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March 24, 2009
May 19, 2009

Golf Outing
June 11, 2009
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From our President . . .

Joe Vogel, P.E.



The Transportation Stimulus Bill has been passed into law since our last General Membership Meeting on February 10th, and while it is good news for our industry, now the hard work begins. As of this writing, three projects in my agency have been identified by OKI as eligible, and we will soon be meeting with ODOT to complete the next steps in delivering these projects. Our Director has already decreed that we will make every necessary effort to meet every deadline for these projects. I suspect other public agencies that are fortunate enough to receive this funding are making the same commitments to themselves.

The next part of the Stimulus Funding package that may benefit many of us is the \$327M ODOT package that will be made public soon. These projects will be expected to be obligated by mid-June. My hope is that many government agencies, consultants, and contractors in our Triko Valley Section will benefit from this capital infusion.

Speaking of Capital; our next General Membership Meeting will feature our traditional Capital Program Presentation. This is all about what we do best-improvements to our transportation infrastructure so that the public can benefit from the best transportation system in the world. Despite problems with funding shortages, we continue to innovate, improvise, and improve in order to better serve the public via transportation improvements. This is the bread and butter of our industry, and we should be very proud of it, because every transportation project we deliver is also an economic development project, with benefits to the public way beyond the obvious smooth pavement or solid new bridge deck. We are providing mobility for the masses, and that is- priceless!

Finally, we will be presenting the Schramm Awards to the two projects most worthy of recognition, based upon your votes at the last General Membership Meeting. I would like to again thank all those who submitted projects for consideration, and to Paul Pfennig for his efforts on behalf of the Board to honor these projects. We look forward to seeing you on the 24th at the Original Montgomery Inn in Montgomery.

-Joe

P.S. Spring is in the air. Enjoy it!

2010 ASHE National Conference - Cincinnati - June 9-12

The planning for the 2010 ASHE National Conference to be held in Cincinnati from June 9-12, 2010 is well on its way. Several committees are in need of more volunteers from the ASHE TRIKO Valley section. Those committees to date that need additional volunteers now include Registration, Technical, and Sponsorship. Please visit our website www.ashe2010.org/, for a list of committee co-chair contact information. Your involvement is critical to the success of the conference.

2010 ASHE National Conference Diamond Sponsorship Information

The diamond sponsorships are going fast. We have one opportunity left for you to take advantage of the 5% discount when payment is made in two installments. Don't be left out!



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ASHE PIN (Political Information Network) REPORT March 2009

The Stimulus Package has passed! The \$787 billion U.S. economic stimulus package will lead to an "enormous number" of jobs within months, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said. Out of the \$787 billion Stimulus Package, \$28 billion in stimulus money will be for infrastructure projects to be divided up among the 50 states. The money is being distributed through various agencies and many of the deadlines for these opportunities have passed. The majority of the infrastructure projects are for resurfacing and reconstruction projects. Other pots of stimulus money will be for mass transit (\$8.4 billion) and high-speed rail (\$8 billion). While the stimulus money is providing "shovel-ready" projects the funding they need to move forward quickly, we must not lose sight of the long term needs of the transportation industry.

The reauthorization of the Transportation Bill is vital to the health and vitality of the Transportation industry. The current Transportation Bill expires in September, 2009. None of the previous Transportation Bills were authorized in a timely manner. Each one had extensions, with the last Transportation Bill extension lasting two years! We cannot let this happen again at this critical time in our industry.

So what can ASHE do? Please contact your representatives in Congress and let them know that the focus on the Transportation Industry should not end. The Stimulus Package is a short-term, well-publicized jolt, and the Transportation Industry needs the reauthorization of the Transportation Bill in September, 2009 to rebuild our failing infrastructure for the future.

8th ANNUAL - 2009 LLOYD WALLACE MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Thursday June 11, 2009
The Golf Courses at Kenton County – Fox Run Course
3908 Richardson Road
Independence, Kentucky 41501

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9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration
10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
Lunch at the turn
3:30 p.m. Cookout & Door Prizes

Cost Per Golfer: \$75
Dinner Only: \$25



We will also be holding the 2010 ASHE National Conference golf outing at the Fox Run and Willows courses. The times of the golf outing have changed from years past and will be a good practice run for the national conference.

Registration forms will be emailed to the membership and posted on the website in mid-April.

If you are interested in helping out with the golf committee, hole sponsorship, contributing door prizes or goody bag items please contact Jim Collins at 785-7285.

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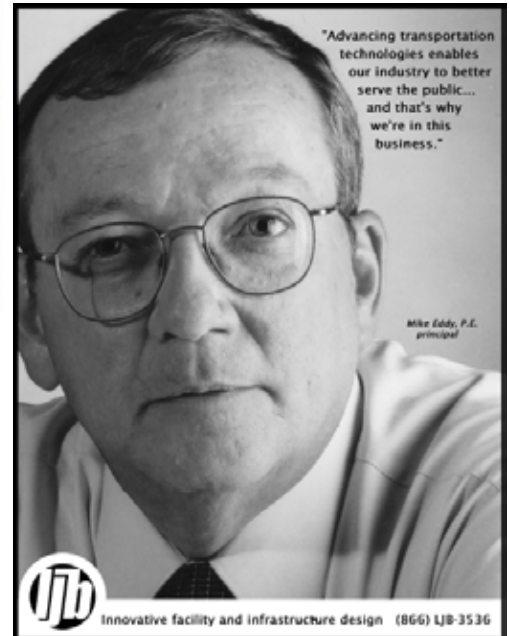


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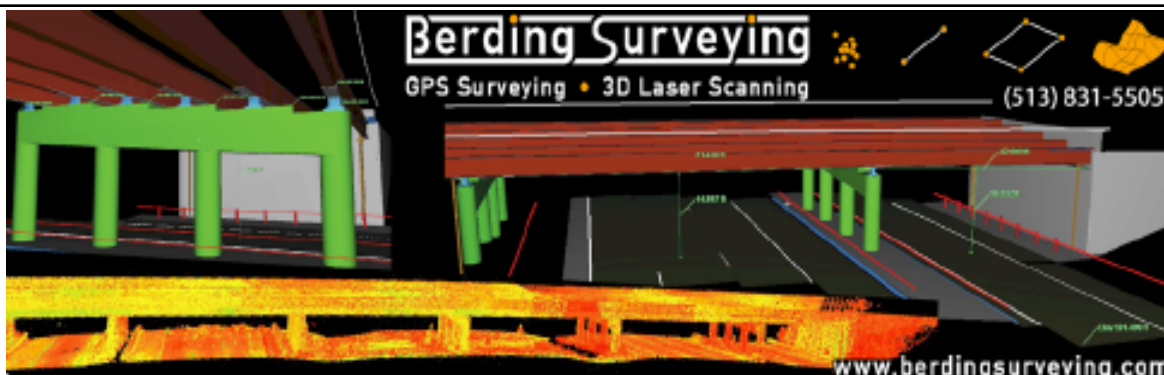
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2008 Schramm Award Winners**

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by 4:00 March 23, 2009**

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