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From our President . . .

Paul Schoelwer

Happy 2012 to everyone. I hope you all had a very good 2011.

2012 is already turning out to be all about politics. With the Presidential election in November the media coverage will only increase.



Washington has yet to pass the new Transportation Bill. We had hoped that the bill would have been passed in September. However a decision could not be made. The Senate had asked for a 4 month extension before revising the Bill but ultimately the extension ended up being for 6 months for the Federal Highway Administration. March 31st is the big date, until then the funding issue must again be addressed. Complicating the issue, because this is an election year and the bill appears have significant funding cuts, do not be surprised by an additional extension. Realistically, I cannot read a crystal ball to tell you when the funding will come nor what the funding will be but let's hope it is sooner than later with an optimistic budget. In the election many issues will be brought forth as the media and politicians try to find the favor of the moment. Hedging the bets and assuming the worst in that the bill is not passed in March we need to make it an issue. Be active, whether that means voting, writing your politician or simply talking to friends about it. Again, hopefully the Bill is addressed prior to November 2012.

Nationally the individual states are finding alternative means to fund projects. Here again many ideas have been brought up, some with merit, some perhaps not so much. Let's be sure many more will come forth. The Ohio Department of

From our President... (continued)

Transportation is looking at ideas as well. Currently they are working to establish a hard and consistent budget for both construction and consulting. It appears that there will be \$1.5 billion slated for construction and \$100 million for consulting. Like other State Transportation Departments they are looking at other means as well, whether that means taxes, tolls or some other way.

As far as the Triko Valley is concern we have lost some members due to the state of the economy. Many of these members are friends who have lost their jobs. The board is considering this and establishing a hardship form to waive or reduce some of the fees for those under these unfortunate conditions.

On a better note, Wild Apricot has been established. I have signed in already and paid my lunch fee all on line. You should have received an email already on this but if not please go through the Triko Valley website. I believe we have worked out all of the bugs but if you have trouble do not worry we will do our best to fix it.

The Schramm will be presented at January 24th meeting. I want to thank all of the participants for their submittals. Good luck to all of you.

Well let's hope for a good 2012. I will see you all at the Montgomery in Boathouse at 11:30 AM on the 24th.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 7, 2011
Full Throttle Indoor Karting

President Schoelwer called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm and recognized guests. He asked members to review the section article in the National Scanner magazine on line.

Secretary Emerick indicated that meeting minutes for the September General Membership meeting were published in the newsletter. Steven Proffitt raised a motion to approve the meeting minutes which was seconded by Matt Loeffler and approved by all in attendance.

President Schoelwer presented the PIN report, noting that the transportation bill is finally showing some movement in Congress. The Senate has approved a two-year reauthorization of federal highway programs at current funding levels. Features of the new "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act" were discussed. The House Transportation Committee is working on a five-year version of the transportation bill that will be announced in January 2012. A number of alternatives for raising capital for the bill are being considered by both houses of Congress instead of raising the gasoline user's fee. On the local front, every local street initiative in Hamilton County passed in the last election.

President Schoelwer announced that the next Board of Directors meeting will be held on January 3rd at Thaman Rubber and the next general membership meeting will be held at the Montgomery Inn Boathouse on January 24th, 2012. The attendees commended Paul for his planning of this holiday event after which the meeting was adjourned.

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David M. Emerick
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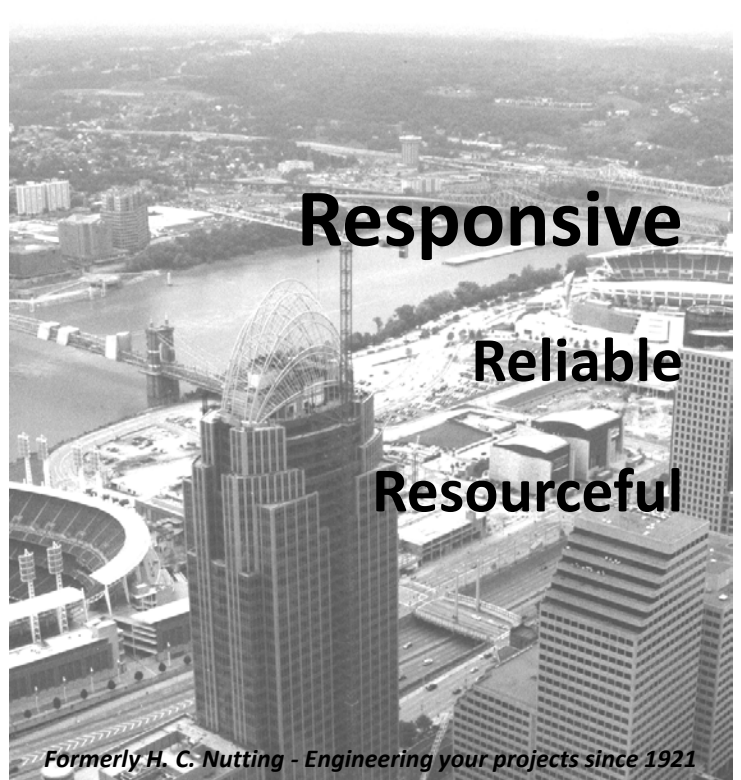
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