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## From the President:

I would like to start by saying we in the Sunflower Chapter of SWANA would like to extend our congratulations to the four 2004 Inductees to the “Kansas Solid Waste Management Hall of Fame”. Two of these are long time members of SWANA.

**Charlie Sedlock**, Division Manager for Hamm Waste, has been a member of the Sunflower Chapter from its start. He has served in varying capacities from being the first Chapter Treasurer to currently being on the Road-E-O Committee.

**Kent Seyfried**, Solid Waste Manager for the City of Olathe, has also served on our Board of Directors including being the International Representative. He was instrumental in the organizing and operations of our annual Truck Road-E-O. He continues to serve as co-chairman of this committee.

Please join me in congratulating each of these gentlemen when you meet them. We are proud of you!

SWANA is an organization of Solid Waste Professionals for Solid Waste Professionals with the purpose of ever improving our methods of dealing with solid waste in our communities. We as a chapter need to know how we can better help you in meeting/dealing with the solid waste challenges in your community.

Our business is ever changing and we want to better help provide the knowledge to meet these changes. We can maybe provide the opportunity to learn from each other and where needed we can draw from SWANA International for additional expertise. We really need your input as to what is needed. We need your reply to the member survey as to “what, where, and how”.

Thank you,

Bill Ridge

P.S. Again Congratulations to Charlie and Kent.

## Training Opportunity for New and Current Transfer Station Operators and Supervisors

By Dennis Degner

The SWANA/Kansas "Sunflower" Chapter and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment will again be jointly sponsoring training for operators, supervisors and managers of Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Stations (MSWTS) on November 3 and 4, 2004 in Wichita. We are planning to have another high quality training course similar to the one held in 2002 when over 60 people attended the training in McPherson.

Training course flyers will be mailed out in early September. Please watch your mail for details and plan to attend this early November training course if you are a transfer station operator, transfer station supervisor, transfer station manager, transfer station gatehouse staff member, or you are interested in learning more about transfer station operations. We intend to have knowledgeable and experienced transfer station managers from Kansas present their best ideas on how you can improve the quality and efficiency of operations at your MSWTS. In addition, you will be able to learn about and observe operations at the large Waste Connections and Waste Disposal, L.L.C. Transfer Stations. These facilities began operations in 2001 and 2002 respectively.

### 2004 Landfill Equipment & Truck ROAD E-O    October 1-2 2004    Salina, KS

Registration check-in and reception will begin at 7:00 p m Friday, October 1st at the Holiday Inn, 1616 West Crawford Road. Both Road-E-O events are scheduled to begin at 7:30 am Saturday, October 2. All contestants will receive a T-shirt, hat and ticket for the Lunch/Award banquet. Family & friends of the contestants are invited to watch the competition. The Lunch/Awards banquet will be at the Bicentennial Center. Lunch/Awards banquet tickets for guests will be available on the site.

The Truck portion of the Road-E-O will have five competition categories: Rearloaders, Sideloaders, Frontloaders, Roll-off, and Transfer Trailers. Truck participants may compete in only one category. The Landfill portion will have four categories: Compactor, Dozer, Scraper, and Loader. Landfill participants may compete in two categories. The First and Second Place winners will receive trophies and the First Place winner in each category will be eligible to represent the Kansas Chapter at the SWANA International Truck Road-E-O in 2005

## SWANA International News

### Electronic Waste Recycling

Pursuant to Earth Day (April 22), SWANA has been contacted by California Congressman Mike Thompson's office to assist in promoting electronic waste recycling and product stewardship. As many of you are aware Congressman Thompson introduced the National Computer Recycling Act (HR 1165) to establish a grant and fee program through the U.S. EPA to encourage and promote the recycling of used computers and to promote the development of a national infrastructure for recycling used computers. A full text of the bill can be found at [Thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov). Congressman Thompson would appreciate the help of SWANA members and other interested parties in contacting their Congressman seeking endorsement on this legislation by joining the 30 co-sponsors already supporting this bill. There is a form letter posted on SWANA's Advocacy website:

<http://capwiz.com/swana/home/>

### EPA Releases Interim Recommendations for Disposal of Infected Carcasses

On April 7, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a set of interim recommendations solid waste managers faced with the disposal of carcasses and related animal wastes potentially contaminated with chronic wasting disease (e.g. mad cow disease). Since late winter officials in several states have had to deal with the disposal of these potentially contaminated carcasses with no guidance on how to do so in order to prevent the spread of prions (the infectious agents found in diseased animals and humans).

EPA's Recommendations include:

- \* using a composite liner system and leachate collection system to "allow for potential future leachate monitoring for prions when appropriate tests are developed"
- \* overlaying a 20-foot base of municipal solid waste with 12 inches of absorbent material immediately prior to disposal of the animal carcasses or contaminated waste
- \* adding lime, cement klin dust, or other similar pH caustic after placement to fill the voids and minimize fermentation.

To download EPA's full release from April 7 in PDF format, visit EPA's Website at [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov).

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## Upcoming Events!

<b>WASTECON</b>	September 21-23 2004	Phoenix, Arizona
<b>2004 Landfill Equipment &amp; Truck ROAD E-O</b>	October 1-2 2004	Salina, Kansas
Landfill Competition	Truck Competition	
Dozer	Rear Loader	Transfer Trailer
Scraper	Side Loader	Roll-Off
Loader	Front Loader	
<b>Operators Training</b>	November 3-4 2004	Wichita, Kansas

Did you know? **SWANA** is 7,000 members strong