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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to Charles Priestly, our September host. I wish more of you had driven up to Street, Maryland. It was a wonderful day.

Attendance is always a problem when we schedule a meeting that is more than an hour's drive. I really don't understand this. Why more guys don't team up for a scenic drive and some shop talk along the way is beyond me. The old minutes of the association record frequent meetings in the Richmond and Philadelphia areas with carloads of MAAGCS members making the trip. And I'm talking the 1940s! How do chapters like the Carolinas' even exist when long drives are possible every month?

Conversely, though, does the state of Virginia really need four golf course superintendents associations? Granted, this is why smaller, local associations are popular. There's nothing wrong with this until members stop supporting their GCSAA chapter. The idea of regions or divisions in the Mid-Atlantic has been discussed, much like the New Jersey GCSA. The chapter meets four times a year and the regions meet monthly. The Mid-Atlantic has three distinct regions: Washington, Baltimore, and the shore. Two already have local associations. What I think would happen is that active members would attend every meeting in every region. I know I'd be over that bridge in an instant. Inactive members would only attend regional meetings and still miss a lot of those. We really wouldn't accomplish anything at all.

For our October 13 meeting in Winchester, Va., some of you are thinking only about a two-hour

drive. Not me. I'm thinking about winning that Ralph McNeal Trophy, fall foliage, apples, and a great day with my fellow superintendents. See you there.

Ken Ingram, President

RHYS'S PIECES

○ Everyone should know that Paul Standerfer, Irrigation Specialist at Turf Equipment & Supply Company (TESCO), is moving to "the Top-of-the-World" in Denver, Colorado, with his wife Leslie and daughter Katelin. Paul will be missed by all of us in the Mid-Atlantic area, and we all thank him for all his help and expertise over the years. Good Luck goes to the entire family.

○ John Haley, host of our May meeting at Westwinds C. C., and his wife Stephanie are celebrating the birth of their new daughter, Maghan Hill—6 pounds, 13 ounces—on August 10 at 9:15 a.m. Stephanie is reported to be doing fine; Now John has something more important to worry about than just aerification!

○ Lentz Wheeler, Superintendent of Hidden Creek, and his wife Jane are the proud parents of Kathryn Elizabeth, born on September 4 at 12:38 a.m. However, Lentz, just because you had to stay up all night with Jane and your new daughter is no excuse for missing work the next day! Best wishes to all!

○ Our "Baby-of-the-Year" award goes to Dave and Lottie Kardos of River Bend C.C., who, on September 1, welcomed into the world Brian David Kardos, weighing nine pounds! Congratulations, Dave and Lottie!

○ After a minor accident, Denise Ingram (our First Lady) is recovering from recent elbow surgery. We all wish Denise a speedy recovery.

