



Trailwinds

Summer 2009

Dakota's Chapter 72

President's Report

Greetings Fellow Members:

Just a short note to remind you to get your registration in for the upcoming course 501. The class will be in Bismarck, ND at Basin Electric Headquarters (1717 East Interstate Avenue; Boardrooms) on August 18 and 19. The Chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. also at Basin Electric offices, and the Chapter will provide a lite meal before the meeting.

Mike Murray and I accepted the Gene L. Land Award for the most increase in membership at the IRWA Educational Conference in Indianapolis. It was awesome to be there and to accept the award. As Mike said, "This award belongs to you, the members, for getting involved and recruiting new members." I know this will be hard to beat, but it can be done, so we will continue with the contest and will come up with an award, maybe cash, for the most recruited members. I am very proud of our Chapter and it's great to see everyone getting involved.

The International Educational Conference was great - good presenters and speakers, not to mention the food. I will cover some of the highlights at the Chapter meeting. See you there!

Don Hellman

Chapter 72 President



Don Hellman and Mike Murray

UPCOMING COURSES / MEETINGS

August 18-19, 2009 – Course 501, Bismarck

Class Coordinators: John Boheman & Amy Spilman

August 18, 2009 – Chapter 72 Meeting, Bismarck

October 21-22, 2009 – Course 200, Sioux Falls

Class Coordinator: John Boheman

February 2010 – Course 900, Deadwood

Class Coordinator: Amy Spilman



If you have any news about you or your family that you would like to share, please send me a note ... and pictures! This is a very happy announcement from one of our members ...

Vicki and Bryan Severson welcomed another grandchild to their family on May 15 when their grandson, Kaden Severson, was born in Bismarck, ND, to Jeremy and Jennifer Severson. He was welcomed home by sister, Halle Jo (3). Vicki is Land Specialist at Otter Tail Power Company. Pictured are her husband, Bryan, holding grandson, Jaxon, (3) who is their other son Tyler's boy. Halle and Kaden are sitting with Grandma Vicki!



The following pictures were taken by Mike Murray and David Anderson who attended the 2009 IRWA Educational Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana ...



Don Hellman and Mike Murray accepting the Gene L. Land Award



Bob Krava, Otter Tail Power Company, accepting the 2008 Employer of the Year Award (20 or less)



Mike Murray, Gene L. Land, and Don Hellman



David Anderson accepting his SR/WA Designation from William Kyle Ray, International Professional Development Chair



Don and Cheryl Hellman at the Installation Banquet



Mike and Denise Murray at the Installation Banquet



David Anderson at the Installation Banquet



Craig Poorker (Chapter 20) passing on the Region 3 Chair pin to incoming Chair, Rita Rasmussen



Craig Poorker and incoming Region 3 Officers – Mike Murray, Secretary-Treasurer, Randy DeGeorge (Chapter 78), Vice Chair and Rita Rasmussen (Chapter 41), Chair



Mike Murray and David Anderson getting ready to take in a little 40 MPH go-cart racing



Denise Murray keeping her nerves in check prior to the go-cart race



Mike Murray getting ready for second heat race after a one-hour break



Joanie Miller (Chapter 20), David Anderson, Mike and Denise Murray after completing the Finnegan Fun Run at Indianapolis Motor Speedway