



WDCSITE

MAY 2004 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

The Washington DC Section hosted this year's Annual District 2 Meeting at the Greenbelt Marriott on May 13th and 14th. The meeting was well attended with representation from a number of Public and Private sector agencies as well as vendors who showcased various state-of-the art products in the traffic engineering field. Many thanks to Pat Timbrook of Street Smarts who, as Meeting Chair, made all the arrangements for the meeting and led a team of dedicated volunteers to develop an interesting technical and social program that kept everyone interested and involved. Pat was ably assisted by Matt Storck (STV) and Dan Hardy (MNCPPC) on technical programs, Alan Brick-Turin (HNTB) on registration, Matt Allen (WMA) on vendors and sponsorship, K.R. Marshall (E&K) as publications chair, Stephanie Yanovitz (GPI) who despite being on maternity leave arranged for and took people on a tour of the WMATA Maintenance Facility and the College Park Aviation Museum, and Maureen Decker who made all the arrangements for the ever popular golf tournament. Many thanks to all those that helped arrange the meeting and to everyone that moderated sessions over the two-day period. Thanks also to all the speakers who provided an overview of what is happening in the various regions of the District and presentation on specific topics and projects that are of interest to the transportation community. More information about the speakers and topics is found in later sections of this newsletter as well as on the WDCSITE website at <http://www.wdcsite.net>. After hosting the District 2 Annual meeting for two consecutive years, next year's meeting will be in Wilmington, Delaware and will be hosted by MASITE. We will keep everyone informed of the meeting dates and opportunities to participate in the program development for all section and District meetings through this newsletter and via e-mail.

There are several exciting events planned for the upcoming summer months. Please refer to the Younger Member Activities notices. Younger Member activities are open to all WDCSITE members. ITS MD has also invited us to their annual baseball outing – see details below. I hope everyone can come out and enjoy these technical/social outings. Hope everyone has a good summer!!

Thank You
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CATCH A GAME with ITS Maryland!

ITS Maryland cordially invites you and your family to a fun-filled day at Oriole Park at Camden Yards as the Baltimore Orioles play host to their division rival, the New York Yankees. Plans include a family friendly pre-game party starting at 4:30 PM at the historic Babe Ruth Museum. The cost of the catered party and ballgame is only \$30 per ticket if purchased by an ITS MD member, or \$35 per ticket if purchased by a non-member – reduced from the actual cost of \$41. Limited FREE PARKING available at the Museum (available on a first come, first served basis with paid ticket orders).

MENU: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Chips, Snacks, Beer and Soft Drinks. All ticket orders must be received by June 11, 2004! Please contact Hubert Clay at 410-732-0500 x 1024 or hclay@baltometro.org.

District 2 Annual Meeting, MAY 13 & 14, Greenbelt Marriott.

We enjoyed another successful District 2 Annual Meeting, with nearly 150 persons registered for the two day event. Dr. Jonathan Upchurch opened the conference with an update on the progress of the reauthorization of the Transportation Bill SafeTEA. There are no guarantees on when bill will be signed. Thursday evening, Bob Marbourg of WTOP treated dinner attendees to a discussion regarding the media's perspective on transportation. Along the way on both days there were opportunities to visit with our vendor sponsors, network with members from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia and Virginia and enjoy lots of great food. On the technical side, session topics included professional development, traffic signal operations, managed lanes, safety, pedestrian & bicycle initiatives, transit initiatives and transportation planning. Speaking of hot topics: High Occupancy Toll Lanes (VA) and Express Toll Lanes (MD) drew a large audience. Day two included a tour of the inner workings of WMATA's Metro Maintenance Facility in Greenbelt and for those of us who believe a bad day at the golf course is better than a good day in the office, the links at Patuxent Greens in Laurel, MD was the place to be.

Pat Timbrook, District Annual Meeting Chairperson



Jonathan Upchurch speaking at the opening session



Attendees listening to technical presentation



Vendor Display – Control Technologies



Vendor Display – National Capital Industries



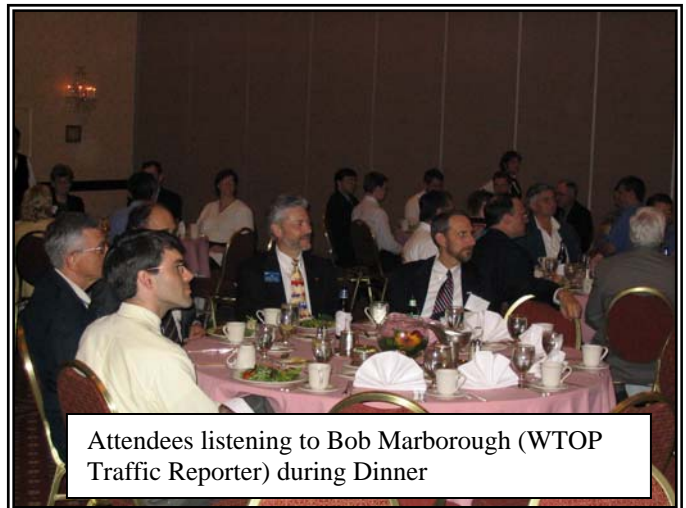
Vendor Display – Edwards & Kelcey



Vendor Display – Skycomp, Inc.



Gold and Silver Sponsors of the meeting



Attendees listening to Bob Marborough (WTOP Traffic Reporter) during Dinner

Due to space limitations, we are unable to include several other pictures of vendor displays as well as of other speakers – more pictures are available on the WDCSITE website.

Vendor Sponsors not shown here include:
Wallace, Montgomery & Associates, Inc.
Signal Service, Inc.
Electronic Integrated Systems, Inc.
Smartek Systems, Inc.
Cornet Technology, Inc.
Jamar Technologies, Inc.

Report from the ITE International Board of Direction

ITE International is thriving. Our membership and finances are strong. We are looking forward to record attendance at the upcoming Annual Meeting at Disney World. Next year, the Annual Meeting will be in Melbourne Australia and the mid year conference will be in Las Vegas.

ITE is emphasizing continuing education. These include online learning courses and professional development modules. Modules have been developed for the MUTCD 2000 and 2003 Revisions, Traffic Signal Clearance Intervals, and Engineering Intersections to Reduce Red-Light Running. These modules are available for presentation at a Section or District meeting and can be used for Professional Development Unit fulfillment.

At the last Board meeting mega-issues that face our profession and the Institute were discussed. Identified issues include safety, funding, congestion, goods movement, succession planning, education, and many others. In terms of education; the reduced number of transportation faculty, the resulting lower number of transportation programs in universities, and the increasing number of states that require continuing education credits for PE license renewal were discussed.

E-balloting will be used for the first time for the upcoming International elections. Once the system is refined, e-balloting may be utilized for Section and District elections.

Ed Papazian, International Director

2004 TECHNICAL MEETINGS

- September 23, 2004, Virginia Tech., Falls Church
- December 2, 2004, Market Inn, Washington, DC

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. RSVP to Paul Silberman at psilberman@sabra-wang.com or 410-737-6564 by June 23. 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.

- **July 30, 2004 – 12 noon to 1:00 Picnic on the Backfield, 1:00 to 3:30 PM Tour (Date Change)**
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. Although there is no cost for this event, you must RSVP in order to attend. Please note that there are a limited number of spaces, so RSVP early! RSVP to Keith Riniker at kriniker@sabra-wang.com

Address and Directions: 7941 Connelly Drive, Hanover, MD 21076. The backfield is behind the Maintenance Building on the south side of the complex. There is no parking adjacent to the backfield so you will need to park in the main lot and follow the path that begins at Traffic Drive. Traffic Drive is on the east side of the complex and there are on-going sign and signal product tests so look up and all around.

- **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. Please contact Paul Silberman for additional information at psilberman@sabra-wang.com. No RSVP needed.

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

US DOT Announces Changes to Federal ITS Program

Link to ITSA:

<http://www.itsa.org/itsnews.nsf/180c9c506bf5856985256c2d00174a12/66be2c59915b586a85256e8400142bd4?OpenDocument>

Seeing the Road Safely & Efficiently - articles on signage and roadway markings.

Link to TTI Researcher:

<http://tti.tamu.edu/researcher/newsletter.asp?vol=40&issue=1&article=0>

Roadway Self-Assessment Tool (ROSA) Version 2.0 Now Available

Link to FHWA: http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/news/news_detail.asp?ID=90

Evaluation of ATIS Impacts on Truck Travel Time Reliability

Link to JPO: http://www.itsdocs.fhwa.dot.gov//JPODOCS/REPTS_TE//13988.html

Work Zone Safety and Mobility Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (SNPRM)

Link to FHWA: <http://www.regulations.gov/freddocs/04-10902.htm>

Freeways, High-Occupancy Vehicle Systems, and Traffic Signal Systems 2003

Link to TRB: http://gulliver.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=3668

Transit Operations Decision Support Systems: Core Functional Requirements for Identification of Service Disruptions & Provision of Service Restoration Options 1.0

Link to FHWA: http://www.itsdocs.fhwa.dot.gov//JPODOCS/REPTS_TE//13964.html

Maryland Announces Express Toll Lanes Program

Link to MDOT:

<http://www.mdot.state.md.us/Express%20Toll%20Lanes/Express%20Toll%20Lanes%20Index>

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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