



# News of the South

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## President's Message

By Slade Exley (*Deep South*)

I begin my year as President of the Southern District with a very serious sense of responsibility because of the many great engineers who have held this responsibility before me and the many great traditions and accomplishments the District enjoys. I feel very honored to be serving in this position considering the great leadership of many professionals whom I greatly admire and several who have had a great influence on my professional career. Thanks for your support and I look forward to working with you and getting to know the members better over the coming year.

My first task as President elect was to begin lining up committee chairs and members for our standing committees. This task was certainly simplified by the many members who willingly accepted my request to serve in various capacities. The achievements and traditions of the District are primarily accomplished by the committees that have clearly defined tasks and responsibilities.

My thanks to the prior leadership who put in many hours of work to develop the *Manual of Operations* that defines the officer and committee job

descriptions and responsibilities so well. As with any document of this type, not all the answers are there, but it provides some good guidance and we will deal with the unusual situations and unanswered questions as they arise.

We are fortunate to have Kenny Voorhies from Georgia serving as Vice President, Jim Meads from Alabama serving as Secretary/Treasurer, Bob Mabry from Mississippi as Past President and Gaye Sprague from South Carolina as District Representative. These men and women are very dedicated and fun to work with and will provide much needed support to the organization.

The Annual District Meeting will be coming up in Montgomery, Alabama April 18-21, 1999 at the Embassy Suites. The Board had its year-end meeting at this hotel in December 1997. This is a very beautiful facility reserved exclusively for us. Bubba Bowden and Nancy Hudson, co-chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee, along with their various committees have done a great deal of planning to host this meeting. Please plan to come to Montgomery and support the meeting. The annual meeting gives our membership many opportunities for learning, fun and

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fellowship with friends. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

The Board also met in Greenville, South Carolina this past December in preparation of our annual meeting in the year 2000. The Hyatt in downtown Greenville is another beautiful facility and we were all most impressed with the beautiful job the city of Greenville has done to revitalize their downtown area (editor's note: in anticipation of our upcoming meeting, certainly). Roger Dyar and Gaye Sprague are working very hard to make this upcoming meeting a memorable event that I am sure you will want to attend.

*Hope to see you in Montgomery!*

## International Director's Report

By Gaye Sprague (South Carolina)

A new year has begun, and the ITE Board's spring meeting will be held in Orlando on March 27. If you have anything you would like for me to bring up at the meeting, please let me know by March 13. We can usually send in agenda items up to about two weeks before the meeting.

There is not much to report since the last newsletter, but I did want to give you a brief update on the Traffic Engineering Certification program. About 130 people took the test in January. About 12 percent of those were from the Southern District.

This first round yielded 160 certifications. This number includes those who passed this test and those who had already passed the California test which will be recognized as an acceptable written test.

If I can get it together, there will be a panel discussion at the District meeting in Montgomery regarding certification. I have heard, but have not confirmed, that the test will be given again in Las Vegas before or after the International meeting.

Please call/fax me at 864/299-5393 if you have any questions or comments. It's an honor to represent you. The Southern District of ITE is an outstanding organization!

## 1999 Officers

At the Year-End meeting in Greenville, SC on December 4, the following District officers were sworn in:

- President: Slade F. Exley (DS)
- Vice President: Kenny O. Voorhies (GA)
- Secretary-Treasurer: James A. Meads (AL)
- Past President: Bob L. Mabry (DS)

We look forward to continued excellent leadership during the upcoming year from these fine officers.



Pictured left to right: Bob Mabry, Slade Exley, Kenny Voorhies, Jim Meads and Gaye Sprague

## Election of Year 2000 Officers

Ballots will be mailed soon for election of Year 2000 officers. The following thumbnail sketches are provided as a remainder to vote:

- **President:** Kenny Voorhies (current Vice-President) is running unopposed.
- **Vice-President:** Jim Meads (current Secretary-Treasurer) is running unopposed.
- **Secretary-Treasurer:** Two individuals are running for this position. Karen Mohammadi received her BSCE and MSTE from the University of Louisville. She is a Project Engineer for HNTB Corp. of

Louisville, KY. She is the president of the Kentucky Section and was Local Arrangements Co-Chair of the 1997 Annual Meeting in Louisville. John Van Winkle received his BSCE and MSTE from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. He is the City Traffic Engineer for Chattanooga, TN. He is a member and a Past-President of the Tennessee Section.

## MEET US IN MONTGOMERY!!!

Our Annual Meeting is April 18 – 21. Come experience the *Heart & Soul of the South!* We have a great meeting planned! Great Technical Sessions – sample topics:

- “Trip Generation for Entertainment Land Uses”
- “Calming Neighborhood Traffic with Speed Humps”
- “Impact of Shoulder Widths on Traffic Safety”
- “New Design Standards for Local Roads and Streets”

The Spouse/Guest program looks like it will be a great time. Plans include visiting Old Alabama Town, reception in their honor at the Chamber and a lot of other special events and gifts!

The Associated Business Division promises a lot of fun and good food at their “A Night at the Races!” event at Victory Land. Also plan to visit some of Montgomery’s star attractions:

- The Alabama Shakespeare Festival and Museum of Fine Arts attracts more than 460,000 visitors annually.
- The Shakespeare Festival has the distinction of being the fifth largest Shakespeare Festival in the world. A variety of productions are offered year round.
- The Museum of Fine Arts is the oldest fine arts institution in Alabama and exhibits a collection of more than 2,800 works, with emphasis on American

paintings, old master prints, regional art and decorative art.

- The Montgomery Zoo is not your typical zoo. It is a 40-acre wildlife park featuring more than 700 exotic animals from five continents in naturalistic, barrier free exhibits.
- The Alabama Science Center is a hands-on facility designed to generate interest in science. Through the use of hands-on exhibits, touch screen interactive computer programs and other exciting activities, the visitor is sure to find that “science that’s done is fun.”

## Upcoming Annual Meetings

The Southern District has a rich heritage of conducting informative and educational Annual Meetings, mixed with plenty of social occasions for members to learn from each other. The 2000 International ITE Annual Meeting will be held in Nashville. The following meeting sites have already been approved:

- 2000 — Greenville, SC, Hyatt Hotel
- 2001 — Williamsburg, VA, Williamsburg Marriott
- 2002 — New Orleans, LA, the District’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 2003 — Winston-Salem, NC
- 2004 — Kentucky
- 2005 — Georgia

## News of the South Newsletter of the Southern District (5)

*News and views of interest published by the Southern District (5) ITE.*

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## Past Presidents' Message

By Bob Mabry (Deep South)

Dear friends, colleagues, and fellow PTOE's\*,

I do appreciate the opportunity you gave me to serve you. This past year has truly been EXTRAordinary for me. I want to thank each one of you who helped to make it so by volunteering your time and talents to our ITE.

I am pleased to bring you the good news that I did pass the PTOE exam, relying only on my 14 years of experience in the field and the sheet of formulas & calculator that they loaned us at the test site. The test was broad ranging, but fair.

Whether you decide to take the exam or not, I want to encourage you to be PROFESSIONAL in all you do and to continue your support of our professional organization, ITE.

\*Traffic Engineering Certification

## Secretary-Treasurer's Report

By Jim Meads (Alabama)

The District account has a balance of \$25,456 as of November 25, 1998. The year-end balance is expected to be near \$32,000, an increase of about \$6,000.

### 1999 Budget

#### Income

Dues	10,500.00
Interest (Earnings on Investments)	2,000.00
Return of Annual Meeting Advance	<u>2,500.00</u>
	\$15,000.00

#### Expenses

Office Supplies	200.00
Newsletter	
Printing	4,000.00
Postage	1,500.00
Other Printing/Postage	
Printing	1,500.00
Postage	1,200.00
Annual Meeting Advance	2,500.00
Student Chapter Award	150.00
Student Paper Award	350.00
Student Chapter Grants	1,000.00
Technical Paper Awards	400.00
Miscellaneous Award Expenses	700.00
President's Travel Expenses	1,500.00
International Director	2,100.00
Board Expenses	300.00
Secretary/Treasurer Expenses	300.00
Fellowship - Burton Marsh	250.00
Annual Accounting Fee	50.00
WEB Site	200.00
Support of Year 2000 International Meeting	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$19,200.00

## Report on Web Site Update

During February and March 1999, under the guidance of David Robinson (NC), students from the NC State Chapter will be amending the content of the Southern District's web pages. Outdated information will be replaced by current information, existing links will be checked, and other links will be added. However no structural changes will be made to the web pages. During this period, members are asked to be patient (just like they should be when driving through a highway work zone!). Once all the updating has been made, members are invited to comment on any structural changes (additional pages, background color changes, etc.) that they might want to be considered.

## Summary of 1998 Annual Meeting

The Forty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Southern District was a “resounding success” as reported by General Chairman George Barnes (TN). The meeting was held in Memphis April 19-22, 1998 at the Marriott.

George reports that 288 ITE members, spouses, students and non-members attended the three day event. Twenty-one states were represented, including 71 attendees from Tennessee and a total of 219 from the nine states in the Southern District.

The well-attended technical sessions dealt with a wide range of traffic engineering subjects, including the issue of traffic calming.

The Memphis LAC introduced a new concept to highlight the 29 ABD exhibitors: A jazz band “lead-in” to a buffet luncheon in the exhibit gallery. All attendees were given the opportunity to spend two hours reviewing exhibits and “talking shop” with each other and industry vendors.

The Monday and Tuesday evening functions were well attended. The Monday evening excursion sponsored by the ABD included a barbecue and a tour of Elvis Presley’s Graceland. The Tuesday evening annual banquet featured awards, prizes and a gift of two round trip air tickets for flights anywhere in the Northwest Airlines system.

The spouse/guest program was lively, varied, educational and enjoyed by 49 attendees. They toured and lunched at a historic mansion, viewed an international exhibition featuring Peru and learned some new recipes at a cooking school.

George notes special thanks are due his outstanding committee for a job well done and a wonderful spirit of cooperation and coordination.

## ITE Safety Council Awards

The Transportation Safety Council is seeking nominations for its two annual awards for outstanding contributions to the field of traffic safety. The Edmund R. Ricker Awards are given in two categories: individual and organization. The individual award is given to a person who is recognized as a leader in the field of traffic safety through his/her safety activities in professional organizations, in the community, or in the performance of traffic engineering. Past winners include George Black, James Pline, Nazir Lelani, Clarke Bennett, and John T. Hanna. The organization award is given to an organization that has provided exemplary support for traffic safety through financial support, public relations, or other means. Past recipients have included Transit New Zealand, The American Automobile Association, The World Bank and The Traffic Safety Association of British Columbia.

The nomination deadline is **April**

**30, 1999.** Please send your nomination, with a brief statement on the qualifications of the nominee to:

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The University of Memphis  
Memphis, TN 38152-6570  
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## News From The Sections

### ALABAMA SECTION

1999 Officers:

- President: Robby Anderson
- Vice President: Tim Taylor
- Secretary/Treasurer: Stacey Glass
- Past President: James Foster
- Affiliate Director: Tommy Lee
- Assistant Affiliate Director: Walter Dorsey
- Section Representative: Nancy Hudson

The Alabama Section has three meetings a year. Our Spring Meeting will be held in conjunction with the District Annual Meeting in Montgomery, April 18-21, 1999. June 9-11 will be our Annual Meeting in Gulf Shores. The Deep South Section will join us in a joint meeting. The Fall Meeting will be held on October 7 in Talladega, Alabama.

Make your plans to visit Montgomery, Heart & Soul of the South, April 18-21, 1999, for the 47<sup>th</sup> Southern District ITE Annual Meeting! We are looking forward to a great meeting. Don’t miss it!

## DEEP SOUTH SECTION

1999 Officers:

- President: L.P. Ledet
- Vice-President: Jeff Smith
- Secretary/Treasurer: Nick Ferlito
- District Representative: Robert Walker
- Affiliate Director: Jim Rhodes

This Year's Calender Is As Follows:

- Winter Meeting: Baton Rouge, La- Feb. 21-24
- Summer Meeting w/ Alabama Section: Gulf Shores, Al- June 9-11
- Fall Meeting: Hattiesburg, Ms - October

## GEORGIA SECTION

1999 Officers:

- President: John Hibbard
- Vice President: Betsy Williams
- Secretary Treasurer: Wassim Selman
- Section Representative: Rick Day/Charles Bopp, Jr.
- Immediate Past President: Ed Ellis
- Affiliate Director: Chuck Richard
- District Director: Richard Day

The annual meeting was held on Thursday, December 10, 1998 at the Druid Hills Country Club in Atlanta. The 101 attendees enjoyed an evening of fellowship and celebration of the Section's Southern District and International awards.

The following special awards were presented to outstanding individuals and organizations in the field of transportation:

- Georgia Section Agency Award: Clayton County Department of Transportation and Development
- Georgia Section Individual

Achievement Award:

Richard A. Day

- Transportation Professional of the Year: James E. Croy, Cobb County Director of Transportation
- Karl A. Bevins Distinguished Service Award: M. John Moskaluk

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of two \$1,500 scholarships to Georgia Tech students. The recipients were Dwayne Tedder and John Paul Gauthier. The Georgia Section scholarship fund presently has a balance of about \$47,000.

Upcoming Meetings:

- February 11, at Mary Mac's Tea Room; Guest Speaker: Bayne Smith, Assistant State Traffic Operations Engineer – Topic: The New Professional Traffic Operations Engineer Certification Exam
- March 5, at Sheraton Four Points; joint meeting with ASCE.
- April 7 (location TBD); one-day Advanced Transportation Controller Seminar, sponsored by ITS Committee
- May 13 at Georgia Tech
- June 10 at Mary Mac's Tea Room
- July 11-14 at King & Prince Resort in St. Simons Island

## KENTUCKY SECTION

1999 officers:

- President: Paul Slone
- Vice-President: Nick Stamatiadis
- Secretary/Treasurer: Steve Skaggs
- Director: Simon Cornett

- Director: Ron Herrington
- District 5 Rep: Lonnie Yates

At the end of 1998, the total membership of the section was 98 members with 33 associate members, 32 members, 7 fellows, 1 affiliate and 25 students. The section plans to hold four meetings in 1999.

Site selection for the 2005 Southern District Meeting began in 1998. All cities with a Convention and Visitor's Bureau in the Commonwealth were contacted and the choice of host city was narrowed to either Lexington, Covington or Bowling Green. This research was completed under the guidance of 2005 Site Selection Committee Members: Lonnie Yates, Karen Mohammadi and Paula Osborne.

The Section continued efforts to develop a web site that is expected to be up and running by the end of 1999. The section is looking for a host site.

Under the guidance of a new editor, Jo Anne Tingle, the Section newsletter was revamped this year. Two newsletters were published during 1998, one in the spring and one in the fall. Plans are in the works to develop an electronic version of the newsletter to help cut down on postage. The newsletter will eventually be e-mailed to members or posted on the web site.

The proceeds from the advertising for the newsletters, the golf outing and the auction are combined with half of each member's dues and individual contributions to provide funds for scholarships each year.

During 1998 the Section was pleased to present three scholarships to the following individuals:

- 1st Place (\$500): Emily Zechman, University of Kentucky
- 2nd Place (\$400): Giovanni Puccini, University of Kentucky
- 3rd Place (\$200): Anthony Layne Parkinson, University of Louisville

The SDITE Board has asked the Kentucky section to update the Annual Meeting Manual based upon our experiences hosting the meeting. Paula Osborne is continuing those efforts for the Kentucky Section.

Section meeting dates:

- April 1 in Frankfort
- July (TBA) in Lexington
- September 23 in Frankfort – Golf Outing and Picnic
- November 16 or 18 – Annual Meeting in Louisville

### **NORTH CAROLINA SECTION**

1999 Officers:

- President: Terry Snow
- Vice President: Greg Turner
- Secretary/Treasurer: Burt Tasaico
- Section Director: Don Bryson
- District Director: Bruce Leonard
- District Director: Terry Bellamy
- Affiliate Director: Terry Hopkins
- Affiliate Director: Mike Rutkowski
- Past President: Tom Kendig

1999 Meetings:

- April 22: Joint meeting w/ PENC in Raleigh; Contact Mark Atkinson

- Sept 16: Charlotte; Contact Lynn Purnell
- Nov 18-19: Annual Meeting in Raleigh; Contact Mark Atkinson

### **SOUTH CAROLINA SECTION**

The South Carolina Section is in the throws of its first constitutional crisis! Fortunately, there are no interns or independent counsels involved. The year started off normally, with a popularly elected slate of officers being sworn in at the annual business meeting. Then came the first officers meeting: Past President Todd Salvagin (WSA)—present; President Anna Salvagin (CMCOG)—present; Secretary/Treasurer Wayne Sarasua (Clemson)—present; Affiliate Director Wrenn Barrett (SCDOT)—present; Section Representative Michael Sexton (WSA)—not present, but accounted for; Vice President Michael Busch (City of Greenville) – AWOL! Turns out Michael had accepted a position in Georgia. Rumor has it that the opportunity was even more attractive to Michael because he could avoid helping the Year 2000 Local Arrangements Chairman, Roger Dyar with preparations for the District's Annual Meeting at the Hyatt in Downtown Greenville. Luckily, Linda Carpenter, last year's Secretary/Treasurer, has agreed to fill the post of Vice President.

Speaking of Roger Dyar – some people will do anything to show the profession in a favorable light! On Valentine's Day Roger was photographed kissing his wife Lisa on the front page of Greenville's Metro Section! Other South Carolinians in the news included

Howard Chapman, who was named as the interim Executive Director of the Charleston Area Regional Transportation Agency (CARTA). In this role, Howard will be responsible for expanding and upgrading the Charleston Area's (Charleston, North Charleston, Mount Pleasant, Sullivans Island, Isle of Palms, Hanahan, Kiawah Island, and Charleston County) transit system to an accessible, efficient, self-sustained, safe and dependable mode of public transportation for citizens and visitors alike. Wilbur Smith Associates Vice President of International Operations (and former Transportation Engineer of the Year) Jack Bonneville hung up his passport for the last time in January. He will be replaced by Brian Stanley, an Englishman who has already taken a liking to grits and barbeque. WSA was also proud to announce the hiring of Colin Kinton as a senior traffic engineer (previously from Chattanooga), and Bruce Brigman as a senior transportation engineer (previously with the SCDOT in Charleston).

At the annual business meeting in December, the Section recognized two outstanding accomplishments in the field of transportation. Pat Harrison of the SCDOT was recognized as the State's Transportation Engineer of the Year for her contributions to the profession while serving in a variety of roles with SCDOT and FHWA. The City of Greenville was recognized as the Agency of the Year for outstanding efforts to revitalize the Downtown area – particularly through the successful opening of the new Civic Center

(Bi-Lo Arena), the creation of an ITS traffic monitoring system including state-of-the-art CATV cameras, and the creation of pedestrian, transit, and automobile friendly environs.

### TENNESSEE SECTION

1999 Officers:

- President: John Gould
- Vice President: Alan Childers
- Secretary/Treasurer: Hollis Loveday
- Section Representative (1998-1999): Craig Hanchey
- Section Representative (1999-2000): Anthony Todd
- Past President: David Moss

The Tennessee Section ITE Board met in Knoxville on January 27<sup>th</sup> to plan activities for the year. The Section will continue its recent practice of holding several meetings in conjunction with meetings of other organizations. The goal is to

reach out to them and become involved in issues of mutual importance. Four meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows:

- March 8 – in Memphis
- May 23-25 – in Gatlinburg in conjunction with the “Southeastern Local Roads Conference”
- July 15-17 – in Nashville  
A two-day continuing education seminar is planned as part of the meeting.
- October 24-26 – in Oak Ridge in conjunction with the Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

A vacancy existed in the Vice President’s position for this year and Alan Childers (a Past President) has agreed to help out and serve as Vice President this year.

### VIRGINIA SECTION

1999 officers:

- President: John B. Kaoudis
- Vice President: Valerie Henchel
- Secretary/Treasurer: Warren Hughes
- Section Representative: Craig Eddy
- Section representative: Lynn Allsbrook
- Director (ITE): Jeff Minnix
- Director (ITE): Joe Wallace
- Director (Affiliate): George Rogerson, Jr.
- Director (Affiliate): Melinda Hofrichter
- Past President: Tom Slaughter

1999 Meeting Dates:

- March 23: Spring Meeting (joint meeting with ITSVirginia); Williamsburg
- June 24-25: Annual Meeting; Virginia Beach
- September 22: Fall Meeting; Charlottesville

## Southern District Membership

As of January 31, 1999

<u>Section</u>	<u>Total Members Voting</u>	<u>Student Members</u>	<u>Total Membership*</u>
Alabama	110	20	142
Deep South	116	19	151
Georgia	264	36	313
Kentucky	88	16	107
North Carolina	235	22	268
South Carolina	45	2	54
Tennessee	184	17	207
Virginia	<u>208</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>231</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1250</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>1473</b>

\*Total membership includes Institute Affiliates and Esteemed Colleagues, which are not reflected in this table.

## New Book Aims to Curb Bad Driving Habits

By Gary Michael Smith  
(Deep South)

Everyone feels that the drivers in their city are the worst. But when observed more objectively, certain trends in driving habits can be observed. For instance, the farther west you go—particularly the Midwest and Pacific Northwest—the more polite motorists seem to be. Particularly, pedestrians are given the right of way, and drivers generally are less impatient. This could be due to a number of factors such as enforcement of motor vehicle regulations by local law officers, and possibly reduced congestion on roadways.

Conversely, the northeast seems to subscribe to the pedestrian and driver beware edict, maybe because there are more people with less time. But the South, with its *laissez faire* attitude, offers quite a different environment. Indeed, although the South has the distinction of being known for moving (and driving) more slowly—probably because of the heat—it also has some of the most expensive automobile insurance rates in the country. One viewpoint, however, is that southerners are not necessarily less educated in the rules of the road or that crime is so bad that enforcement of driving laws take a back seat. Instead, like anywhere, drivers simply forget what they learned when they first began driving. Another problem may be that once in the driver's seat, motorists are not fully concentrating on driving because of the stress of everyday life such as raising a

family while working multiple jobs, employment or economic concerns, or numerous personal problems.

For these reasons, a new book was developed to try and make a difference by bringing to the attention of drivers some of the little (and not so little) nuances of being polite while driving. *The Complete Guide to Driving Etiquette. Taking the Rules of the Road a Step Further* focuses on the dos and don'ts of driving in a number of different environments: urban, suburban/residential, rural, interstate, and off road. The impetus behind this book is not to teach drivers how to drive but rather to remind them of a few rules, such as the "running a red light or completing a left turn" conundrum, while encouraging the practice of common courtesy once behind the wheel. Moreover, it is of paramount importance to remember that not following sensible driving decorum also can initiate the dangerous occurrence of road rage.

Although *Driving Etiquette* focuses on courteous driving, a number of statistics are included to help illustrate the number, type, and cause of automobile accidents. Also, other data were just too important to omit such as the comparison of the number of drivers killed annually versus the number of passengers killed in airline crashes, as well as the frequency of food objects thrown in fits of rage from vehicles at other vehicles.

*Driving Etiquette* is divided into three parts: The Art of Polite Driving, Driving Environments, and

Road Rage. Part 1 begins with a definition of etiquette and justification for having good manners while driving. Although you do not have to be Emily Post to be courteous, similar rules of etiquette for everyday situations often apply for motorists. For instance, if you turn a corner in a hallway in your office building and nearly bump into someone, you say "excuse me" and go around them—usually to the right. Similarly, if you turn a corner in your car and end up nose-to-nose with another vehicle, you should smile, wave, and go around them as opposed to grimacing and honking your horn while displaying a vulgar hand gesture.

The first chapter in Part 1 gives four good reasons why one should even bother with practicing politeness on the road while Chapter 2 offers suggestions on how drivers can take formal driving requirements a step further by showing common courtesy and patience, especially with older drivers. This chapter also addresses other ways to be gracious while driving by recognizing the need for personal space and by practicing spontaneous kindness. Chapters 3 through 7 present in-depth discussions on the five main driving environments, and these chapters suggest appropriate responses to a variety of driving situations.

The last two chapters provide information and statistical data on the phenomenon of driver aggression to include findings from case studies regarding the cause and implications of dangerous driving. This chapter also profiles specific behavior of the aggressive driver,

what triggers such behavior, and how to avoid these situations by using standard avoidance techniques to neutralize potentially volatile situations. Tips are offered on how to remain calm and reject your own impulses to instigate acts of aggression while driving.

Two appendices provide information on sleep deprivation and using cellular telephones, as well as data on activities dangerous to pedestrians. The "References, Suggested Reading/Viewing, and Contacts" section at the end of the book shows the sources used in the research of *Driving Etiquette*, and also gives numerous resources for additional information on driving statistics, driving instruction, and various points of contact.

There is a school of thought that the driver human actually is not inherently uninformed, negligent, or even aggressive. Instead, motorists today simply may be the product of an increasingly hectic lifestyle where more and more travelers are opting not for the efficient and environmentally friendly car pool of the 1980s but for the individual privacy and comfort provided by single-car commutes.

Although the title of this book may convey an air of levity, the text is a serious look at bad habits, and often the first step to correcting such habits is to admit their presence. Hopefully, this book can become a valuable tool for drivers education instructors in training new drivers. And maybe even experienced adult motorists will be motivated to

practice driving etiquette to help ensure their own safety and that of others with whom they share the road.

These excerpts were taken from *The Complete Guide to Driving Etiquette* (ISBN 0-9658380-1-3) available from Chatgris Press, P.O. Box 15092, New Orleans, LA 70175-5092, from online booksellers, and from Borders Books and Music in New Orleans. For more information, call 504-895-5219 or email [gsmith@comm.net](mailto:gsmith@comm.net).

### **A Final Note From the Editor:**

Many of you have noticed this newsletter is considerably shorter than previous editions. *News of the South* is a compilation of articles and reports submitted by members of the Southern District. You are encouraged to submit articles, reports and/or pictures to the newsletter. The more submissions we have the more information we can share- hint, hint.

Please send any submissions to  
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## Web Sites of the Southern District

**International Institute of Transportation Engineers:** <http://www.ite.org/>

**Southern District ITE:** <http://www2.ncsu.edu/sdite/>

### Sections

**Alabama Section:** <http://www.alsite.org/>

**Deep South Section:** <http://www.civil.msstate.edu/org/dsite>

**Georgia Section:** <http://traffic.ce.gatech.edu/itegeorgia/>

**North Carolina Section:** <http://itre.ncsu.edu/ncsite/index.html>

### Student Chapters

**Auburn University:** <http://www.auburn.edu/department/ce/>

**Mississippi University:** <http://www.msstate.edu/org/ite>

**North Carolina State University:** [http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/stud\\_orgs/ite/](http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/stud_orgs/ite/)

**University of Kentucky:** <http://www.engr.uky.edu/ce/studentto.html#ite>

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