

Page-per-Year History
of the
INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN SECTION
SRM

compiled from the work of earlier
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to wit:

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FORWARD
by Scotty Campbell

In 1974 Alberta rangeman J.A.(Scotty) Campbell introduced the first draft of our history as follows:

The writer, a charter member of the Society for Range Management, recalls attending Society conventions at Denver in 1949 and San Antonio in 1950 at which the seeds of the Inter- national Mountain Section were sown, germinated and took root.

The Denver Convention was held in the Shirley-Savoy Hotel, and Wallace R. Hanson of Calgary and I were the only Canadians present. I was recognized as coming the farthest distance, even from the Canadian north where all severe winter weather is believed to originate. Several members from Montana, including Tom Lommasson and Mel Morris of Missoula, gravitated with us, and we found ourselves discussing an international section to include a natural region rather than following state boundaries. Later, these personal contacts furthered the idea.

In the October 1949 Journal of Range Management, F. G. Renner pointed out that the Society then had four local sections: Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Texas. He stated, "We need more... Until we have strong local sections well distributed throughout the country, we will not be in a position to marshal member- opinion on important questions or attain the position of influence which the Society needs."

Mel Morris, Wally Hanson and I drove together to the Range Society meeting in San Antonio in February of 1950, where the progress made so far and further steps toward an international section were discussed. At San Antonio the members from Montana and Alberta met formally. They felt that they had something in common and should share their knowledge and experience. Indeed, they share a heritage in "The Last Great West", so well depicted by artists Frederic Remington and Charles M. Russell. Besides, westerners are friendly and hospitable, especially ranchers, so that national prejudices are truly non-existent and cordial friendships are always evident at their gatherings.

Thomas Lommasson of Missoula and Wallace R. Hanson of Calgary need special recognition. Both felt that if this organization was to be of value, it should present the work of the technician in such a way that the fellow running cattle on the range could meet him and discuss his grazing problems. The writer can vouch for their efforts to make this a reality.

INTRODUCTION by Chuck Hitch

The organizational meeting of the American Society of Range Management was held in Salt Lake City in January, 1948. Later that year the members in Wyoming formed a local section, the first one approved by the Council. This was followed by five other sections in 1949.

From the beginning, members in Montana and Alberta considered forming a section. At the San Antonio meeting in 1950 they presented a petition, proposed constitution and by-laws to the Council. The Council was hesitant since it did not follow the same pattern as those already formed, but after a strong case was made for the new ideas, it was approved with the name extended to include the word Northern. (Note: The word "Northern" was dropped in 1954, and "International Mountain Section" became official). Because of the few northern members at San Antonio, it was decided to officially organize back in home country, as indicated by the following quote:

"An organizational meeting is planned for early spring as roads open up and transportation by car becomes easier. Although all of British Columbia was tentatively included, members in that province indicated their desire to affiliate with the Pacific Northwest Section. Membership in that mountain area is presently about 100 and still growing, so that organization should increase the membership substantially."--Tom Lommasson, U.S. Forest Service, Missoula, Montana.

The initial step in organization of the Northern International Mountain Section was taken at Helena on April 29, 1950. Quoting from the Journal of Range Management, Volume 3, Number 4, page 367 as follows:

"The section will devote itself to furthering understanding of rangeland management problems, especially in the northern mountain area." Twenty-six members participated in the meeting, despite an unseasonal snowstorm which blocked several roads.

The eastern boundary was described as follows: "From Bridger to Columbus to Big Timber to Moccasin to Great Falls and north to the Canadian Line, thence to Bow Island, to Brooks, to Camrose, to Edmonton, to Athabaska, and west of the Athabaska River." This boundary has been more administrative than restrictive as members choose the Section best suiting their interests.

One general meeting and one field meeting are planned for each year. The first field meeting was scheduled for early September at Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta, and was to include a trip over range in the Alberta Forest Reserve.

INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN SECTION HISTORY

1950

The newly formed International Mountain Section, IMS, added to the aims of the parent organization, ASRM, with the following objectives:

- To stimulate interest and research in the conservation of the range resources of the mountain and foothills region of Montana and Alberta and other similar grazing regions.
- To bring together, for mutual benefits, those people interested in the range.
- To promote international co-operation in the field of conservation of our resources.

FALL TOUR - Sept 22-24. Location: Waterton Lakes, AB. Attendance: 50 people.

September 22 - Registration and Executive Council Meeting.

September 23 - Field trip started with a trip of 25 miles to the Alberta Ranch. A discussion was held there on ranch organization and led by ranch owner, F.E.M. Robinson. Other ranchers in the discussion were Frank Lynch-Staunton of Lundbreck (later Lieut. Governor of Alberta) and George Chattaway of Nanton.

Then to Coleman, Alberta, over the Forest Road through the Livingston Ranger District to the Waldron Ranch where observations were made and discussions held regarding cross breeding with Brahma cattle.

The banquet meeting was addressed by Ray Johnson, Range Specialist at Montana State College, Bozeman, on his trip to Tibet and Inner Mongolia.

1951

Chairman -Wally Hanson, Calgary
Council -Max Bradshaw, Hillspring, AB
-Ray Johnson, Missoula, MT

SPRING TOUR - May 4-5. Location: Missoula, Montana. Theme: Noxious weeds and poisonous plant control. Panel members:

Alex Johnston, Experimental Station, Lethbridge, AB

E.W. Tisdale, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID

James Murray, Thompson Falls, MT

Bob Warden, State Weed Specialist, Bozeman, MT

Moderator, M.J. Reed, Northern Rocky Exp Sta Missoula.

Programs: Range condition and trend by H. W. Cooper, SCS, Greybull, WY.

Range resources of the far north and the reindeer herd at Aklavik by Harry Hargrave, Lethbridge, AB. Cattle breeding results at Miles City Station by Knapp, Miles City, MT.

Use of planted pastures and hayfields vs mountain summer range by Don Hunter, Greenough Ranch, Missoula.

Banquet Speaker - J. Baden Campbell, Swift Current, Sask.

"Range and Pasture Practices in New Zealand."

MAY 5- a field day to the Bitterroot Valley. Demonstration of sagebrush removal and reseeding.

FALL MEETING - August 30-September 1. Location: Virginia City, MT.

Attendance: 65 people. The tour started in Virginia City, old mining town and former State Capital, and proceeded to Gravelly Range sheep allotments of the Beaverhead Natl Forest.

Near Crockett Lake, Tom Lommasson presented an interesting discussion on stocking rates and pointed out that dams sealed with bentonite have been constructed to catch run-off water from snow melt. He also led a discussion on the ecology of abandoned bed-grounds. Lunch was served at the top of Lazyman Hill where Roald Peterson presented graphs showing the responses of grasses to climate at elevations higher than 9,000'.

A banquet included a lecture on the history of Virginia City and a play by Virginia City Players.

Day Two. Camp Creek on Ruby River where Joe Woolfolk of the Northern Rocky Mountain Forest Experimental Station, Missoula, described research projects underway, e.g.: ecology and control of wyethia or mule-ears. Jack E. Schmutz dealt with results of sagebrush eradication. Reseeding trials were described by E. E. Redman, W. A. Schowe, R. G. Johnson and Roald Peterson.

IT'S A GIRL! Cigars were passed out by proud father, Bob, in celebration of Jo Ann, born to Nancy Ross the night before. He announced: "Due to proper management and a few special practices, we have been able to increase the stocking of the Home Ranch by one heifer: Born Aug. 31, 1951; Weight 7 lbs 2 oz."

1952

Chairman - Byron A. Smith
Secretary - Merton J. Reed, Missoula, Montana
1st Vice-Chairman - R. W. Peake, Lethbridge, Alberta
2nd Vice-Chairman - Ed O'Hare, Stevensville, Montana
COUNCIL (Term expires)
-Max Bradshaw , Pincher Creek, AB 1952
-John M Cross, Nanton, AB (completing term of Ray Johnson)
-Henry S. Hibbard, Helena, Montana 1954

ADVISORY COUNCIL -SRM, BOISE: Business--1)Appointment of a Secretary-Treasurer to finish term of E.H. Burles, who resigned. A.G. Burrows, Calgary, was chosen. 2)H.J. Hargrave, R.W. Peake and Dick Painter appointed to plan Spring Meeting in Lethbridge. W.R. Hanson, Tom Lommasson and George Chattaway assigned to program committee.

Wally Hanson suggested plan to advance junior activities. He suggested Homer Turner to report work done in Montana and, with an Alberta rep, prepare tentative plan for Alberta.

Boise banquet program: "Six Inches From Starvation" by Kay Carmody and Allene Ogan, 4H girls of Whitehall. They received a standing ovation. Their coach was Bob Ross.

SPRING TOUR - May 15-16. Location: Lethbridge, Alberta. Themes: rotational grazing, range reseeding, chemical weed control. R. A. Peterson talked on range reseeding. Dr. V. A. Wood outlined Alberta Government's range improvement program. W. A. Hubbard outlined range reseeding work at Manyberries Range Station in southeastern Alberta. H. J. Hargrave gave an illustrated talk on ranches of southern Alberta.

Business Meeting: Junior Range Activities discussed. The feeling was that progress had been extremely satisfactory. Papers on range improvement by George Chattaway and Baden Campbell. Banquet speaker, W.G. Anderson, Wardlow, Alberta. His theme:"Destroy the grass and man shall be destroyed."

May 16. Tour Lethbridge Experiment Sta. Cattalo barbecue.

FALL MEETING - September 4-5. Location: Bozeman, MT.
Business Meeting discussed grazing on irrigated pastures. Dr. R. E. Stitt, Fort Ellis, spoke on range reseeding and utilization of reseeded species by sheep. "Chuck Wagon" dinner at Flaming Arrow Ranch. Speaker, Bud Molohon on "Range Management in Jordan.

Sept. 5 - Arthur D. Miles Ranch, Livingston. Electric fence to distribute cattle and use. Chadbourn Winter Sheep Range on winter nutrition(Van Horn), range utilization, forage analysis, plant vigor measurements (Gyanson), fecal analysis (Springer).

1953

Chairman - R. W. Peake Lethbridge, Alberta
1st Vice-Chairman - Ed O'Hare, Stevensville, Montana
2nd Vice-Chairman - M. J. Reed, Missoula, Montana
Secretary-Treasurer - Alex Johnston, Lethbridge, Alberta
Council - Homer Turner, Dillon, Montana

SPRING TOUR - May 21-22. Location: Helena, MT. Attendance: 45 people. On May 21st Duncan Moir and co-workers took the tour over the Townsend Ranger District. This gave the group a close look at the forage ranges in the Helena area. On May 22 some of the group went on a boat trip through the Gates of the Mountains on the Missouri River. Others visited areas of grazing in the National Forests adjacent to Missoula.

FALL MEETING - September 3-4. Location: Claresholm, Alberta. Attendance: 85. Theme: range resources with a first hand look at the Alberta Foothills; familiarity with forage species, range utilization, and cultural methods. A display of common grasses of the area was set up by Scotty Campbell. Sods were dug and arranged in pans with names attached.

Papers delivered by Wally Hanson and Russell Bennett on the forage resources of the Alberta Foothills and methods of use. Bennett is a rancher in the Waterton Lakes area of Alberta. During the afternoon a field trip was made to the Stavely Grassland Station, where experimental pastures were inspected and questions answered by Alex Johnston and Ron Peake. Mr. A. Palmer, Station Superintendent, gave background information.

September 4: 100-mile tour through the heart of the ranch country. One of the ranches visited was that of John Cross. After an enjoyable lunch served on John's A7 Ranch with true western hospitality, a discussion of grazing and methods of growing forage was held. Later the group drove to the historic Bar U, EP (Duke of Windsor), and D ranches.

1954

Chairman - A. D. Moir , Helena, Montana
Secretary-Treasurer - R. L. "Bob" Ross, Whitehall, Montana
1st Vice-Chairman - M. J.. Merton Reed, Missoula, Montana
2nd Vice-Chairman - J. A. Campbell, Edmonton, Alberta
Council - H. J. Hargrave, Lethbridge, Alberta
- Homer Turner, Dillon, Montana
- Henry S. Hibbard, Helena, Montana

SPRING MEETING - May 26-28. Location: Great Falls, Montana
May 27 - Augusta, MT, to tour state Sun River Elk Range, inspection of Gibson Dam and Sun River Canyon. May 28 - Business meeting at McDonald Lodge chaired by H. J. Hargrave. Lunch at Dick Fabrick Ranch near Bynum, MT.

FALL MEETING - Sept 1-3. Location: Lethbridge-Medicine Hat.
Attendance: 70. Banquet Speaker: Dick Painter of the Lethbridge Experiment Station, on "Insects and Man."

September 2 - Short business meeting at Dominion Experimental Station. Education Committee of Chairman Homer Turner, R. W.. Peake and W. R. Hanson was appointed The group then toured experimental irrigated pastures. Following lunch, the group drove to Medicine Hat and saw the irrigated pastures and feedlot set up of the Tansley and Scholten Company.

September 3 - Tour of Cypress Hills, south and east of Medicine Hat. Dr. F. W. Gershaw had given the group many of the historical aspects of the area the evening before. Mr. A. A. Murphy, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA), discussed water conservation in the area. A stop was made at a site commanding a striking view of the Medicine Hat country and the geological formation of the Cypress Plateau. At this point Wally Hanson and Jim McArthur led a discussion covering vegetative types and management practices used by ranch operators of the area. Jim also mentioned the "cattalo" with which he was working and other work at the Manyberries Range Station.

The change in name of the Section seems to have taken place in 1954. The notice of the Spring Meeting was directed to "The Northern International Mountain Section." The notice of the Fall Meeting to the "International Mountain Section."

1955

Chairman - John Cross, Nanton, Alberta
1st Vice-Chairman - M. J. Reed, Missoula, Montana
2nd Vice-Chairman - Alex Johnston, Lethbridge, Alberta
Secretary-Treasurer - Larry Osburnson, Butte, Montana
Council_ -Frank Lynch-Staunton, Lundbreck, Alberta
-Arthur D. Miles, Livingston, Montana

SPRING TOUR - June 8-10. Location: Jackson, Montana
Attendance: 110. June 8: Tour of Big Hole Basin and adjacent ranges. "Dusty" Sparrow, rancher and Beaverhead Soil Conservation District Supervisor, conducted an interesting and scenic tour over portions of the Hirschy Meadows, Tom Schultz Ranch, Ruby Ranch, and the Eleven Twenty Ranch. The tour ended with a delectable friendship hour at the Fred Hirschy Ranch. Banquet speaker that evening was Ed Whitworth, local rancher and immediate past-president of the Montana Wool Growers Association.

June 9 - The group traveled south to Dillon observing vegetation and range conditions due to differences in annual precipitation and grazing pressures. This was followed by a visit to the P & O Ranch where Homer Turner, Conservationist for the Beaverhead Division of the Rock Island Oil and Refining Company, showed the group some experimental seedings of various grasses and legumes in arid, semi-arid and irrigated sites. These seedings were made to reduce the pressure on native ranges.

FALL MEETING - September 8-10. Location: High River, AB.
Held in conjunction with the Western Stock Growers' Association Annual Meeting, September 8 was devoted to an indoor meeting discussing range problems common to both organizations. A panel discussion on game problems related to Range Management was held with the following people taking part: E.S. Huestis, W. R. Hanson, Gordon Cummings and John Cross. Moderator for the panel was D. J. McKinnon, Carsland, Alberta.

Retiring IMS Chairman Duncan Moir congratulated John Cross as the first rancher to be elected to that office. John Cross replied that he felt a signal honor had been paid to the practical phase of range management.

1956

Chairman - Bob Ross, Whitehall, Montana
1st Vice-Chairman - H. J. Hargrave, Lethbridge, Alberta
2nd Vice-Chairman - Homer Turner, Dillon, Montana
Secretary-Treasurer - Larry Osburnson, Butte, Montana
Council - C. H. McKinnon, Calgary, Alberta
- Frank Rowe, Fort Benton, Montana
Membership Committee - E. A. Chisholm, Calgary, Alberta
- Favre Eaton, Butte, Montana
Publicity Committee - Henry Hibbard, Helena, Montana
- Frank Jacobs, Calgary, Alberta

SUMMER TOUR - June 21-23. Location: Okotoks, Cochrane, Calgary. June 21 at Okotoks - Banquet, film and business meeting. June 22 - Okotoks, Cochrane and Calgary areas featuring reseeding in the foothills and plains of Western Canada. To Millarville for a panel discussion on "Feasibility of Converting Grainlands to Grassland in the Foothills," and tour of F. E. Gourlay Ranch observing grainlands and brushlands reseeded to grass.

FALL TOUR - September 6-7. Location: Helmville, Montana. Attendance: 80. First day stops were under the guidance of Bob Ross and A. S. Erickson and included looking at ranges in excellent, good, fair and poor condition. The grass cover in the Helmville Cemetery was used as a standard for comparison. Seedings of intermediate wheatgrass were examined for seed production and it was noted that wide row-spacings gave increased seed production. Infestations of leafy spurge, toad flax, goatweed and Canada Thistle were observed and control measures discussed. Conservation and range management practices at the Ed Bandy Ranch were observed.

Will Cotter, long time area cowboy and rancher, gave the talk at the banquet. He talked about ranching methods and range conditions when he first came to the area in 1885 as compared to present time. He remembered playing games at a picnic in an area close to the cemetery. It was all grass then and now is knee deep sagebrush.

The Game Ranch of the State Fish and Game Department was also toured. This ranch had been purchased to alleviate some elk pressure on private lands. Mel Morris had carried out extensive elk studies there for the past three years and had some very interesting figures on elk preference or rather lack of preference for browse in the winter.

1957

Chairman - H. J. Hargrave, Lethbridge, Alberta
1st Vice-Chairman - Homer Turner, Dillon, Montana
2nd Vice-Chairman - Eion Chisholm, Calgary, Alberta
Secretary-Treasurer - Alex Johnston, Lethbridge, Alberta
Council - Frank K. Rowe, Fort Benton, Montana
- Charles H. McKinnon, Calgary, Alberta

10th AGM of the parent Society - Jan 28 to Feb 1. Location: Great Falls, MT. Though the outside temperatures never rose above 40 degrees below zero, attendance peaked at 515--greater than any previous Range Society convention.

SUMMER TOUR - June 13-14. Location: Milk River, Alberta. Banquet Speaker, Robert T. Coupland, Department of Plant Ecology, University of Saskatchewan. June 14 included a visit to the Joe Gilchrist Ranch, the Sweet Grass Hills, and the cabin occupied by Charles M. Russell and Con Price on the Dave Thomas Ranch on the west slope of the West Butte. The visit to the Joe Gilchrist Ranch showed shortgrass range in excellent condition. The Howard Leslie Ranch and the Writing-on-Stone areas showed shortgrass range and Indian picture writing or petroglyphs. An exhibit featuring grasses and other plants commonly seen on the rangelands was set up. This was very acceptable since grass is the perennial product of our rangelands; livestock are merely the means of processing this forage into meat, wool, leather and other products. Bob Coupland made numerous observations and led many discussions during the tour.

FALL MEETING - Sept 5-6 Location: Sieben Ranch, Cascade, MT. This is Councilman Hibbard's place and a long time sheep unit. The resultant repression of the smaller grass species and forbs and the complete domination of Rough Fescue was clearly shown. The only exception was on early spring use where sheep use had also suppressed the Fescue. Since it was the only area that warmed up early, the management problems were apparent.

Banquet at the Rainbow Hotel in Great Falls. Speaker, Joe Townsend, State Fish and Game, Bozeman, with dramatic slides on problems with the Gallatin elk herd and winter starvation that occurs.

1958

Chairman - Homer Turner, Dillon, Montana
1st Vice-Chairman - Alex Johnston, Lethbridge, Alberta
2nd Vice-Chairman - Curtis Hughes, Stanford, Montana
Secretary-Treasurer - Alex Johnston, Lethbridge, Alberta
Council - Henry Hibbard, Helena, Montana
- Sherman Ewing, Claresholm, Alberta
- Frank K. Rowe, Fort Benton, Montana
- Charles H. McKinnon, Calgary, Alberta

SPRING TOUR - June 12-13. Location: Dillon, Montana. Attendance: 150 people. Jack Brenner, State Senator, was the banquet speaker on "Grass and Nutrition." Following Brenner's talk, Bill Burkitt spoke on the methods used in arriving at the cause of nutritional problems.

June 13 - The tour was to the Armstead-Horse Prairie Region and arranged by Homer Turner, Ed Atkins and Ben Slanger with a lot of help of others. It covered privately owned range, BLM and Forest Service lands.

1st Stop - Deferred grazing. Formerly dominated by sagebrush and now in good grass cover. Discussion led by Ben Slanger, SCS.

2nd Stop - Big Bluegrass cut for hay on the Cross Ranch. Discussion led by Ben Slanger.

3rd Stop - Sagebrush plowing and seeding. Discussion led by Jim Cotter and Neil Morck, BLM.

4th Stop - Horse Prairie Administrative Site. Illustration of over-use and under-use. Discussion by Carl Simpson, U.S. Forest Service. An additional stop at Bannack, first Territorial Capital. Sight-seeing and some history were covered.

FALL MEETING - Aug. 28-29 Location: Bassano, Alberta. A banquet was enjoyed on the evening of August 28th. The main speaker was Don McKinnon, Dalemead, Alberta, who gave an account of the early ranching days in southern Alberta and in particular the McKinnon involvement in the last round-up on the CPR Block, south of Bassano, in 1929.

August 29 a tour of the LK Feed Mill, Feed Lot and LK Ranches was carried out under the direction of the McKinnon family, owners of the enterprises. A visit was made to Sundial Butte where the Indians had made a strange configuration of rocks. Supper was enjoyed at the Bassano Dam where Carl Anderson, Superintendent of the Eastern Irrigation District at Brooks, Alberta, gave a talk on the Dam and irrigated areas.

1959

Chairman - Alex Johnston, Lethbridge, Alberta
1st Vice-Chairman - Melvin S. Morris, Missoula, Montana
2nd Vice-Chairman - Charles McKinnon, Calgary, ALberta
Secretary-Treasurer - Stanley L. Pisko, Lethbridge, Alberta
Council - George Chattaway, Nanton, Alberta
- A. S Erickson, Deer Lodge, Montana

SPRING MEETING - June 4-5. Location: Claresholm/Stavely, AB
Attendance: 40. Local Arrangement Committees sometimes run into annoying difficulties. Alex Johnston had guaranteed the local ladies attendance of 110. Fortunately attendance was much better the next day, and additional registrations covered the loss.

June 5 - Attendance: 100. The tour featured a revisit to the Stavely Range Experiment Station, last visited in 1953; changes since that time were noted with interest. An afternoon program was held in a tent at the Station and devoted to the general topic of community pastures and their improvement by means of brush control. The program was presented by Ray Youngman, Superintendent of Community Pastures under the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Assistance Act, and Mel Aston of the same organization. An evening steak fry concluded with Doug Sutherland's talk, "It costs less to die in Alberta." The speaker pointed out that estate tax regulations had been modified, provincially, with substantial benefits to land owners.

FALL MEETING - Sept. 17-18. Location: Anaconda, Montana. Attendance: 65.
Keynote Speaker, R.C. Setterstrom, Montana Power Company, set the tone with, "All People Benefit From Good Range Management." Dick, a section member, is active in soil conservation district work in Montana.

September 18 - Tour of the Georgetown Lake area with about 100 present. There is some conflict between summer homes and grazing and a real possibility of conflict with the lake water quality. A need to develop adequate water sources is recognized. Bill Williams spoke on clearcutting of lodgepole pine in small blocks up to 40 acres. Increased forage will be helpful in reducing pressure on other range. Bob Jorgenson pointed out water production, control and use in the area for industrial and irrigation use. Favre Eaton brought out the highlights of the grazing industry in the Deer Lodge National Forest. Range condition and grazing practices were noted. Water intake studies were also discussed. Finally, mountain meadow feeding of cattle, indicated a definite preference for native hays over tame hays on the Tom Collins Ranch.

1960

Chairman - Melvin S. Morris, Missoula, Montana
1st Vice-Chairman - Charles H. McKinnon, Calgary, Alberta
2nd Vice-Chairman - Frank K. Rowe, Fort Benton, Montana
Secretary-Treasurer - W.P. Dufour, Philipsburg, Montana
Council - W. H. Burkitt, Great Falls, Montana
- A. S. Erickson, Deer Lodge, Montana
- Sherm Ewing, Claresholm, Alberta
- George Chattaway, Nanton, Alberta

SUMMER TOUR - June 17-18. Location: Missoula, Montana. Attendance: more than 60. Keynote Speaker, R.E. Huffman, Dean of Agriculture, Montana State College, spoke on multiple-use of range lands at the banquet.

Prior to registration, many members joined in a conducted tour of the US Forest Service Smokejumper Center and new Fire Research Laboratory west of Missoula.

June 18 - A visit to the Grant Creek Ranch -- one of the outstanding Angus breeding ranches in Montana. This was followed by a tour of the National Bison Range at Moise. At the headquarters a lunch prepared by the ladies of the Moise Grange was enjoyed. The tour showed the many forms of wildlife that are present: deer, elk, antelope and bison. C. J. Henry, Superintendent of the Range, gave a brief history and management review of the Range. He stated that in response to public sentiment, President Theodore Roosevelt had approached Congress to establish the Bison Range in 1908 in an effort to prevent extinction of the buffalo in the United States. As a result, 19,000 acres of grass and timber were set aside for the purpose.

FALL MEETING - Sept. 1-2 Location: Lethbridge, Alberta. A panel discussed "The Future Relationship between Irrigated Farmer and Rancher in Western Canada." Speakers: Bert Hargrave, rancher; Eion Chisholm, Secretary-Manager Western Stockgrowers' Association; Drs. Don B. Wilson and D. Clark, Lethbridge Station Research Staff.

September 2 - A field tour inspected local irrigated farms and ranches, followed by a steak fry.

1961

Chairman - Charles H. McKinnon, Calgary, Alberta
1st Vice-Chairman - Frank K. Rowe, Fort Benton, Montana
2nd Vice-Chairman - Eion Chisholm, Calgary, Alberta
Secretary-Treasurer - Frank Jacobs, Calgary, Alberta
Council - Curtis Hughes, Stanford, Montana
- Hal Sears, Nanton, Alberta
- Sherm Ewing, Claresholm, Alberta
- W. H. Burkitt, Great Falls, Montana
- W. P. Dufour, Philipsburg, Montana
- Frank Jacobs, Calgary, Alberta

SUMMER MEETING - July 6-7. Location: Calgary, Alberta. Attendance: over 300. From the Highlander Hotel the tour proceeded to Longview, Dutch Creek, the Gap and the Waldron Ranch. This tour was held jointly with the SRM Summer Meeting-- the first time a National meeting has been held in Canada. The tour was held in the Eastern Rockies Forest Conservation District. There was a camp-out on July 6th with a feed of barbecued beef prepared on a spit by John and Harold Sears.

Because of expected numbers, a special effort had been made to reach grazing permit holders and many were in attendance. Membership was up for the year from 169 to 212. As a means of attracting press to the tour, the cost of their attendance was solicited from a utility company, which appeared happy to assist. Also, a good portion of the Summer Meeting expense was borne by interested business firms, namely, a fertilizer company, a bank and a petroleum association. There is no doubt that the sending of an invitation to every grazing permit-holder in the Eastern Rockies Forest Conservation area had much to do with the splendid turnout. The meeting was a financial success and added about \$900 to the Section treasury. This "cushion" gave Section officers the courage to propose various events-- for example, essay contests and youth awards -- that they might not otherwise have authorized. Previously, the Section had operated in what can best be described as a "hand-to-mouth" fashion.

FALL MEETING - Dec 1. Location: Rainbow Hotel, Great Falls. The purchase of office fixtures and supplies was discussed and plans made for the purchase of a filing system and cabinets and membership cards. It was also decided on motions by Ewing and Rowe that the president appoint a publicity director (in Montana and Alberta) each year to bring the aims of the Section before the public. A youth program was also discussed at length and on motions by Hughes and Chisholm there were to be youth programs presented on each field day and awards presented to the winners.

1962

Chairman - Frank K. Rowe, Fort Benton, Montana
1st Vice-Chairman - Eion Chisholm, Calgary, Alberta
2nd Vice-Chairman - Curtis Hughes, Stanford, Montana
Secretary-Treasurer - Leland P. Cade, Fort Benton, Montana
Immediate Past Chair - Charles McKinnon, Calgary
Council -
- Dr. Bill Burkitt, Great Falls, MT
- Wilfred Dufour, Philipsburg, MT
- Sherm Ewing, Claresholm, AB
- Frank Jacobs, Calgary, AB

SPRING MEETING - May 11-12. Location: Elks Club, Havre, MT. Attendance: close to 100. Tuesday, May 12, tour North Montana Branch Experimental Station 8 miles southwest of city. Clint Stranahan of Fort Benton was the featured speaker on the development of the livestock industry in Montana. Ray Woodward of Miles City discussed the changes being made in the range livestock industry by the use of artificial insemination.

FALL MEETING - Sept 14-15. Location: Highlander Hotel, Calgary. Attendance: about 100. Keynote Speaker: Lieut-Governor (and historian) Grant MacEwen, "The Livestock Industry in the West," including the story of the Cochran Ranch. On the second day a tour was conducted to a number of local ranches and range sites, including Neil Harvie's Glenbow Ranch at Cochrane and a roto-tilling land-clearing project on Clarence Copithorne's ranch at Jumping Pound. Neil Harvie presented a film entitled, "The Year-Round Ranch Story" followed by a barbecue. A plant identification contest for children and youths was organized, which drew considerable interest and much discussion. Both meetings were attended by a variety of people including ranchers, educators, bankers, conservationists and a number of women and children. The Section voted to sponsor an essay contest for university students to encourage interest in the art of range management. Cash awards of \$100 and \$50 will be made to the first and second place winners. Melvin Morris, Bill Corns, and Bob Ross were named to a committee to promote the contest. At the September 15 meeting the group favored a name change to the "International Society of Range Management." The group instructed the officers to present this to the Society Meeting.

1963

Chairman - Eion A. Chisholm, Calgary, Alberta
1st Vice-Chairman - Curtis Hughes, Stanford, Montana
2nd Vice-Chairman - Sherm Ewing, Claresholm, Alberta
Secretary-Treasurer - F. H. Newcombe, Calgary Alberta
Council --- - Mack Forbes, Lethbridge, Alberta
- Sherm Ewing, Claresholm, Alberta
- Frank Jacobs, Calgary, Alberta
- Curtis Hughes, Stanford, Montana
- Wilfred Dufour, Philipsburg, Montana
- George Roskie, Great Falls, Montana

SUMMER TOUR - June 20-21. Location: Ennis, Montana. Visit Red Bluff Range Experiment Station with Bob Ross as tour director. A research project of wintering cattle and sheep on native range with various kinds of supplement was discussed. Also presented, the early gold mining history of the Red Bluff area.

We toured the Pete Jackson and Phil Yeckel Ranches. Range sites and condition classes, deferred grazing results, big sagebrush control, use of tame pastures in conjunction with deferred grazing systems and results of proper range use were observed. On Fred Moyer Ranch we observed effects of six years of clipping to simulate different grazing intensities.

FALL MEETING - Oct 25. Location: Lethbridge, Alberta. Attendance: 40. The chairman brought up a misunderstanding as to when, where and what type of meetings were to be held. Following discussion, it was moved and carried that a plebiscite be conducted to determine the wishes of members. The question of the college student essay contest was discussed. It was agreed that it be carried on for another year. The meeting expressed thanks to the Essay Committee consisting of Mel Morris, Bill Corns and Bob Ross. It was also decided to continue plant identification contests. Ed McKinnon expounded the value of small district meetings by the Section and recommended that they be developed. Following the business meeting those present heard papers on "Effect of Recent Drought on Range Grass Species" - Mack Forbes; "Rough Fescue" - R. W. Peake; "Hoofed Mammals in Relation to Range in National Parks" - Don Flook, Canada Wild Life Service, Edmonton, Alberta. Dinner speaker Alex Johnston gave an illustrated lecture on "Range Problems in West Pakistan." He answered many questions regarding life in that country.

On the plebiscite regarding number and type of meetings, there was substantial majority in favor of "a larger, more comprehensive summer meeting alternating between Montana and Alberta, plus an alternating fall business meeting.

1964

Chairman - Curtis Hughes, Stanford, Montana
1st Vice-Chairman - Sherm Ewing, Claresholm, Alberta
2nd Vice-Chairman - George Roskie, Great Falls, Montana
Secretary-Treasurer - Joe Morris, Stanford, Montana
Council -
- Peter Jackson, Norris, Montana
- Favre Eaton, Butte, Montana
- Neil Harvie, Cochrane, Alberta
- Mack Forbes, Lethbridge, Alberta

SUMMER TOUR - July 30-31. Location: Central Alberta. Attendance: 70 people. Places visited were the University of Alberta Ranch at Kinsella, 90 miles east of Edmonton. Here native range and beefcattle, both straight and crossbred, were observed. Closer to Edmonton a visit was made to Elk Island Park and a herd of native bison. A tasty beefsteak dinner prepared by member Stewart Shields was enjoyed. Some members decided to camp out for the night in the Park while others returned to Edmonton. The following day an inspection was made of the Blackfoot Community Pasture, 20 miles east of Edmonton to observe the clearing of a heavy cover of aspen poplar and the productivity of the cleared land after seeding to grasses and legumes. Luncheon was served at a rural schoolhouse by ladies of the district. In the afternoon a visit was made to the Alberta Game Farm where young and old enjoyed large numbers of indigenous and exotic wild animals on display. The muskox specimens from the Canadian Arctic Tundra were a source of great interest. Near the Blackfoot Community Pasture a sphagnum peatbog known in Canada as a muskeg was examined. The deep layer of sphagnum moss and American Larch, Black Spruce and white Birch were noted for the first time by many from the United States. The summer meeting closed with a summary of the tour by Alex Johnston.

FALL MEETING - Nov 7. Location: Rainbow Hotel, Great Falls. Meeting called to order by President Curt Hughes. Charles McKinnon gave a youth report and also suggested that a plant identification contest be a regular feature of future meetings. Moved by Sherm Ewing and carried that ribbons with the Society's seal be presented to contest winners. The Judith Basin 4-H Club presented a talk on "Conservation of Natural Resources." The U.S. Forest Service provided aerial pictures of the 1964 flood. Joe Zacek, Soil Conservation Service, Great Falls, Montana presented slides and discussed the range on top of Square Butte, a land mark about 40 miles west of Great Falls.

1965

Chairman - Sherman Ewing, Claresholm, Alberta
1st Vice-Chairman - George Roskie, Great Falls, Montana
2nd Vice-Chairman - Mack Forbes, Lethbridge, Alberta
Secretary-Treasurer - David Jantzie, Claresholm, Alberta
Council - Jim Cartwright, High River, Alberta
- Ed McKinnon, Airdrie, Alberta
- Favre Eaton, Butte, Montana
- Peter Jackson, Ennis, Montana

SUMMER TOUR- July 15-17. Location: Judith Basin, Montana. Theme: Charlie Russell Country. Starting at Fort Benton on July 15, the tour proceeded south through Stanford, Hobson, Utica, Judith River, and the Little Belt Mountains. Visited and discussed were ranches, game refuges, experiment stations, summer sheep range and other places of interest, including Badlands Range Type--Joe Zacek; Plant Identification--Jim Newman; Leafy Spurge Infestation--Don Ryerson; Foothill Native Range--Gene Payne and Curt Hughes. A memorable fish-fry was enjoyed at the Dry Wolf Campground, with trout provided and prepared by Lewis & Clark Forest rangers, under command of Supervisor George Roskie.

July 16th activities: Spring Creek Range Enclosure--Geoff Greene; Hughes Livestock Breeding Program--Curt Hughes. A yearling "Newford" bull was auctioned off by the Hughes Livestock Company and profit contributed to International Mountain Section. Lunch and tour of Moccasin Experiment Station. C. M. Russell picture-stop at StadlerKauffman place with talk by Russell authority, Fred Renner; Other themes: State Game Range--Bob Varner; Jake Hoover Cabin--Fred Renner and Bill Trask; South Fork Cattle Allotment--Doc Cornell; Spur Park High Mountain Sheep Allotment--Geoff Greene. Logging road to Kings Hill--end of tour.

FALL MEETING - Nov 5. Location: Park Plaza, Lethbridge. Attendance: 26 people. Discussion of Sainfoin possibilities and research by Mike Hanna, Canada Research Station, Lethbridge. Interesting panel on Brush Control in Alberta foothills chaired by rancher, John Cross, with Dr. Alex Johnston and rancher Gordon Burton. Chairman Ewing encouraged signing up new members. He mentioned that the Section was represented at a 4-H camp at Elk Park, Alberta. Curt Hughes mentioned the wonderful associations formed on field trips of the Section. He recommended Section camp-outs whenever possible.

This was really the beginning of the IMS summer "camp-meeting" tradition.

1966

Chairman - George Roskie, Great Falls, Montana
1st Vice-Chairman - Mack Forbes, Edmonton, Alberta
2nd Vice-Chairman - Don Ryerson, Bozeman, Montana
Secretary-Treasurer - Geoffrey E. Greene, Great Falls, MT
Coouncil - Jack E. Schmautz, Missoula, Montana
- James E. Lunney, Great Falls, Montana
- Jim Cartwright, High River, Alberta
- Ed McKinnon, Airdrie, Alberta

SUMMER TOUR - July 21-24 - Location: Cypress Hills, Alberta/Saskatchewan. Theme: Range types from prairie spear and gramma association to Cypress Hills benchland Rough Fescue and Lodgepole Pine. A highlight was a visit to Fort Walsh on the eastern end of the Hills. This North West Mounted Police post dates back to 1873 and until recently has been a remount station for production of horses for the famous RCMP Musical Ride.

Ample accommodation was available in the Cypress Hills Provincial Park, motels at Elkwater Lake, and hotels in Medicine Hat, 40 miles away. Some interested people visited the nearby Manyberries Range Livestock Experimental Station, where IMS member Sylver Smoliak gave a fine description of the native range. Business meeting: A change in the section bylaws was suggested and approved, to wit: the First Vice-President will become the President-elect for the following year. This was passed unanimously. The Section also sponsored and sent two boys to the Society Range Youth at Logan, Utah. These were John Cartwright of High River, Alberta and Warren Schweitzer from Judith Basin County. The Plant Identification Winners: Student, Tim Jantzie, Claresholm, Alberta; Rancher, Sherm Ewing, Claresholm, Alberta; Professional, Lee Eddleman, Missoula, MT.

FALL MEETING - Nov 5. Location: Rainbow Hotel, Great Falls. Themes: Natural areas; student memberships, National Range Youth Forum, IMS Youth Program. A panel discussion: "A Program for Natural Areas" was chaired by Jack Schmautz, Missoula and included Bob Ross, Bozeman; Wally Hanson, Calgary; Curtis Hughes, Stanford; and Scotty Campbell, Edmonton. A second panel entitled: "What the Range Society Does for Me," was chaired by Alex Johnston, Lethbridge, with James Lunney, Great Falls, Wally Gallaher, Dillon; Ed McKinnon, Airdrie, and Don Ryerson, Bozeman. The banquet speaker was SRM President, Mel Morris. A report of the 1966 Range Youth Forum was presented by John Cartwright. Outstanding Achievement Award in Range Management was awarded to Michelle Boken, Twin Bridges.

1967

Chairman	- L. M. Forbes, Edmonton, Alberta
1st Vice-Chairman	- Peter Jackson, Ennis, Montana
2nd Vice-Chairman	- E. A. McKinnon, Airdrie, Alberta
Secretary-Treasurer	- G. E. Greene, Great Falls, Montana
Past Chairman	- George Roskie, Juneau, Alaska
Council	- S. G. Klumph, Edmonton, Alberta
	- J. D. Gilchrist, Milk River, AB
	- J. E. Lunney, Great Falls, Montana
	- J. E. Schmautz, Missoula, Montana

SUMMER TOUR - July 27-28. Location: Ennis, Montana. Theme: ranges of southwest Montana. Tours featuring modern trends in forest grazing visited the Vigilante Experimental Station and Red Rock Bird Refuge. A "before and after" photo-op showed a dramatic change from sagebrush to grass due to management. Lee Eddleman advised that the Section Exhibit was currently on display at Philipsburg Bank.

Plant I.D. winners: Ranchers: Maynard Smith, Glen, Montana; Sherm Ewing, Claresholm, Alberta; Chuck Jarecki, Polson, Montana. Students: Bob Neary, Butte; Betty Hughes, Stanford; Kathy Smith, Glen, MT. Professionals: Chuck McGlothlin, Helena; Mack Forbes, Edmonton; Sam Short, Dillon.

Frank Jacobs of Calgary was appointed chairman of the public relations committee. He reported that on June 30th IMS had sponsored a tour of Range Research Substation, Stavely, Alberta, where 100 members and others had viewed brush clearing and reseeding on the nearby A7, Gregory, and Flying E ranches.

FALL MEETING - Nov 4. Location: El Rancho Motor Hotel, Lethbridge. Theme: "Range Extension in Montana and Alberta." A panel was moderated by Jim Nalback. Geoff Greene, U.S.F.S., Great Falls, presented a slide presentation on Rancher/Range Ecology. The banquet speaker was Dr. Don Wilson of Lethbridge.

Youth Awards for outstanding range activity in 1967 went to Michelle Jackson, Harrison; Kathy Smith, Melrose; and Betty Hughes, Stanford, Montana. Dixon Shield, Barrhead, received the first award given for Alberta. Michelle Jackson and Dixon Shield will represent the Section at the Albuquerque Range Youth Forum.

Business Meeting: Continuation of Section Newsletter. Members in agreement as to value and voted its continuance. Agreed that newsletter be circulated to colleges and ag-schools. 1967 IMS achievements:

- 1) Quality display for promoting range management.
- 2) Mobile camp-unit built and owned by Section.
- 3) IMS Newsletter established.
- 4) IMS membership: 213

1968

Chairman	- Peter V. Jackson, Norris, Montana
1st Vice-Chairman	- E. A. McKinnon, Calgary, Alberta
2nd Vice-Chairman	- J. E. Schmautz, Missoula, Montana
Secretary-Treasurer	- G. E. Greene, Great Falls, Montana
Council	- J. D. Gilchrist, Milk River, AB
	- S. G. "Bud" Klumph, Edmonton
	- J. E. Lunney, Great Falls
	- R. B. Jorgenson, Missoula

COUNCIL MEETING-SRM, Feb 15. Location: Albuquerque, NM Plans discussed for 1969 Society AGM in Calgary, Wally Hanson, Convention Chairman; Alex Johnston, Program Chairman. Bob Ross reported on Range Youth Forum, Lee Eddleman on Plant Judging Team. Chairman Jackson announced loss of Section By-laws. Committee appointed to locate or draw up new set.

SPECIAL MEETING - May 24. Schell Town House, Great Falls. Attendance: 20 members. Purpose: Introduce new SRM Exec-Secty. Francis Colbert to members attending Montana Stockgrowers Convention. Discussion of student membership and section boundaries, followed by survey of delinquent membership.

SUMMER TOUR - July 26-27. Location: Lundbreck, Alberta. Attendance: 310. Theme: forest grazing; poisonous plants; range seeding; brush control; watershed research. Superb weather blessed three half-day tours from campground on the Waldron Co-operative Ranch. Features: plant identification, slide show, excellent meals, congenial company, knowledgeable discussions

Plant I.D. winners: - Student: Gordon Cartwright, High River; Sandra Beck, Butte; Mrs. Gordon Bruins, Vauxhall, AB. Ranchers: Chuck Jarecki, Polson; Jim Baker, High River; Jim Cartwright, High River. Professionals: Steve Weiss, Missoula; Joe Wagner, Missoula; Jerry Wheeler, Calgary.

FALL MEETING - Nov 9. Location: O'Haire Manor, Great Falls. Youth Forum and finances discussed at length. Further discussion on By-laws, Membership, Calgary AGM plans. Panel discussion by Alberta and Montana members: "Let's Compare Management." Chairman Jackson reported on "What's Doing in the Parent Society." Range Youth Forum delegates to Albuquerque were Dixon Shield, Barrhead, Alberta and Michelle Jackson, Harrison, Montana. Youth Achievement Awards: Michelle Jackson, Harrison, Montana; Kathy Smith, Glen, Montana; Betty Hughes, Stanford, Montana and Rodney Pribyl, Stockett, Montana.

1969

President - E. A. McKinnon, Calgary
President-Elect - Jack E. Schmautz, Missoula,
Secretary-Treasurer - G. E. Greene, Great Falls
Past President - Peter V. Jackson, Harrison, MT
Council - Alfred Graesser, Boulder, Montana
-Rolf Jorgenson, Missoula
- Howard A. McDonald, Acme, Alberta
- John G. Stelfox, Edmonton

COUNCIL MEETING, SRM AGM--Jan.10-13. Location: Palliser Hotel, Calgary.
Attendance: 50 members. Youth Forum members introduced: Kathy Smith, Dixon Shield
and Brenda Bunbury.

SUMMER TOUR - July 25-26. Location: Ole Ueland Ranch near Butte, Mt.
Attendance: Approximately 200 members and families. Frank Jacobs requested that
IMS support the Alberta Historical Society in blocking a new highway around an historic
ranch house near Cochrane, Alberta. The motion was seconded by Curt Hughes and
carried. The Secretary was requested to write the Alberta Highways Commission stating
the action. Melvin Morris, Past Society President, spoke on membership. New SRM
President Don Cox spoke on need for all members to work for the Society. He further
discussed new events such as the recently published and distributed Rangeman's News.

Plant I.D. winners (all from Montana): Students- Shelly Jackson, Harrison; Betty
Hughes, Stanford; Jeff Chaffe, Clancy. Ranchers- Maynard Smith, Glen; Chuck Jarecki,
Polson; Ralph Nichols, Wisdom.

FALL MEETING - Nov 1. Location: Lethbridge. Special thanks to Alex Johnston
for time and effort in arranging the Society Meeting in Calgary. President-elect Jack
Schmautz reported on the recent Summer Tour. Expenses were excessive due to the
use of buses and the failure of a large group from another organization to attend as
planned. Thanks to the generosity of some members, contributions helped defray the
heavy expense. It was concluded that future tours should be handled by pre-registration
and financial commitment from any organization planning to attend. Bob Ross, Range
Youth Committee Chairman, introduced Sandra Adams, the first person from Alberta to
receive the Outstanding Range Youth Achievement Award. Three others recognized:
Judy Brown, Beaverhead County; Shelly Jackson, Madison-Jefferson County and Betty
Hughes, Judith Basin County.

Section Membership stated as 245.

1970

President - Jack E. Schmautz, Missoula, Mt
President-elect - S. G. Klumph, Edmonton, Ab
Secretary-Treasurer - G. E. Greene, Great Falls, Mt
Past President - E. A. McKinnon, Calgary, Ab
Council - Howard McDonald, Acme, Ab
- Lee E. Eddleman, Missoula, Mt
- Orville "Dusty" Sparrow, Wisdom, MT
- Edwin C. Nelson, Stavely, AB
Newsletter Editor - Alex Johnston, Lethbridge, AB

SUMMER TOUR - July 23-25. Location: Pinhorn Grazing Reserve, Etzicom, AB. Attendance: About 200. Headquarters at the Pinhorn on Milk River in southern Alberta. Soil personnel on hand to relate vegetation, depth of soil, soil content, drainage, etc. One-half day devoted to demonstration of range judging by a 4-H group under the supervision of Bob Ross and Ned Jefferies. Hal Sears and Sherm Ewing prepared a delicious barbecue. Alex Johnston conducted a tour of a set-aside "natural area" and explained the purposes and expectations. Geoff Greene arranged for film "Survival on the Prairie." SRM Executive Secretary, Francis Colbert, introduced. A higher-than-usual Registration Fee was charged resulting in about \$800 added to the IMS treasury. Plant I.D. winners: Student and rancher: Penny Jarecki, Polson, Montana; Nina Ewing, Claresholm, AB; Charlie Ewing, Claresholm, AB. Children: Mike McGlothlin, Whitehall, MT; Brad Stelfox, Edmonton; Gordon Huggard, Dalemead, AB. Professional: George Maduram, Edmonton, John Inman, Missoula, Mt (tied); Don Messer, Malta, MT; Wayne Phillips, Helena.

Committee Assignments: Range Youth Program-Bob Ross, George Maduram, Chuck McGlothlin. Membership-Chuck Hitch, Stew Shields.

FALL MEETING - Nov 6-7. Location: Great Falls, Montana. Attendance: 34. Banquet Speaker: Dr. Leslie Pengelly, Chairman Environmental Studies, UofM, Missoula. Topic: "Land, Ethics and the Public Trust." Six Newsletters per year was agreed upon. Bud Klumph gave a slide show highlighting summer Pinhorn tour. Bob Ross presented Range Youth Awards to Sue Ammond, Boulder; Betty Hughes, Stanford; Judy Brown, Dillon; John Prybil, Stockett. Sandra Adams, Barrhead, AB elected as 1969 Secretary, Range Youth Forum. George Maduram reported winners Alberta range youth activities: Southern Alberta, Dave Duban, Kipp; Northern Alberta, Jerry Klammer, Vegreville. Brenda Bunbury elected 1970 Secretary Range Youth Forum.

Wally Gallaher reported IMS membership at 249, including 150 from Montana, 89 from Alberta and 10 from other areas.

1971

President - S. G. Klumph, Edmonton, Alberta
President-elect - G.E. Greene, Great Falls, Montana
Secretary-Treasurer - Joe A. Wirak, Great Falls, Montana
Past President - Jack E. Schmautz, Washington, D. C.
Council - Orville "Dusty" Sparrow, Sun City, AZ*
- Ed Nelson, Stavely Alberta
- Art McKinnon, Calgary, Alberta
- Charles M. Jarecki, Polson, Montana
Newsletter Editor - Alex Johnston, Lethbridge, Alberta

*Dusty Sparrow formerly ranched near Wisdom, Montana.

SUMMER TOUR - July 22-24. Location: Blackfoot-Clearwater Game Range, east of Missoula. Attendance: 250 people. President-elect Greene had everything organized, including weather. Ryerson's Rangers attended to cooking. Activities: Tour of game ranges, irrigated pasture, plant i.d. contest, evening show. Range Youth Program discussed at length. Dr. C. Leinweber, Head of Range Management, Texas A & M, brought SRM greetings.

SECTION HISTORY: Melvin Morris, Wallace Hanson, Alex Johnston and Scotty Campbell were appointed to write an IMS history.

Wallace Hanson won the Outstanding Achievement Award at SRM ASGM, Reno, NV. Reno. Joe Wirak awarded Certificate of Merit for his work in range management planning. Peter Jackson elected to Montana Legislature. Regrettably, Jack Schmautz and Wally Gallaher transferred out of Section territory.

Plant I.D. winners: Students-Kathy Smith, Glen, MT; Mike McGlothlin, Whitehall; Meg Smith, Glen; Gordon Huggard, Dalemead, AB; Betty Hughes, Stanford, MT. Wives-Holly Smith, Glen; Pat Phillips, Helena; Penny Jarecki, Polson. Ranchers- Chuck Jarecki, Polson; John Cartwright, High River, AB; Maynard Smith, Glen. Professionals-Wayne Phillips, Helena; Don Messer, Malta; Geoff Greene, Great Falls.

FALL MEETING - Nov 5. Location: Marquis Hotel, Lethbridge. Attendance: 25 members. Range Youth Program discussed and certain changes suggested. Sandra Adams, Barrhead, AB, delegated to Range Youth Forum, Reno. President-elect Greene reported on the successful Summer Tour. The Section Newsletter was discussed. Alex Johnston was commended for his outstanding job as editor and Bob Ross recommended that six issues per year be continued.

Youth Award Winners announced: Alberta--Gary Lovick, Cherhill; May Munro, Innisfail and Dale Jorgensen, Del Bonita. Montana-- Meg Smith, Glen; Kari Lee Lovejoy, Eden and (for second time) John Pribyl, Stockett.

1972

President - G. E. Greene, Great Falls, Montana
Past President - S. G. Klumph, Edmonton, Alberta
resident-elect - Edwin C. Nelson, Stavely, Alberta
Secretary-Treasurer - Joe A. Wirak, Great Falls, Montana
Council - Art McKinnon, Calgary, Alberta
- C. M. Jarecki, Polson, Montana
- John Cartwright, High River, Alberta
- Clifford C. Haugen, Augusta, Montana
Newsletter Editor - Alex Johnston, Lethbridge, Alberta

SUMMER TOUR - July 21-22. Location: Tolman Bridge on the Red Deer River, 75 miles northeast of Calgary. Attendance: 75 members and families. First day's program marred by steady rain. Interesting features: Historic Tom Usher ranch; "Knob and Kettle country;" rhizomatous rough fescue range. Tom Peters of Alberta Soil Survey demonstrated soil sampling with boring rods to relate vegetative cover with underlying soils. Important plants were staked and named. Roads too muddy to reach some grassland areas. Evening steak fry with interesting lecture by Drumheller Historical Society member, describing dinosaurs in early geological times. 200 people attended evening program.

Pleasant event: presentation to Melvin S. Morris on his retirement as Professor of Range Management, UofM, Missoula. Mel has served as Society President, Treasurer, and Program Chairman. He has served as IMS President and steady promoter of the Range Youth Program. Mel received a replica of an Indian artifact bearing a Society Medallion, prepared by Angus McKinnon.

Winners of the Plant I.D: Professional-Mel Morris, Missoula; George Maduram, Edmonton; Geoff Greene, Great Falls. Ranchers- Maynard Smith, Glen, Montana; Chuck Jarecki, Polson; Sherm Ewing, Claresholm, AB. Wives- Holly Smith, Glen; Claire Ewing, Claresholm; Pat Phillips, Helena. Children- Alex Russell, Lethbridge; James Wroe, Hanna; Laura Forbes, Edmonton.

Section Membership 269--the highest ever.

FALL MEETING - Nov 3-4. Location: Rainbow Hotel, Great Falls. Attendance: 35. Project: Incorporation of IMS in both Montana and Alberta. Paul Conrad reported on existing Rangeland Reference Areas. Approved in Principle: preservation of natural range areas where possible. Youth Award Winners: Montana--Ed Urick, Melrose, and Lori Mikkelsen, Great Falls. Alberta--Monique Goudreau, Beaumont. Other Awards: John Pribyl, Great Falls; Kari Lovejoy, Great Falls; Meg Smith, Glen. A third year award was announced for John Pribyl.

Lee Eddleman reported progress on a student chapter at MSU.

1973

President - Edwin C. Nelson, Stavely, AB
Past President - Geoffrey C. Greene, Great Falls, MT
President-elect - Charles M. Jarecki, Polson, MT
Council - John Carwright, High River, AB
- Cliff Haugen, Moccasin, MT
- Robert A. Wroe, Hanna, AB
- M. W. Boken, Twin Bridges, MT
Newsletter Editor - Alex Johnston, Lethbridge, AB

COUNCIL: February. Location: Boise Idaho. IMS delegate to the SRM Range Youth Forum: Monique Goudreau, Beaumont, Alberta.

IMS Section membership: 269--sixth highest among the 19 sections. George Maduram and Bob Ross received well-deserved acclaim.

SUMMER TOUR - July 26-28. Location: Jarecki Ranch near Polson. Attendance: about 200 including members from Australia and Minnesota. First day's tour includes range reseeding, grazing capacity, water development, and overall land management with worst drought conditions in forty years. Well managed bluebunch wheatgrass range was looking good.

Second day tour of National Bison Range, Moiese, Montana. Rest-rotation system was discussed, followed by Business Meeting and presentation of Plant I.D. contest awards.

FALL MEETING - Nov 2-3. Location: Park Plaza, Lethbridge. After a 2-hour business meeting, a visit was made to the Lethbridge Research Station, where Dr. Sid Slen discussed cross-breeding tests with Italian Chianina breed, other breeds, and desirability of developing winter hardiness. Afternoon program: a series of 20 minute talks on 1)The Ross strain of cattle by John Lawson; 2)The Alberta sheep industry by Gordon A. Wells; 3)Feeds and Feeding by David Bowden.

Banquet Speaker: Alex Johnston on history of the Lethbridge Experimental Station, including range studies at Manyberries and Stavely.

Outstanding Achievement Awards announced. Alberta winners: Edna Ste. Andre, Girouxville; Cheryl Scott, Vermilion; John Teuling, Innisfail. Montana winners: Brent Munday, Dillon; David Maurer, Eden. Lori Mikkelsen, Great Falls, was a second-year winner. Third-year winners were Meg Smith, Glen, and Kari Lovejoy, Great Falls.

No IMS delegate will attend 1974 Range Youth Forum in Tucson.

1974

President - C. M. Jarecki, Polson, Montana
Past President - Edwin C. Nelson, Stavely, Alberta
President-elect - Frank Jacobs, Calgary, Alberta
Secretary-Treasurer - Paul Conrad, Missoula, Montana
Council - R. A. Wroe, Hanna, Alberta
- Marvin R. Kaschke, Moiese, MT
- Gary Wysong, Olds, Alberta
- M. W. Boken, Twin Bridges, MT
Newsletter Editor - Alex Johnston, Lethbridge

SUMMER MEETING (joint, with SRM Summer Meeting). July 26-27. Location: Sibbald Flats, west of Calgary. Tours of brush invasion and control programs brought home to all that brush control has no permanent solution; it will be with us for a long time to come.

FALL MEETING - Nov 1-2. Location: Ponderosa Inn, Great Falls. Incorporation of the Section complete; by-laws rewritten as needed.

Four speakers were: Mike Grende on Strip Mine Reclamation; Wayne Phillips on the Forest Service Land Use Planning; Rex Cleary on Wild Horses of the Pryor Mountains; and Roy Cornell on Rest Rotation Grazing in southwest Montana.

Banquet Speaker: Gene Payne, "Rangelands of Kenya." (slides)

Range Achievement Awards: Alberta--Beth Perry, Beaverloge; Randy Lovick, Cherhill; and Kathy Innocent, Rosalind. Montana-- Sharon Gilman, Alder; Brad Munday, Dillon; Amy French, Utica; and Mike Staigmiller, Eden. Winners of second-year awards were: Brent Munday, Dillon, and David Maurer, Eden. Lori Mikkelsen, Eden Route, Great Falls, received her third-year award.

1975

President	- Frank Jacobs, Calgary, Alberta
Past President	- C. M. Jarecki, Polson, Montana
President-elect	- John P. Inman, Big Timber, Montana
Secretary-Treasurer	- Paul W. Conrad, Missoula, Montana
Council	- R. A. Wroe, Hanna, Alberta
	- M. W. Boken, Twin Bridges, Montana
	- George Scotter, Edmonton, Alberta
	- Robert Johnson, Whitehall, Montana
Newsletter Editor	- Alex Johnston, Lethbridge, Alberta

SUMMER TOUR - July 18-19. Location: Skidway Campground between White Sulphur Springs and Townsend, Montana. Theme: History of timber management and grazing in the Townsend Ranger District, Helena National Forest. Transitional and permanent grass types were toured. Spruce bud worm and its activities were very much in evidence. George Hewitt of the Grasshopper Research Lab in Bozeman gave a good rundown on hoppers and their relationship to the range.

FALL MEETING - Nov 1. Location: Holiday Inn, Lethbridge, Alberta. Theme: Remote sensing and scoping of range use were described by Cam Sibbald, Tom Attkinson and others.

Banquet Speaker: Ed McKinnon. "The McKinnon Family on the Alberta Range."
Range Youth Achievement Winners were: For Alberta - Marsha Regnoy, Bonocord; Dale Saruk, Myrna; and Elger Grinde, Holden. For Montana - Marie Johnson, Whitehall; Boyce Munday, Dillon; and Jan Fiedler, Stanford. Second-year award winners were Brad Munday, Dillon and Amy French, Utica. A third-year award for range activity was given to Brent Munday, Dillon.

1976

President - John P. Inman, Big Timber, Montana
President-elect - Robert A. Wroe, Hanna, Alberta
Secretary-Treasurer - Paul Conrad, Missoula, Montana
Council - Robert W. Johnson, Whitehall, Montana
- Joe Wirak, Great Falls, Montana
- George Scotter, Edmonton, Alberta
- Jack Vandervalk, Claresholm, Alberta
Newsletter Editor - Alex Johnston, Lethbridge

SUMMER TOUR - July 22-24. Location: Porcupine Hills west of Claresholm-Nanton. The Cross, Chattaway and Burton ranch operations were covered. Use of seeded pastures and burning for brush control were the big efforts of the area ranches. Brush and tree invasion of grasslands are a major problem of the whole area.

FALL MEETING - Nov 6. Location: Ponderosa Inn, Great Falls. Those present were given a real good program from the ranch operators point of view by Willie Doll of Malta, Harold Simmes of Sunburst and Gary Olson. Each had a real range improvement story to tell. Banquet Program: Marv Kaschke on the National Bison Range.

Youth Range Achievement Awards: For Montana--Karen Johnson, Whitehall; Keith Jones, Dillon; Maureen Johnson, Stanford. Second year awards to: Boyce Munday, Dillon and Jan Fiedler, Stanford. Third year awards for continued range activity to Brad Munday, Dillon and Amy French, Utica.

1977

President - Robert A. Wroe, Hanna, Alberta
Past President - John P. Inman, Dickinson, ND
President-elect - Marvin R. Kaschke, Moiese, Montana
Secretary-Treasurer - Paul W. Conrad, Kalispell, Montana
Council - Joseph A. Wirak, Great Falls, Mont
- E. Maynard Smith, Glen, Montana
- Jack Vandervalk, Claresholm, Alberta
- Arthur W. Bailey, Edmonton, Alberta
Newsletter Editor - Alex Johnston, Lethbridge, Alberta

SUMMER TOUR - July 14-16. Location: Dick Kurth Ranch southwest of Highwood, Montana, on the edge of the Highwood Mountains. The group enjoyed a beautiful campground area in an exceptional grass year, but the main point of the tour was the saline seep problems on the Highwood Bench. While it is mainly a farming problem it has real impact on livestock operations. Water quality has become such a problem that much is not usable for stockwater. One successful treatment calls for increased forage production. Dick Kurth discussed the changes in operation he had made to utilize this increased local forage.

Marvin R. Kaschke resigned as president-elect as he had been transferred to Oregon. The Council selected Charles Hitch to fill the unexpired term.

FALL MEETING - Nov 4-5. Location: Park Plaza Hotel, Lethbridge, Alberta. After the usual business meeting a discussion of weed control was organized by Gordon Ross featuring Drs. J. R. Allan and W. M. Hamman of the Research Station, Al Switzer of Dow Chemical, and Bud Klumph of Alberta Resources. The panel brought out several aspects of weed control. While chemicals are the major weapons at this time, they are not without problems. Bud is working on the use of sheep to control brushy weeds in the foothill areas.

Banquet Speaker: Alex Johnston, "The Pandora of the Rangelands of North America."

Youth Winners for Outstanding Achievement in Range were: For Montana - Bonnie Owens, McAllister; Leo Boeck, Moccasin; and Wade Schott, Stockett. Second year awards went to Keith Jones, Dillon, and Maureen Johnson, Stanford. Third year awards were announced for Boyce Munday, Dillon, and Jan Fiedler, Stanford.

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SUMMER TOUR - July 20-22. Location: University Ranch, Kinsella, Alberta. Art Bailey led the discussion on his work with fire to control brush and tree invasion of grassland. He had some interesting measurements of production from grassland and burned areas. Those present viewed the cross-breeding program being carried on at the ranch. Those on the tour were given a clean wash by one of Alberta's better summer showers.

The president announced that the Alberta Chapter had been organized, recognized by the Society, and incorporated under Alberta Statues.

FALL MEETING - Nov 4. Location: Eagles Manor, Great Falls, Montana. Items discussed were the International Rangeland Congress and Society Summer Meeting held in Denver on August 14 to 18, the Special Advisory Council Meeting with the Board held in Denver on October 30th, and the action of the Board of Directors to fire Executive Secretary, Dave Smith.

At the technical session, Bob Ross showed slides taken on range survey of the C M Russel Wildlife Refuge. Three outstanding young people had slides; Matt Knox, Winifred, showed the range work on his home ranch and Roger French and Angela Emond had a good report on their trip to the National Range Judging Contest in Oklahoma. Bill Cutler, Bureau of Land Management at Lewistown, showed a video tape of the Garfield County Range Days. It presents some new opportunity in the range information programs.

Youth Winners for Achievement in Range were: For Montana - Brett Owens, McAllister; Todd Garrison, Glen; Mary Beth Holzer, Stanford and Ward Schott, Stockett. Awards for second year activity were Bonnie Owens, McAllister; Leo Boeck, Moccasin; and Wade Schott, Stockett. Third year activity awards went to Keith Jones, Dillon, and Maureen Johnson, Stanford.

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SUMMER TOUR - July 19-21. Location: Sieben Ranch north of Helena. John Baucus explained the operation of the ranch. It is one of the older operating ranches in Montana and now is coming under all of the pressures from public land grazing, recreation, timber harvest, labor and wild life conflicts. Also on the program were Steve Pilcher on nonpoint pollution; George Hirschenberger on the proposed land trade between State, BLM and private to unite an adjoining area along the Gates to the Mountains for wilderness and wild life preservation area; and Merle Rockenrude on the Beartooth Ranch game area, and Bob Meinrod on the Forest Service RARE II wilderness selection.

The big event was a boat tour through Gates of the Mountains and the evening meal at Meriweather Camp along the lake.

FALL MEETING - Nov 2-3. Location: Holiday Inn, Lethbridge. Meetings of the Alberta Chapter, the Section Council, and Section were held. The technical session featured Dr. Peter Harris on Diffuse and Spotted Knapweed, W. A. Stearman on brush Control, Dr. W. M. Hamman on noxious weeds and Dr. J. R. Moyer on control of brushy weeds. Banquet Program: Chuck Jarecki's excellent slides taken on a trip he and Penny took down the Green River in Utah.

Youth Range Achievement Awards were: For Montana - Jeff Willet, Norris; Valerie Carver, Stanford; and Doug Johnson, Dillon. There were second-year awards to Brett Owens, McAllister; Mary Beth Holzer, Stanford, and Ward Schott, Stockett. A third- year award went to Wade Schott, Stockett.

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SUMMER TOUR - July 17-19. Location: Manyberries Range Research Substation, One-Four, AB. Being in the far southeast corner of Alberta, this was a joint meeting with the Northern Great Plains Section. Most of the range and cattle breeding projects were toured and discussed. A private ranching operation on the Grazing Reserve was also toured.

A meeting of the Alberta Chapter resulted in a planning committee for the Calgary Meeting of the Society scheduled for 1982.

FALL MEETING - Nov 1. Location: Ponderosa Inn, Great Falls.
Youth Awards for Achievement in Range were: For Montana - Bill Gillespie, Whitehall; Kelly Rebish, Dillon; Lennie Proctor, Stanford; Paul Haugen, Moccasin; and Jim Davison, Belt. Second- year range awards went to Doug Johnson, Dillon, and Valerie Carver, Stanford.

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ADVISORY COUNCIL - SRM AGM, Tulsa, OK. President-elect Lee Eddleman announced his move to Oregon and regretfully resigned from the Section. The Council chose Gary Nelson, Stevensville, to fill the term.

SUMMER TOUR - July 16-18. Location: Bannack State Park. This is the original Bannack townsite and for a short time the territorial capital of Montana. Roy Herseth is in charge of the park and gave the group a history of the town and the whole area. Mel Morris gave the group the benefit of his long study of the various sagebrush species. Keith Bartholomay and Einer Hansen gave an explanation of the treatment of an area from the BLM and operator viewpoints. Mitch Boken stressed the need to work together in planning to arrive at a satisfactory solution. Gene Payne showed thee test plots for sagebrush treatment that were installed in 1964. Hank Greitl and Bill Fortune reviewed several treatment areas of the Forest Service. Most of these were burning of sagebrush for control.

FALL MEETING - November 6-7. Location: Park Plaza Hotel, Lethbridge, Alberta. A large share of the business meeting was concerned with the Society Meeting in Calgary in February.

The technical session was given over to a discussion of surface rights and their problems and conflicts. Chuck Hitch presented the views and problems Merle Brunsvold had run into working on a pipeline planning and installation. He also had some comments of Mike Grende who worked with Western Energy on coal development. Pete Jackson and Sherm Ewing both had some interesting comments and questions that arose out of their background mostly in ranching. Ed Nelson gave a rundown that showed how he had become the expert on right-of-ways, trespass and assessor of claim for damages. The only conclusion was that everybody should approach such conflicts with caution.

Youth Awards for Achievement in Range: Alberta-R.Polukashko, Peace River. Montana - B.Munday, Dillon and P. Haugen, Stanford.

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SUMMER MEETING - July 30-31. Location: Livingstone Gap, Maycroft, Alberta. Camp was alongside the Oldman River about 20 miles north of Coleman.

FALL MEETING - Nov 6. Location: Rainbow Hotel, Great Falls. The meeting was honored with the presence of Jack Bohning, President of the Society. He gave those present a good run down on the status of the Society. He covered dues, publications, and annual meeting problems.

Brenda Munday, Dillon, gave a good talk on Tall Larkspur and the grazing problems it presents. Anita Armold demonstrated the computer simulator on Water Resource Management.

Youth Award Winners for Achievement in Range were: For Montana - Doug Johnson, Dillon; Lesa Vermadahl, Polson; Scott Anderson, Bonner; and Ole Olsen, Harlowton. Second year award winners were Brenda Munday, Dillon, and Paul Haugen, Moccasin.

Chuck Hitch, Chairman of a new Section History Committee, asked for input. Copies of Scotty's 1974 write up and suggestions for additions were furnished by Wayne Phillips and the Forest Service. The new committee named by President Nelson were Melvin Morris, Wally Hanson and Chuck Hitch.

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SUMMER TOUR - July 21-23. Location: Red Bluff Experimental Substation, Norris, Montana. A tour of the Ranch and a good presentation of resources available and work planned was given by University and Station personnel.

Plant I.D. Contest winners were: Student - 1) Todd McKinnon; 2) Brian Gesshe; 3) Trent Schuler. Ranchers - Jack Vandervalk; 2) Dan McKinnon. Other Adult - 1) Eileen Schuler; 2) Merry Vandervalk; 3) Paul Hutter. Professional - 1) Wayne Phillips; 2) Brian Sindelar; 3) Geoff Greene; 4) Lois Olsen; 5) Meg Smith.

FALL MEETING - Nov 5. Location: El Rancho Motel, Lethbridge. The Meeting had a varied program with Blake Holtman and Dr. Walter Willms speaking on the Savory Grazing System; Bill Robertson on the Hays Sheep Pasture; Bob Wroe on Grazing Trials; and Cal Bricker and Bud Klumph on Landsat Images for Range Management.

Range Youth Winners were: For Montana - John Bruchez, Hobson; Don Johnson, Dillon, and Paul Konen, Fairfield. Second- Year Awards - Ben Johnson, Belt and Darren Collins, Ulm. A third- year award went to Paul Haugen, Moccasin.

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SUMMER TOUR - July 24-28. Location: Peace River Country of Alberta. After many years of talk the Section headed for the "Mighty Peace." A bus from High River took us by way of Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper, Grand Prairie and the camp ground on the Peace River below the Dunvegan Bridge. The tour covered community pastures, brush control, clearing and seeding, forage production, Beaver Lodge Experiment Station, native range, market problems, and buffalo ranching. We looked over the old town of Dunvegan and cruised the river. Return was by way of Lesser Slave Lake, Edmonton and Calgary. It was a mighty effort by a lot of people, especially Ed Nelson and Fred Randle.

Plant I.D. Contest Winners: Student - 1) Carol Vandervalk and 2) Trudy Morin. Ranchers - 1) Jack Vandervalk; 2) Merry Vandervalk; 3) Ernie Nimitz. Professional - 1) Bud Klumph; 2) John Lacey; and 3) Bob Wroe.

FALL MEETING - Nov 3. Location: Rainbow Hotel, Great Falls. A fine program on the RIM Machine was presented by Pat Currie; John Lacy on the Range Simulator; Joe Wirak and Geoff Green on the Crooked Falls Managed Natural Area; Wendell Hann and Sonny Steiger on Forest Service Prescribed Burning; and Harold Klinker on Ranch Management. Banquet Program: Bob Ross covered more Muddled Meanderings but this time featured the Australian Outback.

Range Youth Achievement Winners: First-year Awards - Kami Benson, Dillon, and Rusty Linhart, Hobson. A second-year award went to John Bruchez, Hobson. Congratulations to Rusty Linhart, who took First Place in the Range Youth Forum at Salt Lake City.

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SUMMER TOUR - July 19-20. Location: Blackleaf Game Range northwest of Choteau. This ranch has been purchased as a game range and the tour covered some of the problems and concerns that had brought this about. Also covered were revegetation efforts after well drilling. Also discussed were concerns of local people about the grizzlies that use the ranch and don't pay attention to property lines.

Plant Identification Contest Winners: Student - Brock Schuler. Ranchers - 1) Bill Handl; 2) Chuck Jarecki; 3) Holly Smith; and 4) Jack Vandervalk. Professionals - Noel Rosetta and 2) Barry Adams and Bruce Cairns.

FALL MEETING - Nov 2. Location: Lethbridge, Alberta.

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SUMMER TOUR - July 24-26. Location: Stavely Range Research Sub-station, near Stavely, Alberta. This marked the third time the Section had met at the Station for a summer tour. On the first evening, John Cross gave a background history of his A7 Ranch and invited the group to join the Cross family and friends in a 100th anniversary celebration of the ranch.

On the 25th, Dr. Walter Willms led a tour of the Stavely station. Of special interest were the stocking rate trials on foothills vegetation, which have gone on long enough, now, to show dramatic impacts. The afternoon tour of brush control projects with a follow up by sheep, met one of the better hail storms of the area. As was said by one, "We is lucky to get back to camp." That evening Frank Jacobs gave a local history, as an able substitute for Alex Johnston.

Range Plant Identification Contest Winners: Student - 1) Brian Gesshe; 2) Joy Vandervalk; 3) Grant McNabb with an honorable mention to Trent Schuler. Ladies - Tie for 1) Nina Ewing Eayrs, Eileen Schuler and Merry Vandervalk; 2) Penny Jarecki; 3) Jessie Bussey. Ranchers - 1) Jack Vandervalk; 2) Charlie Ewing; 3) Chuck Jarecki. Professional - 1) Mary Jane Davies; 2) John Lacy; 3) Roxa French.

FALL MEETING - Nov 1. Location: Sheraton Hotel, Great Falls. Business meeting included a video on Society Functions, a report on natural areas by Wayne Phillips, a discussion of riparian problems, and an I&E report by Bernie Hall.

A panel discussion on "Reducing Costs in Range Management" was led by Wayne Burleson, Absarokee, with Mark Peterson, MSU, Bozeman; Steve Charters, Billings, and Parm Hacker, Alder.

Youth Award Winners were: For Montana - Doug Lorang, Eden; Krista Lee, Judith Gap; and Ken Holland, Dillon. Krista Lee went on to take first place at the SRM Youth Forum contest in Boise.

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SUMMER TOUR - July 24-25. Location: Fleecer Station, Butte.

The summer tour covered the Fleecer Game Range and several near-by allotments under "Stewardship Area" management. While nobody claimed to have solved all problems, it is certainly a better approach than the charges and counter charges so common with range problems today. Tour directors: Meg and Maynard Smith, Forrest Morin and Nevin Guderian, under Vice-Pres John Padden. Also viewed were early mining and coking operations that have left their marks on the country.

Plant Judging winners were; Juniors--Koby Holland and Karen Handl; High School--Koy Holland and Debby Handl; Adult--Betty Sampsel and Holly Smith; Professional--Andy Kratz and Bill Handl.

FALL MEETING - Nov 6-7. Location: El Rancho Motel, Lethbridge. A good program on the management of game species brought out some of the problems that both researchers and operators face. Speakers included Dr. R. J. Hudson, U of A, Edmonton; Dr. Lyle Renecker, Edmonton; Dr. Brad Stelfox, Edmonton; Len Shandruk, Edmonton; Gordon Sherman, Cardston; Gregg Simonds, Desert Land and Livestock, Utah; Helen MacCarty, Sheridan, Wyoming; Drs. Alex Hawley and Lyle Fulerton, Edmonton. The banquet speaker was Dr. Norm Simmons of the University of Calgary. He had some very impressive slides from Peru showing problems that country is having with land use.

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SUMMER TOUR - July 22-23. Location: Bar K2 Ranch, division of Deseret Ranches Ltd. on the Milk River ridge, near Cardston, Alberta. The Bar K2 unit calves out the heifers, which are moved to the main herd after their second calf. This is a very dry year with normal water lacking and distribution very much affected. Old use patterns very much in evidence with very uneven use of the range. Seeded pastures, water developments and fencing are being installed to give even use of forage.

The Gordon Sherman Game Ranch was toured and some of the problems that come with ranching wild animals were viewed and discussed.

Jack Hichen gave a history of ranching and general settlement of the Milk River Ridge area. John Dormaar gave a review of his study of Indian rock circles with special attention to those used in the so-called "Vision Quest" ceremonies.

FALL MEETING - Nov 4-5. Location: Quality Inn, Great Falls. The meeting spent some time on Section committees. There is need to get them named and organized so they can function throughout the year. It was agreed that the incoming president should name those for the year when he moves up at the fall meeting. The SRM AGM to be held in Billings in February was discussed.

Lois Olson showed slides of an allotment plan being set up on the Helena Forest. Bernie Hall showed slides of Nature Conservancy projects in Montana. Stew Schwartz had interesting slides and figures on a time control grazing program in effect for five years on his ranch. Sonny Stiger covered good and bad effects of fire in range and timber lands with pictures from 1988 fires.

An Indian Summer plant ID contest was started. Janelle Reiger, Roundup, showed slides taken on a tour of New Zealand. Youth awards were presented to Kelly Bott, Dillon, and Jessie Stobbie, Cascade.

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- Lois Olson, Helena, Montana
News Letter Editor - Grant McNabb, Cochrane, Alberta

ADVISORY COUNCIL - Feb. Location: Billings, Montana. We assisted the Northern Great Plains section in hosting the 1989 Society AGM in Billings. Chuck Hitch, Bob Ross, Nancy Ross and Sam Short all served on the 1989 Committee with numerous other volunteers from this Section. Delegates from this section to the SRM Youth Forum did well, with Kelly Bott taking third, and Jessie Strobbe taking fourth.

SUMMER TOUR - July 20-22. Location: Wall Creek Grazing Allotment and Game Reserve on the Madison River 20 miles south of Ennis. The first day we toured the Antelope Basin Allotment of the Beaverhead National Forest. The Sitz Angus Ranch have grazed cattle there for many years. The benefits of rest-rotation grazing were discussed. Extensive areas of spring and fall sagebrush burning were viewed and discussed

The second day was spent on the Game Range, where a rest-rotation program involving Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, the US Forest Service, and private grazing allotment users has obviously benefitted all concerned.

FALL MEETING - Nov 3-4. Location: El Rancho Motel, Lethbridge. Several interesting presentations included Norm Simmons on his visit to Tibet, Mike Quinn on "The Prairie for Tomorrow", Wayne Burleson on Holistic Resource Management, Gaylon Armstrong on a landowner habitat project, and a report by Art Bailey on his time in Africa.

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SUMMER TOUR - July 20-21. Location: Bearberry Hall near Sundre, Alberta.
Theme: "More than one use on the same land base." The first stop was to view recent cutblocks in lodgepole pine stands and results with mature stands after 5 and 20 years. Small blocks were being sold in an effort to keep economic benefits in the area.

The second stop was the Pocker Ranch where 30 inches of rain this summer have resulted in unique problems. This livestock ranch has added a guest lodge for seminars, retreats and reunions which--hopefully--will educate the public, while helping the economics of the operation.

The tour stopped at the Bearberry Gas Demonstration Plant where sulphur (H₂S) is removed from the natural gas. The need for off-farm jobs in the area was demonstrated the next morning with a heavy frost on July 21.

The final stop was a grazing leases where logging of aspen, fir, and pine were being tried in conjunction with forage seedings of small areas.

Wayne Arthur, Bryn Theissen and Bob Ross entertained with "Cowboy Poetry" after a barbeque supper.

FALL MEETING - Nov 2-3. Location: Best Western Ponderosa Inn, Great Falls.

1991

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- Wayne Burleson, Absarokee, Montana
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SUMMER TOUR - July 18-20. Location: Forest Service campground 12 miles southwest of Augusta, Montana. Curly Anderson gave an interesting presentation on local and state history. The tour covered Bill Mosher's time-controlled grazing management system that allows grass to fill bare patches and trails while use continues. The John Krause four-pasture rest-rotation grazing program was observed and John discussed the impacts of the Canyon Creek Fire on his ranch operation. Brad McBratney and Wayne Phillips gave a review of the fire and the follow up treatment that had been done.

FALL MEETING - Nov 2. Location: Black Knight Inn, Red Deer, Alberta. Speakers were Grace Morgan, University of Alberta, on Historical Bison and Indian movements on the Northern Great Plains; Mike Byl on forest products; Art Bailey on cattle and forestry in the Peace River region; Mike Willoughby on grazing effects on plant species; and Ted Flanders on public access policy.

1992

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SUMMER TOUR - July 23-25. Location: Handhills Lake Club, Hanna, Alberta. Stops included Lorne Cole's grass seedings and a discussion of the Special Areas; exotic animals on the Roy Griffith Farm; the Montgomery Mine and its reclamation program; the Bull Pound Community Pasture and the Ducks Unlimited cooperative program; the Calgary Stampede Ranch and management of the Stampede livestock; finally, the Mashon Ranch program to encourage the burrowing owl and ferruginous hawk populations.

FALL MEETING - Nov 7. Location: Ponderosa Inn, Great Falls. In the evening, Bob Ross gave a slide presentation on the present condition of the rangelands in Yellowstone Park, resulting from over-population of wild ungulates. The business meeting was held from 8:30 to noon on the 7th. A change in our boundary with the Northern Plains Section was approved. The new boundary will include all of Alberta and cut across Montana on the Eastern edges of Hill, Chouteau, Judith Basin, Wheatland, Sweetwater and Gallatin Counties.

A panel discussion entitled, "Rangelands: It's Not Just Business As Usual," was moderated by Pete Jackson. Jim Sands of the Montana Agricultural Statistics Service showed figures on change in Montana agriculture. Bill Albee, Chester, showed slides on high-intensity grazing. Bob Hanson, White Sulphur Springs talked on "coordinated planning" and "dealing with conflict." Ray Bannister, Wibaux, discussed his grazing program. Clayton Marlow, Bozeman, discussed information needed for sound management. Chuck Hitch, Billings, gave a short presentation on Rangeland Monitoring and the current project in the Pole Creek Grazing District to start ranchers monitoring their own range.

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SUMMER TOUR - July 22-24. Location: Blackfoot Indian Boarding School, Browning, Montana. The tour visited the Remington-Sheer Cattle Company, the old Galbreath ranch. Present owners have a "deferred-grazing," fence and water development program, with seven three-pasture units available for use in rotation.

Cliff Hall, Bureau of Indian Affairs range supervisor, reviewed wildlife grazing the reservation. Dan Geer reviewed the fencing program on his ranch, dividing three pastures into thirteen, enabling an intensive grazing program. He also reviewed his problems with wolves and grizzlies. He feels he has become an expert on both, at considerable cost.

FALL MEETING-(info not available)

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- Bret Olson, Bozeman, Montana
- Brian Olson, Ohaton, Alberta
Newsletter Editor - Grant McNabb, Cochrane, Alberta

SUMMER TOUR (joint, with SRM summer meeting) - July 15-19. Location: Coast Terrace Inn, Edmonton. A panel gave visitors a coverage of western Canada's rich settlement history and the roles of Indians, furtraders, and ranchers in shaping the land. Three tours were available to show the use of sheep in cut-over land of the boreal forest. Also urban park maintenance, extensive wildlife grazing systems, and coal mining reclamation in the area.

John Lacey is moving out of our section and so resigning as 2nd Vice President. Wayne Burleson was chosen to take his place.

FALL MEETING - Nov 4-5. Location: Great Falls, Montana.

1995

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SUMMER TOUR - July 13-15. Location: Spanish Creek Campground, Gallatin Gateway, Montana. The tour was of the Turner Buffalo Ranch. Manager, Bud Griffith, explained the management program and led the tour. Several special problems were discussed. Grazing problems do exist under buffalo use.

FALL MEETING - Nov 4. Location: Drumheller, Alberta. Barry Irving chaired an excellent program on Alternative Ranching Enterprises, including woodlot management, pheasant production, elk and bison ranching, harvest of native seed, and guest-ranching.

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SUMMER TOUR- July 18-20. Location: Antelope Creek Habitat Development Area, Brooks, Alberta, led by manager Bob Kaufman. Theme: integrated resource use in the mixed-grass prairies, especially multiple-use in cooperation with Ducks Unlimited Canada.

Business Meeting: By motion, our executives were directed to hold at least one conference or conference-call between summer and fall meetings. Alberta members moved toward sponsoring public awareness programs on high-visibility ranges like the Waldron Grazing Co-op. Edmonton was nominated for SRM Annual meeting in 2002. IMS Directors and Officers were nominated as required.

FALL MEETING - Nov 2. Location: Ponderosa Inn, Great Falls. Business: Treasurer reported cash-on-hand of about \$4,300 USD. Agreed to locate and reproduce our IMS "plant booklet" by next summer. Agreed to hold 1997 Summer Tour at Yellowstone Park and, further, to request SRM to develop a suggested plan for Yellowstone Park range management.

The recent death of longtime IMS member and recent SRM Director, Ed McKinnon, was noted.

1997

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Council -Grant Godbolt, Whitehall, Montana
-Murray Jorganson, Bassano, Alberta
-Mark Goeden, Dillon, Montana
-Donna Lawrence, Peace River, Alberta
Newsletter Editor -Catherine Mee, Dillon, Montana
Section Historian -Chuck Hitch, Billings, Montana

SUMMER TOUR - July 18-19. Location: Yellowstone Park and vicinity. Theme: "Different Perspectives of the Northern Range."

An interesting tour of elk range in the northern part of the Park was arranged by vice-president Bret Olson with the help of Matt Ricketts, Rick Noggles, and Richard Keigley. Park biologists John Varley and Don Despain stimulated the members and took some friendly fire regarding eco/tourism conflicts. Matt Ricketts organized a challenging plant ID contest in a beautiful mountain meadow near the campground. The climax was a lively discussion with neighboring ranchers, who must deal with pressure from large numbers of elk, bison, and tourists.

FALL MEETING - Nov 8. Location: Western Heritage Centre, Cochrane, Alberta. Theme: "The Alberta Initiative," featuring the Alberta Government's grazing lease review program, and its controversial enviro-program, "Special Places 2000."

BUSINESS MATTERS included approval of the Treasurer's Report, a decision to cut back to three newsletters per year, dictated mostly by cost; a decision to accept memorial donations into the General Fund; the same to be acknowledged in the Newsletter. A MOTION by Irving and Jarecki to invite the parent society to Edmonton passed unanimously.

AWARDS: The **1997 Trail Boss Award** was settled on Meg Smith of Glen, Montana for her work in range education and promotion. The **Excellence In Range Stewardship Award** went to Warm Springs Stock Association of Sheridan, Montana, and their riders, Max and Teri Moltich.

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SUMMER TOUR- July 16-18. Location: Reesor Family's Ranch, Cypress Hills, southern Alberta. Theme: History and Range Use of the area. Barry Adams assessed riparian grazing areas. Pine encroachment was especially noted.

FALL MEETING- Nov 7. Location: Park Plaza Convention Center, Helena, Montana. Theme: "Saving Costs, Saving Resources." The program featured both Alberta and Montana ranchers discussing their use of winter grazing in ranch management.

BUSINESS MATTERS: R.I.P. Charles E. "Chuck" Hitch, who passed away November 9th after a three-month illness. Chuck, a range management specialist with the Soil Conservation Service and later with the Old West Regional Commission, served IMS in many roles for 36 years. Our Section History up to this point is entirely the work of Chuck. His cheerful presence and faithful service will be missed.

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SUMMER TOUR- July 15-16. Location: Beaver Creek Park, Bear's Paw Mountains, Havre, Montana. Theme: "Local Range Use and History."

The meeting began with a tour of the Thackery Ranch conducted by Dr. Derek Bailey and Dr. Jeff Mosley of MSU and USDA Rangeland Management Specialist Matt Ricketts. In the evening, local history programs were conducted by Bonnie Williamson and Toni Hagener at the campground. On the following day, members toured Bear's Paw ranching, scenic and historic sites under the guidance of historian Robbie Lucke, plant ecologist Lou Hagener, and Dr. Jeff Mosley.

FALL MEETING - Nov 5-6. Location: Ericksen's Family Restaurant, Lethbridge, Alberta. Theme: "Water Quality: Keeping Producers and Communities Alive." The southern Alberta range is fast becoming a world-class livestock-feeding area. Program discussed multi-thousand unit cattle, chicken and swine ops, as well as local water-quality analysts and public health officials.

BUSINESS MATTERS: Reports having been accepted, a major attempt was made to clarify responsibility for IMS committees, namely Information and Education, Membership, Youth, Public Affairs, and Awards. MEMBERS ACCEPTED appropriate geographic appointments, as published prominently in the Newsletter. Following discussion of allegedly endangered species, a MOTION crafted by Chuck Jarecki opposed new listings without complete eco-analysis. CARRIED. Barry Irving reminded us of funds held over from 1994 summer tour. Decided to use to attract top speakers to future meets. Ewing appointed Section Historian and directed to pick up thread back to 1997.

AWARDS: The **1999 IMS Trail Boss Award** to Murray Anderson, Edmonton. **SRM Outstanding Achievement Award** to Barry Adams, Lethbridge, for promoting sound riparian range management in southern Alberta. **SRM Fellow Award** to Chuck McGlothlin of Billings for 41 years of service. **SRM Distinctive Service Award**, posthumously, to Charles E. "Chuck" Hitch. Citations read at 1999 AGM at Omaha.

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SUMMER TOUR - July 20-21. Location: Crestomere, Alberta. Theme: "Turning Grass Into Gold 2000." Attendance: an encouraging 100 people. Members of the SRM National Board attended our meeting at Lacombe, Alberta, and local tours were led by producer Bruce (Brian?) Luce and Ulla Thompson.

FALL MEETING (joint, with Northern Great Plains), Oct 10-12. Location: Yogo Inn, Lewistown, Montana. Themes: "Lewis & Clark"; "Wild & Scenic Missouri"; "Grazing Riparian Areas." SRM PRESIDENT John McLain was warmly welcomed and addressed the meeting.

BUSINESS MATTERS: Minutes of last meeting approved as circulated; Treasurer reported a satisfactory financial position, which was approved by our audit committee. A substantial surplus was directed into interest-bearing Certificates of Deposit, available to attract speakers for future meetings. (See Minutes--Fall 1999)

AWARDS COMMITTEE: No report--committee to be reactivated. NEWSLETTER: Editor Catherine Mee's resignation was accepted with unanimous regrets; a new editor is sought.

PARENT SOCIETY: Nomination of IMS member to SRM Board was encouraged; information on nomination process to be sought.

OTHER BUSINESS: Rough fescue nominated as official grass of Alberta; there was full discussion but no action taken.

ELECTION RESULTS: Second Vice President: Barry Irving, Edmonton. Alberta Director: Merry Vandervalk, Claresholm. Montana Director: Clayton Marlow, Bozeman.

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SUMMER TOUR - July 27-28. Location: Choteau, MT. area. "Theodore Roosevelt Ranch," Yeager and Gollehon ranches. Theme: Sustaining Rangeland, Wildlife and Ranching on the Rocky Mountain Front. Rough Fescue management; prescribed burning/fire ecology; riparian grazing strategies; wildlife/livestock relations.

FALL MEETING - November 8-10. Location: Black Night Inn, Red Deer, AB. Theme: "Grazing Animal Behavior Studies." Dr. Fred Provenza of USU, and Montana rancher, Ray Bannister, gave illustrated programs based on science and experience.

BUSINESS MATTERS: An audited "break-even" financial statement was approved as presented; reliance on contributions and sponsorship was noted. Reminder: IMS holds reserves for a future Canadian Prairie Grassland program and maintains a temporary fund to attract good speakers to our own Fall Meetings. Reminder: that our IMS Youth Fund (accumulated from a partial rebate of SRM dues) is being held at its \$1000 maximum. Assurance: that the boundary between IMS and NGPS will be studied. Recommended: that Endangered Species legislation in both U.S. and Canada remain a serious matter for action by the SRM Public Affairs Committee.

PARENT SOCIETY: The February 2001 SRM Annual meeting was held at Kona, Hawaii, with a good turnout from IMS. Projects and programs aired at Advisory Council included: improvements to Certified Range Manager Program; new SRM brochure for distribution to political groups; SRM review of NRCS private lands conservation; USDA role in conservation programs; ongoing range education programs; future meeting sites (Texas, Elko, Edmonton).

ELECTION RESULTS for 2002: Second Vice president: Ed Mott, Simms, MT. Two-term IMS Directors: Chase Hibbard, Helena, MT., and Steve MacRae, Lethbridge, AB.

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- Steve MacRae, Lethbridge, AB
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SUMMER TOUR – July 25-27. Location: University of Alberta Research Ranch, Kinsella, AB. Theme: Managing Rangeland Water for Conservation and Production. Business discussed: Treasurer's report--accepted. Newsletters by E-mail--promoted. 2006 SRM meeting site: Vancouver beats out Calgary--disappointment expressed. SRM Exec-VP, Sam Albrecht says 2009 is next opportunity for "national" meeting and describes procedure for securing. SRM handbook available. SRM name-change discussed—referred to Advisory Council. IMS Nominations: Donna Lawrence for 2nd vice-president; Richard DeBrujin for Canadian councilor; Montana council to be announced.

SRM membership now 3600.

FALL MEETING – November 8-9, 2002. Location: KwaTuqNuk Resort, Polson, MT. Themes: Elk/Cattle Relationships on Foothills Rangeland—Dr. Kelly Crane, University of Wyoming. Wolf management in Montana—Chase Hibbard, Helena. Pryor Mountains Wild Horse Range—Matt Ricketts, NRCS. Conifer Encroachment Control—Brad Sauer, BLM. MSU Riparian Cattle Grazing Project.

Election results: Donna Lawrence elected 2nd VP; Hirschenberger and DeBrujin to Council.

AWARDS: **Excellence in Range Management Award:** Bob and Kathy Lee, Judith Gap, MT, for long-standing practices on Robert E. Lee Ranch, Snowy Mountains. "Agriculture is an attitude as well as a way of life." **2002 IMS Trail Boss Award:** For lifetime dedication to the science and profession of range management, Bob and Nancy Ross, Bozeman, MT. "No two people in the Section more deserving."

2003

President - Barry Irving, Edmonton, AB
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2nd VicePresident - Donna Lawrence, Barrhead, AB
Secretary-Treasurer - Lou Hagener, Havre, MT
Council - Chase Hibbard, Helena, MT
- Steve MacRae, Lethbridge, AB
- George Hirschenberger, Missoula, MT
- Richard DeBrujin, Alberta
Newsletter Editor - Mandie Reed, Harlowton, MT
Section Historian - Sherm Ewing, Great Falls, MT

SUMMER TOUR – July 24-26. Loc: Sweet Grass Ranch, Crazy Mountains, Melville, MT. Themes: “Cattle That Fit the Environment”—Matt Cramer. “Rangeland Environments in Sweet Grass Country”—Matt Ricketts. “Short Duration... Grazing”—Rocco Caroccia. “Cutting Costs (through) Alfalfa Longevity”—Calvin Christensen. “On the Marketing Front”—Dennis McDonald. “Biological Control of Leafy Spurge”—Shelly Caroccia.

BUSINESS: Discussions: Clarifying role of Advisory Council and Relationship to SRM Board. Opportunity to partner with Prairie and Endangered Species Conference in February. Other (parent society) Business: M&C: IMS will sponsor coffee break up to \$300cad. M&C: Suggest one-year membership with Annual Meeting registration.

NOMINATED: Montana Director-- Stephanie Sever. Alberta Director--Christoph Weder.

TURNOUT: 12-15 members at evening business meeting, July 24th.

FALL MEETING—November 6 –7. Location: Ramada Hotel, Lethbridge. Themes: Grassland Agricultural and Lifestyles in Various Parts of World: “*Mongolia*”—Don Frisina; “*Gobi Desert*”—Don Bedunah; “*Western China*”—Bjorn Berg; “*Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil*”—Christoph Weder; “*Peru*”—Barry Adams.

TURNOUT: 25 members present at business meeting.

NEW OFFICERS: Second Vice President--Maynard Smith, Glen, MT. Alberta Director--Christof Weder, Rycroft; Montana Director--Stephanie Sever, Bozeman.

BUSINESS DISCUSSED: 2009 SRM annual meeting--Calgary favored. M&C: That IMS consider partnering with N. Great Plains Section in bid for meeting. Ad Hoc committee struck to follow up & report.

BRAINSTORM SESSION: “IMS Section’s Needs and Wants.” It was concluded that: Section should remain as is; International focus be maintained; Members’ network be established; “Local” Tours and Outreach efforts be established; Eco/holistic aspect be emphasized; Quality web site be established & updated; Joint-meetings be encouraged; Meetings should be FUN!

AWARDS:

Excellence in Range Management Award: **Rocco and Annie Caroccia**, Melville, MT: “Ambassadors for wise use Resources & Range”. **Don and Marie Ruzicka**, Viking, AB: “They run a grazing operation exceeding definition of sustainability.”

Trail Boss Award: **Sherm Ewing**, Great Falls, MT & Claresholm, AB. --50 years in IMS.

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2nd VicePresident - Maynard Smith, Glen, MT
Secretary-Treasurer - Lou Hagener, Havre, MT
Council - George Hirshenberger, Missoula, MT
- Richard DeBrujin, Ponoka, AB
- Stephanie Sever, Bozeman, MT
- Christoph Weder, Rycroft, AB
Newsletter Editor - Mandie Reed & Barry Irving
Section Historian - Sherm Ewing, Great Falls, MT

SUMMER TOUR –July 22-25. HQ Location: Blue Lake Lodge, Hinton, AB. Tour through Edson/Hinton country. Canoe trip on N. Saskatchewan R. led by Barry and Judy Irving. “Sustainable Northern Forest Grazing” explained by Mike Wiloughby. “Prime Winter Horse Grazing Habitat”—Barry Irving. “Unique Northern Badlands and Grasslands of the Peace.”—Margot Hervieux, Alberta Parks; Annette Baker, ACA; Colin Stone, Range Management Spec., AB Lands. “Parkland Prairie Sod Transplantation”— Dr. Art Bailey. BBQ and Breakfast tour of Christoph & Erica Weder Ranch.

BUSINESS: Discussion of Advisory Council delibs: Standards of Conduct, Sustainable Rangelands, Society name-changes. Proposal for Section web page linked with SRM page. Up-to-Date; Professional look; containing Membership Info and Newsletter. M&C: That Stephanie Sever and Barry Adams establish appropriate web page.

Discussion: Montana range youth camp, governor’s range tour, & winter grazing seminar may be scrapped. M&C: letter & phone call campaign to preserve them. Discussion: Support for Old West Regional Range contest, Glendive. M&C: IMS to contribute \$150.

NOMINATIONS: Angela Bogen --2nd VicePres. Ed Bork -- Canadian Director

FALL MEETING—October 30. Location: Grantree Inn, Bozeman. Financial Report approved. New Secty/Treas confirmed -- Barry Adams.

NEW OFFICERS ANNOUNCED: 2nd VicePresident -- Angela Bogen Burkinshaw. Alberta Director -- Ed Bork; Montana Director – Matt Ricketts.

BUSINESS DISCUSSED; IMS web site launched; \$200 annual fee approved; Malcolm Adams, appointed Webmaster. Discussion: Reps to SRM Advisory Council. M&C: Steph Sever will carry 2 proxies to Ft. Worth. Discussion: Email Newsletters. M&C: Beginning 2005, Newsletters be emailed to all those with Email addresses. Discussion: IMS joint position paper on Sage Grouse. M&C: We contribute \$500 to prepare such a paper. Discussion: 37 Montana students headed for Ft. Worth could use financial help. M&C: We contribute \$500 to expenses. Amended to 1-time basis. Discussion: Liability insurance in Alberta. M&C: that IMS act as Financial Administrator for IMS projects in Alberta. Offer: Judy Copithorne will prepare Electronic Section Handbook for Website. Gene Payne Scholarship Fund: current status: \$9,000.

VOTE OF “DEEP THANKS” unanimous to Lou Hagener, upon retirement after many years of excellent service as IMS Secretary/Treasurer.

AWARDS:

Excellence in Range Management Award:

TBA if awarded

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- Christoph Weder, Rycroft, AB
- Matt Ricketts, Livingston, MT
- Edward Bork, Edmonton, AB
Newsletter Editors - Barry & Judy Irving, Sherwood Park, AB
Section Historian - Sherm Ewing, Great Falls, MT

SUMMER TOUR – July 21-23. Location: Birch Creek Education Center, Dillon, MT
Themes: Undaunted Stewardship. Riparian Management & Improvement. Lewis & Clark, then and now. Big Hole Watershed. Tours ably conducted by Maynard Smith and crew, with help of Lou Hagener, Brett Olson, Barry Irving, and Barry Adams.

Our September 2005 Newsletter carries an interesting discussion on experimental Spotted Knapweed control on Mannix Brothers ranch near Helmville.

BUSINESS DISCUSSED: Treasurer's Report, showing strong gains, enthusiastically accepted by members. Important business was reported from Fort Worth meeting: Funds voted last fall for the Sage Grouse and Poster projects are not needed by parent society, SRM. M&C: To rescind our offer. Attention: SRM requests we contact "expired" members directly. IMS directors are expected to comply. Discussion: Recruitment of Range Youth Committee delegates to up-coming Vancouver meet, one each, from Alberta & Montana. M&C: IMS will provide financial aid of \$400 each. Amy Samsel nominated from Montana. Newsletter: Barry Irving commented on big saving from use of Email. Discussion: Email Balloting: M&C: To welcome both electronic and snail-mail balloting beginning Fall 2005 (if allowed under by-laws),. Section History: It was reported that Historian Ewing is at least one year behind in fulfillment of duties. Noted. M&C: Ewing should be replaced if recalcitrant.

NOMINATED:

2nd VicePresident—George Hirshenberger and Stephanie Sever.
Montana Directors—Brian Thrift and Heidi Olberg.
Alberta Directors—Kelly Burkhart and Kurtis Fuquette

FALL MEETING—October 14-15. Location: Heritage Inn, Pincher Creek, AB
Theme: "Preserving Native Rangelands; Planning to live within Ecological Boundaries".

AWARDS - IMS

RECOGNITION for long service and skilled range management.

- 1981 - J. A. (Scotty) Campbell
- 1982 - Melvin S.(Mel) Morris
- 1983 - Alex Johnston
- 1984 - C. M. (Chuck) Jarecki
- 1985 - The McKinnon Brothers, Charlie, Art and Ed
- 1986 - Robert L.(Bob) Ross
- 1987 - Wallace R. (Wally) Hanson
- 1988 - Peter V.(Pete) Jackson III
- 1989 - (Not given)
- 1990 - Jack Vandervalk and Sherman Ewing
- 1991 - John Cross and Ed Nelson
- 1992 - Gene Handl and L. M. "Mac" Forbes
- 1993 - Charles (Chuck) Hitch and Art Bailey
- 1994 - Robert (Bob) Wroe and John Hollenback
- 1995 - Frank Jacobs and Sam Short
- 1996 - Robert E. (Bob) Lee and Barry Adams

EXCELLENCE IN GRAZING and/or RANGE MANAGEMENT AWARD

- 1991 - Charles M. (Chuck) Jarecki
- 1992 - Maynard Smith and Family
- 1993 - Tom Gilchrist for Joe Gilchrist Family
- 1994 - Chase Hibbard
- 1996 - Clayton Curry
- 1997 - Warm Springs Stock Assn. Max & Teri Moltich
- 2002 - Bob and Kathy Lee, Robert E. Lee Ranch Co.
- 2003 - Rocco & Annie Caroccia and Don & Marie Ruzicka
- 2004

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION for outstanding service.

- 1994 -Fred Randle, Grant McNabb, John Siddoway,
Bernard Alt, Bradley McBratney, Lou Hagener
- 1995 -Harold Hunter, Katie Bump, Barbara Landgraph

TRAIL BOSS AWARD

- 1997 -Meg Smith, Glen, MT
- 1999 -Murray Anderson, Edmonton
- 2002 -Bob and Nancy Ross, Bozeman
- 2003 -Sherm Ewing, Great Falls, MT & Claresholm, AB

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AWARDS-SRM

FREDERICK G. RENNER AWARD

Peter V. Jackson	1972
Edward A. McKinnon	1988

W.R.CHAPLINE LAND STEWARDSHIP AWARD

Robert L. Ross	1992
Charles M. Jarecki	1995

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Alex Johnston	1970
Wallace R. Hanson	1971
Robert L. Ross	1972
Charles H. McKinnon	1973
Melvin S. Morris	1974
John Lacey	1988
Sherm Ewing	1988
Sam Short	1992
Barry Adams	1999

FELLOW AWARD

Peter V. Jackson III	1972
Alex Johnston	1977
Edward A. McKinnon	1977
Melvin S. Morris	1977
Robert L. Ross	1977
Charles H. McKinnon	1979
Charles M. Jarecki	1980
John R. Lacey	1993
Ed Nelson	1995
Chuck McGlothin	1999

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Melvin S. Morris & Elinore Morris	1989
Peter V. Jackson	1992
Chuck Hitch	1999

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SRM OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS from IMS

President-elect & President

Floyd D. Larson	1953 & 1954
Melvin S. Morris	1965 & 1966
Peter V. Jackson	1973 & 1974
Edwin A. McKinnon	1984 & 1985

Executive Vice-President

Peter V. Jackson	1983 to 1992
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Treasurer

Melvin S. Morris	1949
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Board of Directors

J. A. (Scotty) Campbell	1950-52
Mont H. Saunderson	1954-56
John M. Cross	1956-58
Melvin S. Morris	1958-60
Charles H. McKinnon	1959-61
Alex Johnston	1965-67
Sherm Ewing	1967-69
Peter V. Jackson	1970-72
Edwin A. McKinnon	1976-78
Charles M. Jarecki	1978-80
Jack R. Miller	1979-81
Robert L. Ross	1985-87
Edwin C. Nelson	1988-90
Murray L. Anderson	1990-92
Marguerite B.(Meg) Smith	1995-97

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MOTION OF THANKS

MOVED BY Chuck Hitch in 1998:

That the International Mountain Section extends its thanks and appreciation to all those who have served the Section so faithfully and capably since it was organized in 1950. Fine leadership and countless hours of service have made the Section a success. A warm feeling of abiding friendship has characterized the membership from the beginning, making the invisible line between Montana and Alberta a political boundary only.

SECONDED:(Sherm Ewing & Bob Ross--7/28/01)

CARRIED: Unanimously on Summer Tour
(Blackleaf Camp--7/28/01)