2004  SRM Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT (www.rangelands.org for preliminary meeting agenda and hotel reservations)

Minutes Cont’d

Adult Range Camp: Dates for the camp are the end of August. Walt asked if we want to have an advanced course at Camp Wood. Dale Kirkham moved to support an Adult Range Camp at $20.00 per person not to exceed $500. Keith Harmoney seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Old Business: Section endowment for youth camp. Nothing at this time. Bylaws change. The motion passed by vote of members.

New Business: Oklahoma Section of SRM will ask to have the national meeting. Do we want to help them? The general consensus was that we could help. Jeff Davidson will contact the Oklahoma Section.

Dale and Nancy Kirkham found an old national SRM cookbook. They will give it to Harold and Patsy Garner for hosting the tour. Jeff Davidson and Baron Shively will present the book to them.

Mike Beam contacted Dale about being on a committee for grazing land resources for the upcoming EQIP program. He was asking for input from SRM.

Meeting was adjourned.

Joe Hecht