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ASMR NEWSLETTER

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Care of CD's

In the last newsletter I had a statement related to CD's. Since then I have read more about the care of CD's to increase their lifetime. In addition, I plan to print a hard copy of the proceedings from the past three years since we began using CD's to record the proceedings. The master copy is also on two computers, one of which is backed up every other day, as well as these proceedings being on zip disks. The following are some do's and do not's with respect to CD's. Handle discs by the outer edge or center hole and do not touch the undersurface, as this can cause damage and loss of data. Use a felt-tip permanent marker (of course this doesn't apply to ASMR CD's) to label them. Keep discs clean, and if you do have to clean, wipe them with cotton using CD/DVD cleaner, isopropyl alcohol, or methanol but not ethanol (i.e., do not use Maker's Mark!). Return discs to plastic case immediately after use. Store discs in cases in an upright position, preferably in a cool, dry, dark place with clean air.

Some do not's. Do not touch the surface. Do not bend the disc such as in trying to remove from the plastic case; push the center button to release the disc. Do not use adhesive labels that do not cover the entire surface of the CD. The adhesive labels used in 2003 and for some discs in 2004 were supposed to be OK according to the manufacturer of these labels, and I assumed that their labels will not warp the disc or cause them to be unbalanced. Apparently this applies to labels such as mail labels that do not have contact to the entire upper surface. Do not expose to extreme rapid temperature or humidity changes. **Do not expose recordable discs to prolonged sunlight or other sources of ultraviolet light.**

As stated in the last newsletter, all of ASMR CD's were tested prior to distribution as to their being complete and error free. However, if the metal aluminum or undersurface is scratched, data may be lost. Since the amount of data for all our meetings to date requires only a portion of the disc, if a scratch is not in that area, the data is still OK. **If you have a CD that becomes damaged, I will send you a new one.**

Copies of Past Proceedings

There are requests from time to time on the availability of proceedings from past meetings. Listed at the top of the next page are the approximate numbers of this inventory. These are being stored in my dry basement but if anyone is interested in copies I will send them to you for the cost of postage. The cost is \$5.00 per volume to cover the postage to anyone in the US. For foreign mail, send me an email message and I will check the rate to your country. The postage varies depending on the weight of the specific volume. Please send a check for the above amount and I will send the copy or copies you may wish. However, if you wish to use a credit card (Visa or MasterCard), I will need to add \$3.00 to cover the credit card processing costs for an entire purchase if multiple years are ordered. I am sure Joe Galetovic also has copies of these and some others not listed. If I haven't listed a particular year, it means I have only one copy that I use to photo copy articles upon request.

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Denver 1985 – 35; Jackson MS 1986 – 20; Charlestown WV – 1990 – 45; Duluth MN 1992 – 80; Gillette WY 1995 – 18; Austin TX 1997 – 25; St. Louis 1998 – at least 66 as have 2 unopened boxes; Scottsdale AZ 1999 – 200; Tampa FL 2000 – 225; Albuquerque NM 2001 – 190.

CD's are available as well for the 2002, 2003, and 2004 meetings. The cost is \$6.00 if paid by check and add \$3.00 for credit card purchases.

NEW MAGAZINE FOR ASMR

The new magazine **Reclamation Matters** should have arrived in March. I have a few issues remaining if for some reason you have not received your copy or if you should need additional copies. Do you have an article you would like to submit for a future issue of the magazine? Send it to me or Jeff Skousen as an electronic copy (Word is preferred) and be sure to include color photos (digital photos if possible). The more articles we have, the better the magazine and its value to both the readers and companies who advertise in the magazine. Several good papers were presented at the meetings in Morgantown which would make good articles for the magazine.

2005 Meetings – Breckenridge, Colorado June 19-22, 2005

The first call for papers will be in the next issue of **Reclamation Matters** and this has also been placed on the web page. All abstracts should be sent **only** as Word or WordPerfect files electronically to asmr4@insightbb.com or asmr@insightbb.com, or asmr2@insightbb.com. Additional information is on the web page.

The web page also has the web address for the resort hotel.

NEW WEB PAGE FOR ASMR

Check out the newly-designed web page <http://ces.ca.uky.edu/asmr> or use a web browser such as Google. Just type in asmr and our site is likely to appear as one of the top three or four. It has been very popular with over 500 hits since the revisions were made.

Note that the front page has six images. I want to change these periodically to give a new look from time to time. Send me a digital photo or slide and I will consider its being placed on the front page.

I welcome your comments and suggestions for improvement of our web page. I have plans for other improvements in the future to make this site more useful and hopefully to attract new members to our Society.

2006 Meetings – St. Louis, MO March 26-30, 2006

Progress is being made for these meetings. Technical committees are being chosen and a call for abstracts will likely occur yet this fall. There was a conference call made the last Friday of June involving the organizing committee members. We are in need of volunteers for moderators and topics for sessions. I will be contacting the TD Chairs in the next two weeks and they in turn may be contacting you.

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Some topics discussed in this conference call included: Conference Theme, Schedule, Plenary talks, Technical session planning, Forum access, Field trips (pre and post conference). Keynote talks are planned for Monday AM session with regular sessions Monday PM, Tuesday and Wednesday AM with a post plenary series of talks in the PM. There are plans for seven concurrent sessions for Monday PM through Wednesday AM.

Since this is a joint meeting with International Congress Acid Rock Drainage or ICARD, International Mine Water Association or IMWA, International Network for Acid Prevention or INAP, Acid Drainage Technology Initiative or ADTI, the Environmental Division of the Society of Mining Engineers or SME, and Rocky Mountain Regional Hazardous Substance Research Center, as well as ASMR, there are a lot of players. SME is the main host as explained in earlier newsletters. Charles Bucknam and myself will be the co-coordinators of the conference. Since there are 35 individual sessions, I will need a lot of help from ASMR members. I will have my hands full with the overall management of the abstracts and review of the papers and the production of the CD's. We will likely have the moderators of the sessions as the key persons for the review of the papers. I expect that some of the sessions will take more than just the morning.

It is obvious that the overall emphases will be related to acid mine drainage. Discussions in our conference call included case histories such as "what has worked," "what has failed and why." I included comments as to papers for the other technical divisions and the pattern was proposed similar to the 1994 Pittsburgh meetings. **If you have ideas as to a theme for this meeting, a committee assignment, etc., please contact me.**

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UP-COMING EVENTS

If you have meetings that you would like listed, send the information to me.

Title	Date	Place	Contact Person
Soil & Water Conservation Society	July 24-28, 2004	Radisson Riverfront Hotel St. Paul, MN.	Contact: Robin.Martinek@mn.usda.gov
College students, contact Kelly.Oliver@mn.usda.gov or Shannon.Bengtson@mn.usda.gov for special tours and activities. Web site www.minnesotaswcs.org/conv2004.htm			
24th Central States Forest Soils Workshop.	October 12-14, 2004	Hazard, KY	Chris Barton barton@uky.edu
Indiana Bat & Coal Mining: A Technical Interactive Forum	Nov. 16-18, 2004	Louisville, KY	Kimery Vories kvories@osmre.gov Internet Registration at www.dce.siu.edu
4th Asia Pacific Symposium on Environmental Geochemistry (apseg4)	Jan 18-20, 2005	Perth W. Australia	Jennifer Ammons Noble www.apseg4.curtin.edu.au
ASMR 22 nd Annual Meetings will coordinate this meeting.	Date of meetings is June 19-22, 2005 and location is Breckinridge, Colorado. Terry Toy		
ASMR 23 rd Annual Meetings	Date of meetings is March 26-30, 2006 and location is St. Louis. This will be a joint meeting with several other organizations.		