

RESEARCH CENTER ADMINISTRATORS SOCIETY
2012 WINTER MEETING AGENDA
(All times are Central)

Sunday, February 5, 2012

3:00 p.m. – RCAS Executive Board Meeting

- Medical Forum Conference Center Third Floor Medical Forum G

4:00-6:00 - **SAAS General Session and Business Meeting** (Medical Forum Conference Center Auditorium) Distinguished Panel Discuss on 50 Years After Birmingham: Reflections on the Changes in the Conditions of People Especially in Rural Alabama

5:00 p.m. – Begin Transportation to Old Car Heaven for Reception/Super Bowl Party

6:00–till - **SAAS Reception** (Old Car Haven – Off Site) Super Bowl Reception (continues buses to run from hotel to Old Car Heaven) Jambalaya to be cooked by Jambalaya Champion Byron Gautreau.

Monday, February 6, 2012

Moderator – Rob Ellis

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8:00 Welcome and Announcements – George Granade

8:10 Welcome to Alabama – William Batchelor, Dean, Alabama Agricultural Experiment station, Auburn University

8:20 Agriculture in Alabama – Jim Bannon, Director of Outlying Units, Alabama Agricultural Experiment station, Auburn University

8:45 Embryo Transfer Research – Dr. Neal Schrick, Animal Science Dept. Head, Univ. of TN

9:05 Securing the Load: A Guide to Safe and Legal Transportation of Cargo and Equipment – Steve Hawkins

9:45 Break

10:15 Hiring the Right People During Changing Times – Panel Discussion – Ken Scaife, Bob Hayes

10:45 The Future of Field Days – Panel Discussion – Dr. Roy Burris, UK; Lyle Lomas, Bob Dunker

11:15 Managing Change During Times of Declining Funds – A Nonprofit Perspective – Mr. Mike Brown, Civitan International

11:45 Lunch

Moderator – Stan Jones

1:00 Staying Flexible During Change (2 hour workshop) – Dale Carnegie, Nashville, TN

3:00 Break

3:30 RCAS General Business Meeting

5:00 Adjourn

Tuesday, February 6, 2012

Moderator – Jim Beaty

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8:00 30 Years at Central Grasslands: From a Rundown Ranch to a Research Center – Paul Nyren

8:30 Innovative Ideas to Save Time and Money – RCAS membership moderated by Jim Beaty

9:15 Closing Comments and Instructions – George Granade

9:30 Adjourn

9:45 Load Bus for Tour

10:00 Leave for tour

The tour will include a stop at Sunshine Farms, Clanton, AL. Sunshine is a diversified farming operation that produces fruits, vegetables and Purebred Simmental cattle. They are probably the largest and most widely known Simmental breeder in the Southeast. We will tour their cattle operation and meet with the owners and/or cattle manager. We will probably spend 2+ hours at Sunshine Farms. Website is www.sunshinefarms.com .

Other stops on the tour will be: a limestone quarry, Chilton Area Research and Extension Center(www.aes.auburn.edu/researchcenters), American Village (www.americanyillage.org) and should return to the hotel by 7:30-8:00 p.m.

5:30 Banquet

7:00 Return to hotel

Wednesday, February 7, 2012

10:00 Optional Open House and Tour – Upper Coastal Plains Research & Education Center, Winfield, AL Randall Rawls and his famous Semmental Cattle Herd