SAS TO SPONSOR SPECIAL FACSS SYMPOSIUM

NOMINATIONS FOR 2009 LESTER STROCK AWARD
The Society for Applied Spectroscopy is currently accepting nominations for the 2009 Lester Strock Award. This award was established by the New England Section and is given annually to an author or authors of an outstanding paper or series of papers which are collectively outstanding. The paper(s) to be considered shall have appeared during the five (5) years preceding the year of the award, and shall have been on analytical spectroscopy. The selection committee shall give particular attention to the scientific interests of Lester W. Strock in the geological and life sciences, as exemplified by his publications. Nomination for the award may be made by any member of the Society. The award will be formally presented at the SAS Wine and Cheese Reception at FACSS in Fall 2009. Nominations should include a PDF copy of the paper (if possible), name, volume, date and page number of the publication in which it appeared, and a brief letter summarizing why you feel the paper is outstanding.

Please submit your nominations to the Lester Strock Award Committee to officeAts-a-s.org by September 1, 2008.

PIEDMONT SECTION SAS STUDENT TRAVEL
Piedmont Section SAS Travel Awards are available to SAS Student Members in the Piedmont Section to present their research at the SAS National Meeting, FACSS (http://facss.org). Oral and poster presentations are eligible; students must be the presenting author. In order to be eligible for a travel award, the student and research director must both be members of the Piedmont Section of the Society for Applied Spectroscopy. Membership application materials are available on the web at http://www.s-a-s.org/renewal-application.htm, or by contacting the SAS Office at 301-694-8122, Fax 301-694-6860, Postal address: 201 B Broadway Street, Frederick, MD 21701-6501, email: officeAts-a-s.org. Travel awards are limited to $500, only one student per research director will be supported, and the university must be located within the Piedmont Section. The Piedmont Section includes universities located in the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Eligible expenses include student conference registration, student travel, student accommodation, and student meals. Receipts are required for all expenses.

Applications consist of (1) a completed application form (available from butcherATemail.wcu.edu), (2) a copy of the abstract, (3) a letter of acceptance of the paper from FACSS, and (4) a letter of support from the student’s research director. Applications are due on September 5, 2008. The entire application must be submitted electronically to Professor David Butcher at butcherATemail.wcu.edu.

TOUR DE FACSS
Fred LaPlant has had the very great pleasure to ride in the Tour of the California Alps (a.k.a., the Death Ride) twice over the past 4 years. FACSS 2008 is in Reno, NV which is about 30-40 minutes north of the Death Ride course. Fred is planning on doing the first four of the five passes, about 80 miles, on Saturday, September 27, the day before FACSS starts. The ride has some steep bits, but it’s a beautiful ride and a good challenge for the moderately fit cyclist. Details about the course and other information are available at www.deathride.com. If you are interested in joining us for the ride (or just the party afterwards), or would like more information, please contact Fred at flaplant@mmm.com or 651-271-3460. Hope to see you there.