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The President's Corner

By Anna Martin, CPPM

Although the focus of this issue of our newsletter was to have been on our membership, Tuesday, **September 11**, has changed that as well.

This tragic event has caused me to reflect, among other things, upon our profession and the need to be sensitive to the type of property that could be used to accomplish the goals of terrorists.

Many of us deal with **high risk property**, which is defined as *property that, because of its potential impact on public health and safety, the environment, national security interests, or proliferation concerns, must be controlled and disposed of in other than the routine manner.*

Let's review two important steps involved in the control and disposal of high risk property:

1. High risk property should be *identified* as early as

possible in the property life cycle; it is tracked from initial identification to final disposition (*cradle to grave*).

2. Property being transferred or disposed of requires a *high risk assessment*.

If your employer is responsible for the control and disposal of high risk property, I urge you to review the guidelines, policies, and procedures of your organization.

DOE organizations and contractors can review DOE guidelines and policies on high risk property (41 CFR Chapter 109, Subpart 105-1.53—Management of High Risk Personal Property).

For more detailed information, consider attending the DOE Property Management & Nonproliferation class presented by the DOE Nonproliferation and National Security Institute (see the June

2001 issue of *Smoky Mountain Signals*). E-mail Jeff Hoffman (jhoffman@nnsi.doe.gov) for notification on the next class.

In addition, manufacturers, technical staff, and subject matter experts (as well as Web sites—see *Property Information Highway* on page 4) can assist in a high risk review.

Please remember your responsibilities in the control and disposal of high risk property.

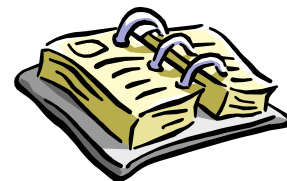
And may God bless **America**.



Calendar

Oct. 17	GSMC Meeting—Nomination of 2002 Officers
Oct. 29-31	NPMA Certification Training, Oak Ridge Andy Anderson, CPPM, CF
Oct. 29	Membership Luncheon—Andy Anderson "Benefits of NPMA"
Nov. 14	GSMC Meeting—TBD
Nov. 9-10	Eastern Region Seminar, Jacksonville

Meeting details are posted at
www.ornl.gov/npma



Focus and Commitment on Certification

By guest contributor Andy Anderson, CPPM, CF



The events of **September 11** deeply affected each of us, and I would like to share my story of that day—a story about NPMA members, Property people all, just like you and me. It's a story I will never forget.

NPMA asked me to fill in for another instructor at the Federal Certification Training class in Dallas Sept. 10-14. Because I enjoy the certification classes and have always liked visiting Texas, it was an offer I couldn't refuse. As it turned out, that class has become one of my greatest memories.

We can all recall what we were doing on Sept. 11 when terrorists struck our nation. In Dallas, we were just beginning the second day of our five-day class. Participants, primarily from the Immigration and Naturalization

Service and Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, were really into that class. And like law-abiding people all over the world, they were in complete shock from what took place that morning.

When we reassembled after watching the events unfold on TV in the hotel lobby, it took more than a few moments to come to grips with the situation. We wandered off the topic at hand and began to discuss the tragedy. I then witnessed one of the greatest moments of my career: after the initial shock set in, the group, in unison, said, "Let's press on, Andy. Let's finish what we came for."

I was dumbfounded, literally lost for words. And those of you who know me *know* that's not my style.

I have been associated with some fine people in my life in some of the most difficult settings imaginable, but I have never been prouder of any group than that class. Those individuals re-dedicated their presence in that classroom and focused on the course so that each could become the best possible Property person. They would not allow what had happened to interfere with their responsibilities to their employers. It was a magnificent sight.

Members of that class symbolize the best in **NPMA**, and their action sends a message to the rest of us: Property professionals make use of our association in the way in which its founders envisioned. NPMA is an opportunity to learn and become more professional.

I will soon conduct another Federal certification class hosted by your chapter, and I am truly honored to be part of your NPMA heritage. As your instructor, I represent a dedicated team who over the years have contributed to developing and improving our certification program. As your instructor, I ask only one thing—that each of the participants enter our classroom with the same commitment as your fellow members in Dallas. In so doing, your efforts will be rewarded.

I look forward to a wonderful class in Oak Ridge and meeting with you again.

Searching for Members

GSMC Puzzle master Debbie Ferguson asks, "Where are You? Look below to find members' names. We'd like to 'find' you at

our next Chapter meeting on **Oct. 17!**"

Last issue's **Word Search** winner was **Debbie Hudak**, who

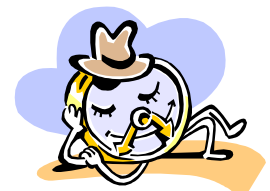
took her paperback prize on her beach vacation.

Remember: Be precise, be honest, and be quick!

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Bill
Brenda
Bruce
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David
Debra
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Larry
Linda
Lisa
Marcia
Mark
Mary
Matt
Norman
Randall
Rebecca
Rexalene
Ron
Rose
Tracye
William



by
Debbie Ferguson

Word Search Rules

- Record your starting time
- Perform the search
- Send your time via e-mail to the Editor
rosenbergjl@ornl.gov
- Deadline is **Oct. 16**

Who Are These Guys?*

By Kathy Davidson, CPPA

As co-chairman of the Membership Committee, I set about the task of contacting each of our newest members. Here's what I learned:

Tracye Baber (DOE-ORO) was featured in the *Signals* February issue but adds that she has been married for 15 years to "best friend" Ned and describes their life as centered on Christ, family, friends, and helping others.

Bruce Bailey (Kentucky Community & Technical College Systems) was featured in the *Signals* June issue.

William Caldwell (U.S. Indian Health Services) successfully completed his CPPS certification in June. He has been in

Property Management (PM) for about 10 years, doing everything from tagging, loans, excessing, and tracking.

Debbie Ferguson (Bechtel Jacobs Co.) has worked in PM for 20 years, both at Y-12 and K-25. She is married and has two daughters, two stepsons, one stepdaughter, and six (soon to be seven) grandchildren. Her hobbies are fishing, camping, cross-stitching, and creating puzzles such as **Word Search!**

Barbara Hatfield (BWXT Y-12) began her PM career about 5 years ago. Her duties include assisting plant personnel with property issues and maintaining a database for tracking property. She enjoys crafts and is currently "obsessed" with mak-

ing one-of-a-kind polymer clay dolls (each a 3-month task). No sissy, she's also helping to build a 1934 Buick street rod!

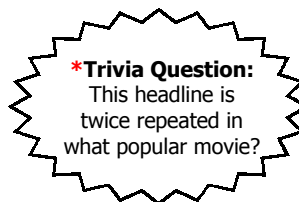
Debbie Jenkins (Dept. of Army) has worked as a Property Administrator (PA) for 3 years, with a GS 1102 background (e.g., procurement agent, intern, contract administrator, PA). Her job ranges from receiving to disposal at the local Defense Reutilization Marketing Office. Her husband Lacy Hall Jenkins is an engineer, and daughter Lacy is a "beautiful" first grader.

Julia Landreth (BWXT Y-12) transitioned from ORNL to the Y-12 Sales Administration office. Her various duties have included preparing sales sub-



and coordinating loans, gifts, and ERLE items. She also administers the BWXT Y-12 Precious Metals Control Program. Her husband David is vice president of Landreth Bus Services, Inc., and Select Tours; and Julia's "hobby" is following the musical and soccer activities of 8-year-old son Justin!

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***Trivia Question:**
This headline is twice repeated in what popular movie?

Up Close and Personal

Fellow employees at DOE-ORO are looking forward this month to the return of **Rebecca Whitehead** from maternity leave.

Rebecca began her federal government career in 1988 as a DOE transportation student trainee in the Junior Fellowship Program. Upon graduation, she accepted a full-time job with DOE as a transportation management specialist. She became a PM specialist in the Procurement and Contracts Division in 1998 and is also the DOE-ORO fleet manager.

Rebecca met **John** Whitehead at the University of Tennessee Baptist Student Union. Now married for nine years, the two are the proud parents of 3-month-old **Christian** and his big brother **Aaron**, who is two and a half. (A *terrific* family photograph is posted on our Web site **Photo Gallery!**)

Rebecca, who loves to shop and spend time with her family, is also a 4-H volunteer leader. She feels like she's married to a celebrity when folks say,

"Wow, you're married to John Whitehead! Does he sing to you at home like he does at church?"

John, who teaches Sunday school to 8th grade boys and is active in the church choir, is a sales associate with ITC DeltaCom and private investigator on the side. There are those, however, who think he should quit his day job and become a professional singer!

Welcome back to *your* day job, Rebecca!



Check out the *Whitehead Family* in our Web site **Photo Gallery**

NPMA Meeting Highlights

[Note: The **Sept. 19** meeting was cancelled because of air travel complications for guest speaker Christina Hutto.]

Date: August 15

Program: Energy Related Laboratory Equipment (ERLE), Roderick Ott, Office of Scientific

& Technical Information

Attendance: 14 members (28% of membership) and 4 guests

Old Business (none)

New Business

- Status of fall programs

- Call for volunteers to run for office in 2002
- "Member in good standing" defined
- Call for individuals to contact potential new members

Minutes are posted on the Web

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URL	Topic	Comments / Description	Recommended by
erle.osti.gov/erle	Energy-Related Laboratory Equipment (ERLE)	A database of excess equipment available to institutions of higher education for energy-related research	Roderick Ott
fedworld.gov	Government and Business Information	A comprehensive central access point for searching, locating, ordering, and acquiring government and business information	Doug Goetz
google.com/news	Current Events Related to Sept. 11 	Links to sources for Current News, Support Resources, Relief Funds, and Contact Information (Airlines, World Trade Center Businesses, New York Hospitals)	Judy Rosenberg
mit.edu:8001/people/cdemello/univ.html	Colleges and Universities	Alphabetical listing of over 3,000 U.S. colleges and universities; geographical listing is also available	Dinah Gray
wassenaar.org	Global National Export Controls	The Wassenaar Arrangement on export controls for conventional arms and dual-use goods and technologies	Anna Martin
dtic.mil/mctl	Militarily Critical Technologies	Information on (1) Weapons Systems Technologies, (2) Weapons of Mass Destruction Technologies, (3) Developing Critical Technologies; Links to Related Documents and Govt Agencies	Anna Martin
tennesseeanytme.org	Tennessee State Government	Ranked 4th in the nation by Brown University (up from 28th) as best state Web site	Judy Rosenberg

Who Are These Guys?

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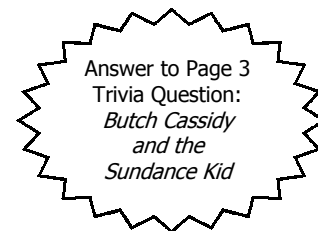
Jerry Stokes (BWXT Y-12) has worked on the Oak Ridge Reservation since 1974, becoming a buyer in the K-25 Purchasing group in 1983. In 1999 he joined the PM group at Y-12, where is now Property Excess Coordinator responsible for all excessing requirements and sales. In his free time he enjoys hiking,

University of Tennessee football games, and NASCAR races.

Catherine Withers (Science Applications International, Inc.), CPPM, is the group property manager for the Bowers group. Her duties include receiving, tagging, inputting, tracking, and inventory. Catherine holds the

distinction of being our first new member in 2001.

Welcome to each of our new members, including **Kris Burrows** and (Jefferson National Lab) and **Jeffrey Wilcox** (Brown & Root), both of whom I was unable to contact for an interview.



Answer to Page 3
Trivia Question:
*Butch Cassidy
and the
Sundance Kid*

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