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From our President . . .

It's hard to believe that my year as president of the TRIKO Valley Section of ASHE will soon be coming to an end. There have been some changes and significant occurrences in the past year.



Mike Thompson

Dave Emerick and Stan Harris have stepped up in the last year to fill the roles of Secretary and Newspaper Editor, replacing long-time members Julie Schroeder and Mary Beth Elfers, who previously served in those positions. I thank the other members of the board who have all worked hard to present interesting and informative meetings.

We have increased membership up to 135 members and the section continues to grow. As you know, we will host the ASHE National Conference in 2010. The new leadership of the section will take office in September.

The next membership meeting will be May 23 at the Montgomery Inn Boathouse, where we will have a presentation on continuing education for professional engineers and also elect a new slate of officers for the section for the next year. The nominating committee has determined the slate of officers and nominations will be taken from the floor.

Hopefully, everyone is satisfied with the new format of emailing the TRIKO VALLEY NEWS instead of mailing hard copies. This method is much quicker and saves the cost of postage and printing. Those wanting hard copies can request them from Stan Harris.

Our request for the members to be sure to RSVP for the membership meetings was well-received and helped better prepare for the large turnout at the last meeting. Please continue to do so.

I wish the incoming officers success in the upcoming year.

Notes from Your ASHE PIN (Political Information Network)

Federal Gas Relief Proposals Include User Fee Suspension

As the President and Congressional leaders threw out various proposals to offer relief for rising gas prices, the transportation community remains vigilant and ready to sound opposition to any move to suspend the federal motor fuels tax. With the Highway Trust Fund already on a course to be bankrupt by FY 2009, we cannot afford to divert those funds from the maintenance and construction of highways, bridges and transit systems.

So far, most of the proposals involve suspending or rolling back tax benefits for the oil and gas industry passed in last year's energy bill. However, Senators Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and John Thune (R-SD) separately proposed suspending the 18.4 cent per gallon user fee for varying periods of time. Thune's proposal would suspend the tax until September, offsetting losses by eliminating production incentives for oil and gas producers.

Please write the Senate Leaders and Senate Whips to let them know that suspending fuels taxes is a short-sighted and inefficient way to provide relief from high pump prices. They are as follows:

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Inflation's Effects on ODOT's Program

After nearly five years of stable and competitive construction costs, ODOT is rapidly experiencing significant increases in basic commodity prices for items such as aggregate, steel, cement and asphalt. Leading these increases appears to be the 130-percent increase in diesel prices since FY 2004. These significant price increases are hurting ODOT's construction program, as well as the programs of states nationwide. This issue will gain national attention as states and Congress realize the erosion of purchasing power which is negating the gains from the recent SAFETEA-LU bill.

While ODOT's revenue is not declining, its construction purchasing power may erode as much as 30-percent by 2010. Any project deferrals will fall disproportionately upon the Jobs and Progress Program because of its large size. ODOT will not cut many projects in 2006 but may have to defer some large, high profile projects in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. ODOT will need to rebalance its construction program this summer in order to leave a rational multi-year construction program for the next administration. ODOT also will need to inform state and national legislators that higher construction prices are eroding the purchasing power of Ohio's recent fuel tax increase and of the national transportation bill spending increase.

Currently, ODOT does not have plans to lobby for additional funding. If ODOT changes that strategy, ODOT is aware that the ASHE TRIKO Valley Section is willing to help in their efforts.



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The General Membership meeting for the TRIKO Valley Section of ASHE was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a welcome and recognition of 12 guests from President Mike Thompson.

Dave Emerick gave the Treasurer's report of previous balance of \$1,767.76, deposits of \$1,884.37, expenditures of \$2,495.97, leaving a current balance of \$1,156.16 remaining in the general fund and \$5,000 in the Scholarship Fund.

Secretary David Emerick gave the Secretary's report from the January 24, 2006 meeting.

Caroline Duffy presented the Political Information Network (PIN) report, discussing a projected shortfall of SAFETEA LU funding, resulting in lower allocations to states. We are urging Congress to take

action now to fix the problem. The National Infrastructure Improvement Act will commission a federal government panel to evaluate the nation's infrastructure. Members are urged to send letters to Senator Voinovich in support of this action. Everyone is also urged to vote during the May 2nd primary election.

Caroline also reminded everyone that the ASHE Scholarship applications are due April 28, 2006. All members are encouraged to post information at work about the scholarships. A \$500 and a \$1000 scholarship will be awarded. John Davidson was added to the scholarship committee. Reminders have been sent to four colleges.

Cindy Minter spoke regarding the 2010 National Conference in Cincinnati. The Financial and Facilities committees will form soon. At least four people with experience

in dealing with hotels are needed for the Facilities committee. The Financial committee needed two additional individuals.

Jim Collins reminded everyone of the golf outing on June 15th at Pebble Creek. The golf committee will meet in April.

The 2005 Schramm Awards were presented for the East River Rd. Bank Stabilization Project and Queen City Ave. project.

Capital improvement program reports were presented by:

Tom Schumaker (KY Transportation Cabinet)
George Hall (ODOT)
Joe Vogel (City of Cincinnati)
Jim Collins (City of Hamilton)
Tim Gilday (Hamilton Co.)
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Paul Pfennig urged the teams for all capital improvement projects to apply for Schramm awards next year.

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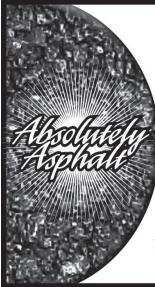


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	James Jurgensen*	Bryan Mount	Dwight Stutz	

RSVP!!

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

2006 National Conference: Highwaves to Highways

May 31 - June 4, 2006, Williamsburg, Virginia

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ASHE TRIKO VALLEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee has received 3 applications for this years awards:

1. Dusty Israel will be starting his senior year at the University of Cincinnati.
2. Craig Litmer will be starting his senior year at the University of Cincinnati.
3. Jacob Fay is entering his last year in the construction management program at the Northern Kentucky University.

The Scholarship Committee will announce the winners at the meeting on May 23.

2006-2007 ASHE Officer Elections:

At its March 2006 meeting, the ASHE Triko Valley Board of Directors nominated the following slate of officers for 2006-2007:

President - Greg Wilkins
1st V.P. - Caroline Duffy
2nd V.P. - Joe Vogel
Treasurer - Bill Lawall
Secretary - Dave Emerick

3rd Year Director- John Davidson
2nd Year Director - Tim Peters
1st Year Director - Cindy Minter
1st Year Director - David Hammer

Elections will occur at the May meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.



The 2010 ASHE National Conference



Plan to get involved!



2006 Golf Outing!

June 15, 2006 - Pebble Creek Golf Course. Sponsors are needed!! Contact Jim Collins or check the website for more details.

Congratulations to George Webb!!

George is a recent recipient of the University of Cincinnati Distinguished Alumni Award.

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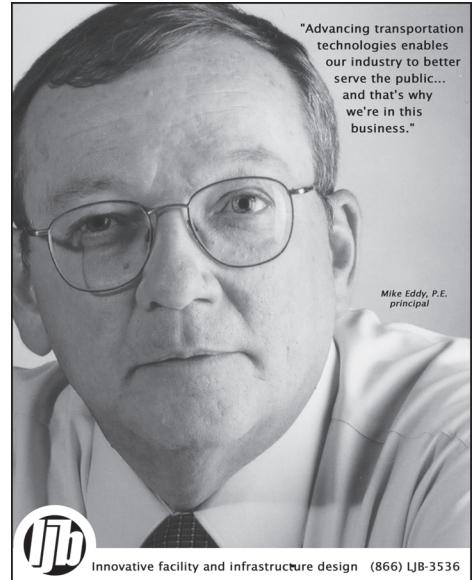
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