

## Leadership Noble County Members Tour SGP Site

Members of the non-profit organization Leadership Noble County (<http://www.leadershipnoblecounty.com/>) visited the SGP Central Facility on October 16, 2008. Their tour was conducted by SGP Associate Site Operations Manager and Site Safety Officer John Schatz.

The group viewed an ARM overview video, then participated in a question-and-answer period. John led a walking tour encompassing the major instrument systems and platforms at the site, including the balloon-borne sounding system, radiometer calibration facility, aerosol observation system, 60-meter tower instrument suite, millimeter-wavelength cloud radar, guest instrument facility, radiometric meteorological surface instruments, and 915-MHz wind profilers. In addition to asking excellent questions about program goals and the equipment, the group also posed valuable questions regarding the economic impact of the ACRF site on the local economies.

Leadership Noble County gives current and emerging leaders in the Noble County area an opportunity to explore the concept of leadership and to develop and improve their leadership skills and abilities through a nine-month course of study specifically designed to challenge, inspire, and educate current and emerging leaders.



Members of Leadership Noble County toured the SGP Central Facility on October 16, 2008 (ARM photo).

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## New Site Mascot Takes the Reins

As we reported with great regret in our December 2007 issue, SGP icon and site dog Munchkin passed away on December 12, 2007. Site personnel have been carrying on without him with heavy hearts. Much to everyone's surprise, a successor of a different species has found his way to the rural research facility and has endeared himself to workers at the site. John Schatz conveys the tale of the new site mascot, Wild Bill the kitty cat:

*Wild Bill came to the site about a year ago and was dubbed "Wild Bill," not because he was the "meanest, toughest, rip-roaringest, Edward-Everett-Hortonest hombre what ever packed a six-shooter"; that was actually Yosemite Sam. Rather, he would come and want to be fed, but being a wild cat, Wild Bill didn't want to be around people. But with time, Bill started to take a shine to us; Marilyn Dowell, Dan Rusk, and Tim Grove probably get the most credit for taming Wild Bill. Today, Wild Bill loves to be petted and still, of course, fed. He has helped some in keeping the mouse population down, and we are grateful for that. So if you visit the site and sit on a concrete step outside, you can expect Wild Bill to come over and expect to be petted. If you are lucky, he may even bring you a mouse.*



Munchkin on his rounds at the SGP Central Facility (ARM photo).



Wild Bill, the SGP Central Facility's new Chief Mouser (ARM photo).