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## 12th Annual AHTD Equipment Operators' ROADEO District Nine Recaptures Roadeo Title

After losing the team title last year, District Nine returned to winning form and recaptured the Roadeo plaque with an impressive showing at the equipment operators' competition held June 13, 2002.

"We came to Little Rock to win," said a proud District Nine Engineer Ralph Fulton. This is the fourth time the district has done so.

"We have some outstanding equipment operators," said Fulton. "And we have a great natural train-

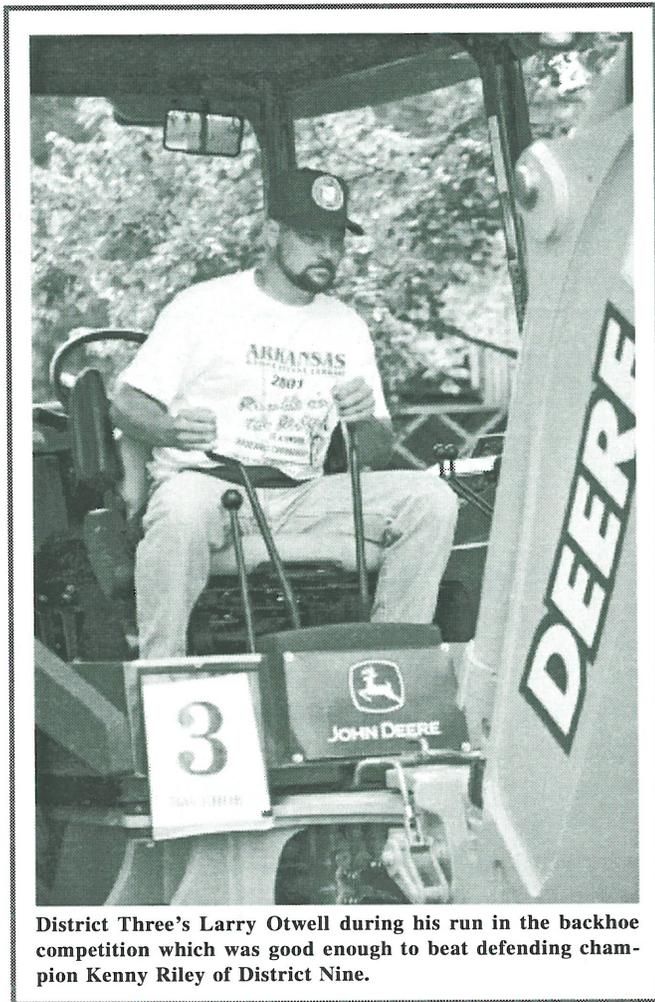
ing ground. Everyday is a practice day for our crews. The District's rough terrain demands all-around skills."

Returning Motor Patrol champion Randall Edgmon led the District Nine team successfully de-

### 2002 TEAM CHAMPION District 9



Commissioner Jonathan Barnett, center, holds the Team Champion plaque for District 9. Team members are left to right: Jeff Upton, Jeff Hudgens, Fay Walden, Kenny Riley, Bobby Kelley, Randall Edgmon, Howard Farmer, Keith Carpenter and District 9 Engineer Ralph Fulton.



District Three's Larry Otwell during his run in the backhoe competition which was good enough to beat defending champion Kenny Riley of District Nine.

fending his title. Also garnering first places were Jeff Upton in the Tractor/Lowboy and Keith Carpenter in the Tandem Axle Dump Truck events, while Jeff Hudgens placed second in the Tractor Mower competition. Other team members included Kenny Riley, Fay Walden, Bobby Kelley and Howard Farmer.

It was a tough day for defending champions, as competition was fierce. Edgmon was the only State Champion to repeat a first place win.

Joe Scarborough of District Six won first place in the Single Axle Dump Truck and Darrell Carter of District Eight won the Tractor Mower division.

Larry Otwell of District Three is the new Backhoe champion. He posted his time, then had to sweat it out while waiting for defending champion Kenny Riley to finish up the event.

"Kenny is a real stand-up guy and I felt bad for him when the ball dropped during his run," said Larry, beaming with pride as the new titleholder. But I had a good run and felt real good about my time holding up."

Named as the operator of the decade at the 2000 event, Riley has had an amazing run through the backhoe competition over the years, finishing first seven times and second twice.

"Kenny Riley does a very good job," said District Nine's Fulton. "He's not on the equipment much anymore now that he is an area supervisor, but he is a very skilled equipment operator."

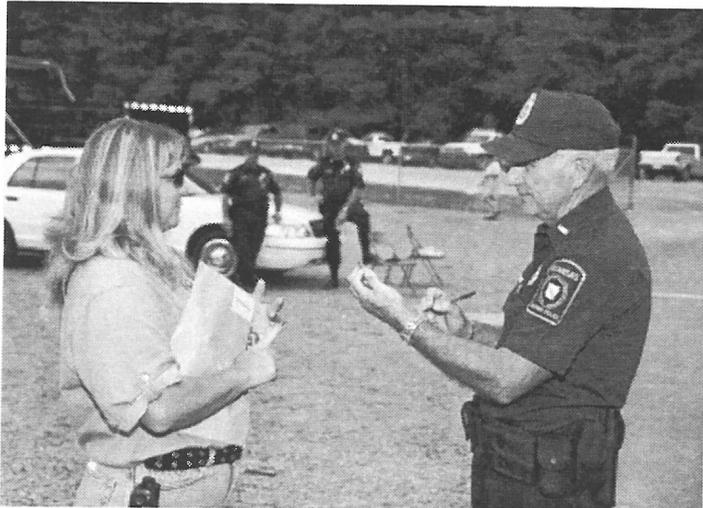
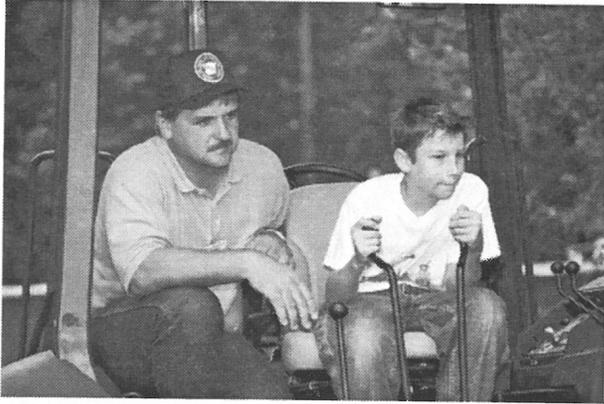
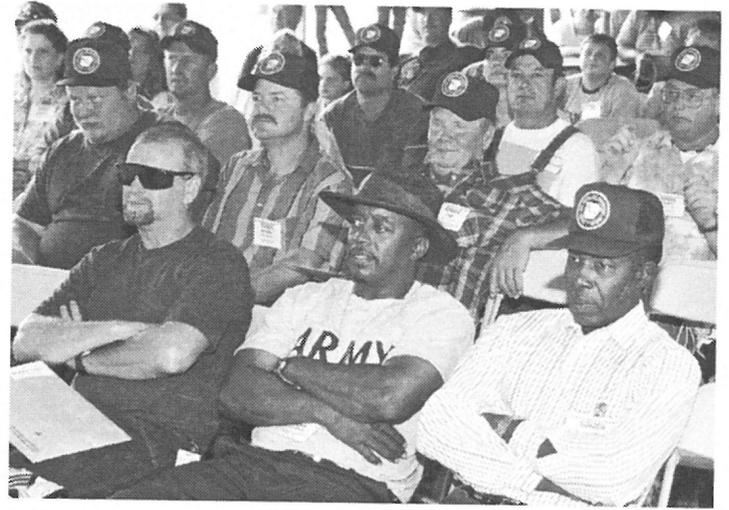
Finishing second in the overall competition was defending team champion District Eight and third place went to District Six.

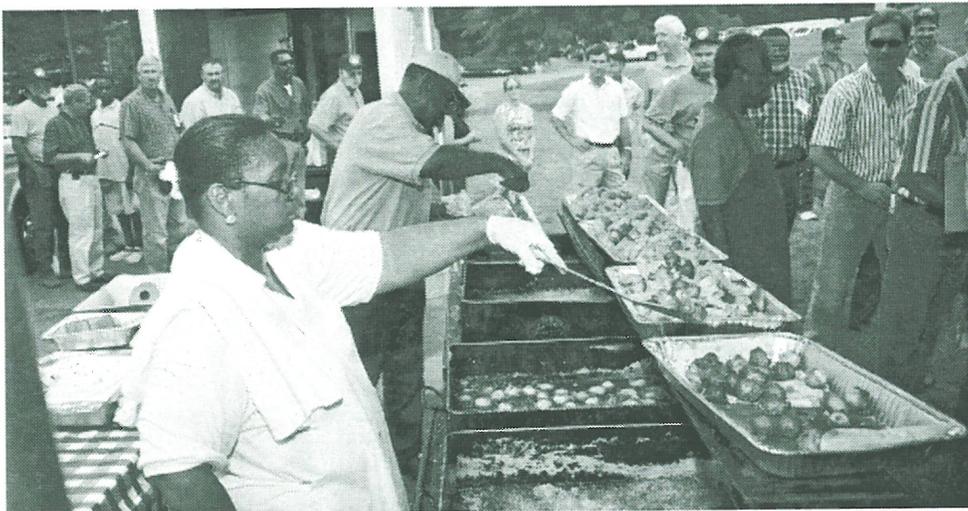
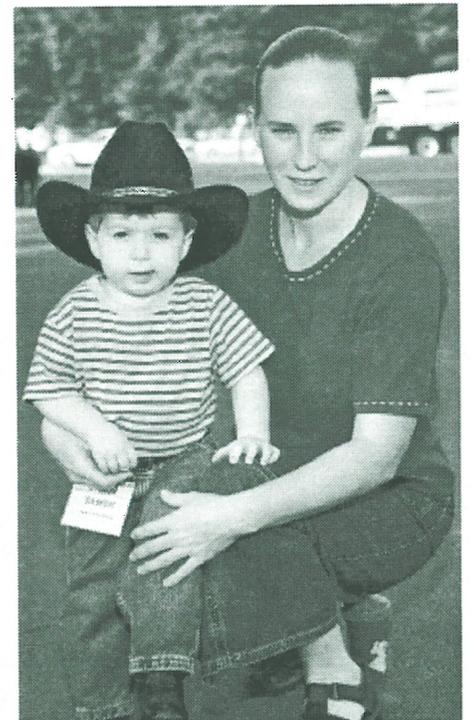
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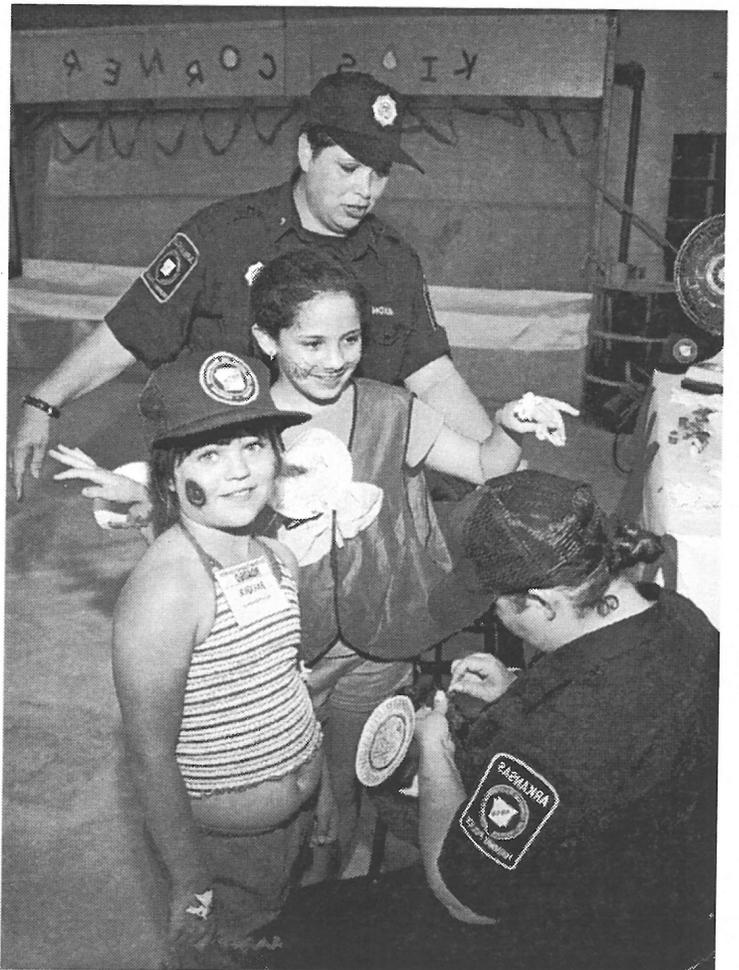
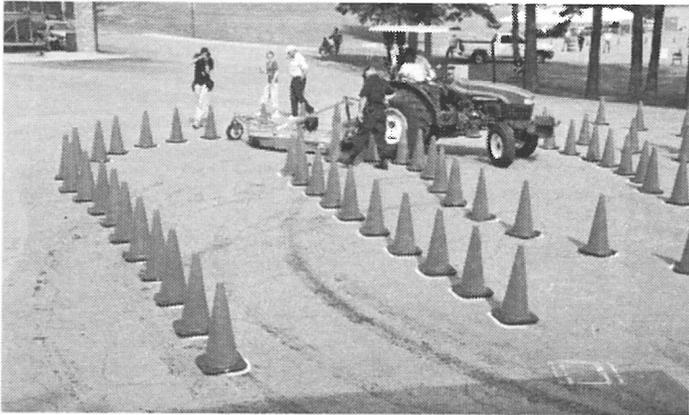
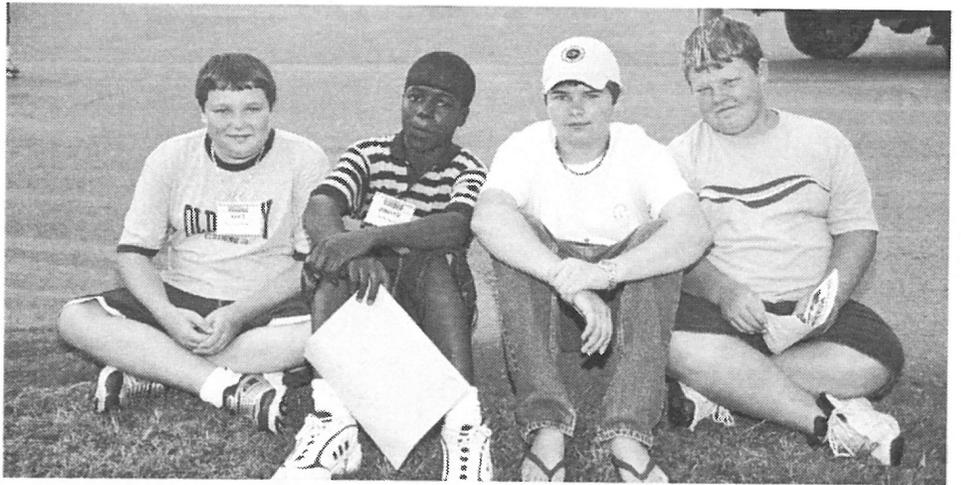
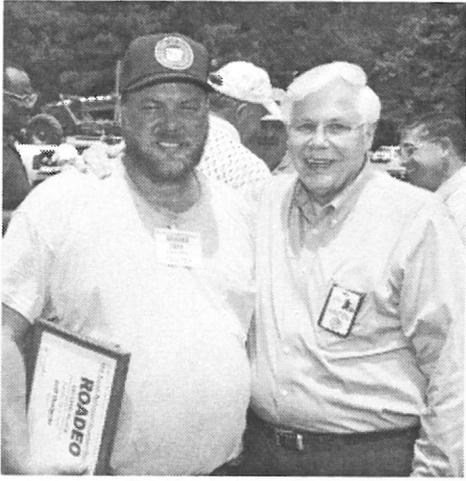


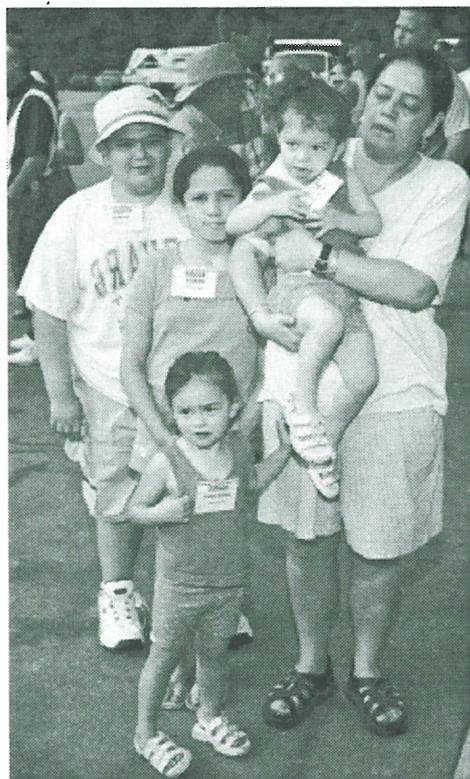
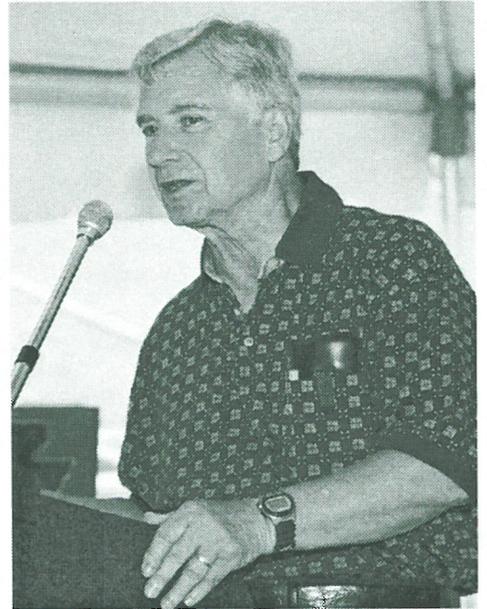
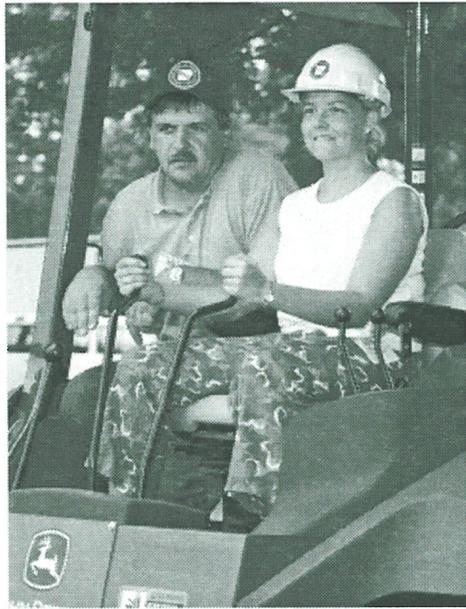
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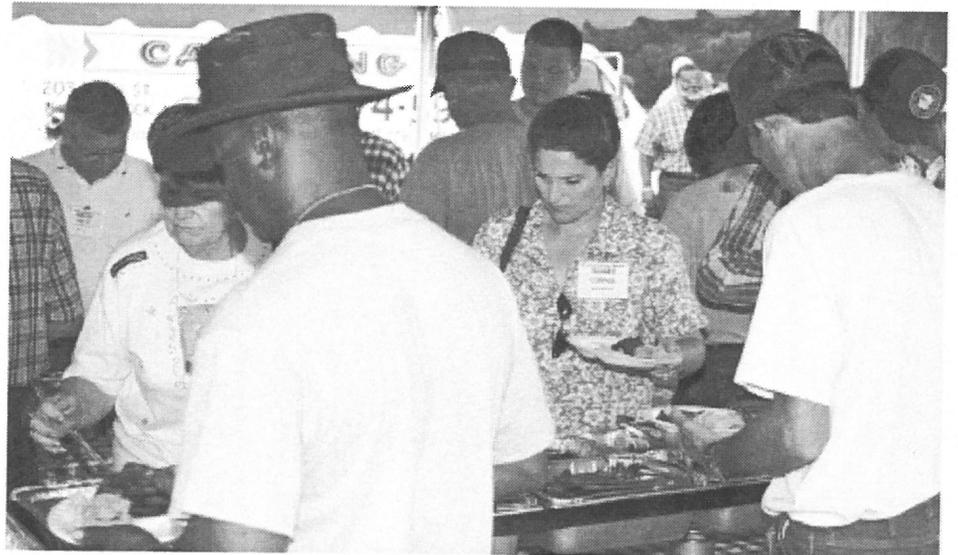
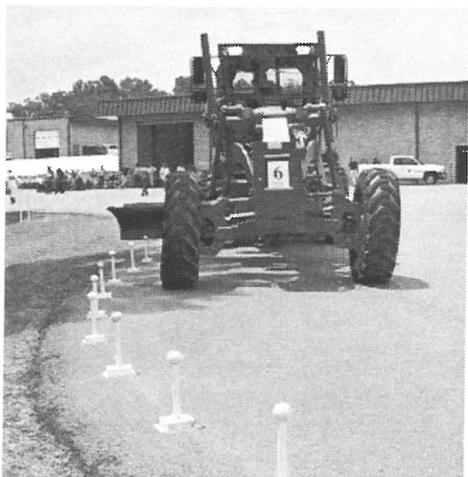
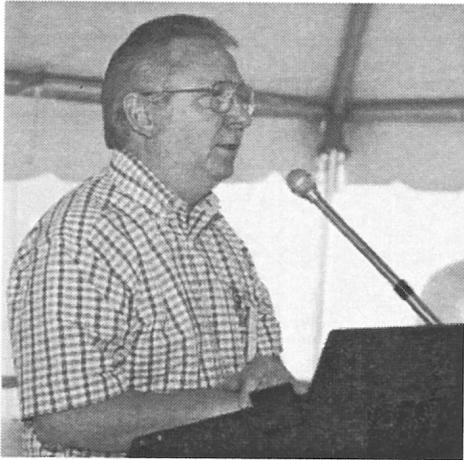
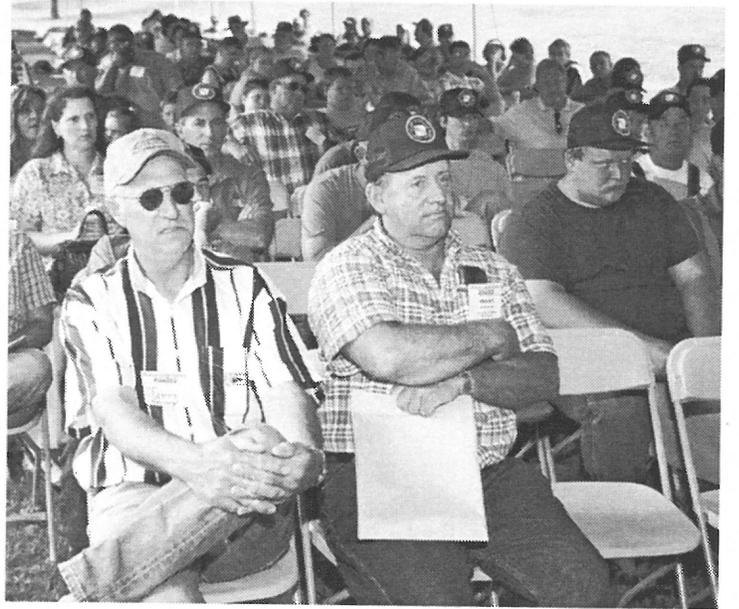
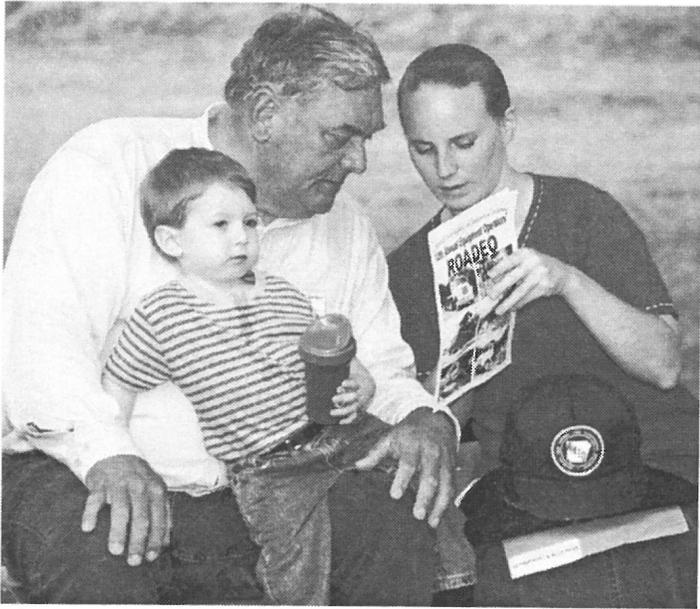
L-R: Darrell Carter, District 8, Tractor/Mower; Randall Edgmon, District 9, Motor Patrol; Larry Otwell, District 3, Backhoe; Joe Scarborough, District 6, Single Axle Dump Truck; Jeff Upton, District 9, Tractor/Lowboy. Not pictured: Keith Carpenter, District 9, Tandem Axle Dump Truck.











# 2002 STATEWIDE WINNERS



## TRACTOR/MOWER

L-R: 1st place, Darrell Carter, District 8; 2nd place, Jeff Hudgens, District 9; 3rd place, Clarence Edwards, District 2



## TRACTOR/LOWBOY

L-R: 1st place, Jeff Upton, District 9; 2nd place, Mike Schmalz, District 4; 3rd place, Russell Curbo, District 1



## SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

L-R: 1st place, Joe Scarborough, District 6; 2nd place, Sammy Parrish, District 10; 3rd place, Kalene Tatom, District 3



## TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK

L-R: 1st place, Keith Carpenter, District 9; 2nd place, Kenny Howard, District 8; 3rd place, Winfred Petty, District 6



## MOTOR PATROL

L-R: 1st place, Randall Edgmon, District 9; 2nd place, Dennis Langston, District 8; 3rd place, William Hickman, District 7



## BACKHOE

L-R: 1st place, Larry Otwell, District 3; 2nd place, Rick Hale, District 10; 3rd place, Ronnie Veazey, District 6