

# The Learning Season

by Ron Hall, assistant editor

**B**y the time most people get around to making their annual resolutions, the successful nurseryman or turf manager is already hip-boot deep in planning and buying for the coming year.

The Green Industry isn't so much tied to the calendar as it is to the seasons. That's why each autumn large numbers of the Green Industry get together in conferences and trade shows.

New research, new ideas, new products, new acquaintances—looking for new ways of getting the job done and getting it done more efficiently, economically, and safely. The autumn, with the experiences and the ideas that worked and those that didn't, the satisfactions and frustrations of the busy summer still fresh in our memories, has naturally grown into the start of the new season. It's a good time to share what we've learned.

The following is a summary of some of the major events coming in the Green Industry:

## NATIONAL

**American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) 84th Annual Meeting, Nov. 17-20**, Civic Plaza, Phoenix, AZ. Contact Gail Reuter, 1733 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Wash-

ington D.C. 20009, (202) 466-7730.

**Interior Plantscape Association (IPA) Expo, Oct. 28-31**, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN. Contact IPA, 2000 L. Street N.W., Suite 200, Washington D.C. 20036, (702) 296-9200.

**National Institute on Park and Grounds Management Conference, Oct. 29-Nov. 1**, Regency Inn, Denver. Contact Tom Luba, Box 1936, Appleton, WI 54913, (414) 733-2301. The Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) will be convening with the National Institute Conference. STMA Program Chairman Mike Schiller plans to have pro-sports stadium grounds managers discuss their techniques.

**Professional Grounds Management Society (PGMS) 72nd Conference and Trade Show, Oct. 7-10**, Worcester-Mariott Hotel, Worcester, MA. Contact PGMS Headquarters, 7 Church Ln. Suite 13, Pikesville, MD 21208, (301) 653-2742.

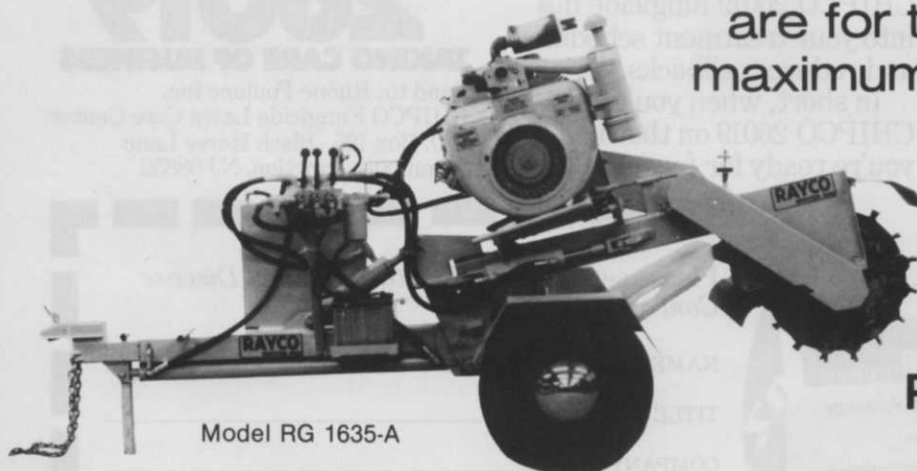
**Professional Lawn Care Association of America Conference (PLCAA), Nov. 12-15**, Curtis Hixson Convention Center, Tampa, FL. Contact PLCAA office, 1225 Johnson Ferry Rd., NE, Suite B-220, Marietta, GA, 30067, (404) 977-5222.

## REGIONAL

**North Central Turfgrass Exposition, Dec. 11-13**, O'Hara

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Exposition Center, Rosemont, IL. Contact Office of Continuing Education and Public Service, University of Illinois, 725 S. Wright St., Champaign, IL 61820, (217) 333-2883.

**Pacific Horticultural Trade Show, Sept. 6-8**, Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles. Contact Elaine Thompson, California Association of Nurserymen, 1419-21st St., Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 448-2881.

**Southern Turfgrass Association Conference, Nov. 4-6**, meeting at Hyatt-Regency, convention at Convention Center, Birmingham, AL. Contact Dr. Richard Duble, 3606 Meadow Oaks, Bryan, TX 77802, (409) 845-3211.

**Southwest Turfgrass Association Conference, Oct. 18-19**, Holy Cross Retreat, Las Cruces, NM. Contact Dr. Charles Glover, Box 3Q, Crop and Soil Science Dept., New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM 88003, (505) 646-3138.

## STATE

**California Turfgrass/Landscape Educational Exposition, Oct. 3-4**, Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa, CA. Contact Ed McNeill, SCTC 1000 Concha St., Altadena, CA 91001, (818) 798-1715.

**California Landscape Contractors Association (CLCA) Convention, Nov. 8-11**, Ixtapa, Mexico. Contact Bob A. Gouley, 2226 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95816, (916) 448-2522.

**Florida Turf-Grass Association Annual Conference and Show, Sept. 30-Oct. 3**, Hyatt Regency Hotel and Curtis Hixon Convention Center, Tampa. Contact Bill Nass, Flor-

ida Turf-Grass Association, 302 S. Graham Ave., Orlando, FL 32803, (305) 898-6721.

**Kentucky Turfgrass Council Conference, Oct. 9-11**, Executive Inn, Owensboro, KY. Contact The Kentucky Turfgrass Council, Carter Building, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY 40475.

**Missouri Valley Turfgrass Conference, Nov. 5-7**, Marriott's Pavilion Hotel, St. Louis, MO. Contact Dennis Barron, president of the MVTA, Cherry Hills Country Club, 16700 Manchester Road, Glencoe, MO 63038, (314) 458-2343.

**New Jersey Turfgrass Expo, Dec. 3-6**, Resorts International Hotel, Atlantic City. Contact Dr. Harry W. Indyk, Soils and Crops Dept., Cook College, P.O. Box 231, New Brunswick, NJ 08903, (201) 932-9453.

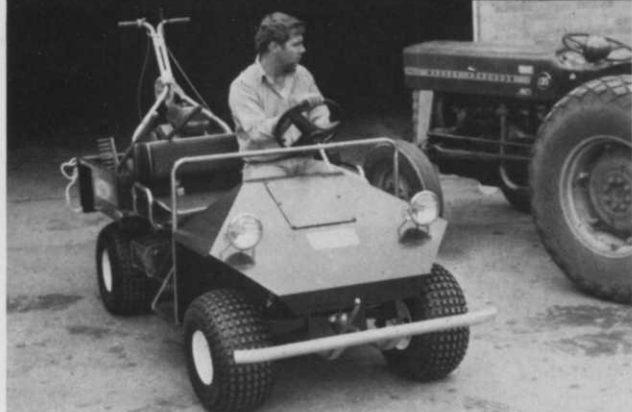
**New York State Turfgrass Conference, Nov. 7-9**, War Memorial, Syracuse, NY. Contact Anne Reilly, 210 Cartwright Blvd., Massapequa, NY 11762, (516) 541-6902.

**Ohio Turfgrass Conference, Dec. 3-6**, Ohio Center, Hyatt-Regency, Columbus, OH. Contact Dr. John Street, Kottman Hall, Ohio State University, 2021 Coffey Road, Columbus, OH 43210, (614) 422-2601.

**Oklahoma Turfgrass Conference, Nov. 7-9**, Lincoln Plaza Inn and Convention Center, Oklahoma City. Contact Gary Hallett, Page Belcher Golf Course, 6666 S. Union, Tulsa, OK 74123, (918) 445-1283 or Dr. Robert L. Green, Oklahoma State University, 360 Agricultural Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078, (405) 624-5419.

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