

SRS HERITAGE

SRS Heritage Foundation Newsletter

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The following talk was presented by Mal McKibben, Chairman of the Board of the SRS Heritage Foundation, at the National Day of Remembrance ceremony on October 30. More information on the event is included on page 2.

The Chairman's Corner

The Savannah River Site has an excellent history and heritage...which all past and present workers can be very proud of.

The earliest operations at the site were conducted under intense security and safeguards, and under equally intense pressure to produce our plutonium and tritium as fast as possible. The nation was at war, albeit it a Cold War, and it was a war that we simply could not lose. The entire western world was depending on us. The Soviet Union was equally determined to win so they could place all of us under their domination.

Every one of us who worked here during those early day knows full well that we played a major role in winning the Cold War, and we are very proud of that.

The original missions were carried out efficiently and safely with careful and unique consideration of our effect on the environment. In fact, no other DOE site invested the time and money to study the effects of site activities on the on-site and off-site environment. This was done independently, right from the start, by the SRS Ecology Laboratory, run by the University of Georgia, and the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences.

When the time came, happily, to shut down our production of weapons materials and to move on to other missions under a new contractor, that two was conducted efficiently and safely.

In 2005 the SRS Heritage Foundation was formed to preserve and interpret the site's history and heritage, and we are doing that now with considerable help from DOE here at SRS. The foundation will establish a visitor center which at first glance may look like a museum, but which will have many activities far beyond that. The Center will be a hands-on show place to recognize some of the outstanding technical achievements, both past and present, here at the site. We have no shortage of those.

The facility will also serve as a center for educating the public, students, and news reporters on nuclear subjects. It will work with public school systems to promote their curricula on math and science, including nuclear science.

We have a lot to do. Our heritage is rich and proud. Walt Joseph is our very able Executive Director, and we already have a large number of able volunteers, but we could use more. If you would like to learn more about our plans please visit our website, SRSheritage.org.

Mal McKibben

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THANK YOU**

The SRS Heritage Foundation is a relatively new organization but, thanks to our strong base of supporters, we are growing steadily. We are particularly pleased that several organizations have such faith in our future that they have made substantial financial contributions to get our programs started. Among these supporters are:

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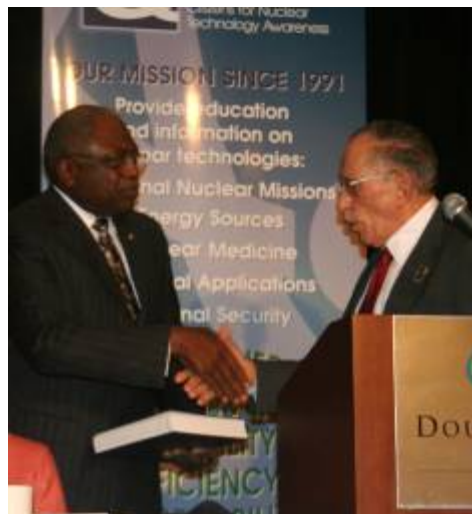
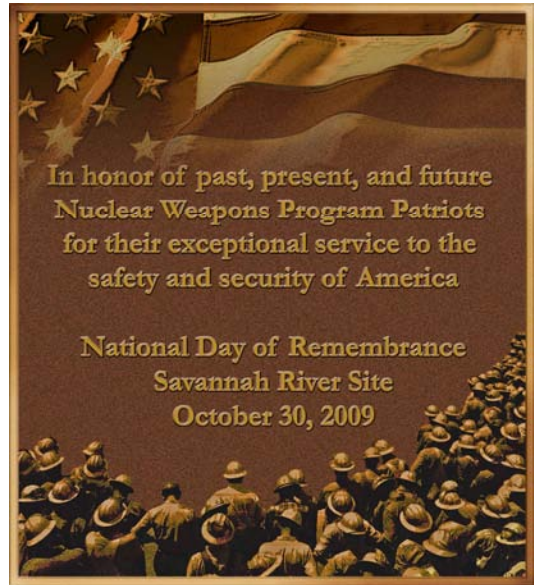
*A special thank you to the
individual
members for their continued
support the Foundation*

**National Day of Remembrance Honors
Cold War Patriots**

October 30th has been designated a national Day of Remembrance by the US Senate and House of Representatives. The day is intended to honor the contributions made by current and former nuclear workers at Department of Energy sites around the country and to recognize their work that helped win World War II and the Cold War. Commemorative events were held at numerous DOE sites to mark the occasion.

At SRS, the event drew more than 400 retirees and current workers. Jeff Allison unveiled a bronze plaque that honored “past, present and future Nuclear Weapons Program Patriots for their exceptional service to the safety and security of America.” A video monitor scrolled the names of the 103,188 people who have worked at SRS since construction started in 1951.

National Day of
Remembrance Plaque
placed at the
Savannah River Site



Walt Joseph presenting a Savannah River at 50th book to Congressman James Clyburn, the guest speaker at the 18th annual Edward Teller Lecture/Banquet held on November 12, 2009 at the Doubletree Hotel, Augusta, GA. Congressman Clyburn was very pleased to receive this gift from the SRS Heritage Foundation.

CALLING ALL MEMBERS.... TIME TO RENEW!

It's time to renew your membership in the SRS Heritage Foundation. You are an important part of our base of supporters of the SRS Heritage Foundation. We need you and want you in order to continue making progress to preserve the history of the Savannah River Site and to make it available to all.

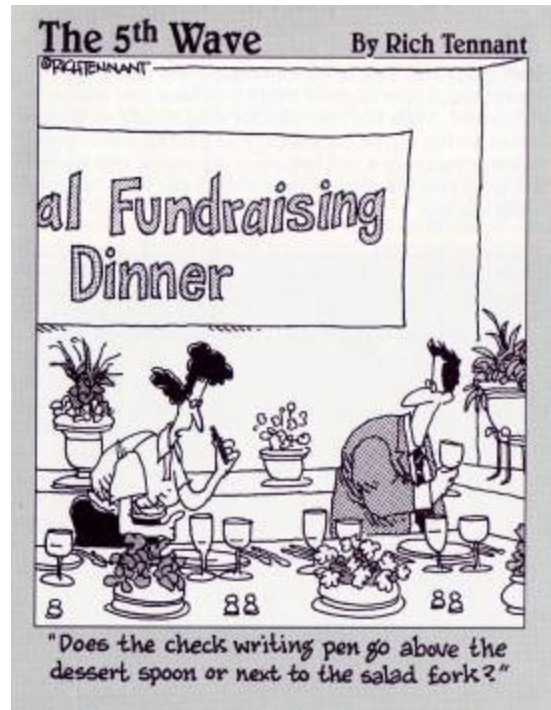
The Foundation keeps you informed through the newsletters. Between newsletters Foundation activities are ongoing to further the goals of educating citizens in the area about the history and achievements of the Savannah River Site, fundraising, and recruiting new members.

Please take time during this busy season to renew your membership. We need membership numbers to heighten awareness of the organization and to show government entities and other sponsors that the Foundation represents a strong percentage of the population.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Merrilee Anderson
Membership Chairman

YOUR SUPPORT IS CRITICAL TO PRESERVING THE SRS HERITAGE, PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES RIGHT AWAY. THANK YOU



SRS HERITAGE FOUNDATION AT THE



Visitors try their hand using the joy-sticks to race pipe crawling robots provided by SRNL.



Lehr Brisbin displays Carolina Dog information. If there's anything you want to know about the Carolina Dogs, see Bris, he has a great deal of information about them!

A beautiful sunny day helped bring out the crowds to the Atomic City Festival in New Ellenton October 10th. Visitors were treated to carnival rides, music, a car show and plenty of food in addition to an expanded group of SRS exhibits.

The SRS Heritage Foundation provided publicity for the event and helped expand the role of SRS in the festivities. The Ecology Lab brought a selection of snakes and turtles and several Carolina dogs. Smokey Bear came with the US Forest Service and their fire truck. The hydrogen-powered truck from the Hydrogen Lab was unique among the antique and modified vehicles in the car show. Artifacts and photographs from the Cold War Artifact Collection were exhibited. New SRS exhibits included the Wackenhut emergency response command center vehicle and racing pipe crawlers from SRNL.



Foundation volunteers staffed our exhibits in City Hall and Rich Izard of the SRS Leadership Association videotaped interviews with former employees and early residents of nearby communities.

A good day was had by all.



Some of the many turtles, snakes and lizards provided by SREL.

THE ANNUAL ATOMIC CITY FESTIVAL



Slides, train rides, games, lots of good food, amusement rides and shiny old cars...the Atomic City Festival had it all!



↑ WSI, Inc. Emergency Response Command Post vehicle

Bea Crawford, far right selling "Displaced" DVDs, Merrilee Anderson, next to Bea, Heritage Membership Chair and Merrilee's visiting sister signing up new members →



All Festival photos courtesy of Jeff Allender. Thank you Jeff!

Neutrinos are Coming!

NO NEED TO DUCK!

Those elusive subatomic particles whose existence was first proved at SRS will be celebrated on August 27, 2010

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for forthcoming details.

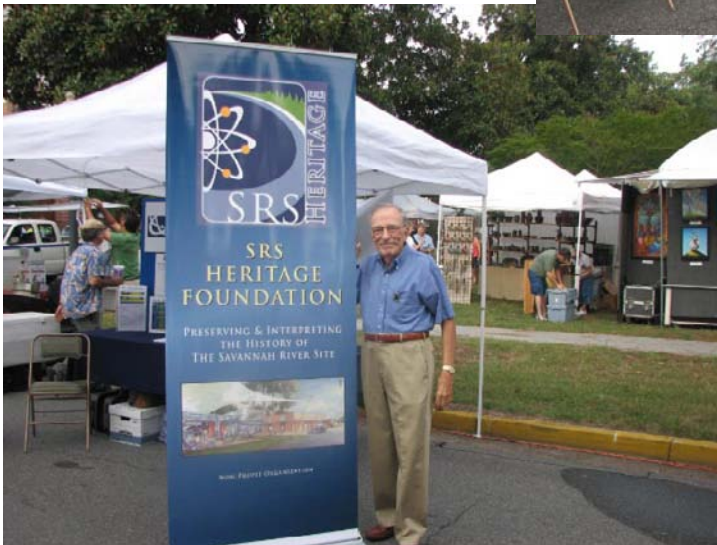


For a few months, anyone entering the SRNL building saw the SRS Heritage Foundation display that was placed there. The “Displaced” video was being played, giving employees an opportunity to view it. Thanks to Dave Wilkerson for his selling so many DVDs out of the trunk of his car. Ben Burnau is now selling the “Displaced” DVDs at the ORA store.

HERITAGE & CNTA ATTEND AIKEN'S MAKING

Thanks to the generosity of Shaw Areva MOX, SRS Heritage Foundation and CNTA attended Aiken's Making in September. This is the second year that Shaw has provided a space w/tent for our organizations to promote our activities to the public.

A number of volunteers from the Heritage and CNTA assisted with covering this two day event. Thank you to all who helped.



**CHECK OUT OUR
NEW BANNER!**

NICE ADDITION!



SRR Joins Foundation as Newest Corporate Member

Savannah River Remediation, LLC is the newest Corporate Member of the Heritage Foundation. In this photograph, Tricia Allen, Environmental, Safety, Health and Quality Manager of SRR, is shown presenting a check for \$1,000 to Heritage Foundation members Paula Joseph, Walt Joseph and Karen Bonavita. Welcome aboard, SRR!



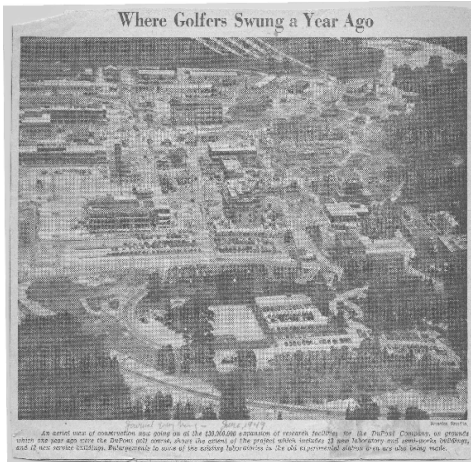
Featured Artifacts: R. K. Mason Collection

Mr. Mason was born in 1911, in Wilmington, DE., and began working for Du Pont in the 1930s. In 1948-1949, Mason managed the construction of Du Pont's Experimental Station (below), a sizeable project.

1950-1955, Mason worked as the field project manager of the Savannah River Project, coordinating schedules and spearheading safety meetings.



The collection includes newspaper clippings, photographs, letters, and other memorabilia. Highlights include a bound folio of SRP News and Views, and a framed caricature of Mr. Mason, as well as an album devoted to Mr. Mason's leave-taking from Savannah River.



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