Making Sense of Creation & Evolution
Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1998, 7:30 p.m. Totino Fine Arts Center, Rm. 115 Northwestern College, Roseville

Dr. Don Bierle is both a scientist and a theologian, having earned B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in the life sciences and an M.A. in New Testament studies. As a research scientist, he was a team member on scientific expeditions to both the Arctic and Antarctic polar regions, and has numerous articles published in scientific journals. As an educator, Dr. Bierle has been active for twenty-five years teaching biology, Bible, and related subjects in secondary and college classrooms. He has authored a two-volume text, New Testament History and Survey: A Guided Study, has recorded a popular seminar on video, “Christian Education - The Fourth Dimension,” and authored a practical apologetic paperback book on faith entitled, Surprised by Faith.

Dr. Bierle is unusual in his ability to analyze technical, scientific and theological subjects and communicate them to the lay person in a clear, original and fascinating way. An ardent student of the Bible, he especially enjoys the roles of apologist, evangelist and discipler. A former Academic Dean and Vice President for instruction, Dr. Bierle currently holds the position of Executive Director for H.I.S. Ministries in Minneapolis. Don and his wife, Vernee, have two grown sons.

New Service from CERC
The Christian Educational Resource Center has introduced a mail order library service. If you live outside the Twin City area or are unable to travel, but want access to good Christian materials, contact:
CERC (612) 604-0907
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Have you checked out our web page in the last few weeks? It has been updated and made more attractive. Stop by for the latest information on activities in the Twin Cities. We have added a recommended reading list which includes links to several sources for ordering books and videos.
http://members.aol.com/tccsa/tccsa.htm
Note: New e-mail address for editor on other side.

S.M.A.C.’s Major 1998 Creation Event
TCCSA members and friends are invited to Southern Minnesota Association for Creation’s major creation event for 1998 with Dr. Gary Parker and Buddy Davis of Answers in Genesis Ministry. The event will be Saturday afternoon, 1:30 - 5:00 P.M. on March 28, 1998 at the Albert Lea Senior High School Auditorium, Albert Lea, Minnesota. This could very well be one of the most enjoyable family events you’ve ever attended. Buddy Davis will move you by the depth of his vital, faith-strengthening ministry, through his extraordinary music, story-telling and life size dinosaur models. Dr. Gary Parker will bring two unforgettable lectures titled “From Evolution to Creation” and “Mt. St. Helens, Grand Canyon & God’s Word”. Dr. John C. Whitcomb, co-author of The Genesis Flood, says of Dr. Parker, “He’s one of my favorite creation science lecturers”!

Previous S.M.A.C. events have drawn people from 20 states, Canada, and 400 cities nationwide. They guarantee this event will be worth the drive! Don’t miss this one!! No admission charge. More info: (507) 256-7211.
The Creation Research Society is sponsoring three outings for 1998. Two of these will be extended trailrides. The first, seven-day trailride in Montana's Bob Marshall Wilderness will start on August 20 and will cover nearly 100 miles. A new and more leisurely six-day trailride is planned in the San Juan Mountains of South Western Colorado, starting on September 28. Experienced Christian outfitters will be used. The Society also plans a three-day bus trip following the Pittsburgh International Conference on Creationism. The trip, which starts the morning of August 9 from the Conference area, will take the participants to Niagara Falls and will explore the geological implications of this great scenic wonder. These Creation Quest Expeditions will be lead by Dr. John Meyer who is an experienced expedition leader, scientist, and Director of the Van Andel Creation Research Center. For more information contact him at the Research Center, 6801 N. Highway 89, Chino Valley AZ 86323. He may also be reached at 520-636-1153.
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Dear TCCSA members and friends;

In reviewing some of the highlights of 1997, several things stand out in regard to our meetings. We had an interesting variety of presentations from some excellent speakers. Geologist Russ Hanson of In The Beginning, Inc., made an interesting presentation on the fossil record, and geologist Dr. Don Patton reported on Topsy-Turvy fossils. In September, Australian John Mackay of Creation Research gave us a slide presentation of some of God's creation wonders found on the other side of the world. David Stoltzman showed us scenes through the telescope including the Hale-Bopp comet. Ian Taylor of Creation Moments covered the controversy about archaeopteryx. Dr. Randy Guliuzza made a most interesting presentation on the human visual system in our last meeting of the year. It was after that meeting that a member of the audience challenged Randy to a debate. Randy is willing to debate him, but at this time we do not have a time or place scheduled.

Our interim board secretary, Walter Lang, moved from the Twin Cities to Seattle, Washington. Russ McGlenn is now acting secretary. This does bring up the perennial problem of having adequate board members to help with the leadership activities of TCCSA. Fred Quant became our newest board member in 1997.

Financial Report
The TCCSA income for 1997, not including Adventure Safaris, was $3819.60 with $1080 coming from membership dues. Expenses for TCCSA activities totaled $3236.24. The Adventure Safaris income received through TCCSA was $6686.27. Russ McGlenn support income was $4420.00 and special project income was $2266.27. Support money paid to Russ was $3658.78, and special project expenses were $1743.12. Income for the conference fund from sales of conference proceedings books was $1196.10. Some of this money was distributed to TCCSA, Northwestern College and Genesis Institute, the ones which sponsored the conference. Total disbursements from the conference fund was $1315.05. The year-end bank balances for these funds are TCCSA $1614.91, McGlenn $1236.22 and Conference $693.54. There was no activity for the flood model fund.

Adventure Safaris report summary
The Adventure Safaris Science Fair for home schoolers was held at Har Mar Mall in Roseville on Feb. 1-2, 1997 with 69 entrants. It was a success, and will be repeated on Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 1998. It may be history by the time you receive this letter.

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Both Russ McGlenn and John Nuckols have had speaking engagements at churches, Christian schools and camps, in addition to their home school teaching activities. Russ also continues to work with refugee children in Bible and Science Investigation Clubs (BASICS).

One of the main summer activities for Adventure Safaris was the Dinosaur Dig. Because of the unavailability of the Hanson Ranch, a new dig site had to be found. Russ and John checked out several locations and selected the Cedar Ridge Ranch in North Dakota. The first week of July Russ and his son Kevin hauled a 3 ton trailer of equipment to the ranch. John set up the plumbing and electrical service for the camp.

**From the Dig Report:**

"The dig lasted for six weeks with forty-nine people in attendance. The dig was at Cedar Ridge Ranch, Rhame, North Dakota, a working cattle ranch of over 12,000 acres. Most people camped in a picturesque draw. The first week in July was quite stormy, but after that the weather stabilized with rain a few times on the weekends. Most of the summer it was sunny with dry humidity. Grids were built on several sites to assist in mapping and recording the bone locations and relationships. A forty page Creation Science workbook was written by Russ McGlenn especially for this camp. It supplemented the main textbook which was *Handbook of Paleo-Preparation Technique*, by Howard H. Converse, Jr., 1984. There was also a library of Creation Science books as well as geology and fossil handbooks and books on other related topics. People enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a real dinosaur dig. Many said they would like to come back in the future."

When the fall school term began, Russ started with about 500 students in 11 home school co-ops. John started with 720 students in 19 co-ups, some of which are in Wisconsin.

John has taken over the book selling activities that Walter Lang had provided while he was in the Twin Cities. A Creation Science Hot-line has been established by Russ where students can call in, write, or e-mail requests for information in defending their faith against the evolutionary philosophy they face in school.

**Meetings for 1998**

We have some interesting speakers lined up for this year but are always looking for recommendations for other speakers or specific topics. Global warming is a hot political topic these days, and a meeting on some of the related facts that you don't hear about from the news media is under consideration.

We thank you for your support during the past year. And a special thanks to all those who have helped with promotion activities. There are a lot of people out there who still don't know we exist and who can benefit from our meetings. Help us locate them.

**The TCCSA Board**