

Ohio Pedologist

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Dear Members,

Another year has come and gone. There are a few matters I would like to see continued when I pass the presidential responsibilities to Don Burgess. We are working with OSU to develop a soil texture sample set that would be available to educators, consultants, sanitarians, and future soil scientists. We would also like to add to our website the ability to pay dues, registration fees and possibly purchase soil texture sample kits.

Things are a little uneasy for all right now. Business is slow and government funds are down. More people are thinking "green" than ever before. This is a great time for AOP to promote soils to potential property buyers or property owners whether they are buying property or planning a garden. I encourage all of our members to use any extra time to help AOP promote soils as the first step in planning or purchasing property. We need some ideas for slogans. Here is one to get the juices flowing "Save green think soils first" Okay... it may not be so good, so send your ideas to aaron.lantz@gmail.com.

Looking for a few motivated AOP members in 2009

It is not too late to be a part of the AOP team (Executive council) for 2009.

Who does AOP need?

- ✦ Individuals dedicated to AOP
- ✦ Individuals willing to work as a team to make AOP even better
- ✦ Individuals who want to make an impact

Individuals that have new ideas

Why does AOP need the above?

AOP has made huge strides in becoming a more effective organization.

Don Burgess has big plans for 2009 and needs a great council.

Contact Matt Deaton if you would like to be on the executive council for 2009.

Thank you nominated me as your 2008 President.

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2008 Directory of Officers

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Pres. Aaron Lantz

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Upcoming Events

Friday, January 30th, 2009—Association of Ohio Pedologists—Winter Meeting and Workshop

Roy Simonson Honorary member of AOP passed away on November 1st, 2008 at the age of 100.

Roy was also an honorary member of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Professional Soil Scientists and the North Dakota Association of Soil Scientists. The following is a Bio put together by an unknown author and copied from the following site <http://www.sawgal.umd.edu/MAPSS/Simonson.htm> .

Roy was born September 7, 1908 in Agate, North Dakota. His pre-college education was in public schools in North Dakota. Roy obtained his B.S. from North Dakota State University in 1934, where he took soils courses from and was advised by Charles E. Kellogg, who later became Chief of the U.S. Soil Survey. Roy earned his Ph.D. in soil science from the University of Wisconsin, where his major advisor was Emil Truog, in 1938. He also has an honorary doctor's degree from a school (Landbrukshogskole) in Aas, Norway, awarded in 1984.

Roy served as Assistant Professor of Soils at Iowa State College, 1938-42. His subsequent employment was in the USDA federal soil survey programs, first with the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils and then with the Soil Conservation Service. He served as Principal Soil Correlator for the Southern United States, 1943-1946; Chief Soil Scientist for Pacific Surveys, 1947-48; Assistant Chief of Soil Surveys, 1949-52; and Director for Soil Classification and Correlation, 1953-1971.

While Roy was Director for Soil Classification and Correlation his office was for a time in the Federal Center Building in Hyattsville, MD. During this time Roy and his wife Susan (and until they went off to college etc., his sons Walter and Bruce) resided in College Park, MD. Roy and Susan continued to live in College Park until they moved to a retirement village in Oberlin, OH, in 1993, to be near their son Bruce and his family. Bruce is a geology professor at Oberlin. Roy's presence in College Park



Roy Simonson



Soil Profile in the High Jungle Region of the Amazon near the Village of San Pedro (Note the buried "A" Horizon)...

A Soil Scientist in Ecuador...

Submitted by Frank Gibbs

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Conservation,

I recently had the great opportunity to travel to Ecuador and visit my friends Jeremy and Susan King who are finishing up a Two Year Term in the Peace Corp. Susan worked most her life for the Ohio Environmental Council and Jer was a Jr. HS Science Teacher, both living in downtown Columbus. They decided they wanted to do something important with their life, sold their house, put everything in storage and left for Puyo, which is the High Jungle area above the Amazon.

Jer is doing Resource Conservation Plans with the local community groups and Tribal Associations concerning Land Use Planning, Water Supply, Water Quality, Composting, and Soil Conservation. He also does Training and has developed extensive Lesson plans in Spanish for his local Clients.

Susan is assisting the women of an indigenous Tribal Group called the Huaorani to organize and develop the means to financially support themselves. The Huaorani live deep in the heart of the Amazon and were never conquered by the Conquistadors. There are only 2500 members left.

Thanks to The efforts of our own Bob Parkinson, I was able to take Jer an outdated NRCS GPS Unit that wasn't being used anymore..

I spent most of a week with Jer and Susan seeing what they do and visiting Farms and Jungle around Puyo.. Then, we went high in to the Andes on the Colombian Border and met Roger Lurie who is working with Farmers and Community Leaders on Agricultural and Water Supply Issues including implementing IPM...We helped Roger pass out about 150 used eyeglass collected by some Dayton area doctors who had visited the region earlier doing eye exams...Afterwards, the Village had a Fiesta complete with traditional music, singing, dancing, fireworks and cane sugar moonshine (not necessarily in that order).

The last week was spent deep in the Remote Lowland Amazon, 4 hours east by Power Canoes of the Oil and Gas Mining town of Cocoa along the Napo River...This was Sani Lodge, a Green, Eco Tourism Lodge run by the Kichwa Tribe...Solar Powered Electricity and proceeds all go back to the tribe to keep the area Natural..

Ecuador is like the "Disneyland" of Soils, Plants, Animals, Insects, Birds and People...There are so many Eco Zones to create an incredible diversity of Life Forms...I saw some of the most beautiful Landscapes in the world and I saw erosion that was utterly unbelievable with people living on the edge of survival.

I am reaching the stage of my life, that I am wondering how much time is left and what I will do with it...??? The Peace Corp is not just for young folks...They have a push on now for People over 50 that know a thing or two about Conservation, Farming and People Skills...

So what are doing with the rest of your Life...???

Sincerely, Frank'o

Absentee Ballot

President-Elect

Andrew Kleinschmidt _____

Federal Representative

Danielle Balduff _____

State Representative

Brian Cooley _____

Academic Representative

Brian Slater _____

Private Representative

Dan Michael _____

Circle or fill in candidate you intend to vote for. Ballot must be received by 1/28/08 to be included in vote.

Send ballot to AOP Treasurer, c/o Duane Woods

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND WINTER MEETING REGISTRATION

Membership Dues (Add 50% late fee for dues received after 1/31/08). Individuals sending dues in after 3/31/08 will have to reapply for membership and pay appropriate fees.

PRINT NAME _____

Soil Professional & Pedologist—\$40 \$_____

Affiliate —\$20 \$_____

Student Member—\$10 \$_____

Winter Meeting Registration—Tuesday, January 30h at 10:00, social hour at 9:00. \$25 registration includes City BBQ lunch.

Meeting Registration \$_____

Licensing Fund Donation \$_____

Total Enclosed \$_____

Send payment to

AOP Treasurer

c/o Duane Woods

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Winter Meeting Agenda

Tuesday January 30, 2009 at Highbanks Metropark. S.R. 23

- 9:00 AM Social Gathering
- 10:00 Graduate Research Discussions
- 11:00 Topic on Near Surface Geology
- 12:00 Lunch. City BBQ
- 1:00 Frank Gibbs Saga
- 1:30 Break
- 1:45 Business Meeting and Updates From Committees

Thanks for your support.

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was a blessing for Del Fanning and other soil professors at the University of Maryland who recruited him to help on a volunteer basis with their teaching and research programs.

Roy gave numerous invited lectures on soil science topics to classes and seminars at the university. For many years Roy presented his annual two-hour "soils of the world" lecture, on soils of the (then) 10 orders of *Soil Taxonomy*, to the annually taught soil morphology, genesis and classification class (AGRO 414, now NRSC 414). For these lectures he utilized his vast collection of 35mm slides of soil profiles and landscapes -- taken during his professional travels around the world. His outstanding ability to photograph soil profiles was also utilized at the university when he taught a segment, on photographing soils, in a graduate level agronomic photography class. He also on three occasions in the 1970's and 80's taught a graduate level class at the university on "Theories of Soil Genesis".

Roy developed and published in 1959 a generalized theory of soil genesis. This theory of soil development by additions, losses, transfers and transformations appears in many soil science textbooks including those of Fanning and Fanning (1989) and Brady and Weil (2002). Roy also authored many other outstanding publications. A list of some of them is given at the end of this sketch. The one on "concept of soil" has been especially instrumental in getting the concept of soil as an organized natural body recognized and used throughout the world.

In 1962 Roy became a member of the editorial board of *Geoderma*, then a new international soil science journal. Five years later, Roy became editor-in-chief of that journal. He was very active in this position, with secretarial help from his wife Susan, for many years to help this journal become a respected international soil science journal.

Roy is known for his many writings and presentations pertaining to soil science/pedology history. Roy started writing soil science history articles in the 1950's with articles in *Soil Science* on "Lessons from the first half-century of soil survey". One of Roy's history papers on "Soil classification in the past -- roots and philosophies", first published in an annual re-

port of the International Soil Reference and Information Centre (Netherlands) was selected as a history chapter for the Fanning and Fanning (1989) textbook. Other chapters of that book on the gross processes of soil formation and change were inspired by Roy's lectures to his Theories of Soil Genesis classes at the University of Maryland. Roy continues in the new millennium to publish his writings. In 2003 he wrote a little book published in 2004 on his experiences doing soil survey work in Montana in 1935, entitled "Six months along the Missouri".

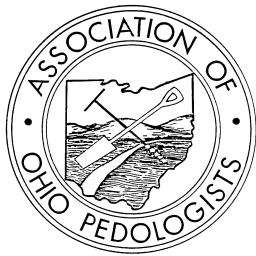
Roy met Susan at Iowa State in Ames in 1938 and they were married in 1942 in Albia, Iowa. Susan deceased Dec. 31, 1996.



5269b ~ "Mass Wasting" of once highly fertile Volcanic Soil on what was once Cropland high in the Andes near the Village of Las Lajas

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