

SRS HERITAGE



December 2006

SRS HERITAGE DAY EVENT

A good crowd of about 40 people attended SRS Heritage Day on November 4, 2006. The event was sponsored by the SRS Heritage Foundation, New South Associates of Stone Mountain Georgia, and the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center at USCA. Attendees came to share stories, photographs and artifacts from the early days at the site.

A dozen volunteers were on hand to register attendees, hand-out literature, record oral histories, conduct video interviews, scan photographs and documents and receive other artifacts. New South provided five volunteers who brought recorders, scanners and laptops. The Ruth Patrick Science center furnished the use of their video studio and a student to operate the equipment. Eight oral interviews and another eight video interviews were recorded during the four-hour event.

Press coverage of the day was good and our own John Strack took photographs, several of which can be seen on the Foundation website, srsheritage.org, and on page 2.

Participants were enthusiastic about their experiences at Heritage Day and questions are coming in about a follow-up. Another similar event will be planned for spring. Be thinking of what you want to share.

The President's Corner

DuPont's tradition of protecting its employees from harm at their workplace was emphasized at the Savannah River Plant, and the Savannah River Laboratory. Special attention was given to the unusual hazards of working in proximity to sources of radiation and with radioactive materials. DuPont standards for radiation dose at Savannah River were set 40 percent below government limits. In over 35 years of operation only two employees exceeded the federal limit. In the final fifteen years of DuPont's involvement at Savannah River, no employee exceeded the DuPont limit.

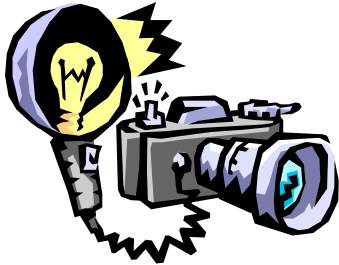
Of constant concern to management and to reactor engineers and scientists were the risks associated with reactor operation and ways to contain the risks and mitigate the effects of a safety incident, should one occur. Management recognized that as power levels were raised, so too were the consequences of potential incidents.

Last September the Centers for Disease Control reported on the conclusions of its 14 year, \$10 million study of the radiation doses the public received from operations at the Savannah River Plant during that period 1954-1992. During most of this time, DuPont operated the Plant. CDC concluded that the radiation dose to the public in the vicinity of the Plant was so low that no further health studies could be justified. Many of you remember the many meetings where we told the public that their radiation exposures were far below the level of health consequences. The CDC study substantiates our assurances. We want you to know that the effectiveness of the programs to protect the public living near the Savannah River Plant has been confirmed by this most extensive study.

Bill Mottel, SRS Heritage Foundation Chairman

BEBBINGTON BOOKS AVAILABLE—The Foundation and CNTA have recently acquired a stock of Bill Bebbington's book, History of DuPont at the Savannah River Plant. The 271-page book was published by DuPont in 1990 and contains many photographs and diagrams from the early days of the Site. Copies are available from CNTA or the Foundation for \$30.

Dangerfield and McKibben Join Board—Tim Dangerfield, Sr. VP-SC for Energy Solutions and Mal McKibben, Executive Director for Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness have recently joined the Foundation Board of Directors.



PHOTOS FROM 1ST SRS HERITAGE DAY



Joanne Zobel discusses Dunbarton with Gene Rountree.



SRS retirees Gerry Merz, Bud Zobel, & Jim and Jeanne Walls look at a book of early photographs.



MaryBeth Reed, of New South Associates, prepares for an oral interview with retiree Cy Banick.



Joanne Zobel (r), member of the Heritage Foundation Board, discusses a scrapbook of the Dunbarton/Ellenton displacement with Ann Messer.



Bill Bebbington, retired General Superintendent of the Works Technical Department, prepares for his video interview.

MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE PUBLISHED

A new membership brochure is available to help recruit members in support of the Foundation. The staff of New South Associates assisted with the design and CNTA printed the brochure.

A copy of the new brochure is enclosed in this newsletter. Let us know if you need more copies for distribution.

PROGRAM MOVE

Washington Group's responsibility for preservation activities at the SRS have been reassigned from the D&D group to Public Affairs, reporting to Keith Wood. Linda Perry, Paul Sauerborn and Teresa Haas will report to Keith.

GRANT HELPS FUND PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF CENTER

The South Carolina National Heritage Corridor recently awarded a grant of \$20,000 to the SRS Heritage Foundation. The grant money will be combined with the donation from Washington Group International to fund a preliminary design of the SRS Heritage Center.

In accordance with the Grant requirements, we issued an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the preliminary design of the Center. Twenty firm expressed interest in bidding on the project and four submitted proposals. Selection of the best proposal is in progress.

STOCK GIFTS DEPOSITED IN ENDOWMENT FUND

The Foundation recently received two gifts of DuPont stock, totaling 54 shares. The current value of the stock is about \$2300. The shares were deposited with a brokerage account established by the Foundation. At the October 18th meeting, the Board of Directors voted to use the brokerage account as the basis of an endowment fund which will support operating costs. Gifts to the endowment are tax exempt.

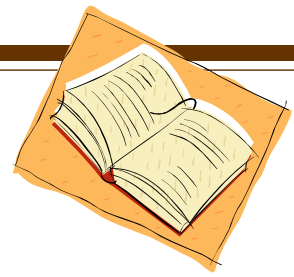
TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP

Foundation membership has been growing steadily during the past year. However, many of those memberships were for calendar year 2006 and will expire January 1, 2007. Some of our members took advantage of a special offer this fall and joined through 2007.



Please check to determine if you are paid through 2006 or 2007. If your membership expires in 2006 please use the application on the back of the brochure to extend your membership through 2007. We need your support to continue the exciting programs we are launching.

EARLY DAYS OF SRS.....

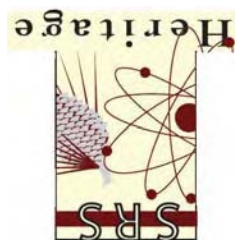


The first action on a giant project like SRP is not to hand someone a shovel and tell him to start digging; first there must be money to pay him and someone to record what is spent. On October 15, 1950, only five days after the effective date of the Letter Contract for the construction and operation of the Savannah River Plant, the DuPont Chief Accountant and Assistant Chief Accountant for the atomic energy project were transferred from the DuPont Treasurer's Department. Five days later the first cash advance, \$4 million, was received from the Atomic Energy Commission.

On December 1, one member of the SRP Accounting Department was transferred to Augusta, GA. All other accountants who had been assigned to the new department were transferred to Augusta by January 15, 1951. The first departmental staff occupied an unused portion of the old Augusta Water Works Building, which also served as temporary headquarters for the staff of the DuPont Engineering Department's Construction Division.

Excerpts from History of DuPont at the Savannah River Plant by Bill Bebbington

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