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# Mountain Profiles

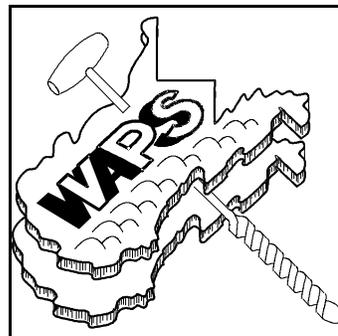
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## WVAPSS ON THE WEB

Patrick Drohan, one of our newest members and soil scientist at Shepherd College, has constructed a web site for WVAPSS. Check out the link today at

<http://webpages.shepherd.edu/PDROHAN/wvapss/>



## SPEAKING OF CYBERSPACE . . .

A new e-mail listserv has been set up for discussion of West Virginia soil science issues. This list provides a forum for professional soil scientists and interested individuals to exchange ideas and to discuss issues about soil resource issues and management in West Virginia. To join the list send the message 'subscribe WVsoils' to [listcaster@afsrc.ars.usda.gov](mailto:listcaster@afsrc.ars.usda.gov). (Note: there is no space in the word WVsoils.). If assistance is needed contact Doug Boyer at [dboyer@afsrc.ars.usda.gov](mailto:dboyer@afsrc.ars.usda.gov)

## ANNUAL MEETING

Last year's annual meeting, which included a rafting trip on the New River and a great dinner afterwards at Smokey's, was well attended. Rob Pate has put together a great agenda for this year's June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> meeting in Williamson. Details follow in this newsletter. Make your reservation today.

## ANNUAL ELECTION

Don't forget to fill out your ballot, included in this mailing, for new executive board members and mail it to Jason Teets. Remember - only one ballot per member ☺

## Dues Notice

Now is the time to bring your dues payments up to date. Annual dues (\$15 per year) should be sent to Skip Bell at USDA-NRCS; 1446-2 Edwin Miller Blvd., Martinsburg, WV 25401.

# WVAPSS Annual Meeting

WVAPSS Annual Meeting June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16th, 2001

**Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup>** – Travel to Sycamore Inn, Williamson, WV. Annual meeting 6:00 p.m. at Sycamore Inn Banquet room, Buffet \$10.00/head. Please have your reservations in as early as possible, but no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Agenda:

- Buffet
- History of the area-Past Present and Future-Mike Whitt, Mingo County Redevelopment Authority Executive Director.
- Discussion of our field trip on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Open comments on Mountaintop Removal pros and cons Mike Whitt, John Sencindiver, others.
- Williamson landmarks within walking distance from hotel, flood wall, the famous coal building.
- Business meeting.
- Showing of the movie “Matewan” on Wide Screen TV.

On the way down, please schedule time to stop by the Buck Harliss Wood Products Industrial Park, just into Mingo County on Route 119, (see map). Turn east on 22 Mine Road and go 2.8 miles, then turn right down into the Industrial Park. This ridgetop road is OK for sedans and family vehicles, but do watch out for coal trucks. This short drive will give you a good overview of active and reclaimed mountain top removal sites.

**Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>** – Field Trip to Matewan, 13 miles away.

Agenda:

- Visit Sid Hatfield’s grave across river from Matewan
- Meet at Matewan Development Center and Museum, 9:00 a.m., Joyce Dyar-Director will be our Matewan tour guide.
- 10:00 a.m. Marshall University’s Professor Lutz’s portrayal of Devil Anse
- 11:30 a.m. sack lunch in Matewan.
- 12:30 p.m. meet at Simpkins Horticulture Project atop a nearby mountain top removal job, orchard and grape arbor, sawmill, cattle pasture, Fiveblock and Matewan pits will be open and discussed. Mike Whitt will be our tour guide.
- Return to main highway on the way home, stopping at Devil Anse’s grave in the Hatfield
- Cemetery at Sarah Ann.

**Map Locations follow . . . . .**

## Map Locations (see the attached map)

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**#1** - Buck Harliss Wood Products Industrial Park, just into Mingo County off Route 119. Turn east on 22 Mine Road and go 2.8 miles, then turn right down into the Industrial Park. This ridge top road is OK for sedans and family vehicles, but do watch out for coal trucks. This short drive will give you a good overview of active and reclaimed mountain top removal sites, and future uses of Mountain top removal sites.

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**#2** - Directions to the Sycamore Inn-Route 119 South, cross the Tug Fork into Kentucky, 1<sup>st</sup> red light turn left back across bridge into Williamson, WV. Turn left at 1<sup>st</sup> light in Williamson onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The Sycamore Inn is at the north end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

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**#3** - Go straight across the bridge at Matewan into Kentucky, turn right on Radio Tower road, head up towards the tall radio tower, park just at the radio station adjacent to the cemetery. Sid Hatfield's grave is about in the center of the cemetery. Meet back at the Matewan Development Center and Museum in the center of town at 9:00 a.m., can't miss it.

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**#4** - North from Matewan on Route 9 through Red Jacket to Taylorville. Turn East on Route 52 to Varney. North at Varney, (turn left), up Oldfield Branch on 52/15 up and over to Rockhouse Fork. Turn right up Rockhouse on 65/5, and go to the top of the watershed on the Mingo-Logan County line. At the ridgetop turn right to the Horticulture Project Area.

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**#5** - Leaving the Horticulture Project Area, 65/5 turns into Route 13 in Logan County. Continue down into the town of Barnabus. In Barnabus, turn right or head south on Route 44 through Stirrat and past Sarah Ann. A little bit past Sarah Ann on the right is the Hatfield Cemetery. There is a memorial marker on the road, and Devil Anse's grave is a small walk up the hill.

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Back on Route 44 head north to Logan. This will take you right back to 119 where you can head home.