



TRIKO Valley News

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From Our President...



Matt Loeffler
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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a joyful holiday season. I wish everyone a healthy and prosperous 2014.

In December, the ASHE TRIKO Valley Holiday Party took place at Star Lanes at The Newport on the Levee. The event was well attended and fun for all. ASHE members and guests enjoyed bowling, billiards, ping pong, good food, and great company. Thanks to all who helped make our holiday party a success.

Last year, we switched our online payment provider to PayPal. It has been a welcomed improvement. We continue to offer online registrations and payments through our membership software, WildApricot. We witnessed our membership grow through a successful membership drive, but shrink slightly due to natural attrition. Through a tremendous effort by Dave Emerick and Eric Kistner, our section membership database has been reconciled with ASHE National's database. This was no easy task. Great work, Dave and Eric!

In 2013, our newsletter started offering a membership project spotlight. This year, we will continue to showcase projects from our membership, as well as put a spotlight on a member. Look for it in this edition of our TRIKO Valley newsletter. Also new this year, the TRIKO Valley Board of Directors is coordinating a few technical tours that will take place during the months without a general membership meeting. Look for the details soon. New this year, the TRIKO Valley newsletter will also start posting job openings.

The ASHE National Conference will take place from June 12-15 in Bismark, North Dakota. Abundant professional development opportunities are available to further skills and abilities through comprehensive conference schedule and expansive networking opportunities. Please consider a sponsorship to promote your firm and support the conference. For more information on conference details, visit www.2014.ashe.pro.

It may be a new year, but we still do not have a long-term resolution to funding the Highway Trust Fund. The Highway Trust Fund is due to run out of money by March. Our leaders continue to debate funding options like tolls, private-public partnerships, raising gas tax, and pay per travel (VMT). Please voice your opinion to the elected officials who represent us.

This month's meeting is the popular Donald C. Schramm Transportation Improvement Award presentations. Thank you to all the firms who submitted projects this year. Please join me on January 21 at The Boathouse to learn about these exciting projects completed in 2013. The Schramm Award winners will be announced at the general membership meeting in March.

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The mission of the American Society of Highway Engineers is to provide a forum for members and partners of the highway industry that supports education, innovation, and fellowship; promoting a safe and efficient highway system for mobility now and in the future.

2013 Holiday Party Recap

December 4, 2013 - Star Lanes, Newport on the Levee

The ASHE Holiday Party was held on Wednesday evening, December 4th at Star Lanes at Newport on the Levee. The social event was well attended with about 40 members and their guests. The evening consisted of drinks and heavy appetizers along with bowling, billiards, ping pong and great conversation. Sometimes the bowling wasn't pretty but the food, service, and camaraderie was exceptional throughout the evening.

This was the second consecutive year our Holiday Party was at Star Lanes. I know Dennis and Eric are already kicking around ideas for next year's Holiday Party. If you have any ideas, please contact a board member. We are open to suggestions.

Member Achievements

Dale Schwieterman of the Butler County Engineer's Office recently passed his P.S. exam. He is now dual registered as Professional Surveyor and Professional Engineer. Great job, Dale!

March 2014 Meeting Update

To accomodate the expected increase in attendance due to the Capital Improvements Program, the March 18, 2014 AHSE - Triko Valley Section meeting will be located at the original Montgomery Inn in Montgomery.

Member Spotlight

We want our members to get to know each other! Each month, we'll feature a different ASHE member in our Member Spotlight! This month, we're featuring our President, Matt Loeffler and our Treasurer, Eric Kistner.



Name: Matt Loeffler
Employer: Butler County Engineer
Title: Traffic Engineer
Degree: BSCE from Ohio Northern University (1995)
Birth Place: Hamilton, Ohio
Residence: Fairfield, Ohio
Family: Wife – Felicia, 2 Children – Sadie(10), John (5)
Hobbies: Basketball, Golf, Coaching

Five Questions:

- 1. Coke or Pepsi: Regular Coke, Diet Pepsi
- 2. Dogs or Cats: Dogs
- 3. Email or Phone: Email
- 4. Pen or Pencil: Pencil
- 5. Skyline or Gold Star: Skyline

Interesting Fun Fact: Assistant varsity boys basketball coach at Badin High School after coaching 17 years at Jr. High level.



Name: Eric Kistner
Employer: Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
Title: Geotechnical Project Manager
Degree: BSCE from University of Cincinnati (1996)
Birth Place: Cincinnati, Ohio (St. Bernard)
Residence: Carlisle, Ohio
Family: Wife – Karen, Children – Stepson Kyle (21), Christy (10), James (7), Sarah (6), Melissa (5)
Hobbies: Watching sports on TV (just ask wife), golf, jogging, fixing things that my kids break/damage

Five Questions:

- 1. Coke or Pepsi : Coke
- 2. Dogs or Cats: Dogs
- 3. Email or Phone: Depends
- 4. Pen or Pencil: Pencil
- 5. Skyline or Gold Star: Chili Time in St. Bernard!

Interesting Fun Fact:

My wife and I were foster parents for 8 years, which is how we came to adopt our 4 youngest children.

ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2014

The Montgomery Inn Boathouse, 11:30 a.m.

Topic: Donald C. Schramm Transportation Improvement Award
Cost: \$25 online or at the door

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and click on Meeting Link to register and pay online

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ASHE PIN Report - January 2014

As we start 2014, the federal highway cliff looms even closer. MAP-21, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (P.L. 112-141), was signed into law by President Obama on July 6, 2012, and expires on September 30, 2014. However, the \$105 billion funding for MAP-21 is set to run out before the bill expires. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold its first hearing of 2014 on the renewal of MAP-21. To address the impending bankruptcy of the Highway Trust Fund, the ASHE National Legislative committee is assembling a PowerPoint to be distributed to all ASHE sections. The first section of the PowerPoint explains the Highway Trust Fund to the local public as it spirals towards bankruptcy, and the implications of the inaction of Congress to secure a funding source for the nation's infrastructure. The second section of the PowerPoint will include local projects that will benefit from federal funding and what this federal funding will mean to the average driver: reduced congestion, improved travel time, improved safety, etc. We urge all ASHE members to be thinking of such projects and help us define these local PowerPoint slides for the TRIKO Valley section. Once each ASHE section PowerPoint is ready, we ask all ASHE members to embrace the message, and share the PowerPoint with other organizations they belong to, and write letters to the editor. It is important for everyone to participate in this grassroots effort.

In addition to the federal funding, funding for the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) will be on the ballot for another 10-year renewal on May 6, 2014. The renewal of the program will include \$1.875 billion in financing for this program, which accounts for an increase in annual funding from \$150 million to \$175 million in the first five years and \$200 million in the last five years. The OPWC provides financing for local public infrastructure improvements through both the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) and the Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP). SCIP is a grant/loan program for roads, bridges, water supply, wastewater treatment, storm water collection, and solid waste disposal. LTIP is a grant program for roads and bridges only. As stated by the a number of the County Engineers of southwest Ohio, OPWC is the preferred funding program by local agencies for roads and bridges because of its ease of use. Voters last approved a \$1.35 billion program in 2005 with 54 percent of the vote. At the time, it was part of a broader \$2 billion bond issue that also included a new Third Frontier fund, investing in high-tech research and innovation. Again, it is important for ASHE members to talk with your coworkers, friends, and family about the importance of the passage of this issue, as it is the backbone of funding for so many local agencies.

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If interested, contact Amanda Lienemann at amanda.lienemann@stantec.com.

Send website logos to Matt Loeffler at loefflerm@bceo.org.

Committee Chair Person Contact Information

The ASHE TRIKO Valley Board of Directors has several committees to help promote our organization in a variety of ways. Listed below, you can find the contact information of the chair person for each committee. If you would like to share an idea or would like to volunteer to serve on a committee, please contact the appropriate chair person. The Board thanks you for your continued support and dedication to the transportation industry.

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Job Openings!

Have a job opening at your firm? Know someone looking for a job? Include them here!

Submit job postings to Amanda Lienemann at amanda.lienemann@stantec.com to have them included in the next newsletter.

Bridge Design Group Manager

URS' Cincinnati Office is seeking an energetic Bridge Design Group Manager. Successful candidates shall have the ability to produce and manage bridge design projects, help evaluate future opportunities that may be beneficial for URS to pursue, provide project leadership to our clients, and assist in developing marketing strategies for targeted projects to public sector clients in Southwest Ohio, Southeast Indiana, and Northern Kentucky. The position will include working in a team environment in the Cincinnati Transportation Group. Specific tasks may include preparation of bridge plans and specifications, task management, mentoring of younger staff, interaction with clients, business development, and preparing proposals and reports.

Candidates should have at least ten (10) years of relevant design and management experience.

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URS' Cincinnati Office is seeking an energetic Roadway Project Manager. Successful candidates shall have the ability manage transportation and public infrastructure projects, help evaluate future opportunities that may be beneficial for URS to pursue, provide project leadership to our clients, and assist in developing marketing strategies for targeted projects to public sector clients in Southwest Ohio, Southeast Indiana, and Northern Kentucky.

Candidates should have at least seven (7) years of relevant experience.

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Member Project Feature

The I-275/SR 28 Interchange Improvement Project

An intersection improvement project to enhance safety and improve operations on SR 28 at the Interstate 275 interchange in the city of Milford is nearly complete.

Modifications to the Interstate 275/SR 28 interchange were proposed as countermeasures recommended in a study conducted for the SR 28 corridor in response to safety and congestion issues.

At this interchange, 191 crashes occurred from 2006 through 2008, with crash numbers increasing from 53 in 2006 to 68 in 2007 and 70 in 2008; 71 percent of the crashes involved rear-end collisions. The most prominent trend identified involved 51 crashes directly associated with the left turn movement from westbound SR 28 to southbound I-275.

To offset the number of crashes associated with the left turn movement, the project constructed a loop ramp to permit westbound SR 28 to enter southbound I-275 in a right turn movement. Work included construction of a right turn lane on westbound SR 28 to the new southbound loop ramp.



Work also included restriping SR 28 from McClelland Road east to Milford's Business 28 to convert the existing westbound left-turn lane to southbound I-275 into a third eastbound through lane and to extend the three through lanes beyond the northbound I-275 ramps to the next intersection with Milford's Business 28. In addition, the existing southbound I-275 off-ramp was realigned to accommodate and run parallel with the new southbound loop ramp. The signals at McClelland and the SR 28 southbound ramps were combined to operate under one controller, as well.

The John R. Jurgensen Company was awarded the project April 2012 on its bid of \$7,173,208.



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