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## 1998 Equipment Operators' Rodeo

The Statewide finals of the 1998 Equipment Operators' Rodeo was held Thursday, June 18 at Equipment and Procurement's Central Shop in Little Rock. Shown below are the first place winners in each category and the team champions. The next issue of the Centerline will contain more Rodeo review.



### TEAM CHAMPIONS District 3

L-R: Ralph Hall, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations; James Bruce, Ramon Rodriguez, Wesley Fritts, William Tyler, District Engineer; Kenneth Adams, David Morton, Roy Neiman and Bob Walters, Assistant Chief Engineer for Design.

### FIRST PLACE WINNERS

L-R: Ralph Hall, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations; Dustin Davis, Tractor/Mower; Kenny Riley, Backhoe; Margaret Byers, Single Axle Dump Truck; William Hickman, Motor Patrol; Kenneth Adams, Tandem Axle Dump Truck; Harold Mullins, Jr., Tractor/Lowboy; Bob Walters, Assistant Chief Engineer for Design.



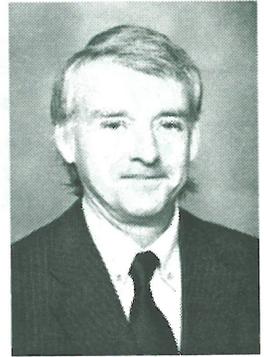
# Scott Mullis Promoted To District 2 Construction Engineer

Scott Mullis, Resident Engineer at the McGehee Office, was promoted to District 2 Construction Engineer June 4, 1998.

Mullis is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and is a Registered Professional Engineer.

He began his career with the Department 1983 as an Engineering Intern. He was hired in regular status in the Roadway Design Division in 1984 and transferred to the Monticello Residency that same year. He promoted to Assistant Resident Engineer and in 1989 became Resident Engineer at the McGehee Residency.

A native Arkansan, Mullis and his wife Amber have two children, Casey and John.



Scott Mullis

## Seat Belt Usage Is State Law and AHTD Policy

A recently conducted seat belt survey of Department employees determined a usage rate of 70% in personal vehicles and 60% in state vehicles.

The survey also concluded that the usage rate in state sedans was significantly higher than in other types of state vehicles, such as pickup trucks.

Employees are reminded that it is Department policy for all occupants to utilize seat belts while in state vehicles. It is a documented fact that the simplest action a driver can take to enhance occupant safety is to buckle up and to make sure all passengers are properly restrained as well.

The U.S. Department of Transportation recently announced a national campaign to increase seat belt usage to 85% by the year 2000. All AHTD employees should set a good example in striving to reach this national goal.

## Catastrophic Leave Program Update

As Of March 31, 1998

Number of employees donating vacation or sick leave .....	788
Number of employees granted catastrophic leave .....	182
Vacation hours donated .....	14,725
Sick hours donated .....	199,197
Total hours donated .....	213,922
Catastrophic leave hours granted .....	76,113
Catastrophic leave hours redonated* .....	7,918
Catastrophic leave hours balance .....	145,727

\*Employees originally granted leave who returned to work earlier than anticipated.

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

Friday, July 3, 1998 will be a state holiday for Highway and Transportation Department employees in observance of Independence Day, July 4.

All work will be suspended expect for cases of emergency.

# Professional Engineer's Examination Review

The University of Missouri at Columbia is offering Civil Engineers a chance to review for the Professional Engineers (PE) license examination without going to a classroom. All you need is a computer connected to the Internet. The problems and solutions review course uses web pages and friendly eMail conferencing software. Topics include steel and concrete design, highway and traffic engineering, geotechnical engineering, water supply, wastewater treatment, solid waste open channel flow, hydraulics and hydraulic machines.

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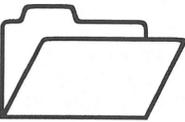
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## Conservation of Energy

One of the objectives of the Department's Strategic Plan is to improve the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of Department operations.

It is requested that a concerted effort be made to reduce expenditures through the conservation of energy. Please insure that lights are turned off when offices or work stations in your area of responsibility are not being utilized.

## Personal Data Changes



The Department maintains various information on each employee that is furnished at the time of employment. Keeping this record up to date is important. Promptly notify your appropriate Division or District personnel clerk of any changes in your: name, home address, telephone number, number of dependents, education (courses completed and other training or skills acquired), and professional registration or certification for entry into the Department's computer system.

For changes in your beneficiary, contact the Retirement Office at 501-569-2412 or the Group Insurance Office at 501-569-2417, whichever is appropriate.

## 1998 Equipment Operators' Rodeo Semi-Final Competition

The semi-final rounds of competition for the 1998 AHTD Equipment Operators' Rodeo are now complete. First place winners in each event of the semi-final competitions participated in the finals. The final statewide competition was held June 18 at the Central Shops in Little Rock. Shown below is the winners of the last two semi-finals.

		<b>District Nine</b>	<b>District Ten</b>
<b>Tractor/Lowboy:</b>	1st	Tommy Jackson	Randy Whitlow
	2nd	Gary Root	Brad Benson
	3rd	Chad Brenaman	David Wagster
<b>Tandem Axle Dump Truck:</b>	1st	Joey Fierro	Mike Farrell
	2nd	Darvin Barrett	Doyle McCallie
	3rd	Randall Whorton	Brad Fultz
<b>Single Axle Dump Truck:</b>	1st	Lawrence Drewry	Kim Tippy
	2nd	Jackie Villines	Todd Clifford
	3rd	Stacy Johnson	Linda Harris
<b>Tractor/Mower:</b>	1st	Mike Crow	Brenda Gause
	2nd	Michael Franks	Mickey Kimble
	3rd	Brenda Flower	Robert Losh
<b>Backhoe:</b>	1st	Kenny Riley	Darrell Campbell
	2nd	Greg Howerton	Paul Carr
	3rd	Eldon Watson	Anthony James
<b>Motor Patrol:</b>	1st	Randall Edgmon	Jerry Crawford
	2nd	Jack Pharis	Anthony Williams
	3rd	Ashley Hale	Gerald Ellis

# AHTD PEOPLE



## NEW EMPLOYEES

**Environmental**  
**Clinton Hutcheson**, Environ. Analyst I

**District 1**  
**Willie Colbert, Edward Piche**, Gen. Laborers; **James Hinchey, Sr., Deanna Beard**, Single Axle Truck Drs.; **Katherine Aughenbaugh**, Field Clerk I

**District 4**  
**Joseph Eyerman, Robert Plemmons**, Single Axle Truck Drs.

**District 5**  
**Kimberly Ramsey**, Gen. Laborer; **Terry Geaslin**, Single Axle Truck Dr.

**District 7**  
**Angela Kicks**, Gen. Laborer; **Gaylon Larkins**, Single Axle Truck Dr.

**District 10**  
**Darren Payton**, Single Axle Truck Dr.

## PROMOTIONS

**Equipment & Procurement**  
**Benny Bowers**, Station Attendant

**Surveys**  
**Robert Kesl, Jr.**, Photo. Technician III

**District 1**  
**Pamela Bunch, Lonnie Looney, Dennis Scott**, Single Axle Truck Drs.; **Andrew Hall**, Distributor/Roller Operator; **Kevin Morgan**, Maintenance Aide I

**District 2**  
**Ray Spears**, Sign Crew Supervisor

**District 3**  
**John Bruce**, Const. Aide I; **Larry Burke**, Area Hdqtrs. Attd.; **Gary Faulkner**, Single Axle Truck Dr.; **Kathryn Johnson**, Maint. Aide I

**District 4**  
**Cecil Clift, David Clift, Jr.**, Distributor Roller Opr.; **Brian Powell**, Const. Field Engineer I

**District 5**  
**Bruce Fick**, Maint. Aide I; **Darrel Munnerlyn**, Motor Patrol Operator

**District 6**  
**Clara McKenzie, Sandra Walker**, Single Axle Truck Drs.; **Winfred Petty**, Maint. Aide I;

**District 7**  
**Dennis Carpenter**, Maint. Aide II; **Anthony Herndon, John Mathis, Jr.**, Maint. Aides I; **Shirlyn Modica**, Single Axle Truck Dr.

**District 8**  
**David Bartlett**, Sign Crew Supervisor

**District 9**  
**Joseph Fierro**, Maint. Aide I; **Joe Maberry**, Motor Patrol Operator; **Russell Morgan**, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator; **Randall Williams**, Multi-Axle Truck Dr.; **Jason Williamson**, Distributor/Roller Operator

**District 10**  
**Lynn Alexander, Shannon Jacobes**, Single Axle Truck Drs.; **Darrell Campbell**, Crane Operator/Finish

## SERVICE

**35 Years**  
**Jerry Whitehurst**, D-3 Const. Project Coord.

**30 Years**  
**J.P. Sumner, Jr.**, Bridge Structural Detailing Specialist; **Melvin Hall**, Roadway Designer; **Floyd Cates**, D-8 Spreader Operator; **Bobby Brisco**, D-9 Lowboy or Float Truck Dr.; **Claude Taylor**, D-9 Bridge Job Supt.; **Frank Coffel**, D-10 Motor Patrol Operator/Finish

**25 Years**  
**Kay Fisher**, ROW Court Order and Research Coord.; **Joseph Qualls**, ROW Sr. Utilities Coord.; **Terry Nanney**, AHP Permits Section Head; **J.C. Parrish**, D-4 Crew Leader; **Carl Dodd**, D-4 Sr. Mechanic; **Clois Hill**, D-4 Motor Patrol Opr./Finish; **Winfred Reed**, D-5 Shop Supv.; **Tommie Brown**, D-6 Maint. Aide II; **Warren Marks**, D-6 Sr. Inspector; **William Hickman**, D-7 Crew Leader; **George Richardson**, D-7 Single Axle Truck Dr.; **Danny Bradford**, D-8 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.; **Michael Hottinger**, D-8 Const. Materials Inspector; **Cecil Robinson**, D-9 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.; **Jimmy Cooper**, D-9 Multi-Axle Truck Dr.

**20 Years**  
**Charles Ridge, Jr.**, Roadway Designer; **Carol Felix**, Roadway Designer; **Keith Merritt**, P&R Staff Planning Engineer; **James Smith**, D-1 Resident Engineer; **James Hope**, D-2 Inspector; **Gary West**, D-2 Crew Leader; **Herman Phippen**, D-2 Single Axle Truck Dr.; **Billy Plunkett**, D-2 Area Maint. Supv.; **Timmy Bradley**, D-5 Bridge Repairer II; **John Wehunt**, D-6 Sr. Const. Materials Insp.; **Luther Vaughn, Jr.**, D-7 Janitor; **Donald Fain**, D-7 Storeroom Asst. I; **Grady Davis**, D-10 Maint. Aide I; **Walter Hamm**, D-10 Area Maint. Supv.; **Billy Riley**, D-10 Sr. Insp.

**15 Years**  
**Brenda Price**, Environmental Scientist I; **Jeffery Reed**, AHP Cpl.; **Linda McKay**, AHP Sgt.; **Taylor McDaniel, Jr.**, D-1 Maint Aide II; **Jimmy Johnson**, D-2 Area Maint. Supv.; **Brewin Martin**, D-3 Permit Officer; **Rita Stone**, D-4 Area Headquarters Attendant; **Harmon Edgmon**, D-4 Const. Materials Insp.; **Horace Loomis**, D-7 Sr. Mechanic; **Cecil Long**, D-8 Sr. Mechanic; **David Hicklin**, D-10 Bridge Repairer II

**10 Years**  
**Steven Shell**, Computer Tech. III; **Lee Greene**, Maint. Sign Maker II; **Michael Gahr**, D-1 Motor Patrol Opr.; **Floyd Frazier**, D-1 Sr. Mechanic; **Celestia Howard**, D-4 Const. Aide I; **Byron Price**, D-5 Const. Aide I; **Cheryl Davis**, D-7 Field Clerk II; **Ovell Jackson**, D-7 Rest Area Attendant

**5 Years**  
**William Allen**, Surveys Tech. II; **David Lawless**, D-2 Maint. Aide I; **Jackie Horton**, D-3 Station Attendant; **Debra Pate**, D-3 Maint. Aide I; **Shelly Wright**, D-4 Storeroom Asst. I; **Phillip Rowen**, D-7 Parts Runner; **Shelly Eason**, D-9 Single Axle Truck Dr.; **William Reddell**, D-10 Const. Field Engineer I

## RETIREMENTS

**William Keeling**, District 9 Inspector, retired April 30 with 23+ years service.

**Melvin Hall**, Roadway Designer, retired May 25 23 years service.

**Jim Trost**, D-2 Construct Engineer, retired May 5 with 32+ years service.

**Jimmy Auld**, D-3 Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, retired May 18 with 29+ years service.

**Donald Westbrook**, D-3 Inspector, retired May 8 with 28+ years service.

**Earl Bates**, D-4 Crew Leader, retired May 21 with 30+ years service.

**James Jones**, D-4 Multi-Axle Truck Dr., retired May 28 with 10+ years service.

**Francis Jones**, D-8 Sign Crew Supervisor, retired May 21 with 26+ years service.

**Joe Nichols**, D-9 Guard, retired May 12 with 20+ years service.

**Frank Coffel**, D-10 Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, retired May 15 with 30 years service.

**Arthur Ball**, D-10 Motor Patrol Operator/Finish, retired May 25 with 32+ years service.

**Remember! Buckle Your Seat Belt**

