Sprinkler Irrigation Association
1953 Annual Meeting
Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, California, USA

This is the first photo taken of the Sprinkler Irrigation Association members. Do you recognize anyone?
Did you know?

A.R.J. "Bud" Friedmann of Skinner Irrigation Co., was the first Vice President and the second President of the Association of Sprinkler Irrigation Equipment Manufacturers (ASIEM)
An American farmer opens a gate valve to an irrigation ditch in Colorado, USA in 1943.

Did you know?

After World War II the use of aluminum irrigation pipe became standard practice in agricultural irrigation.

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Are you IA certified?

I’m a CID and a CLIA and I thought it was a good educational process.

Jim Barrett FASIC
James Barrett Associates Inc.

John Seitzinger lifting aluminum pipe in the Rio Grande Valley, Texas, USA - 1947
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1953 Sprinkler Irrigation Association Convention
*Left to right:* Tom Crockett, Ken Cadigan and Jim Gorman

*Al Dedrick*
IA Person of the Year Award 1989

*Gary Underhill*
Crawford Reid Award 2003

*Dale Heermann*
IA Person of the Year Award 1985

*Sue York*
IA Past President - 1998

*Winston Strong*
SIA Person of the Year Award - 1974

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Tom Kimmell
Former IA Executive Director & Past President - 1992

Claude Laval - IA Past President - 1984
Louis Toth - IA Past President - 1997

Don Sanders - SIA Past President - 1971
Albert Marsh - SIA Person of the Year - 1971

Ken Mills
IA Past President - 2006

Left to right: Dick Chapin and Norm Smith at Old Westbury Garden, September 18, 1993. Dick Chapin was honored along with Norman Smith with a historical plaque denoting the first installation of plastic mulch and drip irrigation in the United States. It is located in the Old Westbury Gardens, on Long Island, New York.
Pioneer in Irrigation - Robert ‘Bob’ Morgan

Bob Morgan
1957 SIA President
IA Irrigation Historian

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A Brief Biography by John Morgan

Bob Morgan was born in Portland, Oregon, USA in 1913. He was raised on a farm on the Columbia River in Oregon. In 1937 he married his sweetheart Lucy and they had 4 children. They were married for 65 years.

Also in 1937 soon after college, he convinced his Uncle Omar to set up a pump, main line and a sprinkler system on the Oregon family farm. This was the beginning of his 50 year career in the irrigation industry.

His first job in the industry was selling irrigation equipment for the R.M. Wade Company in Portland. He sold equipment for 20 years in the Pacific Northwest.

After becoming National Sales Manager for Wade Rain, he started to volunteer with the Sprinkler Irrigation Association. In 1957 he was voted in as the SIA’s 6th President. By this time Bob was one of the leaders within this fledgling association and helped with all aspects of SIA.

By 1993, Bob earned the title of Irrigation Historian at the Irrigation Association and he spent over 5 years researching and publishing the book ‘Water and the Land’. This book has become a standard for anyone researching the history of American Irrigation.
Did you know?

The IA History Committee is always looking for sponsors and artifacts for the Irrigation Museum.

Contact any History Committee member for more information.

Magazine Ad for Gee Sprinklers - 1926

Another group of irrigation pioneers.
Do you recognize anyone?

W.D. Allen
‘Rocket’ Sprinkler
1950

John Oldfield - SIA Past President - 1969-70
Austin Miller - SIA Past President - 1972
Ancient Irrigation Systems

Shaduf, Shadoof, Saduf, Chadouf or Shadouf

No matter how it’s spelled throughout the world, irrigating crops in arid regions has never been the same. This simple device is still used today where no electricity is available.

Did you know?

The Shaduf is probably the oldest form of man-made irrigation equipment. There are accounts of this device being used over 5,000 years ago.

This artwork is by Bruce Salters
Courtesy of W.P. Law Co.
Pioneers in Irrigation Video Question

Who were the biggest influences in your career?
Two people without a doubt; King Ewing and George Bell.

Russ Mitchell FASIC
Russell D. Mitchell & Associates

Did you know?

American artist Norman Rockwell designed this Melnor Catalog cover in 1961.

Melnor sprinkler equipment is still used throughout the world today.

Marion Miller started collecting irrigation artifacts before the SIA / IA started a History Committee.

Jack Hanna at the IA Convention in Tampa, Florida, USA - 2004

Klondike Sprinkler 1899
## IA History Committee - 2006-2012

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