



WELCOME

It has been a couple of months since the last newsletter and during this period, the WDCSITE had a couple of exciting events organized by the Younger Member Committee – details of these events and pictures are included in this newsletter. We are gearing up for the Fall and Winter activities that include an all-day technical meeting in Northern Virginia on September 23 at the Virginia Tech Campus in Falls Church and a Fall Golf outing on October 6 at the Patuxent Greens Golf Course in Laurel. There is also a back-to-school happy hour scheduled for August 27th in Columbia (details are included in this newsletter). Please plan on attending some or all of these upcoming activities to meet other transportation professionals in the area. This year so far, we have had several new members come to our technical meetings, tours and other activities which is very encouraging and we would like to keep this up – so if you know anyone that has never attended one of our meetings, please bring them along or encourage them to attend.

If you would like more information about section activities, please visit the website @ www.wdcsite.net or contact any one of the Board members listed at the end of this newsletter.

Hope everyone is having a good summer and hope to see you at one of the upcoming meetings.

District 2 Golf Outing

Hérons, cats, and a few cicadas weren't the only ones who found refuge at Patuxent Greens, on the last day of the 2004 District 2 Annual Meeting. The forty-seven ITE golfers and their guests also found sanctuary at the course, as the mild breezes cooled the near 90-degree May temperatures. The event started with a 1:00 PM tee time, after all the foursomes organized and strategized on the practice greens. The event concluded as the sun set on the pond, and everyone enjoyed laughs and beverages in the clubhouse.

The competition in between was much like the hotter than normal temperatures, as the Best Overall Team Prize was awarded to Mike Flood (FHI), George Walton (PB), Vic Siaurusaitis (Baker) and Jim Frazier (Baker) for a score of 64. Honorable mention should be given, however, to the foursome consisting of Mike Marsolais (3M), Phil Humbertson (SHA), Harry Steven (Century) and Barry King (SHA), who battled the winners with a tie score through the five toughest holes. Tickets to the Preakness and the Orioles Game were presented as door prizes, Harry Steven of Century took home the prize for Closest to Pin, and Jim Frazier of Baker won for Longest Drive.

The District would like to thank Edwards & Kelcey, Greenhorne & O'Mara, Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc., and Michael Baker Corp. for supplying prizes and beverages. I also would like to thank Maureen Decker for arranging this tournament and the upcoming one in October

Thank you,
Bala

SMITHSONIAN: NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN HISTORY “America on the Move”

On June 30th, ITE members were given a behind the scenes tour of the new, Smithsonian Museum of American History “America on the Move” exhibit which catalogues the history of transportation in America. All modes of transport were covered, from horse-drawn carriages to bicycles, automobiles, streetcars, airlines and ports. The exhibit focused on specific geographic locations during key transportation eras, such as Chicago during the streetcar era, Houston during the freeway era, and Los Angeles during the container port era. Thanks to Susan Tolbert for hosting the WDCSITE tour!

Paul Silberman, Younger Member Co-Chair



Tracy Scriba, Ronald Weber and Keith Riniker gather for the beginning of the Smithsonian tour.



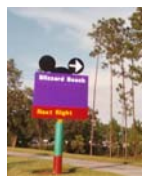
Picnic Images.

PICNIC ON THE BACKFIELD AND TOUR OF SHA’s Signal Shop, Sign Shop and CHART facilities

On July 30th, about 75 people attended a picnic and tour at the Maryland State Highway Administration's Office of Traffic and Safety. The tour included a look at the signal shop, sign shop and the CHART statewide operations center. Attendees learned the features of signal controllers, how controllers are tested, how timings are changed remotely, how signs are fabricated including letters, sizing, and reflectivity, as well as how incidents are monitored, responded and traffic alerted from the operations center. Thanks to Eric Tabacek, Ed Rodenhizer, Sonny Bailey and all of the OOTS, TDSO staff who set up, cooked the food and conducted the tours.

Keith Riniker and Paul Silberman, Younger Member Co-Chairs

2004 ITE ANNUAL MEETING AND EXHIBIT



The Coronado Spring Resorts at Walt Disney World.

Left: Jonathan Upchurch and Bob Winnick between sessions.



**2004 ITE ANNUAL MEETING AND EXHIBIT
ORLANDO, FLORIDA @ Walt Disney World's Coronado Spring Resort**

The venue for the 2004 ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit was out-of-the-ordinary for ITE. Rather than being held in a downtown location, this meeting was held in a large (2200 guest rooms!) resort within Walt Disney World. The entire conference was self-contained; even those venturing from the resort during the evening hours typically found themselves at another Disney location. Most of the guest rooms required an outdoor walk to the Convention Center. Fortunately, given the unsettled weather, each registrant received an umbrella along with his/her name tag!

This correspondent felt that the program was very solid, with most of the six tracks (Intersections, Traffic Engineering/Innovative Tools, Partnerships/Livable Communities, Operations/Transportation Management, Safety and Transportation Planning/Transit) having substantial direct traffic engineering applications. As is usually the case, WDCSITE was well-represented at the Meeting, and several members of the Section were able to uphold a tradition of finding a major league baseball game within driving distance! Alas, another tradition was broken: How could there NOT be live music at the House of Blues, even if it was a Monday night in August?

Timothy Ryan, WDCSITE Secretary/Treasurer

The ITE Board of Direction (BOD) met on July 30 and 31 at Disney World, just prior to the Annual Meeting. The BOD spent a day dealing with big picture issues involving (1) Knowledge-Based Governance and Decision Making and (2) Workforce Development. The formal BOD meeting was held on the second day.

The discussion of knowledge-based governance involved how organizations should be governed and how associations such as ITE can more effectively represent its membership. One item that was mentioned was that board should spend approximately 80 percent of its time dealing with mega-issues and the remaining 20 percent dealing with details of the organization.

Joe Toole of the FHWA, Dave Gehr of PB and formerly with VDOT, John Mason of Penn State, and Marty Lipinski of the University of Memphis, presented papers on the transportation work force. The board agreed that the transportation profession will face some serious issues in work force development and discussed possible roles for ITE to assist in workforce development. Possible strategies include assisting universities, to provide professional development and continuing education services and to provide and distribute educational material. No final decisions were made concerning the ITE role. This will be studied and discussed in more detail at the BOD's November meeting.

ITE continues to be a strong organization although there has been a slight drop in membership. This appears to be due to public agencies reducing the number of members that they pay dues for and some student members who failed to renew their associate standing after their year of free membership expired. The slight drop in membership is being offset by higher than expected publication sales. The Board voted to modify the member dues structure for 2005. Dues will be increased by 2 to 3 percent and the dues statement will contain a request for a \$5 contribution to the Professional Development Fund (PDF).

A fourth Professional Development Module, dealing with managing high technology transportation projects, has been developed and is available for purchase. Steps are being taken to provide access to these teaching CDs over the web. New publications that are coming out are Parking Generation by the end of October and Geometric Design Handbook by the end of the year.

The first e-balloting was a success with a few minor glitches. Steps will be taken to prevent them from occurring again. This year's e-balloting saved the Institute \$10,000 to \$12,000. A plan will be implemented within the next year, to allow sections and districts access to e-balloting. Interested sections




and districts need to examine their bylaws and propose and implement any changes needed to allow elections to be held by e-balloting.

Pre-registered attendance at the 2004 Annual Meeting was slightly below expectations. Despite this, District 2 was well represented at the meeting. There was a discussion of the 2005 Annual Meeting in Australia. One item that was mentioned was that there is a difference between a visa for personal travel and for business travel. Attendance at a conference such as the annual meeting is considered business travel. Information concerning next year's meeting will be provided by ITE.

I also attended the Coordinating Council meeting. One of the key needs of the councils is to obtain volunteers for technical projects. I will work with council presidents and vice presidents to solicit District 2 volunteers who will participate in the councils. Involvement with the councils is a good way for section members to become involved with ITE international activities and provides many benefits.

These are exciting times for ITE. Please feel free to contact me to discuss ITE matters.

Ed Papazian,
International Director

2004 ITE ANNUAL MEETING AND EXHIBIT (Additional Photos)		Tim Ryan presents his paper from behind the podium.
Ed Papazian and friends promote safety in the Exhibit hall.		
	Dinner in the Keys.	Traffic Engineering Council Meeting: Jeff Paniati, Lisa Fontana and Scott Wainwright happily complete their work.
		

2004 TECHNICAL MEETINGS

- September 23, 2004, Virginia Tech, Falls Church – program details will be e-mailed shortly
- December 2, 2004, Market Inn, Washington, DC

2004 YOUNGER MEMBER ACTIVITIES (MEMBERS OF ALL AGES WELCOME)

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.

2004 SOCIAL EVENTS

Wednesday, October 6, 2004 – Tee Time 8:30 AM

WDCSITE GOLF OUTING – Patuxent Greens Golf Course in Laurel. Best ball with shotgun start. \$100.00 Corporate Sponsorships available. Beverage court included in price of \$60.00 per golfer. Prizes awarded for best team score, long drive and closest to pin. Please contact Maureen Decker for additional information at Maureentd@AOL.com or 443-506-4180. Payment needed by September 20, 2004. Make checks payable to WDCSITE and mail to Maureen Decker, 4577 Kingscup Court, Ellicott City, MD 21042-5982

Address and Directions. 14415 Greenview Drive, Laurel, MD 20708. (301) 776-5533, www.patuxentgolf.com From I-95, take Route 198 East, cross Route 1, making a right on Laurel-Bowie Road, Route 197 South. Head South for two blocks, then turn left on Clubhouse Blvd. Cross Greenview Dr and turn left in the parking lot. The clubhouse will be the third building on your right.

2005 PLANNING AHEAD

District 2 Annual Meeting - Embassy Suites in Newark, DE
May 5-6, 2005

The District 2 Annual Meeting Committee hopes to recreate the success of the 2001 meeting, also held in this location, which continues to be easily accessible to most MASITE and WDCITE members. Save the date for this exciting Annual Meeting as we revisit the home of the University of Delaware Fighting Blue Hens! Please contact Rachel McGuire, District 2 Meeting Chair, if you are interested in a speaking opportunity or participating in the Meeting Committee. (Phone: 215-592-4200, email: RTMcGuire@MTmail.biz)

NEWSBRIEFS

TEA-21 Reauthorization Updates

Link to FHWA: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/reauthorization/sidebyside/htm>

Highway Safety Manual –website for input and discussion on the development of a manual to assist transportation practitioners to incorporate safety into planning, design and operations decisions.

Link to TRB: <http://www.highwaysafetymanual.org>

Road Safety Audit Updates

Link to FHWA: <http://www.roadwaysafetyaudits.org>

Workzone Safety Updates

Link to FHWA: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/safetytips/index.htm>

Safety Conscious Planning

Link to FHWA: <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/scp/index.htm>

Managing Travel for Planned Special Events Handbook and Supporting Materials

Link to FHWA: http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/program_areas/sp-evnts-mgmt.htm

Sixth International Symposium on Snow Removal and Ice Control Technology

Link to TRB: <http://trb.org/publications/circulars/ec063.pdf>

Appendixes to Measuring and Communicating the Effects of Incident Management Improvements

Link to TRB: http://gulliver.trb.org/publications/nchrp/nchrp_w64.pdf

Audit of the Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Safety Program

Link to FHWA: http://www.oig.dot.gov/show_pdf.php?id=1352

Office of Research, Development and Technology Organizational and Expertise Directory

Link to FHWA: <http://www.tfhr.gov/about/04108/index.htm>

ITS Benefits - Evaluation of Automated Pedestrian Detection at Signalized Intersections

Link to USDOT:

<http://www.benefitcost.its.dot.gov/ITS/benecost.nsf/5c36f979ce2c926a852569bc006c5713/bd10c691e3ce9d0085256ec1004e7d67?OpenDocument>

A Guide for Reducing Collisions Involving Heavy Trucks

Link to the NCHRP: http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=3943

A Review of Signalized Intersections: Information Guide

Link to FHWA: <http://www.tfhr.gov/safety/pubs/04091/index.htm>

Intelligent Transportation Systems in Work Zones - A Case Study

Link to FHWA: <http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/technologies/albuquerque/index.htm>

MMUCC (Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria) Web Site Launch Completes Update of Voluntary Crash Data Guidelines

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IBTTA 72nd Annual Meeting & Exposition - September 18 – 22, 2004 at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel in Philadelphia, PA

Link to IBTTA: www.ibtta.org

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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