



# Hook, Line, and Sinker

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## From the President

Well, it hardly seems like it has been a year since we hosted the SCCMR Convention and Rally for the Minnesota River. But, as usual, it comes faster than one anticipates. A great deal has gone on since then, both locally and statewide. A group in Montevideo called CURE, that boasts 60 plus members, was formed as a result of last years convention. An 18 acre wetland in the city of New Ulm is in the process of being reclaimed. A gentleman from Marshall called me after the Ron Schara visit and wanted to know how he could go about taking 400 acres of bottom land in Chippewa county that was on the Minnesota River out of production because he was tired of fighting it. It's now a done deal. Mankato now boasts a storm sewer labeling pro-

gram, which reads, "Please do not pollute, drains to river." Much of the city has been done already. This same program is catching on in all of the cities along the river, and we plan to go to the New Ulm city council with it the first week in September. Two river clean ups have been done in our immediate area and many others have gone on in Mankato, Montevideo, Granite Falls, and Shakopee. Generally the community has viewed our efforts as positive and inspiring. Many People have expressed a desire to get behind us and are doing so daily. So we, as a club, and as hosts, have much to be hopeful for as it concerns the Minnesota River. As your president and coordinator of the event, I can only say a pre-Thank You for your understanding and in

most cases tireless efforts to get through this convention without a hitch. If last year was an example of the caliber of work this club does and is any indication of things to come, I think we will do ourselves proud. We will be having two meetings before the Convention and Rally. Our regular meeting the Date of August 27th and last minute planning meeting the Thursday before, which is the 10th of September. Both meetings will be devoted to convention planning and brainstorming. This is when we pick everything apart, see if there are any problems, and prepare ourselves so there are no curveballs thrown at us at the last minute. So bring your thinking cap and I will see you at the next two meetings.



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# Editorial

Do we take our rivers, streams, and lakes for granted? I would seem so. Most people don't realize that all of the chemicals that they put on the ground eventually ends up in a body of water somewhere. Why do we do this? It is the unending quest for a few more bushels per acre or greener grass or trying to get rid of a few weeds or troublesome insects. Is this absolutely necessary? We could surely live with a few less bushels per acre. The nations farmers produce more every year than we can possibly use. Our grass doesn't have to be perfectly green, or we could switch to an organic fertilizer which is becoming increasingly more available. Do we have spray every weed in sight? It isn't that long ago that we didn't have the luxury of chemicals to get rid of weeds. If they were a problem you simply pulled them out. It has all become too easy. These are just a few of the things we do that are damaging to our inland waters. We can not continue to do this. It has to change and now is the time to start. We can no longer wait for someone else to do something. No matter how small or insignificant it may seem, it is a start and we have to start now. Next time you plan to fertilize or spray weeds stop and think. Maybe there is a better way to do it. It's a start.

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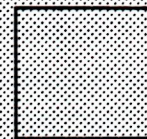
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Saturday August 22nd at the Brown County Fairgrounds. The sale will run from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Please bring items to be donated Friday, August 21st after 6:00 PM to the fairgrounds. Baked goods can be brought in Saturday morning. We hope that most of you can help us out by donating something. If you are able to help at the sale please give Jerry Carlson a call at 354-8869.

## Club Picnic

A potluck picnic will be held August 23rd starting at 12:00 noon at Lake Hanska County Park. Bring a dish to pass, plates, forks, and your own beverage. Hot Dogs and buns will be provided by the club. Bring the whole family and lets get acquainted.

## August Meeting

August 27th, 7:30 PM at Schells Tap Room. This will be a very important meeting. The final details will be worked out for the SCCMR Convention. Here is your chance to get involved in something that is really worthwhile. Lunch will follow the meeting.

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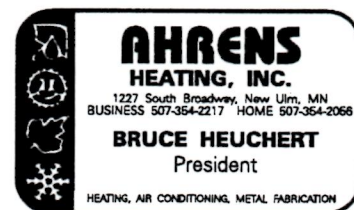
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August 22nd 8:00 AM-5:00 PM  
NUASF Rummage & Bake Sale

August 27th 7:30 PM  
Meeting at Schell's Tap Room

September 10th  
SCCMR Planning Meeting  
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