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Why Is MADCA Important?

The Michigan Animal Damage Control Association (MADCA) is an organization of Wildlife Control Operators (WCOs) and other interested individuals involved in the field of wildlife damage management.

MADCA was formed in 1995 by a group of private WCOs concerned about the willful misrepresentation, professional acceptance, and lack of public understanding of the wildlife damage management industry in the State of Michigan.

As the Animal Damage Control (ADC) industry continues to grow, it is important for operators in Michigan to have a resource for useful information and a way to network with one another. This will allow us to stay informed on the latest control techniques, as well as any changes in state rules and regulations. Being a member of MADCA is an excellent way to build relationships amongst ourselves and with vendors, government officials and other important organizations. MADCA membership is open to anyone who possesses a Nuisance Wildlife Control Permit and it includes a quarterly newsletter and an opportunity to attend our yearly seminar. We strongly encourage WCO's to not only join MADCA, but to get involved in the organization by writing articles for the newsletter, forming committees, running for Board positions or even giving a presentation at our seminar.

As a grass roots organization we are only as strong as our members. Please take a moment to fill out the attached membership form and send it in with your dues, so you can take advantage of the benefits of belonging to the only association in the State of Michigan that is dedicated to the field of animal damage control. It doesn't matter if you're a big company, a one man operation, a part timer, a property manager or a municipal employee, if you perform ADC work in Michigan than MADCA has something to offer you.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to thank everyone who attended our fall cook-out on September 28th at Bishop Lake in Brighton. The weather was perfect and a good time was had by all. We hope to make the cook-out an annual event. We are also open to suggestions from members on ways to improve MADCA events, so if you have ideas please share them with a board member.

The annual MADCA Seminar will be held on Friday February 28th 2014 at the Kellogg Center in Lansing, MI. The event will take place from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and includes lunch. We have several speakers scheduled for the day including representatives from the MDNR, USDA Wildlife Service and Residex. There will be some great presentations on beaver trapping and feral hog management, as well as updates from NWCOA and MUCC. There will also be a raffle and door prizes. It should be a very informative and entertaining day.

Now that winter has officially started I would like to remind everyone to be careful out there. No job is worth life or limb, so be aware on roofs and roads. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and has a safe and prosperous New Year. See you in Lansing!

Joe Miley
MADCA President

January 2014 FROM THE EDITOR:

I hope that you all had a safe and profitable 2013 and are taking advantage of this cold and snowy winter to get better organized and prepared for the action when we get a thaw...or spring arrives.

Thank you to each of our members that have filled positions on the Board of Directors and committees through our history. MADCA is important to our industry. It is important that we continue to eliminate willful misrepresentation, build professional acceptance and develop a public understanding of the wildlife damage management industry in Michigan.

I want to encourage each of you to consider being on a committee or running for a position on the Board of Directors.


Blessings on you and your business,
Kerry Streng, Editor

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 12/05/13 the MADCA finances are in order. I am in the process of looking for donations for our raffle at the upcoming Spring Seminar. If any members have items to donate, or have customers or suppliers that they can collect donations from, please let me know.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Seminar at the Kellogg Center.

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ELECTIONS

I would like to remind everyone that we will be having an election for the following Board Positions: **Vice President, Secretary (1 year to fill vacancy) & Treasurer.** Anyone interested in running for a Board position please contact me or any other Board member. Also, we will be giving the MADCA Certification Exam at the upcoming seminar. If you would like to take the Exam please let me know and we will give it at the end of the day.

Rodney Wiley
MADCA Vice-President