



# APEGGA

The Association of  
Professional Engineers, Geologists  
and Geophysicists of Alberta

## APEGGA Vermilion River Branch Fall 2001 Newsletter

### *Shelley Merth Receives APEGGA Teacher Award*

On June 8th, 2001, Chris Ketchum of APEGGA presented Shelley Merth, teacher of Grade 12 Biology at the Lloydminster Composite High School, with the annual APEGGA teacher award. The award recognizes teachers for their enthusiasm and dedication in teaching science and math. A \$1000 donation is given with the award, to be used to purchase teaching materials for the class. Members of the APEGGA executive recently took Ms. Merth and Lloyd Comp principal Ms. Deb MacArthur for lunch to acknowledge Ms. Merth's achievement.

Nominations for the award are made by letter, usually written by students, explaining why the teacher deserves the award. The nominations are judged by local APEGGA volunteers and a winner is chosen. This year there were four nominations, three from Lloydminster and one from Vermilion.

**Congratulations Ms. Merth!**

**Make sure to ask your local school principal about getting your children's Teachers nominated for this valuable \$1000 award**

### *An Interesting Afternoon at the Lindbergh Salt Plant*

12 members of the Vermilion River Branch traveled to Lindbergh, Alberta on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2001 to tour the Windsor Salt Plant. The Salt Plant is responsible for producing approximately 425 tons/day of salt, including food salts, de-icing salts, agriculture salts and water softening salts. Attendees were able to see the evaporation process, packaging process, and storage of the huge volumes of salt. Sloane Dieken and Jamie Gingrich of the Canadian Salt Company gave a great tour of the facility, and even included a free sample of the product.

Watch for future tours in the area!



### **Your 2001/2002 branch executive:**

Chairman - Trent Cherry  
Vice Chair - Jim Sweeney  
Treasurer - Sloane Dieken

Members-At-Large -  
Tim Benko, Kathryn Cramer, Krista Green, Chris Ketchum,  
Sheldon Stark, Kevin Thomas, D'Arcy Wooldridge,

### **Future Branch Activities**

*November 28, 2001*

**First Annual VRB Pool Social**  
The Sticks Pool Hall 7 - 9 pm

*January 2002*

**Annual General Meeting**

March 20002

**National Engineering Week**

**Watch for Mail-outs in the near future for upcoming events.**

### *Math and Science Student Awards Continue*

Every year APEGGA gives out awards to junior high students that have excelled in math and science in local schools. Some of the schools that have received awards this year include Kitscoty, Dewberry, and Marwayne. The awards will continue throughout the year. APEGGA is always looking for volunteers to present these awards,

***come out and volunteer!!***