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Dear Southern Conference Members

Have you made plans to attend the SWMA conference in Lafayette, Louisiana in October yet? There will be many things to do and see, not to mention the fantastic food native to the area, so bring your entire family.

As many of you know, Mr. Bill Eldridge, Director of the Weights and Measures Division in Mississippi is retiring this month. His expertise and contributions to the Southern Weights and Measures Association will be greatly missed and will not be soon forgotten. Congratulations on your retirement Bill, and for a job well done.

The committee members for the October conference are listed in this newsletter edition. If any information is incorrect, do not hesitate to call, mail or fax the change to me as soon as possible so corrections can be made promptly.

Suggestions for the Fall meeting or topics that need to be addressed at the Directors Roundtable are most welcome. Looking forward to seeing you in Lafayette !

Sincerely,
Ronnie Harrell

53rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Southern Weights & Measures Association
Lafayette, Louisiana
October 24-28, 1998**

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Jurisdictional News**ALABAMA**

The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries is recruiting for the following position:

Heavy Duty Weights and Measures Inspector

Salary: \$19,180 - \$29,172 — Salary to increase by 8% on September 12, 1998.

Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent and three years experience installing, calibrating and repairing heavy weight scales, such as, stockyard, poultry and truck scales, must have a valid CDL license to drive big trucks.

Location: One vacancy in the district which includes Mobile and one anticipated vacancy in Northeast Alabama including Anniston, Birmingham, and Gadsden.

Call (334) 240-7120 for application and information. Applications must be filed with the State Personnel Department by July 24, 1998. State Personnel will establish a register of qualified applicants from which we will make our selection.

The Department of Agriculture and Industries is an Equal Opportunity Employer. ♣

ARKANSAS

The week of March 1-6, Harlin Wheeler, Field Supervisor, attended an instructor-training course hosted by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Nashville, Tennessee. The course provided instruction on the proper method of testing commodities in liquid form. Upon his return, Harlin conducted a training seminar for our field investigators.

During the week of April 20-24, Roger Frazier, Field Supervisor, attended an instructor-training course hosted by NIST in Frederick, Maryland. The class provided instructor certification in the area of Retail Motor Fuel Dispensers and Consoles. Roger will be teaching a class in the near future for our field personnel.

Additionally, Roger will be participating in a joint Federal/State-sponsored instructor training course the week of June 21-23. The course, "Examination Procedure for Price Verification", will be held at the Tennessee Department of Agriculture in Nashville. The Instructors are Ken Butcher, NIST/OWM, Tom Coleman, NIST/OWM, and Louise Jung, FTC, Division of Enforcement.

Ken Wheeler, Training Officer, with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Weights and Measures, conducted a training course on Vehicle and Axle-Load Scales for our field personnel the week of June 8-12. The training course was held in Little Rock. We are appreciative of Ken for an exceptional and very effective class. He is certainly a fine ambassador for the State of Ohio. Our commitment to formal instruction and training remains an essential part of our overall Weights and Measures Program.

We are in the process of replacing two petroleum storage tanks in order to comply with an EPA deadline effective December 31, 1998. Existing gasoline and diesel lines from the petroleum laboratory will be reconnected to allow fuel to be dumped from inside the laboratory.

We would like to welcome to the Bureau, Oretha Bonds and LeAnn Vaughn. They will be working with Tricia Stacks as Secretary II's. Oretha has 19 years of service with the State of Arkansas and LeAnn has 16 years of service. Oretha and LeAnn transferred from the Seed Lab at the State Plant Board. ♣

FLORIDA

The Bureau of Weights and Measures completed a focused inspection of pawn shops statewide in May. In addition to inspecting the scales used during jewelry and pawn transactions, the field staff checked for licenses and violations of the Pawnbrokers Act for our Division of Consumer Services. During the first two weeks of the exercise there were many shops found with non-approved scales, some that had replaced legal scales since the last inspection. Once word spread that all shops were being inspected at this time, most were in compliance with licensing and weights and measures requirements when visited.

In addition to the focused inspection exercise on pawn shops, Weights and Measures just conducted a similar sweep of LP gas cylinder exchange racks throughout the state. Results are not complete, but many problems with labeling and net contents shortages were encountered during the first week. Along with the net contents testing, inspectors were checking for licensing and safety violations which are being reported to the Bureau of LP Gas Inspections for investigation. It appears that the industry is still conveying to customers that the bottles contain 20 lb. of gas even with the new safety shut-off valves (OP-D's) that prevent filling the cylinders with more than about 18 or 19 lb.

In the Bureau of Petroleum Inspection, the annual clinics to calibrate test measures and register meter mechanics was completed in early June. At 11 clinics statewide, 566 retail mechanics were registered along with 169 high volume and 37 LPG mechanics. The undercover vehicle has purchased fuel from 330 dispensers this year while also gathering 276 samples for fuel quality testing. Isolated minor violations have been discovered, but the overall compliance rate is the same as with routine inspections. So far this year Petroleum inspectors have responded to 1721 consumer complaints.

In addition to normal testing and inspection activities, and in an attempt to utilize limited resources most effectively, our program has been employing a bi-monthly focused inspection strategy to target types of businesses or industries that may have widespread violations or areas of non-compliance. It seems to be more successful in bringing about overall industry compliance than separately inspecting isolated businesses at different times during routine inspections. Devices, businesses, and products are targeted based on consumer complaints, routine inspection results, competitor complaints, and information gathered from other weights and measures jurisdictions. We would appreciate any information anyone may have regarding widespread violations or potential violations. This is especially important when it concerns new industries or new services offered that may be in violation due to a lack of understanding of W&M regulations and that can be corrected before unacceptable practices become established methods of operation.

It's 101 degrees (F) today. We're really looking forward to seeing you in Portland. In the rain. ☞

GEORGIA

Jerry Flanders, Director of Fuel and Measures Division, and Marnie Pound, Fuel and Measures Field Supervisor plan to attend the 83rd annual NCWM meeting in Portland Oregon.

Jeff Minor, Sr. Weights Inspector, and his new partner Ronnie Toles, will be receiving a new 21 thousand pound test unit built by Cargotec.

Curtis Williams, State Oil Chemist, attended ASTM Petroleum Committee meeting in Toronto Canada June 21 thru June 25.

Sam Burtz, Fuel and Measures Field Supervisor, attended training in Nashville TN on price verification.

Harry Loosier and Tom Thomasson attended Basic Training at NIST, April 13 thru 24.

Brenda Whitener, State Metrologist, and Valentino Bradford attended the annual SEMAP meeting held in Knoxville, TN March 23 thru 27.

Pete Paulsen as of April 16 filled Harry Loosier's Metrologist I position. ☞

LOUISIANA

Weights and Measures in Louisiana is expanding by leaps and bounds! We are hiring six additional inspectors to work in the New Orleans area and on July 1, 1998, seventeen inspectors formerly with the Louisiana Department of Transportation will become part of our team. This transition means Louisiana will now be active in motor fuel inspections as many jurisdictions are. In order to make this task easier and more efficient, we have ordered forty-four new trucks and forty-four three-unit mobile gasoline prover systems. All inspectors will be cross trained in all aspects of weights and measures. We also have plans to build a state-of-the-art Motor Fuel Testing Lab in the very near future.

Archie Lambert, Program Manager and Richert Williams, Motor Fuels Manager attended the Retail Motor Fuel Dispenser Instructor Training seminar in Frederick Maryland last April. We were grateful for the opportunity to attend and feel that the class was very educational. Thank you, Juana and Dick! ☞

MARYLAND

- Congratulations are extended to our NTEP Program Manager Andrea Buie-Branam and her husband John on the birth of their daughter Gillian Bailey Buie-Branam on May 30, 1998. Gillian weighed 7 lb 14 oz. And was 21" at birth. There is no truth to the rumor that Andrea "condemned" the hospital scale because it was not NTEP approved and did not have a COC.
- Sean Roemer, Zenon Waclawiw, and Antonio Maceo recently began work as members of our metrology staff. Former metrology staff members Jim Gilkeson and Erika Maynor recently departed our section for other employment. Jim will be working for a private laboratory and Erika will be working for the Maryland Office of Occupational Safety and Health.
- We are saddened to announce that Inspector Bill Troup's Father, Mr. Calvin Troup, passed away on April 1, 1998. Bill's mother, Mrs. Anna Mary Troup, passed away on February 6, 1998.

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- On June 11, 1998, we had a staff meeting at our facility in Annapolis complete with a hamburger & hot dog cookout for lunch, which was enjoyed by all. Chief Lou Straub and Program Managers Dick Shockley, Will Wotthlie and Bob Eaves gave presentations to the staff. Certificate of Appreciation Awards were presented to staff members. We honor the employees who inspect the highest number of devices, and also the employees who have the highest overall production rating during each month, six month, and twelve month period. The recipient of the monthly award in each category receives a Certificate of Appreciation. The recipient of the six month and twelve month awards in each category receives an award “day off” in addition to a Certificate of Appreciation. The awards were presented by Maryland Department of Agriculture Assistant Secretary Brad Powers. The employees who received awards are as follows:

Period	Highest # of Devices	Highest Overall Production Rating
Dec 97	Tom Fagan	Barbara Miller
Jan 98	Mark Lambert	Chuck Coleman
Feb 98	Mike Frailer	Tom Fagan
Mar 98	Ed Payne	Chuck Coleman
Apr 98	Chuck Coleman	Chuck Coleman
May 98	Bob Fisher	Rick Bristow
Dec 97- May 98	*Rick Bristow	*Chuck Coleman
Jun 97- MAY 98	*Mike Frailer	*Chuck Coleman

* — Received Award “Day Off”

- Field Supervisor Ken Ramsburg and Program Manager Bob Eaves participated in the NIST/FTC Price Verification Instructor Training School held at NIST June 14-16, 1998.
- Program Manager Will Wotthlie and Inspector Jim Price participated in NTEP Meetings on weighing and measuring devices held in Sacramento, California June 14-19, 1998.

RECENT CIVIL PENALTIES

On April 6, 1998, we received payment of \$500.00 for a civil penalty assessed against McKay’s Food & Drug, Lexington Park, MD. The civil penalty was assessed due to short-weight violations found during a routine package inspection per-

formed at the store. (This store had previously been assessed \$800.00 in civil penalties.)

On May 11, 1998, we received payment of \$500.00 for a civil penalty assessed against Wal-Mart #2514, Pocomoke City, MD. The civil penalty was assessed due to short-weight violations found during a routine package inspection performed at the store (this store had previously been assessed \$1,000.00 in civil penalties.)

RECENT COURT CASES

On May 26, 1998, in Howard County District Court, Ellicott City, MD the charges (short-measure firewood delivery) against Mr. Albert Montgomery were “nol prossed” in exchange for Mr. Montgomery making full restitution in the amount of \$132.55 to the firewood buyer. Charges were placed against Mr. Montgomery by Inspector Bob Fisher.

On June 18, 1998, in Calvert County District Court, Prince Frederick, MD, the trial of Mr. Robert Lee Ferguson was held. Mr. Ferguson was charged with delivering less firewood than the amount represented and failure to issue a delivery ticket. The firewood “buyer” was Inspector Barbara Miller. The “test buy” of firewood was made because of previous complaints that we received against Mr. Ferguson.

Mr. Ferguson received a total of \$200.00 in fines and court costs, a ten day jail sentence which was suspended, and was placed on twelve months probation. †

MISSISSIPPI

Consumer Protection Division

Blake Retires – Last Act, H.B. 133 Instruction

Ralph Blake, Field Supervisor and training officer for the Consumer Protection Division retired effective May 31st after about thirteen years service. He cited health reasons for his retirement.

Ralph lives in Biloxi, MS where he has a small farm, an abundance of salt and fresh water for fishing and more casinos probably than anyplace other than Las Vegas so he will have no trouble in finding enough to keep him busy.

In addition to his field supervisory responsibilities, Ralph served as the Division’s training officer. He attended a number of courses offered by NIST, among which were all the Train-the-Trainer courses on H.B. 133. He was committed to instilling H.B. 133 into the minds of the Division’s inspectors, so naturally, one of his last official acts before retirement was to conduct a two day seminar on H.B. 133 for inspectors in both the northern and southern district.



Pictured above is Blake (standing) explaining some part of H.B. 133 to southern district inspectors.

Ralph has been a right arm to Division Director, John Tillson. He will be sorely missed.

Petroleum Products Inspection Division

Petroleum Division Inspects for Untaxed Diesel Fuel Use

The Petroleum Products Inspection Division, operating under a contractual agreement with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) inspects highway vehicles for untaxed (off road) diesel fuel use. The sampling is usually conducted at random roadblocks



at irregular intervals throughout the state. **Pictured are Inspector Dean Estes (left) and Field Supervisor Gerald Broom inspecting a log truck during a recent "road block".**

Inspections usually turn up from one to four vehicles operating on untaxed (off road) diesel fuel. Operators or companies found in violation of federal and/or state statutes regulating untaxed diesel fuel face severe fines. The fines are based on the

fuel capacity of the vehicle as well as the company's bulk storage capacity. They are also liable for all back taxes. The division's participation in this program has resulted in the collection of many thousands of dollars in fines and back taxes by the Internal Revenue Service and the State Tax Commission.

The road blocks are quite often used as a task force operation with the Mississippi Department of Transportation performing vehicle and records inspections and the State Drug Enforcement Agency inspection vehicles for transportation of illegal drugs.

Weights and Measures Division

Eldridge Retirement Reception

On June 12th Bill Eldridge was honored at a retirement reception at the MDAC offices in Jackson by co-workers, scale industry friends, other industry friends, friends from other governments agencies, family members and a host of other "well wishers".



Bill and wife Noveli ne cut the reception cake as guests begin arriving.



Bureau Director Joe Hardy (left) presents Bill with a plaque expressing the Department's appreciation for his twenty-five plus years of service while Assistant Commissioner Chris Sparkman looks on.

Boone Resigns

Kevin Boone, Director of Mississippi's Metrology Laboratory resigned recently. As noted in an earlier newsletter, about a year ago Boone has granted a one year leave-of-absence to complete resident work for his doctorate. However, at the end of the year, rather than returning to work, he submitted his resignation effective April 14th.

Robbins and Gustavis attend Basic Metrology Training.

Weights and Measures Division Director Russel Robbins and Metrologists Ena Gustavis attended the April 13-24 two week Basic Metrologists Course at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland. Upon their return, much time was dedicated to the completion of the required problems which have been submitted to NIST for reviews and assessment ☩

North Carolina

In June Koch Refining Company agreed to pay a \$3,000 civil penalty to settle a case involving the distribution of high sulfur on-road diesel fuel. Standards Division inspectors detected the high sulfur diesel fuel at two Chadbourn gas stations during routine inspections in February. The shipment of fuel was traced back to the Koch terminal in Wilmington. Terminal records indicated the total amount of product downgraded, sold, or returned was 1,052,400 gallons. About 369,000 gallons were unaccounted for and had either been sold or blended down with later shipments. The division could have imposed a maximum fine of \$5,000, but agreed to the lesser penalty because the company fully cooperated with inspectors and worked swiftly to halt the sale and distribution of the high sulfur diesel fuel.

We have agreed to participate in the price verification study for 1998 and have agreed to send one of our trainers to the train-the-trainer school in Nashville. Upon his return and prior to the beginning of the study, we will give all inspectors a refresher course in the proper techniques of price verification.

In the last newsletter we reported that the chiller at the Standards Laboratory was being replaced. The repair project went much smoother than we anticipated. It's now installed and working fine. However, LF, Sharon, and Bill spent a very hot Saturday at the laboratory while the unit was being installed. In conjunction with the chiller replacement, we also installed a Liebert HVAC system for the small mass and volume laboratories. That unit should be operational around June 17. Temperature and humidity controls should be much improved, although they have been acceptable in the past. The new system should smooth out the rough spots we occasionally experienced.

A few months ago we installed some pricey surge protectors on all electronic equipment in the main office and both laboratories. Recently at the Standards Laboratory the surge protectors justified their cost. An electrical spike of unknown origin fried five of the protectors. While it's always better to sacrifice a surge protector rather than a computer or balance, we have ob-

served a potential safety problem. The power from the spike was so intense it burnt the protectors. In one case, the vinyl tile below the protector was charred. If the surge protector had been on carpet, a fire likely would have developed. Our surge protectors now rest on nonflammable materials.

The Standards Laboratory has a new server. The new server gives us much better service and provides better backup in case of hard drive failure. Our computer guru, Bill Dyer, worked hard to design a system that more than meets our needs but is also cost effective. Speaking of Bill, he has decided to take his considerable talents to private industry. In today's climate of year 2000 problems and high employment, people with Bill's skills are in great demand. We wish him much success in the new job. (We are now in the recruitment business again in case someone is interested.) Fortunately for us the department has a very capable information technology program. Those folks have stepped in to fill the void created by Bill's departure. I only hope we don't wear them out before we bring in our own person.

The Mettler Toledo KG3000 scale is now installed. Thus far we have only tested 2500 pound weights. The scale has a capacity of 6,000 pounds with a resolution of 0.01 pound when left in control mode. Testing weight carts was the primary reason the scale was purchased. Initial tests have been very impressive. We are appreciative of the assistance received from Ron Balaze of Michigan. He assisted in writing the specifications and the design of the platform extension for the weight carts. ☩

Van Hyder received the department's Superior Service Award last month. During a period of considerable staff turnover, Van worked extra hours to ensure that the laboratory's work was completed on time. Almost immediately after receiving the award, Van announced he was taking three months of family medical leave to be with his son. Yes, Van is at home assuming the role of Mr. Mom. And yes, we are back to being short-staffed. Fortunately, our new staff are following Van's example and we seem to be keeping up with the schedule.

Now that Glen has attended Intermediate Mass Metrology Training, we have moved him into the precision mass laboratory. This has freed Sharon to spend more time on quality management issues. It's our goal for Sharon to devote 100% of her time to our quality control program. By the way, Tal completed Basic Metrology Training in April. Now, if we could just get Van back on the job we could really cook.

It's that hectic time of the year when bills must be paid by June 30. It seems that no matter how early we order equipment items, shipment does not occur until the first week of June. There has got to be a better way. ☩

South Carolina

Carol Fulmer, John Redd, and Ronnie West attended a training session on mass flow meter on May 18-19, 1998. This training was given by Schlumberger at its plant in Greenwood, SC. Andre' Noel put together and presented a very informative session. The training covered the operation, specifications, applications, and testing of mass flow meters and included a tour of Schlumberger's plant. The knowledge gained will be very useful when called upon to inspect a mass flow meter that is being used for commercial purposes.

Ronnie West attended the training course on price verification given by NIST and NCWM in Nashville on June 21-23, 1998. South Carolina now has two people that have received this training on price verification.

Our Metrology Lab has received new 110 gram and 600 kilogram mass comparators manufactured by Mettler/Toledo. The 110 gram comparator has been installed and is in use. They are still waiting on Mettler/Toledo to send a representative to install the 600 kg comparator. These two new pieces of equipment should increase our Lab's accuracy and efficiency.

Also, a large commercial refrigerator has been purchased for the Metrology Lab. In the past we have not tried to carry high moisture grain samples from one year to the next. Having to acquire high moisture grain at the beginning of the harvest season has at times made us late in the harvest season inspecting all grain moisture meters. The grain moisture meters were inspected with wheat samples during the first part of June.

All of us in South Carolina congratulate Bill Eldridge on reaching that point in life when one can retire and hope he enjoys many years of retirement. Hopefully, we will still get to see him at some of the weights and measures meetings. ✚

Tennessee

The downtown and Opryland areas of Nashville were the scene of several vicious tornados in mid-April. Our facilities were spared any damage; however, our thoughts and prayers are with those families that lost loved ones along with those individuals who experienced millions of dollars of damage to their businesses and homes. Thanks to those of you that called concerned about the safety of our staff!

We were very fortunate to have hosted a joint federal/state sponsored Instructor Training Class regarding Examination Procedures for Price Verification on June 21-23, 1998. We enjoyed visiting with all of the attendees along with the instructors.

The week of July 6-10 was utilized for training on retail fuel dispensers and small scales. Ed Coleman and James Thompson were our instructors on these topics as they have both attended Instructor Training at NIST on these devices. Randy Jennings and Bob Williams were present to discuss several administrative matters.

Effective July 1, 1998, we began assessing civil penalties on repeat violations of package checkweighing inspections. We have developed an in-depth matrix to determine when a warning letter or civil penalty would apply. We have discussed our system for assessing these penalties with several associations that would be directly impacted and they agree it is fair and equitable to all. We began assessing civil penalties several years ago on repeat violations of price verification inspections and determined that it was workable and successful in getting people's attention who had previously ignored our warnings.

Our preliminary data from the 1998 Milk Survey showed much improvement from the 1997 Milk Survey. Ed Coleman and several of our inspectors spent much time in Tennessee dairies training plant personnel who, for the most part, were eager to learn. While our compliance rate was not 100%, the improvement was significant and got the attention of our administrative personnel! We will continue these inspections on a routine basis and hope to expand to other liquid commodities.

The last two (2) weeks of June found our Metrologists, Tom Smith, at Air National Guard Camp in London, England. The metrologist lab has been very busy this year with an ever increasing work-load. Tom has done an excellent job in managing the lab along with acquiring the Grain Moisture Meter Laboratory responsibilities. He has made many improvements to our lab and has been instrumental in upgrading our equipment and capabilities. Thanks Tom.

Mr. Buddy Woodson began work with us on June 1st as a Weights and Measures Inspector transferring to us from the Livestock Section. Buddy, whose hobby is collecting and restoring antique tractors, is married and resides in Eagleville, TN.

Randy Jennings, Petroleum Administrator, has been traveling out-of-state on work related business recently. As many of you know, Randy is the Chairman and Technical Advisor for the Petroleum subcommittee of the NCWM Laws and Regulations Committee. He is scheduled to make a presentation at the NCWM in July at Portland, Oregon on Premium Diesel. Randy has spent countless hours on this project and has become an expert in the petroleum area.

We hope to see many of you in Portland!! ✚

Contact SWMA

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