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AHTD Media Event to Kick Off Work Zone Safety Awareness Week

An AHTD media event will be held on April 3, 2002 to kick off National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week.

Highway Commissioners and Director Dan Flowers will lead the event. The emphasis on workzone safety parallels the upcoming Interstate Rehabilitation Program (IRP) work on Interstate 30 between Benton and Little Rock. According to Director Flowers, "Construction in this area will involve removing and replacing the concrete roadway, nine new interchanges, a concrete barrier wall in the median and the eventual conversion of all surrounding frontage roads to a one-way direction."

Along with the I-30 construction activity briefing, event activities are to include the presentation of a proclamation from Governor Mike Huckabee designating April 8-12, 2002 as Work Zone Safety Awareness Week in Arkansas. "With nearly 300 Interstate miles expected to be under construction during this peak year of the Interstate Rehabilitation Program, enhancing the safety of construction workers and motorists is one of our main concerns," added Flowers. "We also plan to use this opportunity to emphasize work zone safety on every

roadway throughout the state."

AHTD staff and representatives from the Department's Arkansas Highway Police Division, Associated General Contractors, Arkansas Good Roads/Transportation Council and Federal Highway Administration will participate in promoting Arkansas' Work Zone Safety Awareness Week.

Heightened work zone enforcement by the Arkansas Highway Police, media activities, radio and TV announcements, and high school presentations are planned for the week of April 8-12, 2002.

The logo features the words "Think Ahead" in a bold, sans-serif font. The letter "A" in "Ahead" is replaced by a stylized shield shape containing a road sign graphic of a road with a dashed center line and a solid edge line.

Think Ahead

AHTD "Pave the Way" Campaign Receives "Prism" Award

The AHTD's *Pave The Way* safety and information campaign received a Prism Award for communications excellence at a reception and ceremony on March 14, 2002 at the Arkansas Repertory Theatre. This is the seventh major award honoring the campaign's success in keeping motorists informed about the Interstate Rehabilitation Program. The Prism Award is an annual competition sponsored by the Arkansas Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA).

"It is an honor for our campaign to be recognized by industry professionals, yet we are most rewarded by the safety impact *Pave The Way* is having on Arkansas motorists during this construction program," said Dan Flowers, AHTD Director. The AHTD and Thoma Thoma Creative, media consultant to the Department, were presented the single award in the Non-Profit Institutional Campaign category.

Farrell Wilson, Public Affairs Special Projects Coordinator, accepted the award on behalf of the AHTD. Others in attendance included Jane Wilson, Chief of Administration & Public Affairs, who serves as Chairper-



Accepting the Prism Award were left to right: Jane Wilson, AHTD Chief of Administration and Public Affairs; Farrell Wilson, AHTD Public Affairs Special Projects Coordinator; Thoma Thoma Creative representatives Jeanette Wagner, Public Relations Director; Tom Steves, Senior Vice President; Amber Helms, Account Executive; and Lee Gordon, AHTD Public Information Officer.

son of the *Pave The Way* campaign's development committee, Lee Gordon, Public Information Officer, and representatives from Thoma Thoma Creative. The Arkansas Chapter of PRSA is made up of 120 professionals and is affiliated with the 2000 member national PRSA organization. This year's Prism Award entries were judged by the Arizona chapter of the Society.



Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, April 7 AHTD Four-Day Work Week Begins Thursday, April 4

Sunday, April 7 at 2:00 a.m. marks the beginning of Daylight Saving Time. Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday night. With the onset of Daylight Saving Time comes the four-day work week for the following AHTD personnel who, beginning Thursday, April 4 through Wednesday, October 30, 2002, will work a four-day, ten-hour work schedule Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a one-half hour lunch:

Field maintenance personnel, District shop crews, storeroom personnel, Area Maintenance Supervisors, Job Superintendents, Shop Supervisors, District Equipment and Maintenance Supervisors, striping and signing crews, Surveys Division survey party crews, Heavy Bridge maintenance crews, Facilities Management personnel, Radio Maintenance Specialists, Safety Inspection Officers, Sign Shop personnel, Equipment and Procurement shop personnel, and Planning and Research Technical Services field personnel.

On those weeks containing a holiday, the work schedule will revert to a five-day, eight-hour work week. Vacation or sick leave for a ten-hour day will be charged as ten hours. Half days will be charged as five hours.

The Districts will rotate the service station personnel so that one person will be on a five-day, eight hour work week in order to keep the station open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

The Equipment Preventive Maintenance Program will be carried out fully during the four-day work week period.

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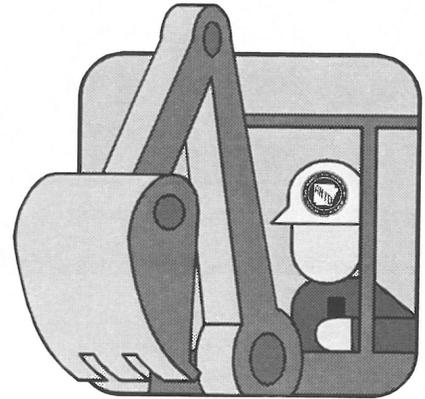
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12th Annual Equipment Operators' ROADEO Final Competition To Be Held June 13, 2002

The semi-final rounds of competition for the 2002 AHTD Equipment Operators' Roadeo began earlier this month. The first place winners in each event of the semi-finals will participate in the statewide competition scheduled for June 13, 2002 at the Central Shops in Little Rock. The schedule for the remaining semi-final competitions is as follows:



District 1	April 4	District 3	March 28
District 4	April 25	District 5	April 18
District 7	March 21	District 8	April 11
District 9	May 16	District 10	May 2

The results of the semi-finals already held are listed below.

DISTRICT SIX March 7	CENTRAL OFFICE March 7	DISTRICT TWO March 14	DISTRICT SEVEN March 21
<p style="text-align: center;">Tractor/Lowboy</p> <p>1 Jimmy Brooks 2 Carl Efird 3 Larkie Cobb</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tandem Axle Dump Truck</p> <p>1 Winfred Petty 2 Derrick Marshall 3 Mike Wingfield</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Single Axle Dump Truck</p> <p>1 Joe Scarborough 2 Leonard Stokes 3 John McDorman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tractor/Mower</p> <p>1 John L. Ballinger 2 Keith Gragson 3 Aaron Ring</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Backhoe</p> <p>1 Ronnie Veazey 2 Bob Grady 3 Melvin Wylie</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motor Patrol</p> <p>1 Bill Dunlap 2 Harry Jobe 3 Todd Nebling</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tractor/Lowboy</p> <p>1 Richard Adams <i>Materials</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Single Axle Dump Truck</p> <p>1 Donna Martin <i>Human Resources</i> 2 Clifford Roland <i>Maintenance</i> 3 Cory Sutton <i>Materials</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tractor/Mower</p> <p>1 Brian Gilliam <i>Human Resources</i> 2 Clifford Roland <i>Maintenance</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tractor/Lowboy</p> <p>1 Tim Cagle 2 Steve Sites 3 Steve Fletcher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tandem Axle Dump Truck</p> <p>1 Jimmy Harris 2 Norman Rochelle 3 Mike Hollowell</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Single Axle Dump Truck</p> <p>1 Royce Edmondson 2 Billy Cater 3 Rickey Tippett</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tractor/Mower</p> <p>1 Clarence Edwards 2 Donnie Sanders 2 Jon Paul Anderton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Backhoe</p> <p>1 Kirk Chidester 2 Ellis Landers 3 Michael Willhite</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motor Patrol</p> <p>1 Harold Smith 2 Donald Nugent 3 David Alverson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tractor/Lowboy</p> <p>1 Bryan Ryder 2 Eileen Adams 3 Terry Hill</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tandem Axle Dump Truck</p> <p>1 Greg Bird 2 Allen Newton 3 Therese Purifoy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Single Axle Dump Truck</p> <p>1 Wade Holdcraft 2 Jeremy Evans 3 Dennis Burke</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tractor/Mower</p> <p>1 Charlotte Stanley 2 David Grice 2 Donald Crawford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Backhoe</p> <p>1 Anthony Prescott 2 James Skinner 3 Matt Jackson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motor Patrol</p> <p>1 William Hickman 2 Howard Holman 3 Don Hudson</p>

AHTD PEOPLE



FEBRUARY 2002

NEW EMPLOYEES

COMPUTER SERVICES

Hanbing Li, Programmer I

MATERIALS

Richard Adams, Geotechnical Aide I
Bernard Eldridge, Gale Scruggs, Christopher Wells, General Laborers

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Jordan Bittle, Jason Traywick, Cartographers I

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Georgia Stinnett, Office Admin. Assistant II

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Lee Gordon, Public Information Officer

DISTRICT THREE

Donald Poole, General Laborer
Shannon McGarran, Civil Engineer

DISTRICT FOUR

Regina Gregory, Connie Pride, Craig Shelton,
Joe Heavener, Andy Ridgeway, Gen. Laborers
Curtis Lanford, Sign Erector
Willis Jackson, Dale Miller, Single Axle Truck Drs.
Eric West, Construction Helper I

DISTRICT SIX

David Byrd, Jr., Angelo Defeo, Josh Pinkerton,
Kevin Smith, Margaret Prichard, Donovan
Samples, Single Axle Truck Drivers

DISTRICT SEVEN

Joseph Lamb, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT EIGHT

Rickie Hosman, Charles Manning, Paul Voss,
Single Axle Truck Drivers

DISTRICT NINE

Kelly Caler, Kenneth Green, Single Axle Truck Drs.

DISTRICT TEN

Irven Reece, Michael Sneed, Single Axle Truck Drs.

PROMOTIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL

Suzanne Long, Administrative Aide II

HIGHWAY POLICE

Lisa Mann, Permit Technician

MAINTENANCE

Michael Brown, Senior Traffic Investigator

MATERIALS

Ray Gruver, Jr., Laboratory Facility Manager
Carl Hall, Geotechnical Aide I
Christy Westbrook, Administrative Aide V

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Chris Hanning, P&C Engineer

ROADWAY DESIGN

Tammy Jernigan, Adv. Design Engineer

DISTRICT 1

Erick Hinton, Bridge Painter I

DISTRICT 2

Shane Jackson, Beverly Meridith, Donnie
Sanders, Traci Saucier, Rick Stanley, Single Axle
Truck Drivers

DISTRICT 3

David Gaylord, Larry Medford, Distributor/Roller
Operators

DISTRICT 4

Harmon Edgmon, Sr. Const. Materials Insp.
Jim Huffaker, Maintenance Aide II
Osea Holloway, Leslie Jackson, Brian Shores,
Single Axle Truck Drivers
James Nelson, Inspector

DISTRICT 5

Timothy Hurtt, Maintenance Aide II
Ronnie Mann, Distributor/Roller Operator
Jason Chandler, Lisa Cupler, Jon Jones, Calvin
Leonard, III, Matthew Mason, Effie Pasley,
Nicholas Rushing, Ricky Steward, Casey
Williams, James Williams, Matthew Wycough,
Joe Young, Single Axle Truck Drivers

DISTRICT 6

Jack Denis, III, Shandale Smith, Motorist
Assistance Patrol Providers
Michael Arellanes, Maintenance Aide II
Tony Kelly, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.
James McClendon, James Weston, Hydraulic
Excavator Operators/Finish
Bennie McKim, Construction Helper II
Donny Parish, Inspector
Chantelle Peterson, Single Axle Truck Dr.
David Smith, Multi-Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 7

Jeremy Cain, Melissa Lea, Estel Taylor, Single
Axle Truck Drivers
David Jarvis, Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.
Bobby McAteer, Distributor/Roller Operator

DISTRICT 8

Dennis Condley, Walter Edwards, Bridge
Repairers I
Debbie Matchett, Multi-Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 9

Dennis Birge, Adv. Construction Field Engr.
Charles Jefferson, Construction Aide II
Gale Smith, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish

DISTRICT 10

Evelyn Bennett, Construction Helper II
Donna Davis, Melvin Heath, Single Axle Truck Drs.
Billy Mitchell, Area Maintenance Supervisor
Joshua Musick, Distributor/Roller Operator
Michael Tarry, Inspector

SERVICE

40 YEARS

Kenneth Perry, D6 Senior Inspector

30 YEARS

Dennis Jarrett, E&P Storeroom Supervisor
Frank Knowles, HR Records Supervisor
Michael Selig, P&C Staff Traffic Safety Engineer

25 YEARS

Ron Winkler, Maintenance FM Electrician
David Harmon, ROW Engineering Specialist
Eddie Bryant, D1 Area Maintenance Supv.
Charles Carrouth, D5 Area Maintenance Supv.
Tommy Thomas, D6 Backhoe/Front End Loader Opr.
James Weston, D6 Maintenance Aide II
Raymond Cox, D6 Construction Aide II
David Myers, D8 Body Repairer and Painter
Jerry Phillips, D10 Area Maintenance Supv.

20 YEARS

John Gorton, Roadway Design Adv. Traffic Engr.
William Waggle, D1 Area Headquarters Attendant
Michael Funderburk, D3 Crew Leader

15 YEARS

Thomas Peek, AHP Corporal
John Abercrombie, Computers Software Analyst III
Diane Willmon, D3 Permit Officer
Carley Bledsoe, Jr, D7 Maintenance Aide I
Linda Faulkenberry, D10 Office Admin. Asst. V
Charles Loop, D10 Inspector

10 YEARS

Gary Taylor, AHP Patrol Officer First Class
Janet McElroy, D1 Bookkeeper
Kyle Bryant, D2 Single Axle Truck Driver
Eric Hasley, D3 Const. Materials Inspector
Carrie Hudgens, D4 Maintenance Aide I
Willie McCord, D5 Single Axle Truck Driver

5 YEARS

Albert Brown, Maintenance Carpenter
Gary Bennett, Materials Civil Engineer IV
Curtis Anderson, D3 Distributor/Roller Operator
Kent Little, D4 Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator

RETIREMENTS

Robert Pack, D9 Area Maintenance Supervisor, re-
tired August 2, 2001 with 27+ years

Fernie Speights, P&R Transportation Information
Analyst, retired February 22, 2002 with 23+ years

Larry Young, D4 Area Maintenance Supervisor, re-
tired February 13, 2002 with 30+ years

Bobby Reddin, D7 Area Maintenance Supervisor,
retired February 28, 2002 with 38+ years

James McFerran, D8 Equipment Maintenance Super-
visor, retired February 25, 2002 with 33+ years

Rex Pierce, Jr., D10 Crew Leader, retired February
12, 2002 with 23+ years

Catastrophic Leave Donations

Employees are reminded that vacation leave balances which exceed the maximum carry-over may be donated to the Catastrophic Leave Program. These donations must reach the Human Resources Office before March 29, 2002. For further information contact the Human Resources Office at 501-569-2296.