



**Washington D.C. Section
Institute of Transportation Engineers**

WDCSITE

April 2004 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

WDCSITE has a number of exciting member events planned for the Spring and Summer of 2004. You should have received information and a registration form for the 2004 District 2 Annual meeting that will be held at the Greenbelt Marriott on May 13th and 14th. You will find additional information about the meeting in this newsletter. Please plan on attending the meeting as well as the social and golf outings that are part of the program. The registration deadline for the meeting is **May 7th**. Registration and payment for the golf outing are due by **April 26th**. Please contact Maureen Decker (MaureenTD@aol.com) for information or to register for the golf tournament. For the first time this year, all registration information is being sent to members by e-mail only. If you know of anyone that may not have heard of the meeting or has not received the meeting information, please let him or her know.

Our second Technical Meeting of 2004 provided WDCSITE members and guests an opportunity to recap the recent I-95 tanker fire at the I-895 junction just to the south of Baltimore City. Corporal Reynold Giese of the Maryland Transportation Authority Police, Crash Reconstruction Unit and Mr. Alvin Marquess of Maryland SHA-CHART presented information on this catastrophic event including the sequence of events, a summary of the extraordinary inter-agency coordination, and a discussion of the resultant accident investigations and safety audits.



Ed Papazian, ITE International Director and Bala Akundi, WDCSITE President.



Eric Tabacek, Golf Tournament Co-Chair for the District 2 Annual Meeting and Matt Allen, WDCSITE Technical Programs Coordinator.



Corporal Reynold Giese, Maryland Transportation Authority Police Crash Reconstruction Unit and Roxane Mukai, WDCSITE District 2 Representative.

This newsletter also includes information on the District 2 Board elections for which you should be receiving the ballots in the next few days. Please remember to send in your ballots or bring them to the meeting in Greenbelt on May 13th. The younger member committee has also put together some exciting events for the summer and those details are also included in this newsletter.

If you have any suggestions on technical programs or other section activities, please feel free to contact any of the Board members.

Thank You
Bala

District 2 Annual Meeting, MAY 13 & 14.

Highlights this year include an update on the Transportation Equity Act - 21 reauthorization which affects each and everyone of us in the transportation profession; stimulating discussions on alleviating congestion with managed lanes, planning for special events; and discussions on improving the way transportation planners and traffic engineers work together.

In addition, to the technical program don't miss the opportunity network with fellow colleagues in the mid-Atlantic region, see the latest at the vendor exhibits, meet Tom Clausen and Rich Romer candidates for ITE International Vice Presidents and Tim Harpst the current International Vice President. Our favorite WTOP evening traffic reporter, Bob Marbourg is prepared to advise us on how we can fix traffic problems. Plus have some fun - play golf at the Patuxent Greens Golf Course in nearby Laurel, Maryland, or visit the College Park Aviation Museum, and tour Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority's Greenbelt Maintenance Facility. **Register by May 7th. For more information visit www.wdcsite.net**

Pat Timbrook, District Annual Meeting Chairperson

Report from the International Director

The District 2 nominating committee has developed its slate of candidates for next year, including two good candidates for Secretary Treasurer. You should have recently received your ballot. Please, don't put it aside. Make it a point to vote!

I look forward to seeing you at the District 2 meeting. In addition to the fine technical program, you'll have an opportunity to meet the two candidates for International Vice President and Tim Harpst and I will give an overview of ITE at the international level. See you May 13 and 14.

Ed Papazian

2004 TECHNICAL MEETINGS

- Early September (Date and location to be determined)
- Early December (Date and location to be determined)

2004 YOUNGER MEMBER ACTIVITIES (MEMBERS OF ALL AGES WELCOME)

- **Wednesday, June 30, 2004 - 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM**
National Museum of American History *America on the Move* Exhibit Tour – Meet for lunch at the Smithsonian cafeteria at 11:30 AM. Susan Tolbert will guide a discussion on the expanding suburbs of the 20th century and lead members on a behind-the-scenes tour of the exhibit. Tour is free lunch is at your own cost. For additional information:
<http://americanhistory.si.edu/onthemove/index.html>

Address and Directions: 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Use the Washington D.C. Metro Blue or Orange Lines and exit at Smithsonian Station.

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- **July 23, 2004 – 12 noon to 1:00 PM Picnic on the Backfield, 1:00 to 3:30 PM Tour (Tentative) Maryland State Highway Administration Office of Traffic, Signal Shop, Sign Shop and CHART Tour and Picnic** – Ever wonder: How are large freeway guide signs fabricated? How can signal timings be changed remotely? How incident response teams are dispatched and emergency detours implemented? Join other younger members on a free tour of SHA's state of the art facilities.

Address: 7941 Connelly Drive, Hanover, MD 21076

- **Friday, August 27, 2004 – 5:30 PM to ??**
Back-to-School Happy Hour – As the long summer days draw to a close, unwind from a long week at Nottingham's Tavern in Columbia, Maryland. Enjoy cold beverages, hot appetizers, billiards and an outdoor patio.

Address and Directions: 8850 Stanford Boulevard #1200, Columbia, MD 21045. Follow Dobbin Road into Stanford Boulevard.

Questions? Ideas for new events? Call Paul Silberman (psilberman@sabra-wang.com) or Keith Riniker (kriniker@sabra-wang.com) at 410-737-6564. Provide input and make suggestions to help WDCSITE work for you.

NEWSBRIEFS

Development of a Highway Safety Manual

Link to TRB: http://gulliver.trb.org/publications/nchrp/nchrp_w62.pdf

Roadway Safety Tools for Local Agencies

Link to TRB: http://gulliver.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=2393

Organizational and Expertise Directory (Spring 2004)

Link to FHWA: <http://www.tfhr.gov/about/04084/index.htm>

Can You Hear Me Now?

Link to Federal Computer Week: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2004/0329/pol-dhs-03-29-04.asp>

The Freight Story: A National Perspective on Enhancing Freight Transportation

Link to FHWA: http://www.itsdocs.fhwa.dot.gov/JPODOCS/REPTS_TE//13688.html

Ramp Management and Control Handbook - FHWA Soliciting Volunteer Reviewers

Link to FHWA: http://tmcpsf.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/cfprojects/new_detail.cfm?id=57&new=4

American Planning Association Annual Meeting - April 24-28 - Washington, DC

Link to APA: <http://www.planning.org/2004conference/index.htm>

Container and Truck Trailer Security Project

Link to I-95 Corridor Coalition:

<http://144.202.240.28/pman/projectmanagement/Upfiles/reports/full238.pdf>

Configuration Management for Transportation Management Systems Handbook - Final Report

Link to USDOT: http://www.itsdocs.fhwa.dot.gov/JPODOCS/REPTS_TE//13885.html

FHWA/TRB Managed and Priced Lanes Workshop - Summary of Workshop Results

Link to FHWA: http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/travel/traffic/managed_lanes/index.htm

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What Would You Like to Gain from WDCSITE in 2004?

Is there a transportation-related project, issue, or topic that you'd like to see discussed at an upcoming WDCSITE meeting? Are there particular events or activities you'd like to see as part of a WDCSITE outing? Would you like to get involved in other WDCSITE activities such as producing newsletters, developing a WDCSITE directory, performing trip generation analyses, or planning events? Any other ideas for increasing the value of your WDCSITE membership? We are currently working on future programs for 2004 and would like to hear your ideas. Please contact Matt Allen, WDCSITE Technical Programs Coordinator (M.Allen@WallaceMontgomery.com) with any questions or comments.

Support your local ITE Section and bring a business associate/younger member.

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