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## **Future Luncheon Meetings**

**May 19, 2009**

**Golf Outing  
June 11, 2009**

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## **From our President . . .**

**Joe Vogel, P.E.**



Although our current term is quickly coming to an end, your ASHE Board is working hard to complete a successful year. Preparations are underway for our pilgrimage to Atlanta next month for the 2009 ASHE National Conference. Approximately 20 people have signed up from our Section, and we expect it to be an excellent event. If you are still considering attending, we strongly encourage you to do so.

On June 11th, we will have the Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing at Fox Run Golf Course, Kenton County, Kentucky. Jim Collins has practically guaranteed that we will have perfect weather for this event, which is an important fundraiser for our Scholarships. I can guarantee that it is a great course, consistently ranked one of the best around.

I wanted to thank the outgoing Board for their help and support during this term. They have all contributed greatly to our many successes this year, and they have been great to work with. We will be presenting a slate of outstanding candidates for next year's Board to the Membership at the May General Membership Meeting. We are counting on your continued support as we move into the next year.

We look forward to seeing you on the 19th at the Original Montgomery Inn in Montgomery. After that, we will see you in September, so have a great summer!

-Joe

## ASHE TRIKO Valley Section 2009-2010 Slate of Officers

The Board of Directors will present the following slate of officers at the May meeting.

Joe Vogel	President
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### Regional Meeting Dates for TransportationMATTERS scheduled:

**Cincinnati on May 21, 9:30 - 11 a.m., Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Council of Governments, Cincinnati.**

**Toledo on June 17, 2pm, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, 300 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Toledo**

Admission is FREE at these forums!

The hard work of the 21st Century Transportation Priorities Task Force, the exciting appointment of new ODOT Director Molitoris and testimony on the 2010-2011 ODOT Budget are just the first steps of a lot of work ahead. Advocating for improved transportation and increased funding in Ohio will take loud, mobilized voices. You may already be involved in an advocacy group that is working hard to improve one transportation mode or another. But as you well know, the more voices mobilized on this issue, the more effective we will be. Transportation continues to be relatively low on a long list of public policy priorities in Ohio - even though it is one of the key catalysts for new jobs, development and quality of life. This needs to change. To that end, a new statewide coalition has formed, "TransportationMATTERS", to serve as a "coalition of coalitions" that will mobilize ALL transportation constituencies (and other interests) to help educate our leaders on why Transportation MATTERS!

TransportationMATTERS will not replace organizations like All Aboard, Consider Biking, BikeOhio, Ohio Public Transit Association, the Ohio Contractors Association or Ohio Aviation Association. Each will continue to advocate for its own platform as they see fit. But TM is designed to bring all of these groups and individual interests together, for the first time in Ohio's history, to make the case to our leaders that transportation is the foundation of a strong economy and a better quality of life.

We will be hosting these forums throughout the state in the next several months. We've purposely kept the dues low so that individuals and non-profits can afford to join this statewide and multi-modal coalition. Please consider joining us and attending an upcoming forum in your region. By participating, you'll get access to key transportation leaders, timely information on transportation developments and legislative initiatives as well as insight on policy development. For additional information: [www.transportation-matters.org](http://www.transportation-matters.org)

### Congratulations to the Schramm Award Winners!

Butler County Engineer's Office

and

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# ASHE PIN (Political Information Network) REPORT May 2009

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Though many in the Transportation Industry are suffering from the Stimulus Hangover, the most important piece of transportation legislation is now upon us, the battle of the next six-year transportation bill. House Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman James Oberstar has a concept of what he wants the next T-Bill to look like. While he has gained consensus of the senior members of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, many of the details have not been worked out. It will be difficult to have the bill on the House floor in early June, as Chairman Oberstar has insisted the bill must be able to meet the September, 2009 passage deadline. While there are many items not decided, the biggest issue is that the bill is likely to have a \$450 billion budget while the Highway Trust Fund will be bankrupt by the end of 2009. Yet, many suggested methods of funding the Trust Fund including raising the gasoline tax, indexing the gasoline tax, making the tax a users tax, and many others have fallen on deaf ears. President Obama has urged the use of National Infrastructure Bank, which many have not endorsed. Others say a leverage partnership with state and local governments and private companies is the only way to close the gap between need and funding available. This one issue may really determine the size and scope of the Transportation Bill. Only when the bill is finally introduced on the House Floor will we have a clear idea of what the next Transportation Bill may look like. Stay Tuned!

## **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**

### **ITINERARY:**

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: \$80

Dinner Only: \$20



☐ Lunch will be provided at the turn. Following golf we will have a cookout, give out door prizes and awards for golf. During golf a cash beer & snack cart will be traveling the course.

☐ Please consider sponsoring a hole for \$100. This money will go towards reducing the cost per golfer, door prizes and our scholarship fund. Signs with your firms' logo or name will be placed at the tee box.

☐ Door prize donations will be greatly appreciated.

☐ Registration deadline is Monday June 8.

☐ Any questions call Jim Collins at 785-7285 or by email at [collinsj@ci.hamilton.oh.us](mailto:collinsj@ci.hamilton.oh.us)

☐ Directions from Cincinnati: Take I-75 South into Kentucky to I-275 East, take the 2nd exit – Exit 82 Turkeyfoot Road, turn right off the exit and travel south on Turkeyfoot Road about 4.2 miles, turn left on Richardson Road and travel about 1 mile and the course is on the right.

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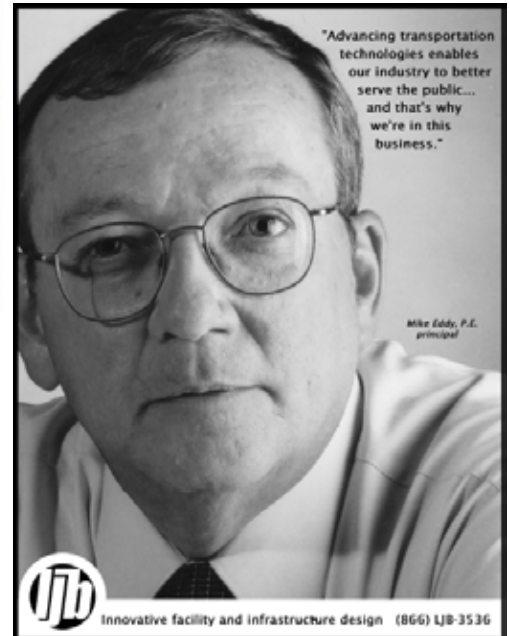


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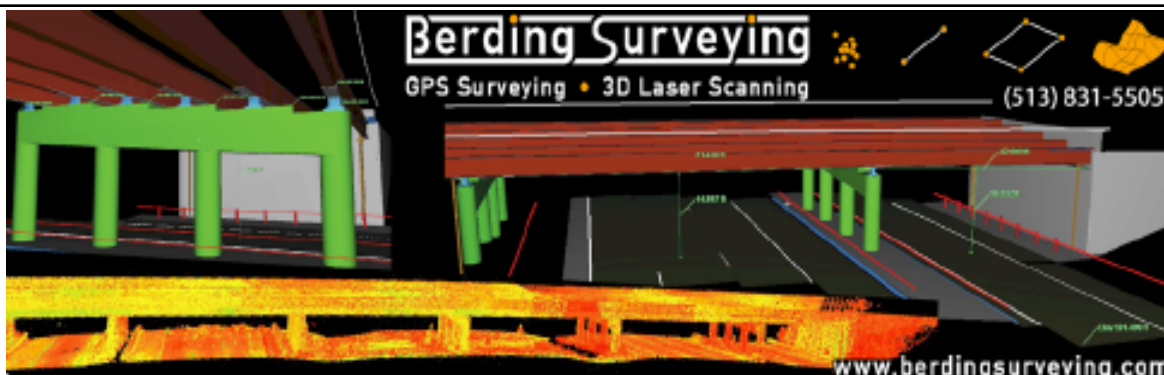
Please be sure to RSVP for meetings! Space is limited and an accurate head count helps the Montgomery Inn and the ASHE officers to better plan for meetings.

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**Speaker: Wes Weir, Transystems  
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