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President's Message

By *Kenny Voorhies (Georgia)*

As I travel around our District, I see many interesting and innovative projects underway or in place. I believe that many of the projects that you are working on are noteworthy and will provide rich resource of "lessons learned" for others. In order to provide a forum for sharing information on innovative projects, I suggested to the 2000 District 5 Technical Committee, chaired by Dr. Ed Clark, that we add a session at the District Annual Meeting that provides a "Showcase" for innovative projects. The Technical Committee agreed to the concept (which was not my original idea but borrowed from ITS America) and several "Showcase" sessions have been scheduled at the Annual Meeting in Greenville.

At the December District Board Meeting I asked each Section Representative to convey to their Section Board that each State will be asked to make a 10-minute presentation on the most innovative and interesting project that is currently underway or recently completed. I believe that this will make an interesting and informative session for all of us. One part of this process that I did not comment on is the selection of a topic or speaker to represent each state. Each Section Board must determine a method for selecting their representative.

If this session is successful, I suggest that the District consider adopting a standard process and criteria for these presentations and possibly creating and award category for the "Showcase".

Please give me or Ed Clark feedback on the "Showcase" during or after the Annual Meeting. Which brings me to my second point of this message: Make your plans now to attend the Annual Meeting this year in Greenville on April 16-19. Roger Dyar, Gaye Sprague and many others are putting together a great program. The meeting will be even more successful if you are there and participating in the many activities. I look forward to seeing you there.

International Director's Message

By *Richard Atkins (North Carolina)*

The new millennium brings about great challenges for me personally and professionally. I retired as Director of the City of Greensboro DOT on November 30, 1999, and have now started my second career with Neel-Schaffer Inc. in their newly established North Carolina office in Greensboro. Additionally, I begin my three-year term as your representative on the International ITE Board. I attended my orientation training in November 1999 and was impressed with the professionalism of our headquarters staff and the range of services available to our members. My goals for SDITE in 2000 include: 1.) promoting greater understanding of the benefits of National ITE membership; 2.) promoting participation in the newly established Public Agency Memberships; and 3.) enhancing participation by state transportation professionals. To accomplish these goals, I will need your help. Please contact me if you have suggestions or concerns regarding our organization by telephone at (336) 851-1006 or via email at ratkins@neel-schaffer.com. Thank you for your support. I pledge to represent your interests at the national level.

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Upcoming SDITE 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 sites have been selected for upcoming SDITE Annual Meetings:

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

Y2K Annual SDITE Meeting



April 15-19, 2000 in Greenville, SC

The Greenville Local Arrangements Committee invites you to attend the 48th Southern District Annual Meeting **April 15 – 19, 2000 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown in Greenville, SC.** We have a wonderful time in store for all, so plan to attend and bring your significant other. Don't miss this opportunity to increase your professional knowledge, learn about new technology, catch up with old friends, make new ones, and have a fun-packed time. There's never a dull moment in Downtown Greenville!

Planned activities include:

- Sunday kicks off with an outing at Verdae Greens golf club.
- Sunday evening a reception will be held in the hotel atrium, as well as sponsored hospitality suites.
- The ABD is planning "An Evening Under the Stars" including a meal with sothern charm, music, dancing and special entertainment on Monday night.
- Spouses will be kept happy and busy. Shopping boutiques in downtown Greenville, browsing local antique shops and a visit to the Bob Jones Art Gallery are some of the activities planned.

Informative technical sessions on such topics as:

- Greenville CBD Traffic Plan Implementation
- Parking Program Development
- Reducing Collisions Using Camera Technology
- Use of ITS Data for Planning and Operations
- Professional Development Seminar
- Panel Discussions, Ethics and Hot Topics
- Innovations and Projects from the States in the SDITE

For those of you who would like to come in early or stay an extra day, the beautiful and historic Biltmore House is only one hour away in Asheville, North Carolina. Special rates are available for those who pre-register: \$140 for members, \$165 for non-members. Two-day registrations are also allowed (Sun/Mon or Tues/Wed) at a cost of \$85 per person. Spouse registration is \$90 for the entire meeting or \$65 for two days. Special hotel rates will also be available for attendees.

Nashville ITE Annual Meeting

By Robert Stammer (Tennessee)

Don't dare miss...The first ITE Annual Meeting of the New Millennium...right here in the Southern District! Nashville, TN on August 6-9, 2000 is the place to be! Mark your calendars TODAY for the **2000 ITE Annual Meeting** and start making plans to be in Nashville next August. The magnificent Opryland Hotel with all its fountains, waterfalls, a winding indoor river, beautiful vistas, and fine restaurants will host ITE's annual meeting. This hotel is one of the largest in all of the United States and is a truly great convention hotel.

A great technical meeting was finalized in November and the Local Arrangements Committee promises you lots of fun, music and good ole **SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY**. A variety of exhibits, technical tours and special guest tours of Music City's sites and Middle Tennessee's grandeur are planned. Plan to visit Music City's historic sites such as President Andrew Jackson's The Hermitage, other plantation homes, civil war battle sites, Jack Daniel's Distillery, and the Country Music Hall of Fame. Visit recording studios, go back stage at The Grand Old Opry, see the large Athena statue inside The Parthenon (a scale replica of the original wonder in Athens, Greece), dance at The Wildhorse



Saloon, ride on The General Jackson paddlewheel riverboat, or shop at the new and immense Opry Mills shopping complex adjacent to the Opryland Hotel. Believe us when we say that there are lots of choices in Nashville so bring the entire family.

We are going to roll out the red carpet and treat our guests to a great mix of technical sessions and tours, but blend professional advancement with entertainment and **SOCIALIZING** that will not be soon forgotten. Nashville is an easy drive for many of you. A newly renovated international airport also offers lots of economical flights from all over the southeast.

So...y'all come join us now, ya hear...or you are going to regret that you didn't!! Taking a little editorial liberty from Hank Williams, Jr. and Monday Night Football...."Are you **READY** for some**GOOD TIMES!!**" Well, we are ready to show you **GOOD TIMES** and expect to have a great **SDITE** crowd joining many others from all over the world in Nashville for ITE's 2000 Annual Meeting. As co-chairs for this meeting, please contact either of the Bob's (Murphy or Stammer) if you have any questions, or if we can make your stay in Nashville even more memorial. See you in August!

2001 SDITE Officer Elections

Ballots will be mailed soon for election of Year 2001 officers. Votes will be tabulated and announced at the District meeting in Greenville. The following overview is provided as an election remainder:

President: Jim Meads (current Vice-President) is unopposed.

Vice-President: John Van Winkle (current Secretary-Treasurer) is unopposed.

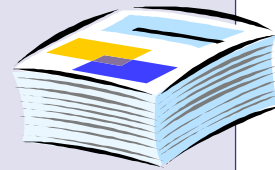
Secretary-Treasurer: Two individuals are running for this position:

Stan Polanis received a Certificate in Transportation & Traffic Engineering from Penn State Univ. and BS from Ashland College in Ohio. He serves as Assistant Director of Transportation for the City of Winston-Salem, NC. In addition, he worked as Studies Division Chief, Bureau of Accident Analysis for Penn DOT. He is a member and past president of the North Carolina Section. In 1996 he received the President's Award for Outstanding Service presented by the NC Section.

Roger Dyer received his BA and MSCE from Clemson University. He currently serves as manager of the transportation business unit for ARCADIS Geraghty & Miller. In addition, he worked as City Traffic Engineer of Greenville, SC, District 6 Traffic Engineer for the SC DOT and Deputy City Engineer for Charleston, SC. He is a member and past president of the South Carolina Section and is currently serving as Local Arrangments Chair for the 2000 Southern District meeting.

Call for Technical Papers and Committee Reports

The Southern District's Technical Council has issued a call for technical papers and reports to compete for the District's **Outstanding Sponsored Technical Paper**, **Outstanding Non-Sponsored Technical Paper**, and **Best Technical Committee Report**.



Technical Papers. The term "Sponsored" implies that the paper was prepared essentially as part of the author's job responsibility and on company time. The term "Non-Sponsored" implies that the paper was prepared on the author's own time and essentially apart from his/her job responsibility.

To qualify for the competition, the paper must meet the following requirements:

1. The author(s) shall be a member(s) of the Southern District.
2. The paper shall be typed, double-spaced, on one side of the page, and shall be a minimum of 1,500 words in length.
3. The paper shall have been completed since December 1, 1999.
4. The original and seven (7) copies shall be submitted no later than December 1, 2000 (see below.)
5. The cover letter should clearly state when the paper was completed and whether the paper is being submitted for the sponsored or non-sponsored award with an explanation related to the above definitions as to the category choice.

Papers will be judged on the basis of originality (20%), significance (20%), scope (15%), validity (20%), and applicability (15%). **\$150.00 for the winner and \$50.00 for the runner-up will be awarded in each category.**

Technical Committee Reports. To qualify for the competition, the report must meet the following requirements:

1. The report shall be written by a technical committee officially established by a Section in the Southern District.
2. The report shall be typed, double-spaced, on one side of the page, and shall be a minimum of 1,500 words in length.
3. The report shall have been completed since December 1, 1999.
4. The original and seven (7) copies shall be submitted no later than December 1, 2000 (see below.)
5. The cover letter should clearly state when the report was completed.

Reports will be judged on the basis of originality (20%), significance (20%), scope (15%), validity (20%), and applicability (15%). Papers and reports should be submitted to Gene Arnold, Chairman, SDITE Technical Council, c/o Virginia Transportation Research Council, 530 Edgemont Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903. Please address any questions to 804/293-1931, FAX 804/293-1990, or email garnold@vdot.state.va.us.

Southern District Membership

As of February 29, 2000

<u>Section</u>	<u>Total Members*</u>	<u>% of ITE Membership</u>
Alabama	142	1.05%
Deep South	146	1.08%
Georgia	335	2.48%
Kentucky	122	0.90%
North Carolina	263	1.84%
South Carolina	71	0.52%
Tennessee	203	1.50%
Virginia	<u>214</u>	<u>1.58%</u>
TOTALS	1496	11.05%

**Membership totals as provided by International ITE, does not include affiliates or ABD members.*

Transportation Tips

Co-editors: *Martin Bretherton (Georgia) and Bridget Smith (District 6)*

Camera, Camera, Camera's

by Don Galloway

The Sarasota County Traffic Operations Division is into cameras. We recently entered the field on three fronts.



Data Collection

Traffic Operations recently acquired a surplus ambulance, which had become available due to the merger of the City and County Fire Departments. The Division was able to fit a 60 foot telescoping tower to it and installed a video camera at the top. The inside was fitted out with a generator and a VCR so that we can park the vehicle anywhere and leave it for several hours while we tape traffic movements at a particular trouble spot. Most of the time we use time-lapse photography and record 12 hours of data on a two hour tape. If we are only interested in peak hour traffic, or observing school openings and closings, we use real time photography. Once we have the photoc records we can analyze it in the office and determine what remedial measures, if any, are appropriate.

Video Detection

Current vehicle detection systems usually consist of an inductive loop buried in the pavement. When a vehicle passes over the loop the metal causes a slight change in the wavelength of a small electric current in the loop. This change is "detected" by a microprocessor and the computer controlling the traffic signal timing uses the information to determine how long the green indication should be displayed for each direction. Research has led to the estimation that at any one time about 30% of all inductive loops are non-functional. They are disconnected at the beginning of any road construction project and cannot be used for temporary lanes during construction. New loops are not placed until it is time for applying the final surface course to the roadway. That is why traffic engineers are so interested in video detection. Road or utility construction does not damage video detection. They can be redirected when temporary by-pass lanes are being used. With video detection several rows of pixels in the camera's range of view are digitized. The digital pixels are analyzed 30 times a second for changes in the gray color. If there are changes something moved and thus a vehicle is detected. The county has installed video detection at Cattlemen Road and Wilkinson Road, at Mc Intosh Road and Wilkinson Road and at Cattlemen Road and Cattlebridge Road.

Video Monitoring

When the Bee Ridge Road-Cattlemen Road intersection was widened a few years ago we placed a camera on top of the truss. This camera provides direct live video to the Traffic Control Center at our Cattlemen Road offices. The ability to monitor traffic flows visually permits our engineers to adjust the signal timing plan if appropriate. The county recently installed monitoring cameras at Bee Ridge Road and Beneve Road for the same purpose and we are planning a similar installation at US 41 and Stickney Point Road. All cameras will be connected with our Traffic Control Center by fiber optic cable allowing image transmission at the speed of light.

For more information, please contact Don Galloway, P.E., City of Sarasota, (941) 316-1434

email: dgallow@co.sarasota.fl.us

This tip compiled by Martin Bretherton

National Transportation Library has TRIS Online

by Martin Bretherton & Russell Houston

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) and the Transportation Research Board (TRB) announced the availability of the TRIS Online on the National Transportation Research Library's (NTL) internet site. TRIS, Transportation Research Information



Service, is the world's largest and most comprehensive bibliographic database on transportation, and has been developed by TRB over the past 30 years with support from state and federal agencies. Web access to TRIS is a result of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Department of Transportation's BTS and TRB that was signed at the 78th annual meeting.

TRIS Online contains over 400,000 records of published and on-going research on all modes of transportation. TRIS Online will enhance TRIS by allowing users access to electronic copies of full text reports or to link then directly to the publishers or suppliers that produce the documents. TRIS will continue to be produced by TRB, and BTS will publish and make the database available as a component of the NTL and will also provide the links to full text reports and document publishers. It is anticipated that within three years, more than 70 percent of government reports will be listed in TRIS Online will be available electroni-

cally for downloading, printing or through email requests. The web sites are TRIS Online - <http://ntl.gov/tris> and NTL at <http://ntl.bts.gov/>

This tip provided by Martin Bretherton and originally published in the Washington Weekly, by Russel Houston.

Safe Moves Toward Ped/Bike Safety

by Bridget Smith

The City of San Leandro, California (population 74,000) recognizes that to truly affect changes in the way our community think about pedestrian and bicycle safety, we need to take a dynamic approach to educate the public. Static solutions such as leaflets have proven to be ineffective in affecting change. To facilitate the dynamic education process, the City retained the services of a non-profit safety education organization, Safe Moves.



Safe Moves conducts interactive workshops for school children of all ages, parents, and even seniors. The Safe Moves educators address bicycle, pedestrian, auto safety, and transit education safety. The workshops are geared specifically to different age groups. For young children "Safe Moves City"—a training course that provides hands-on exposure to sidewalks, streets, driveways, buses, cross-walk pedestrian signals, railroad tracks, car, trucks, streets, and even dogs - is the most effective tool. This simulated city allows children to work one-on-one with skilled safety trainers who evaluate the child's level of understanding of traffic laws and potential hazards and work with htmle to learn safe bicycle and pedestrian behavior. For more difficult age groups, typically middle and high school students, the program simulates a collision and the students are required to determine the causes of the crash and what might have been done to avoid it.

The City of San Leandro also has used Safe Moves to provide interactive pedestrian and bicycle safety workshops

to seniors. Our first workshop had over 30 seniors learning everything that the elementary aged children are taught ... especially riding a bike while wearing a helmet.

The collision rates involving pedestrians and bicyclists continue to drop each year in San Leandro and other cities and counties that have used Safe Moves. San Leandro's annual budget for this program is approximately \$35,000. Safe Moves makes all contacts and arrangements with schools within the City as well as special events.

Safe Moves has received numerous awards including the 1998 Improving Conditions for Bicycling and Walking, 1996 Secretary of Transportation Child Transportation Safety Award from USDOT, 1996 California Office of Traffic Safety Award, 1996 California League of Cities Helen Putnam Award, 1995 Los Angeles County PTA Leadership Award, and 1995 Caltrans Award for Excellence.

For more information about Safe Moves, contact Pat Hines, Executive Director of Safe Moves at (818) 908-5341, or Ray Davis, Transportation Administrator for the City of San Leandro at (510) 577-3438, email: rdavis@ci.san-leandro.ca.us, or 835 East 14th St., San Leandro, Cal 94577.

Traffic Manual - School Area Pedestrian Safety

by Martin Bretherton

Traffic control in school areas is a highly sensitive subject. California DOT has developed a Traffic Manual to provide guidance on this issue Chapter 10 of the manual has nine sections on how to handle requests for school zones, apply guidelines and policies, traffic studies required, developing school routes and crossings, signs and marking, handling the crossing design and operation. The chapter is 23 pages long and includes six figures of how to install school zone signs and signals.

The web site is <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/signtech/signdel/chp10/chap10.htm>

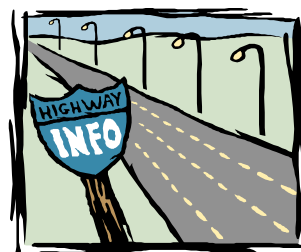
New Web Sites of the Southern District

Visit the new Tennessee Section web site at

<http://www.tsite.org>

See the back page of this newsletter for a complete listing of Southern District websites, or go to:

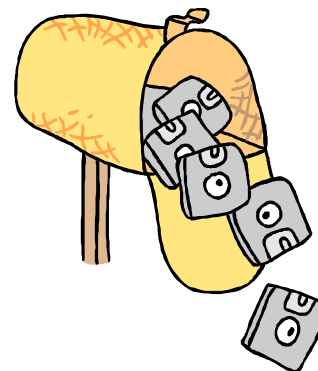
<http://www2.ncsu.edu/sdite/>



Member Feedback

Compiled by Gene Arnold (Virginia) and Colin Kinton (South Carolina)

A questionnaire was distributed by e-mail and included in the Fall 1999 SDITE Newsletter. The purpose of the questionnaire was to solicit feedback from District members regarding communication, the District web site and Newsletter publishing. The following is a summary of the survey results:



- Approximately 850 distributed via email on November 8, 1999
- Approximately 100 returned as undeliverable
- Approximately 100 usable surveys returned
- Survey also distributed in Fall Newsletter to capture those without email addresses

Based on 99 responses through January 21, 2000:

1. Did you receive the post cards announcing the posting of the newsletter on the web site?	69 Yes	25 No
2. Was the message on the post card clear?	68 Yes	3 No
3. Were you able to access the web site and read the newsletter?	77 Yes	6 No
4. Were you able to print the newsletter if you so desired?	63 Yes	9 No
If yes, do you have access to a color printer?	51 Yes	21 No
5. If you answered <i>No</i> to question 3 or 4, did you call for and receive a paper copy?	2 Yes	30 No
6. Do you like the new procedure?	73 Yes	10 No
7. Did you read and/or download the 1999 Yearbook from the web site?	36 Yes	50 No
8. Do you like having the Yearbook on the web?	58 Yes, 1 No	23 No Opinion

Comments from Respondents: (Comments were roughly 5 to 1 favorable to non-favorable.)

Favorable Comments:

- Cost savings on printing and postage
- Less paper mail, saves paper, less clutter
- More convenient, find it easier, easier access
- Easier to forward information to colleagues
- Efficient, good way to communicate
- More timely means of distribution
- Allows students to be more involved
- Can print multiple copies
- Easier for the editors

Negative Comments:

- No time to access web site and read newsletter
- No computer access
- Bigger audience the old way
- No encouragement to “browse” the newsletter, less likely to read
- Don’t check sites often
- Paper has more sense of permanency and easier to reference
- Great looking newsletter, web does not do it justice
- File too big
- Most here at NCDOT do not have external internet access

General Comments

- A number of respondents suggested that either the post card reminder or the newsletter itself be sent via email. An alternative would be to send an email with a url link. This eliminates a large attachment (i.e. the newsletter) to an email that often causes problems.
- Include an email address of the person from whom the newsletter can be requested on the post card.
- Include a technical article occasionally.

News from the Sections

ALABAMA SECTION

The Alabama Section officers for 2000 are:

Immediate Past President	Robby Anderson
President	Tim Taylor
Secretary/Treasurer	Becky White
Section Representative	James Brown
Affiliate Director	Walter Dorsey
Asst. Affiliate Director	J. G. Meyer

The meeting locations for 2000 are:

Spring Meeting	Tuscaloosa	March 9, 2000
Annual Meeting	Gulf Shores	June 5-9, 2000
Fall Meeting	Auburn	October 12, 2000

The Spring Meeting will be held March 9, 2000 at the Mercedes-Benz plant, manufacturer of the M-Class vehicle. If interested in attending, please contact Mr. Joe Robinson or Mr. David Griffin at (205) 349-0240.

As always, the Alabama Section's scholarship program is a huge success. Last year we gave two scholarships to students in Alabama. The Charles E. Alexander Transportation Engineering Scholar was Tracy Hamil, a student at Auburn University. Ms. Hamil was awarded a \$3,000 scholarship. The 1999 ALSITE Transportation Engineering Scholar was Donnie Jason. Mr. Jason received a \$1,000 scholarship. Currently the balance of our scholarship fund is over \$67,000. During our Strategic Planning process, the Alabama Section developed our state ITE web site. Please visit our site at www.alsite.org. Email any of the officers with questions or comments.

DEEP SOUTH SECTION

The Deep South Section Officers for 2000 are:

President	Jeff Smith
Vice President	Nick Ferlito
Secretary/Treasurer	Dan Gaillet
Section Rep.	Bob Canfield
Affiliate Director	Roger Melancon, Jr.

The meeting locations for 2000 are:

June	Gelfport, MS
November	TBD

A Section meeting was held Oct. 7-8 in Hattiesburg at the Lake Terrace Convention Center. Technical presentations included "Looking Roundabout the Deep South" presented by Bob Mabry "HCM Procedures for Roundabouts" presented by Dean Tekell, "Mississippi Fatal Crash Analysis" presented by Dr. James Epps, and "Gated Communities - Access Design" presented by Doug Robert and Kevin Moore. Other activities included a business meeting and golf outing.

GEORGIA SECTION

The Georgia Section Officers for 2000 are:

President	Betsy Williams, P.E., PTOE
Vice President	Wassim Selman, P.E.
Secretary/Treasurer	Bayne Smith, P.E., PTOE
Dist Rep(Sr.)	Rick Day, P.E.
Dist Rep (Sr.)	John Moskaluk, P.E.
Dist Rep (Jr.)	Martin Bretherton, P.E.
Affiliate Director	Teresa Epple

The meeting locations for 2000 are:

Feb 19	Mary Macs, Atlanta, Ga., Speaker - David Clark
March 3	Four Points Hotel, Atlanta, Ga., Joint Meeting with ASCE
April 13	Mary Macs, Atlanta, Ga., Speaker - TBA
May 11	Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Ga, Speakers - TBA
June 8	Mary Macs, Atlanta, Ga., Speaker - TBA
July 30	King & Prince Hotel, St. Simons, Ga., Summer Seminar
Aug 10	Mary Macs, Atlanta, Ga., Speaker - TBA
Sept 14	Southern Polytech, Marietta, Ga., Speaker TBA
Oct 12	Mary Macs, Atlanta, Ga., Speaker - TBA
Nov 9	Mary Macs, Atlanta, Ga., Speaker - TBA
Dec 7	Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet, Druid Hills Golf Club

Commissioner Wayne Shackelford was named as the John D. Edwards, Jr. Transportation Professional of the Year for 1999 by the Georgia Section for his service as Commissioner of the Georgia DOT and his dedication to the mobility and safety of the citizens of the state. This award is presented annually to "a transportation professional who has contributed substantially, over the years, to the safe and efficient movement of people or goods." Commissioner Shackelford will retire this summer after nine years as Commissioner of the Georgia DOT. Under his leadership, the DOT has received numerous national awards for excellence and Commissioner Shackelford has led the Department to become a true multi-modal agency.

Other 1999 Georgia Section award recipients include:

Agency Achievement Award

Georgia DOT H.E.R.O. Program

Karl Bevins Distinguished Service Award

Martin Bretherton, Jr., P.E.

Idea Sharing Award Keith B. Rohling, P.E.

John D. Edwards Individual Achievement Award

John J. Funny

The Georgia Section sponsored the ITE refresher course for the Professional Traffic Operations Engineers Certification exam in October 1999. Eleven participants attended. The course covered subjects in Traffic Studies, Traffic Opera-

tions, Operational Effects of Geometric Design, Traffic Safety, Traffic Control Devices, and Social Environmental Legislative/Regulatory Issues. On Nov. 6, twelve individuals sat for the exam. The reaction to the exam questions were mixed. Some said the exam was difficult while others said that the questions were tricky.

The Georgia Section October meeting was an evening meeting. Mr. Jack Boose of Parsons Brinckerhoff lectured on light rail using the "Light Rail Primer" as a reference. Mr. Joey Ledford, the "Lane Ranger" for the Atlanta Journal Constitution (AJC) spoke at the November luncheon meeting. Mr. Ledford writes a daily traffic column for the AJC – ergo the pseudonym the "Lane Ranger". For a half-hour he presented quotes from the AJC Vents and from his own personal diary. Two laughable quotes of note were:

- "It seems that no matter where my husband parks, the lines have always been painted crooked."
- "I know the Mercedes-Benz is a luxurious car, but I saw a lady brushing her teeth while driving! Do they have sinks?"

KENTUCKY SECTION

The Kentucky Section Officers for 2000 are:

President: Nick Stamatiadis
 V. President: Steve Skaggs
 Sec-Treasurer: Jo Anne Tingle
 Section Rep.: Karen Mohammadi

The meeting locations for 2000 are:

March 28 Lexington
 June 27 Covington
 Sept. 26 Frankfort
 Nov. 30 Louisville

The section is pursuing a Section project pertaining to establishment of an Access Management Committee.

NORTH CAROLINA SECTION

The North Carolina Section (NCSITE) moved forward in implementing their strategic plan by establishing an Administrative Council under the NCSITE umbrella. Membership of this Council consists of +/- 25 senior transportation professions from the Federal Highway Administration, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, local transportation departments, and private transportation consultants. The mission of the NCSITE Administrative Council is to provide leadership to transportation professionals by:

- Promoting leadership development of our members
- Providing legislative information to our members and support to our policy makers
- Providing forums to identify/resolve strategic issues
- Promoting pro-active sharing of information between

and within transportation agencies

- Promoting public education and public involvement

During 1999 the NCSITE Administrative focused on the strategic issue of providing integrated transportation planning in North Carolina. The first meeting in 2000 will focus on a second strategic issue of providing effective leadership development training for our professionals. For additional information, contact Richard Atkins.

SOUTH CAROLINA SECTION

At the South Carolina Section's 1999 December Business Meeting, the following officers were elected:

President Linda Carpenter
 Vice-President Wayne Sarasua
 Secretary/Treasurer Susan Ruinen
 Affiliate Director Matt Short
 Section Representative Colin Kinton
 Past President Anna Salvagin

Also, during the annual business meeting the following Section Awards were presented for 1999:

Don Freeman of the SCDOT was recognized as the Outstanding Transportation Engineer of the Year for his contribution to the profession while serving as State Highway Engineer with SCDOT.

The South Carolina Section Outstanding Transportation Achievement Award was awarded to the SCDOT for their work on the Sandy Island Wetlands Mitigation Bank Project. Ms. Elizabeth Mabry, Executive Director of SCDOT, accepted on behalf of the SCDOT.

The meeting locations for 2000 are:

March 21	Lunch Meeting	Columbia, SC
June, 2000	Lunch Meeting	Greenville, SC
Aug., 2000	Dinner Meeting	Columbia, SC
Oct., 2000	Lunch Meeting	Columbia, SC
Dec. 7, 2000	Year End Meeting	Columbia, SC

The Upstate of the South Carolina Section has been busy over the past few months. Greenville 2000 Local Arrangements Chairman had left the City of Greenville for greener pastures of consulting with ARCADIS placing Mike Ridgeway in charge as Acting City Traffic Engineer. Since Mike had only been with the city a few short months, we know he is very busy. According to sources close to Greenville, the City has two openings that they are looking to fill: City Traffic Engineer and Traffic Operations Engineer. I'm sure Mike would be more than happy to spread the responsibilities around.

The Local Arrangements Committee has been busy preparing for the upcoming Annual Meeting in April. Section members from all over the state have chipped in to help out with the preparations. Rumor has it that Gaye has been reading a book titled "Shagging for Engineers" that gives step-by-step

instructions for teaching the dance floor impaired how to do our Official State Dance. With Roger at the helm and Gaye helping out, this year's Annual Meeting should be an enjoyable and memorable event.

The Clemson ITE Student Chapter with adviser Dr. Wayne Sarasua and Dr. David Clarke are busy leading a weekly seminar whose theme is "The Transportation Professional." They are including participants from the transportation industry who are willing to talk to the graduate students. Speakers have total flexibility in what to present. They are soliciting speakers to talk about projects in all areas of transportation, from airports to freight movement, signal timing to highway design. If interested give Wayne or Dave a call.

Last year's Section Representative, Michael Sexton, due to confusion among the membership was inadvertently voted out of office. Some claim it was a calculated coup. We know he accepts our apology.

At the Year-End Annual Business Meeting and social, an auction/fundraiser was held to raise money for the South Carolina Section's two scholarship funds. Don Turner led the auction and over \$500 was raised. Our scholarship funds balance now totals almost \$15,000.

TENNESSEE SECTION

The Tennessee Section Officers for 2000 are:

President:	Hollis Loveday
Vice President:	Craig Hanchey
Secretary/Treasurer:	Cindy Pionke
Section Reps:	Anthony Todd (99-00) Bob Murphy (00-01)
Affiliate Director:	Mike Vickery

The meeting locations for 2000 are:

March 6	Winter Meeting	Johnson City, TN
April 16-19	SDITE Meeting	Greenville, SC
June 1-3	Spring Meeting	Pigeon Forge, TN
Aug. 6-9	International ITE	Nashville, TN
Oct.28-31	with APWA	Memphis, TN

The Public Relations Committee for the Section announces creation of a new section website at www.tsite.org

The Tennessee Section ITE Board held its Summer Meeting on May 23rd to 25th in Gatlinburg in conjunction with the "Southeastern Local Roads Conference". At the meeting, Tennessee Section members expressed their concern to the Southern District Representative Gaye Sprague about the Federal Highway Administration's apparent decision to publish the upcoming edition of the MUTCD in Metric units only. The Tennessee Section asked Gaye to discuss this with the International ITE Board in light of many State DOT's recent reversals from metric units back to English units.

Two additional meetings were held in 1999. The Annual Meeting was held on July 23rd and 24th in Nashville. An auction was the highlight on Friday night with the proceeds going to the scholarship fund. The technical program and business meeting were held on Saturday with elections for the 2000 officers. A three-day continuing education seminar on the "Using the National ITS Architecture for Deployment" was planned as part of the meeting.

On October 24- 26, the Fall Meeting was held in Oak Ridge in conjunction with the Tennessee Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

VIRGINIA SECTION

The following officers were elected for the Year 2000:

President:	Valerie Henchel
Vice-President:	Warren Hughes
Secretary/Treasurer:	Mike Martin
Immediate Past President	John Kaoudis
Section Representative:	Lynn Allsbrook and Bill Cashman
Affiliate Director:	Karen McPherson
ITE Director:	Tim White
Director (AFF)	George T. Rogerson, Jr.
Director (ITE)	Joseph T. Wallace

The meeting locations for 2000 are:

March 15-16 – Fredericksburg
June 28-30 – Virginia Beach
October – Richmond

Three awards were given at the Annual meeting:

Distinguished Service Award	Thomas Slaughter
Outstanding Individual Activity Award	Lynn E. Allsbrook
Young Member Award	George Rogerson

The fall seasonal meeting was held in Charlottesville with over 75 individuals attending. The meeting theme was "Approaching the 21st Century" with the following topics being covered by thirteen speakers: pedestrians/bicycles, traffic operations/safety, ITS and transportation planning.

A two day hands on computer workshop on Synchro was held on August 24-25 in Hampton and a one day course on Chapter 9 of the HCM was held on Oct. 8 in Charlottesville in conjunction with the fall seasonal meeting.

Current membership as of Oct. 25 stands at 488 that reflects 65 new members since the first of this year. It is projected that the 1999 goal of obtaining 500 members will be achieved by Dec. 31. A brochure prepared by the Public Relations Committee was introduced at the Annual Meeting to explain the benefits of membership in VASITE and encourage requests for membership applications. The Scholarship Fund balance is currently over \$24,500 as of Oct. 25. Over \$1,000 was raised with the Annual Golf Tournament held on June 23.

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/>

Kentucky Section: <http://www.engr.uky.edu/student.orgs/ite/kysection.htm>

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

Tennessee Section: <http://www.tsite.org>



Student Chapters

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

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

North Carolina State University: http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/stud_orgs/ite/

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

University of Virginia: <http://www.student.virginia.edu/~uvaite>

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