

Let's Go On A Picnic

The AOP summer picnic is planned for July 9 at Buckeye Furnace Historical Park near Wellston in Jackson County. The park is Ohio's newest. The Ohio Historical Society has reconstructed an iron-charcoal furnace and surrounding buildings. The general store also serves as a museum. There will be a \$1.00 fee for adults and 50 cent fee for children to tour the furnace. If you are a member of the Ohio Historical Society, you are admitted free. There are hiking trails for the more energetic ones. Jim Petro will show slides of wildflowers he has photographed. A short soils tour will be conducted near the park. You will need to bring one meat dish and a second dish of your choice. We will have one grill if you want to cook hamburgers. Bring your own table service. We will have drinks for you. (State property so you can draw your own conclusions as to what kind). We will plan to gather from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and eat at 1:00 PM. A short business meeting will follow the meal. Directional signs will be placed at the following intersections: OH327 and OH124, OH346 and OH124, OH346 and T-38, OH124, and OH124 and C58. See you there! Why not plan to camp at one of the state parks or private campgrounds in the area.

P. S. To wives and friends -- no one has ever been permanently lost in Jackson County.

Some Items from Joe Steiger - AOP President

Request for notes on cases of misuse of soil information

To make any headway toward registration of pedologists in Ohio, we must be able to show direct benefits to the public for such a law. We need to develop a file of cases where soil maps, soil data or interpretations have been misused with damages to the public. If you know of situations where such misuse has resulted in damages to the public please send me some notes on the details.

Soil Survey News

On May 7, 1977, the Wyandot Soil and Water Conservation District was host to a class from the Ohio State University. The soils course conducted by Dr. George Hall was here to study soil classification and land use on typical landscapes of Northwest Ohio.

About 70 students travelling on two buses saw six different soils. The Paulding clay at the Killdeer Plains was the first stop and on the Dave Herring's farm they saw Sisson sandy loam in a sand pit. The students visited a Chagrin silt loam on the floodplain of the Sandusky River on the the Dr. Donald Bauer farm.

The students also studied the Milton soil on the limestone ridge north of Carey, at the Troy Higgins farm. The next stop was at the Carey Humus Company's excavation where Carlisle muck is being used in making soybean inoculant. The last site of the day was at the Bob Bair's farm where they saw a Blount soil in the process of being drained.

At each site, the properties of the soil were explored, management problems were discussed, and questions about describing and classifying the soil were answered. Bob Hendershot and Joe Steiger, soil scientists with the SCS assisted on the tour.

A magazine article sent in by Jim Bauder

Your tax-exempt charity can lobby now

How much lobbying can an organization do and still retain its tax-exempt status? IRS rules have been vague, but the Tax Reform Act of 1976 provides a formula.

An organization can spend up to 20% of its first \$500,000 in funds to influence legislation and remain tax-exempt under Section 501(C)(3) of the IRS Code. The figure is 15% for \$1 million, and the percentage diminishes as the organization treasury gets bigger. No organization can spend more than \$1 million for lobbying, regardless of its total spendable money. The law provides penalties for over-spending. All who use the formula must maintain records on what they spend to change laws.

Alan Wentz, Extension wildlife specialist at South Dakota State University, says the new law defines two separate kinds of lobbying - direct and grassroots. "Direct lobbying is an attempt to influence legislation through communication with a legislative body", Wentz explains. "Grass-roots lobbying is an attempt to influence legislation through the opinions of the general public". Under the law, grassroots lobbying is limited to 25% of the amount permitted (but not required) under the new formula.

Organizations will not be permitted to get involved in political campaigns, Wentz says, but the law "does appear to permit them to support or oppose nominees for appointive offices".

These rules apply to wildlife, conservation and sportsmen's organizations and others which are tax-exempt or charitable in nature.

The AOP has made arrangements to have business cards printed with the AOP logo. The cost of the cards is \$10.60 for 500 and \$16.30 for 1000. In order to get this price, the orders must be turned in at one time. The last date to order is July 9. Send the order blank below to Lyle Jones, 19 Grand Park Blvd., Athens, Ohio, 45701. Make checks payable to Telegram Printers.

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Newsletter deadline - September 1. Any newsworthy items or articles should be in the hands of the editor by September 1 to appear in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Want a Special Program at the Soil Scientist Workshop?

Still on the calendar for Dec 6-8 is the Soil Scientists' Workshop. If you have suggestions about the program get them in to either Dick Jones or Keith Huffman pronto.

Mark your Calendar

The Annual Ohio SCSA Meeting is scheduled for January 16-17, 1978. Your AOP Executive Committee has tentatively scheduled our annual meeting for January 17. More details will follow.

Need Material

Now that you all got your acres, why not sit down and write an article for the Newsletter.

See You All the 9th.

