

Transportation Forum Cancelled Due to Budget Constraints

Government budgets are being stretched to the limit, making it difficult to travel, stay overnight at workshop sites, and to pay staff overtime. With that in mind, we have decided to cancel the Forum this year. Two other excellent opportunities for learning and networking are scheduled and you are encouraged to attend these meetings in place of the 2001 Forum.

- ◆ The **Governor's Safety Summit** will be held November 1-2 at the Marriott in Lexington. (See back page)
- ◆ The **Kentucky Transportation Conference**, sponsored by Kentuckians for Better Transportation, will be held January 23-25, 2002, at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Frankfort. For more information, contact KBT at 502-491-5600.

New Award Procedure Planned

*by Patsy Anderson
Director, Technology Transfer*

Local Government Roads Scholar and Road Master Recipients...

Wondering how you're going to receive your Roads Scholar/Road Master designations now that the Forum has been cancelled? Fear not...We are coming to you!

We have talked to many local government employees before making the decision to come to your cities and counties to give you the recognition you deserve right in your own home towns.

Preliminary plans are to work with the Judges and Mayors to schedule times to meet with your fiscal courts and city councils to let them know of your accomplishments and to present your awards. We plan to make awards on a quarterly basis, which will reduce the time Scholars and Masters must wait for recognition. Previously, we made presentations only once a year at the Transportation Forum.

Plans call for the visits to begin in early November. Our records indicate that we have new Scholars and Masters in the locations listed later in this article. If you are not on the list, and you are close to completing your Program, please give us a call at 1-800-432-0719.



These Road Masters happily show their certificates for the camera.

2001 Roads Scholars and Masters

The following list shows the Roads Scholars and Road Masters who have completely finished the training and will receive their designations. There are some who are very close to finishing the required training and will receive their designations this year even though they are not yet listed with the others.

(Turn to Page 4 for a list of those local and state government employees ready to become Road Scholars and Road Masters. The plan for state employees to receive their awards also is explained.)

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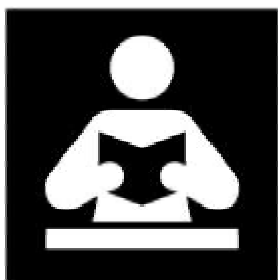
MORE CHANGES: Registration Fees Increase and Training Day Shortened--See page 5

More Than Just Books!

by Laura Whyne, Librarian

The Kentucky Transportation Center Library has many resources for your use. In addition to books and technical reports, the Library has magazines/journals, videos, CD-Rom disks, and access to many electronic resources via the Internet. If you are trying to locate a publication, need some statistics, need an address and phone number, or need information on a transportation topic, contact us.

The library materials cover a wide range of transportation related topics. All modes of transportation are represented in the collection, but the emphasis is on highways.



Broad areas covered include traffic and safety, pavements, materials (asphalt, concrete, etc.), bridges, soils and geotechnology, policy, environmental issues, statistics, and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). The collection also covers the planning, design, construction, and

maintenance of transportation systems. Most materials may be checked out. Examples of materials available for loan that you might find useful include:

1. [Asset Management Primer](#), 1999. (HE336.E3A8)
2. [Getting Started in Public Works Asset Management](#) (HD4431.G48 2000)
3. [Primer: GASB 34](#) (FHWA-IF-00-010)
4. [Fire Safety Training](#) (15 min.): Elements and types of fire, fire safety tips. (AV-V749)
5. [Mobile Work Zone Operations](#) (13 min.): Planning and setup for a mobile work zone. (AV-V750)
6. [Hard Hat Safety](#) (5 min.): Importance of wearing hard hats for worker safety. (AV-V744)
7. [Chain Saw Safety](#) (21 min.): Demonstrates the most common safety problems. (AV-V727)

At the Center's web site (www.ktc.uky.edu), click on *Center Library* and check the links to *New Materials* (lists recent additions to the library, including new videos) or the *Video Catalog* (1999).

Laura Whyne, Librarian, and Ginny Norris, Library Technician, are here to help. Please contact them by phone, fax, mail, or email. You are welcome to visit the library, too.

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More Library materials you can borrow...

Safety Research Findings for Kentucky

Center researchers in the Traffic and Safety Program recently completed and published the findings from several research projects. To borrow any of the following research reports, please call the Library.

Safety Improvements for Two-Lane Rural Roads (KTC-00-14)

Two-lane rural roads in Kentucky have the highest fatal crash rate of any type of highway in the Commonwealth. This study identifies safety problems related to crashes on these roads, identifies high-crash locations, and recommends possible improvements.

Analysis of Traffic Accident Data in Kentucky-- 1995-1999 (KTC-00-17)

This study determined average accident statistics for Kentucky highways during the years 1995-1999. The data obtained identifies locations that have abnormal rates or numbers of accidents. County and city accident statistics were analyzed using the following problem areas: alcohol involvement, occupant protection, speed, teenage drivers, pedestrians, bicycles, motorcycles, trucks, and vehicle defects.

2000 Safety Belt Usage Survey in Kentucky (KTC-00-15)

A statewide mandatory safety belt law was enacted in 1994 and this study documents the results of safety belt and child safety seat usage since then. Data were collected at 200 randomly selected sites spread across the state. The results reveal that the usage rate is up slightly from 1999. The study also suggests how to obtain the maximum possible increase in usage.

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Books and Reports

1. *Best Management Practices for Environmental Issues Related to Highway and Street Maintenance* (NCHRP Synthesis of Highway Practice), 1999. (TE7.S9 No. 272)
2. *Guide for Snow and Ice Control*, 1999. (TE220.5.G85)
3. *Snow and Ice Control: A Best Practices Review*, 1995. (TE220.5.S6)
4. *Solid Waste Management* (NACE Action Guide), Vol. 2, No.5, 1995. (HE151.N37)
5. *Town of Essex Public Works Winter Operations Plan 1991-1992*. (TD868.T69)

Videos and CD-Roms

1. *The Environmental Guidebook*, 1999 -- CD-Rom. (AV-CD086)
2. *Snow and Ice Control* -- Interactive CD-Rom Disk for a TV. (AV-CD009)
3. *Plowing Techniques* (30 min. video) (Winter Operations Training Program). (AV-V648)
4. *Pre-Season Operation* (30 min. video) (Winter Operations Training Program). (AV-V646)
5. *We All Live Downstream* (29 min. video). (AV-V602)



Safer Journey--Interactive Pedestrian Safety Awareness

This CD-Rom, developed by the FHWA to help improve pedestrian safety, has received the Gold Camera Award for interactive multimedia. This is one of the highest honors in audiovisual competition from the International Film and Video Festival. It takes the user through various pedestrian safety scenarios encountered on roads and streets. It is an excellent program for schools, driver education groups, and anyone involved in advancing safety.

Safety Research Findings
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A Recommended Master Plan for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to Build a Partnership with the Public (KTC-00-7)

A recently completed study by Center researchers examines “best practices” from other states that help build partnerships with the public in the design of new roadways. The study work included a task force of Kentucky officials and others to determine improvements that could be made at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Kentucky has taken a leading role nationally as a state “thinking beyond the pavement” in designing roads that are sensitive to the environment. This study outlines further areas for improvement that include better methods of communication and specialized training for the Cabinet. Some of these new initiatives are already underway.

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Get Your Free Videos at the Library

We have several duplicate videos--call immediately if you want any listed below (first-come-first-served) 1-800-432-0719 or locally 257-4513 ext. 234

- R** *General Welding Safety and Tank Repair*, (52 min.), Michigan Technological University, 1995.
- R** *Gas Welding and Metal Identification*, (87 min.), Michigan Technological University, 1995.
- R** *Arc Welding*, (50 min.), Michigan Technological University, 1995.
- R** *Asphalt-PASER (Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating)*, (46 min.), 1995.
- R** *Commercial Driver License Video Series* (7 parts on 3 tapes), Pennsylvania DOT, 1989.

Have you visited the Center's web site lately? It has recently been updated and improved! The name/URL has even been simplified! Please bookmark it so you can visit us often: www.ktc.uky.edu

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ROADS SCHOLARS

<i>County/City</i>	<i>Employee</i>
Boone Co.	Greg Middendorf
Hardin Co.	Dennis Taber
Jefferson Co.	Bobby Montgomery
Pendleton Co.	David Browning
Bowling Green	Gary Duff
Covington	John Purnell
Newport	Ed Crout Nick Rouse
Winchester	Robert Liggett Frank Mefford Ricky Richardson

ROAD MASTERS

<i>County/City</i>	<i>Employee</i>
Spencer Co.	Collis Rogers
Bowling Green	Gary Duff Greg Payne Leonard Lee Mike Pillow Ross Wilson
Crescent Springs	Dewey Krohman George Ripberger
LaGrange	Kirby Miller
Leitchfield	Sheila Puckett

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STATE GOVERNMENT

The State Highway Engineer's Office will be working with the District Training Coordinators to schedule times to visit the Districts to make the Scholars/Master presentations. Our records indicate that the following individuals have earned certificates:

ROADS SCHOLARS

<i>District</i>	<i>Employee</i>	<i>Coordinator</i>
# 2	Rickey Thorpe	Hosea Brown
# 5	John Miller	Beverly Jones David Tharp
# 6	Ralph Baker	Ken Padgett & Joe Feinauer
# 8	Paul Stringer	Jean Campbell
# 9	Pat Ishmael	Joe Callihan
# 10	Daniel Harris	Ron Easter Carl Pence
# 12	Scott Adkins	Libby Carty John Cassell Keith Coleman Tommy Queen Donald Roberts Barry Spriggs

ROAD MASTERS

<i>District</i>	<i>Employee</i>	<i>Coordinator</i>
# 4	Dale Martin	Mary Jo Floyd
# 5	John Miller	Beverly Jones David Tharp
# 6	Ralph Baker	Ken Padgett & Lynn Maiden Joe Feinauer Anthony Moore Boysie "Bo" Washington Jeff Winkle
# 9	Charles Adkins	Joe Callihan
# 10	Sandy Brooks	Ron Easter Daniel Harris B. F. Helton
# 12	Glenn Tackett	Libby Carty

There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, learning from failure.

Gen. Colin L. Powell

A Rule of Training (Unfortunately!):

Increased Training Costs = Increased Registration Fees

Regrettably, the above formula is too true! So, after two and a half years at the same rate, registration fees will increase. (We thought about having some bake sales instead, but with our group's fondness for eating, we knew there would be no profits!)

Beginning with courses/workshops presented in January 2002, registration fees are as follows:

- ◆ Roads Scholar Courses: \$50 for city and county employees; \$80 for all others.
- ◆ Road Master Courses: \$70 for city and county employees; \$80 for all others.
- ◆ On-Demand Courses: Turn to Page 10 for information and costs.

The many expenses associated with our training programs include staff time, instruction rooms, participant's lunches/breaks, instructors' fees, materials, travel, and postage. These expenses are covered by the registration fees.

Other expenses, such as course development, purchasing/maintaining computer equipment and software to track participant's training activities, are not covered by registration fees. They are funded primarily by the Federal Highway Administration's LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program), which provides assistance to cities and counties in maintaining their highways; and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Even though these fee increases are unavoidable, we still believe you're getting a heck of a deal!

Shorter Training Days

To help state and local agencies reduce overtime, we are condensing a full-day training into a shorter day. **Until further notice, registration now begins at 8:15 a.m., the workshops begin at 8:30 a.m., and end at 3 p.m.** To allow the same amount of material to be covered, lunch breaks are shortened to 30 minutes and the number of breaks are reduced. We will not reduce the number of training hours unless it is necessary to reduce the curriculum. We believe these changes will allow most agencies to continue sending their employees to needed training without undue burden on their budgets.

More News in T²

*by Martha Horseman
Training Manager*



Thank you for helping us experience such a successful training year! The T² training program staff coordinated and presented 153 workshops and trained 5,216 participants during the past fiscal year, July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001. *Now it's time to do it again.* We are working on our 2002 training calendar and scheduling workshops across the state for your convenience.

The following two workshops are being revised into one-day sessions to save participating agencies the expense of overnight lodging for their staff:

- ◆ *Environmental Awareness* (Road Master Requirement)
- ◆ *Basics of Hot-Mix Asphalt in Highway Construction* (Road Scholar Optional)

Workshops Rescheduled

The workshops listed below had to be rescheduled. ***All original participants will remain on the roster for the new date, so there is no need to re-register.***

- ◆ *Managing Roads and Streets*, scheduled for September 27 at the Center for Rural Development, Somerset, has been rescheduled for **October 23**. (same location)
- ◆ *Snow & Ice Removal*, scheduled for *October 18* at the Holiday Inn, Ft. Mitchell, has been rescheduled for **October 31**. (same location)

Additional Workshops

Due to high demand, we have added the following workshops:

- ◆ *Drainage: The Key to Roads That Last*: **September 26**, Ramada Inn, Lexington (Roads Scholar requirement).
- ◆ *Roadside Vegetation Management*: **October 10**; Four Point Hotels Sheraton, Lexington (Road Master optional)

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Are You Up to Date on Work Zone Safety?

by Russell Thomas, Project Manager
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Govt.

The previous issue of *The Link* featured an article discussing the updated *Millennium Edition Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD). The article below details many of the changes affecting Work Zone Safety in Part 6 of that Manual.

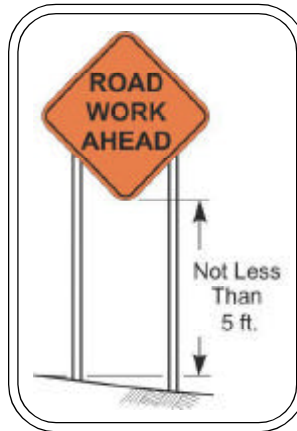
Remember . . .

- All information can be obtained from the web site www.mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/
- All government and private sectors that work on or near the roadways will be affected by these changes.
- Implementation dates:
 1. The effective date of the *Federal Register* final rule for the 2000 MUTCD is January 17, 2001.
 2. States have two years after that date to adopt the MUTCD changes; therefore, **January 17, 2003**, is the deadline.

Changes in Part 6

The following updated rules and guidelines have been adopted into Part 6 of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*:

1. All **workers** should be trained (Section 6D.02)
2. New **colors for flaggers vest**: orange, yellow, yellow-green, or a florescent version of these colors. (Section 6E.02)
3. The **stop and slow paddle** should be the preferred hand signaling device. (Flags should be limited to emergency situations.) (Section 6E.03)
4. In rural areas, **post-mounted signs** shall be mounted at a height of at least 5 feet to the bottom of the sign. (Section 6F.03)



5. **Advanced warning sign** sizes are as follows:

a. High speed roadways	48" x 48"
b. Low volume roadways	36" x 36"
c. Secondary or city streets (where speeds are very low)	24" x 24"

 (Section 6F.07)
 - d. Road Machinery Ahead Signs 36" x 36"
 - e. Shoulder Work Signs 30" x 30"
 - f. Survey Crew Signs 30" x 30"
 (Section 6F.33 thru 6F.35)
6. A vehicle displaying an **arrow panel** shall be equipped with a rotating light or a strobe light. (Section 6F.53)
7. All **cones** shall not be less than 18" for daytime and low speed roadways, or at least 28" for high speed or nighttime work. (Section 6F.56)
8. **Ballasts for drums** shall not be placed on top of the drum. (Section 6F.59)
9. **Shoulder work** shall have a "Shoulder Work" sign, or for mowing, a "Mowing Ahead" sign may be used. Where the activity is spread out over a distance of two miles or longer, the Shoulder Work sign should be repeated every mile. (Section 6G.06)
10. When there is a chance of **stopping a vehicle on a railroad crossing**: a law enforcement officer or a flagger shall be stationed at the crossing to prevent this from happening. (Section 6G.18)
11. **Pedestrian consideration**: Advance notification of sidewalk closures shall be provided as follows:
 - a. Pedestrians should not be led into a conflict with work site vehicles, equipment or operations.
 - b. Pedestrians should not be led into conflicts with vehicles moving through the work site.
 - c. Pedestrians should be provided with a safe and convenient path, as nearly as practical the existing sidewalks or footpath. (Section 6D.01)

TRAINING CALENDAR

2001

* Indicates Roads Scholar course.

Indicates Road Master course.

**CST

Indicates Central Standard Time zone

October

8	#Computer Familiarization	Western Kentucky Technical College, Paducah**
9	#Roadside/Vegetation Management	Four Point Hotels Sheraton, Lexington
10	#Roadside/Vegetation Management	Four Point Hotels Sheraton, Lexington
11	#Developing Leadership Skills	Center for Rural Development, Somerset
16	#Computer Familiarization	Central Kentucky Technical College, Lexington
16	Thinking Beyond the Pavement	Mines & Minerals Resources Bldg, UK, Lexington
23	*Managing People VI	Barren River Lake State Park**
23	*Managing Roads & Streets	Center for Rural Development, Somerset
25	*Work Zone Traffic Control	Natural Bridge State Resort Park
30	#Communications II	Barren River Lake State Park**
31	#Snow and Ice Removal	Holiday Inn, Ft. Mitchell

November

1	#Computer Familiarization	Central Kentucky Technical College, Lexington
1-2	Governor's Safety Summit	Marriott Griffin Gate Hotel, Lexington
27	Pesticide Training	Lake Barkley State Park
28	Pesticide Training	Lake Barkley State Park
29	Pesticide Training	Kentucky Dam Village State Park
30	Pesticide Training	Kentucky Dam Village State Park

December

11	Pesticide Training	Pennyrile State Park
12	Pesticide Training	Pennyrile State Park

January 2002

8	Pesticide Training	Lexington (Location to be announced later)
15	Pesticide Training	General Butler State Park
22	Pesticide Training	Barren River Lake State Park**
23	Pesticide Training	Barren River Lake State Park**

February 2002

6	Pesticide Training	Center for Rural Development, Somerset
12	Pesticide Training	Natural Bridge State Park
13	Pesticide Training	Blue Licks Battlefield State Park
19	Pesticide Training	Rough River State Park**
21	Pesticide Training	Rough River State Park**
26	Pesticide Training	Jenny Wiley State Park
27	Pesticide Training	Jenny Wiley State Park
28	Pesticide Training	Jenny Wiley State Park

NOTE: For more information about any of these courses, call the Center at 1-800-432-0719 or 859-257-4513

Finding Your Way Around the Web

by Lynne H. Irwin, P.E., Director, Cornell
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In an incredibly short period of time the World Wide Web has changed everything. Soon printed mail order catalogs may become extinct like dinosaurs. The major automobile manufacturers have made it possible for you to order a new car while sitting at home, using your personal computer. Such things would not have seemed possible only five years ago.

Certainly the most far-reaching development that has accompanied the “Web Revolution” is the accessibility of information. The *total amount* of information may not have changed so much, but how we get access to it has changed permanently.

So, for instance, municipal budgets, construction schedules, and the minutes of monthly board meetings will be readily accessible over the Web to anyone who wants to know. To an ever-increasing degree, people are coming to expect that they will be able to find everything on the Web. Soon, if not already, they will become frustrated and complain loudly if their expectations are not met.

Perhaps you have already experienced some of these frustrations yourself.

Finding What You’re After

The address of each page on the Web has a Universal Resource Locator, or URL. If you guess the correct URL, you can get what you are after. Recently Delta Airlines paid a princely sum to buy www.Delta.com from the Delta Faucet Company. People who were trying to get airline schedules were getting information about new faucets. They had guessed wrong, and neither company wanted the problem to continue.

To avoid the need for guessing URLs, you need to learn to use the various Web search tools. Presuming that you are using either Netscape or Internet Explorer, your browser offers a “built in” search tool at the top of your screen. This may meet your needs, but there are many other tools that you can use. Some of them may be worth taking a look at to see if they might serve you better.



Selecting a Search Engine

All search engines comb through a database of Web sites in response to your query. But how those databases are created (either by humans, or by automatic “web crawlers,” or a combination of both), and how often they are updated, differ from one search engine to another.

The size of the database that is used by each search engine is also quite different (see sidebar). So you may find it useful to bookmark several search engines in *addition to the search utility that is offered by your browser*.

There are about 24 major search engines on the Web. Two good ones to consider are Alta Vista (www.altavista.com) and Google (www.google.com).

To get an excellent overview of the various search engines you can visit www.searchenginewatch.com. When you enter the site, click on “Search Engine Listings” which will link you to more than a hundred different general-purpose and specialty search engines. You can also select “Reviews, Ratings and Tests” which provides side-by-side comparisons of the major search engines, and various recent articles about them.

Enhancing Your Search Skills

Like learning to drive, you can get going quickly, but with experience you will get even better. It helps to have some coaching, and www.searchenginewatch.com will give you some insight. Click on “Web Searching Tips.” For a general overview, choose “Search Engine Math” (don’t worry, it deals in words, not numbers). If you already have the basic skills, take a look at “Power Searching for Anyone.”

Near the bottom of the Tips page, there is an article on “How Search Engines Work” that is well worth reading. The more you know about how these tools work, the quicker you can find the information you’re looking for.

Try a Search Utility Program

To send your query to several different search engines at the same time, try a search utility program. These are available free by downloading them from the Web. Installing a search utility on your computer is a little bit more effort than just using a bookmark to a single search engine, but it is well worth the effort.

For the past two or three years, I have been using Web Ferret. It is available over the Web by visiting www.ferretsoft.com/netferret/. I have found the free version to be completely adequate for my needs. Follow the instructions at the site to download a self-installing executable file called Wferret.exe. Keep track of which subdirectory you put it in. After the download is complete (it takes anywhere from one to five minutes, depending on the speed of your modem), close your browser and go to that subdirectory.

When you see Wferret.exe, click on the file name. Again, follow the directions, and the installation will quickly be completed. Once you're sure that the program runs okay, you can delete the Wferret.exe download module (they fail to mention that in the directions).

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Web Ferret works just like a search engine, but it will search *nine* search databases all at once. If you see a URL on the list that you want to visit, just click on it. Web Ferret will load your browser and go to that site. This gives you a much better chance of finding what you're looking for.

There are 37 search utility programs available these days. They are indexed and described at www.searchenginewatch.com and links to each are provided. Some are very specialized, but one of them may be just what you need. Go take a look.

Thanks to the New York Local Roads Program for granting permission to reprint their article.

Searching for Search Engines...

Here is a selection of some interesting search engines that you can reach over the Web.

☞ **Google (www.google.com)**

Claims to have the largest database of Web pages, more than 1.3 billion of them!

☞ **FAST Search (www.alltheweb.com/)**

Second largest, with 575 million Web pages.

☞ **Alta Vista (www.altavista.com)**

One of the first, and still one of the best, with 350 million pages indexed.

☞ **Northern Light (www.northernlight.com/)**

Reportedly has 330 million pages; clusters search results into tidy folders.

☞ **Moreover (www.moreover.com/)**

Gathers headlines and news stories from more than 1800 sources worldwide.

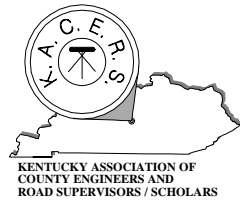
Really Cool Web Sites to Bookmark!

1. All kinds of links to any and all U.S. States in an easy-to-navigate format: www.50states.com/
2. Scenic byways in each state: www.byways.org/
3. Weather sites: <http://weather.gov> and www.nws.noaa.gov/er/hq
4. The Salt Institute: www.saltinstitute.org/
5. Creates driving directions from one point to any other point in the nation: www.mapquest.com/

Know of any great transportation web sites we haven't listed? Share them with *The Link* readers by calling 1-800-432-0719 or 859-257-4513 ext. 231.

6. Various types of maps of any state in America: <http://pubweb.parc.xerox.com/map/>
7. This site lists the total number of deficient bridges by state: www.tripnet.org/BridgesNumber.htm
8. View a slide show of the old historic Route 66 or glean other Route 66 info on: www.historic66.com/

New KACERS Officers Elected



Kentucky Association of County Engineers and Road Supervisors/Scholars (KACERS) elected the following new officers during their June 27th meeting held in Owensboro at the County Judge-Executives/Magistrates Conference:

- President Randall Ware
- Vice-President Eddie Thompson
- Secretary Greg Terry
- Treasurer Leo McMillen
- At-Large Member Gary Adkins
- At-Large Member Edwin Dyer
- At-Large Member Patsy Wardle



2002 KACERS Officers (from left): Randall Ware, Edwin Dyer, Leo McMillen, Patsy Wardle, Eddie Thompson, Greg Terry, and Gary Adkins.

Special guests at the meeting included:

Ed Stellfox, representative from the Pennsylvania LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program) Center, who addressed future needs with a presentation on technology transfer at his agency and the Train-the-Trainer concept.

Dave Miller presented a report from NACE (National Association of County Engineers).

Kentucky Transportation Center Technology Transfer Director, **Patsy Anderson**, discussed the County Road Finance Study.

Other topics addressed at the meeting include rural road safety and GASB-34.

After the meeting, members and guests were treated to a tour of the Owensboro Sign Shop and lunch at Moonlite Bar-B-Q Restaurant.

KACERS' goal is to improve local government services to Kentucky's citizens. Interested in becoming a member and helping them achieve that goal? Call Annette at the Center at 1-800-432-0719.

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Demand...and Save Money

On-Demand training is a service provided by the Center to help local and state governmental agencies make the most of their time and money. It eliminates the expenses of sending several employees to another town, sometimes for an overnight stay.

With a minimum of 15 participants and not more than 40, the Center will present the training at the agency's chosen location (maintenance barn, meeting room, or off-site facility). We provide the instructor,



class materials, and staff time for record keeping. The agency provides the audiovisual equipment (including screen, VCR, TV, flip chart, and other equipment, if needed), participants, and refreshments.

All participants receive certificates and the agency receives a copy of the sign-in roster, final participants list, and an evaluation summary. *NOTE: Participants attending a Work Zone Traffic Control workshop receive flagging cards.*

If a full-day course is either a Roads Scholar or Road Master course, the participants will receive the appropriate credit toward the completion of these training programs.

Cost of On-Demand Training

Local Governments

- ◆ \$600 per half-day workshop (morning or afternoon)
- ◆ \$1200 per full-day workshop

State Governments or Industry

- ◆ \$800 per half-day workshop (morning or afternoon)
- ◆ \$1400 per full-day workshop

To schedule an on-demand training for your employees, call Martha Horseman at 1-800-432-0719 or 859-257-4513 ext. 230, or fax 859-257-1061.

How to Renew Your Pesticide License



Over 600 local and state government employees in Kentucky last year took the training course and passed the test to acquire their non-commercial applicators licenses (Category 6). Each applicator is required to take two additional training courses within five years in order to renew their licenses. Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) tracks each applicator's training hours. Applicators do not have to be retested and there is no charge to renew their licenses with KDA.

To help these applicators acquire the necessary training to renew their licenses, the Center has developed a one-day training session that has been reviewed and approved by KDA. It will meet the requirements for non-commercial operators in both category three (Ornamental and Turf Lawn Care) and category six (Right-of-Way Pest Control).

The Center will present these training courses across the state this fall and winter. A schedule is listed in the next column. The cost to take this training is \$80 per person. To reserve your space, call Annette at the Center at 1-800-432-0719 or locally 257-4513 ext. 271 or Fax: 859-257-1061.



Pesticide Training for License Renewal

Date *Location*

November

- 27 Lake Barkley State Park
- 28 Lake Barkley State Park
- 29 Kentucky Dam Village State Park
- 30 Kentucky Dam Village State Park

December

- 11 Pennyriple State Park
- 12 Pennyriple State Park

January 2002

- 8 Lexington
- 15 General Butler State Park
- 22 Barren River Lake State Park****
- 23 Barren River Lake State Park****

February 2002

- 6 Center for Rural Dev., Somerset
- 12 Natural Bridge State Park
- 13 Blue Licks Battlefield State Park
- 19 Rough River State Park****
- 21 Rough River State Park****
- 26 Jenny Wiley State Park
- 27 Jenny Wiley State Park
- 28 Jenny Wiley State Park

****Central Standard Time**

What is the Value of Your Road/Street System?

*by Patsy Anderson
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GASB-34 requires that all public agencies place a dollar value on their infrastructures (roads, pipelines, utilities, etc.), as well as on capital assets (buildings, vehicles, equipment, etc.). Insurance records will make valuing capital assets fairly simple. There is nothing simple, however, in placing values on roads and streets! Many of you have good inventories of your roadways, which will put you far ahead of the game, because you already know the length, width, and type of surfaces your agency owns. You also will need to know the age of the roadway, if and when it was resurfaced, and its general condition.

If you don't have the information mentioned, rest assured that help is on its way!! Representatives from the Department for Local Government, the State Auditor's Office, the Kentucky League of Cities, a county road

department, and the Technology Transfer Program are meeting regularly to put together a suggested approach for valuing your road system.

We also will ask for review by KACERS (Kentucky Association of County Engineers and Road Supervisors) and APWA (American Public Works Association) before releasing the guidelines.

Our target date for completion is early November. GASB-34 calls for implementation based on your agency's annual revenue. If you have revenues exceeding \$10 million, your compliance date is June 15, 2002; less than \$10 million, you have until June 15, 2003, to comply.

For more information on GASB 34, review the Winter 2000-2001 LINK. And, watch for our special bulletin that will provide you with suggested guidelines.

Register for Our Courses On-Line Using Visa or MC

Did you know that you can now register and pay for any of the Center's courses on our web site? We have been asked many times for that service, and now we have it! Here's how you do it...

1. Log onto our Internet site: www.ktc.uky.edu
2. Click on "On-Line Registration Forms."
3. Click on the form that you need. You can register for any of our regularly-scheduled courses at this one site: "*General Registration Form; Road Scholar and Road Master (Paying by Visa or Mastercard)*," or see below for a printable form that you'll have to send back to us.
4. Complete form and click the "Submit" button and the form will be sent to us electronically. If you choose Visa or Mastercard as the payment type, be sure and list the phone number so we can contact you for the credit card information.

The Old Way Still Works, Too

You can still print out a registration form on our web site, complete it by hand or typewriter, and mail or fax (859-257-1061) it to our office. Just click on "*General Registration Form; Road Scholar and Road Master (Printable)*" on our web site.

Of course, you can still call us at 1-800-432-0719 or 859-257-4513 ext. 269, and we will fax you a form to fill out, or we can take your registration information by phone.

Governor's 2001 Highway Safety Summit

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet along with DRIVE SMART announce the *Governor's 2001 Highway Safety Summit* to be held at the Marriott Griffin Gate Hotel in Lexington, KY on November 1 and 2.

Last year over 300 transportation leaders from across the state met to discuss issues concerning highway safety. This year's Safety Summit will again provide a forum for sharing ideas and information to enhance highway safety.

If you would like to join others who are committed to providing our Commonwealth with safer roads, please contact Traci Carpenter at 859-257-4513 ext. 232 or Martha Horseman at 859-257-4513 ext. 230 for registration information.

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