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2010 AACD Annual Meeting

The AACD 2010 Annual Meeting was held on December 7—8, 2010 at the Wyndham Hotel in North Little Rock. It was one of the best attended annual meetings in several years with over 350+ people registered. Earl Garber, 2nd Vice President of NACD, joined us for a couple of days and gave a report on NACD activities.



Congressman Marion Berry spoke at the ANRC Luncheon about his time in office and his thoughts about the environment in Washington, D.C. He has been instrumental in many water projects over the years.

We want to express our appreciation of the continued support provided by the AACD Auxiliary members, the AACDE, ANRC and NRCS staff members. It would be difficult to put on a conference of this size without the support of these groups. It was also a time to be with other district directors and talk about issues and concerns we all share.

New Officers Elected

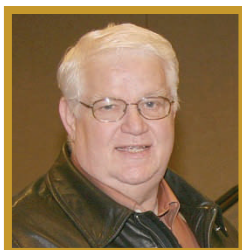
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Troy Odom, Jr.
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Paul King 2010 Hall of Fame

Paul King, of Franklin County Conservation District, was one of our best. He served on his local conservation district board for over 30+ years. He worked on watershed dams and as recently as last year attended a Operation & Maintenance Workshop for Watershed Dams. He always had a wonderful smile on his face, a willingness to help, and desire to help his neighbors and landowners address their agricultural and conservation issues and concerns. His legacy has been passed to his son, Randy King, Director of the Booneville Plant Material Center in Booneville. We will miss Paul more than words can say.



William “Bill” Teeter 2010 Hall of Fame

William “Bill” Teeter was inducted into the AACD Conservation Hall of Fame on December 8, 2010 at the AACD Awards Luncheon. Bill has been a driving force in conservation his entire life. He has served in numerous positions including as the AACD President. He served as a National Association of Conservation Districts Committee Chair, and on multiple local, state and national organization boards. His resume is one of dedication, commitment, and vision. He was one of the first in the state to promote and use no-till conservation management as a practice on his farm. He was able to show his neighbors and others that it was not only viable but could demonstrate profitability for numerous crops. We have all benefited from his early work and willingness to think “outside the turn row” and be a leader in conservation management and agriculture.

Bill was inducted into the Agriculture Hall of Fame for his work on no-till conservation and numerous articles and papers have been written about his work. Congratulations. We are proud to call him one of our own.



“I’m thankful as a kid I got to spend the summers at my grandparents’ farm helping take care of the cattle and with the farm work. My grandfather, a farmer his whole life, taught me more about responsibility and hard work than I could ever learn from a textbook.”

Jesse Bussard

AACD 2010 Awards



James "Sid" Lowrance received the Outstanding Educator award for his long-standing commitment to Envirothon.

Sherrie Lech, Crawford Co. Conservation District Employee received the AACD Outstanding District Employee Award



Tom Riley was presented the Outstanding Communicator Award from Charles Glover

James Mitchell—Outstanding Community Leader



Rocky Harrell presented the Outstanding Conservationist—Community Leader for 2010 to James Mitchell from Danville in Yell County. James has served as AACD President, NACD Board of Director, and numerous other positions. He has served as the Chairman of Yell County Conservation District for many years. He runs a 500 head cow-calf operation and manages timber on 3,000+ acres and promotes conservation practices. He also serves on the Yell County Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's Association, AR River Valley RC&D Council and Tri-County Water Distribution District.

Dr. Mike Daniels—Outstanding Professional

Dr. Mike Daniels, UACES, received the AACD Outstanding Conservationist—Professional Category for 2010. Mike has been instrumental in the development of nutrient management training program for our water quality technicians. Mike has been serving as a vital partner in the MRBI Projects as well as numerous other special projects. He has always focused on putting the producer first and seeking to find ways to assist them in their efforts to meet environmental issues and concerns. More importantly he has demonstrated his commitment to conservation and our mutual goals.



Arkansas Envirothon 2011 Winners



First Place—Mills High School
Pulaski County



Second Place—Mtn. View High School
Stone County

We're on the web
www.aracd.org

Troy Odom, Jr.—Outstanding District Director

Troy Odom, Jr., of Lafayette County Conservation District, was presented with the AACD Outstanding District Director Award for 2010. Troy has shown a lifelong commitment to conservation in his personal and professional life. He is a forestry/wildlife consultant working in southern Arkansas with private landowners. He serves on the SW States RC&D Councils board as well as numerous other boards. He was instrumental in the planning and construction of a new building in Lewisville, owned by the conservation district, which houses conservation partners.

Troy was elected as the new AACD President at the 2010 Annual meeting. He has also served as the SW Area President and Sec/Treas. of the Lafayette County Conservation Districts. Troy is a dedicated conservationist and demonstrates integrity in everything he undertakes. Troy lives in Lewisville, AR and married to Suzanne, who is a professional forester with the USACE as well. Their daughter, Stephanie & granddaughter live in Baton Rouge, LA. He belongs to the Lewisville Baptist Church and teaches Sunday School there.

Troy is a Vietnam veteran and served our country proudly. While he might move a little slower as a result of his service, he still gets the job done.



James Widner, NW Area
President presents Troy
Odom, Jr. with his award.