

M. CVIDS NEWSLETTER:

Since the very beginning of the organization, CVIDS has sent out a newsletter to its members. Because our members are spread out over a large geographical area in Eastern Iowa and Northwestern Illinois, many members cannot make all the meetings. Therefore, the newsletter plays vital roles in helping our widely scattered members stay connected with the group and keeping members informed about upcoming activities.

At present, the newsletter is sent out approximately bimonthly. Most members receive their newsletter electronically; a printed copy is mailed to members who do not have access to E-mail. The newsletter usually contains minutes of the previous meeting (and of any recent executive board meeting), a calendar of coming events, an agenda and driving directions for the next meeting, and any other material which needs to be distributed to all members. Recent newsletters have included updates on preparations for this summer's Region One meeting, a feature called "Meet The Members," which features short biosketches of individual members, the winners of the annual Betty Miller Photo Contest, and occasional articles on topics of interest to CVIDS members.

All members are encouraged to send contributions of any length to the Newsletter Editor (Lynn Stoll, walnuthill@hughes.net). From time to time, the editor will solicit short contributions on a specific topic or question. Individual responses will be gathered and presented as a summary article. If you have an idea for a topic you would like to see covered in the newsletter, please contact the Editor.