



The CenterLine

Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department

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Photos Go in CenterLine

In July, the publications staff will begin featuring employee news and photos in the *CenterLine* newsletter. The Fall 2003 issue of *Arkansas Highways* magazine will be the last issue for miscellaneous photos. Graduation photos will remain a feature in the Fall magazine. Other photos and news will be published as submissions are received by the deadline of the first workday of each month.

Please begin submitting now for July publication. A submission sheet may be obtained through your Division or District Secretary, or by emailing Shelli.Russell@ahtd.state.ar.us

If you are submitting text without photos (ex: *The Materials Division welcomes new employee, Joe Smith, Sign Maker I.*), use the Photo Submission Form and include all pertinent information as if you were submitting a photo.

- **Submit materials to:** AHTD Publications, Public Affairs Office, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203-2261
- **Email quality digital photos and other text information to:** Shelli.Russell@ahtd.state.ar.us



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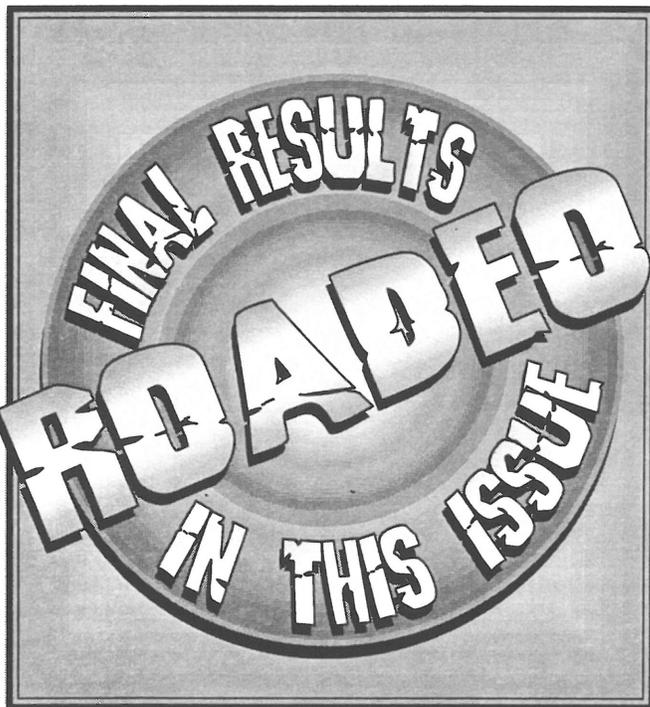
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Take group shots instead of several single photos (ex: service or safety awards).

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District Engineer or Division Head approval must accompany all submissions.

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Retirement Board Elections

It's that time of year again, when members of the Arkansas State Highway Employees Retirement System elect an employee member to the Retirement System Board of Trustees.

All members of the Retirement System are eligible for nomination to a two-year term, except those who are already members of the board.

Retirement System members cast their nomination ballots in May for the term beginning July 1, 2003.

A panel of judges tabulated the nomination ballots. The two system members receiving the most votes were Scott Bennett and Stanley Glover. An election ballot has been mailed to members. Results of the election will be announced at the end of June.

Current members of the Board include Larry Dickerson, Chief Financial Officer; Ralph Hall, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations; Bob Walters, Chief Engineer; and Teddy Widner, District 9 Senior Mechanic. The new member will replace Hall, whose term ends June 30th.

FINAL RESULTS
ROADEO
JUNE 12, 2003

1ST PLACE

TRACTOR/LOWBOY
 Steve Sites, District Two

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK
 Keith Carpenter, District Nine*

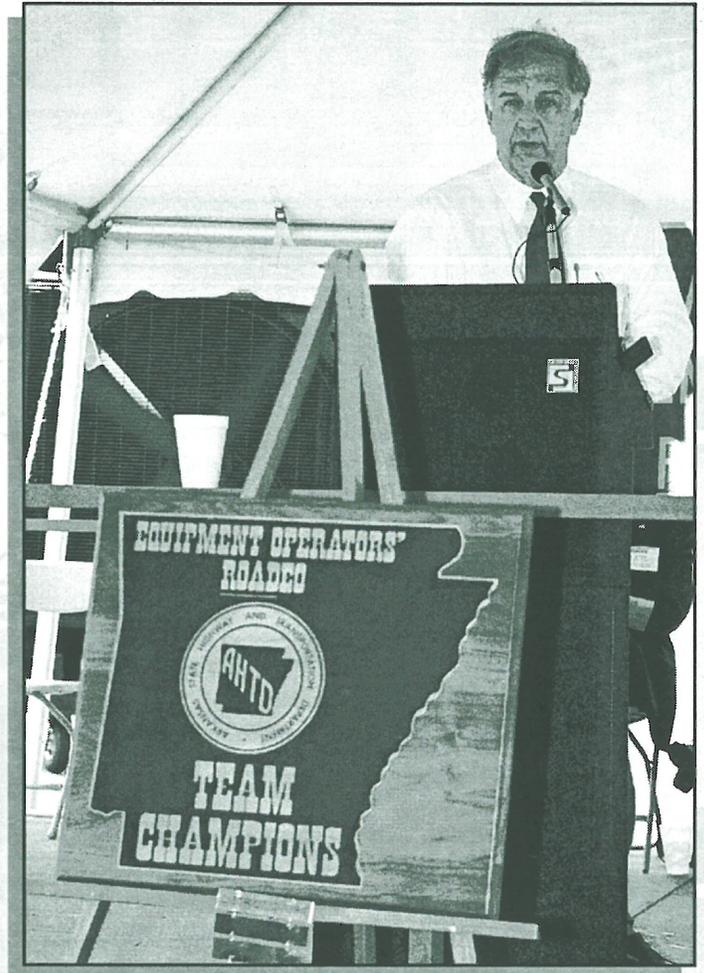
SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK
 Josh Higginbottom, Central Office

TRACTOR/MOWER
 Clarence Edwards, District Two

BACKHOE
 Larry Otwell, District Three*

MOTOR PATROL
 Randall Edgmon, District Nine*

*2002 STATE CHAMPIONS



AHTD Director Dan Flowers kicks off the awards ceremony.



FIRST PLACE ROADEO WINNERS: Single Axle Dump Truck - Josh Higginbottom, Central Office; Motor Patrol - Randall Edgmon, District 9; Backhoe - Larry Otwell, District 3; Tractor/Lowboy - Steve Sites, District 2; Tractor/Mower - Clarence Edwards, District 2; Tandem Axle Dump Truck - Keith Carpenter, District 9.

District 8 Takes Team Title

The skies were pouring rain at 5:00 a.m. when the first ROADEO volunteers began arriving for the 13th annual Equipment Operators' Competition. Yet, when it came time to compete, the weather was sunny and 70 degrees.

Over 200 employees and their families gathered for the ROADEO at the Department's Central Shop in Little Rock on June 12th and enjoyed a day of fierce competition and good food.

As peers, judges and family watched, finalists from each District spent the day showing their skills at maneuvering trucks and machinery through obstacle courses. In one of the most interesting events, backhoe operators used precision skill to scoop up golf balls and drop them into round cylinders.

In addition to displaying mastery of their machinery throughout the day, each district team hoped to lay claim to the title of Team Champions. By the end of the day, that title belonged to District 8. Team members included Juan Hernandez, Tommy Houghton, C.D. Horn, Darrell Carter, Larry Brazil, Dennis Langston and District Engineer Frank Russenberger. District 8 recaptured the title for the second time in three years after yielding to District 9 last year.

"The competition was as tough and team scoring as tight as any year I can remember," said

District 8 District Engineer Frank Russenberger. "We won the overall award by one point and that was the tie breaker point based on parallel parking. The third place finisher was only down by one more point. This was a close competition."

"This year's victory really shows that this is not an individual competition," Russenberger added. "It is strictly a team competition where even the little things can bring success. We had discussed with our team members ahead of time the importance of never giving up. Always give it your best shot, right up to the stop line. It worked for District 8 this year, and it can work for other teams as well."

Two employees took first place honors for a second year in a row. They were Keith Carpenter, District 9, first place in the Tandem Axle Dump Truck competition; and Randall Edgmon, District 9, state champion for the third year in a row in the Motor Patrol competition.

"Randall's domination of the Motor Patrol event is unbelievable unless you are familiar with his skills," says District 9 District Engineer Ralph Fulton. "It is amazing that he has retained his touch even though he has moved on to a supervisor position."

As the day's events came to a close and awards were handed out, participants could be heard eagerly boasting about next year's ROADEO results.



TRACTOR/LOWBOY



First Place – Steve Sites, District Two
Second Place – Russell Curbo, District One
Third Place – Juan Hernandez, District Eight

TRACTOR/MOWER



First Place – Clarence Edwards, District Two
Second Place – Darrell Carter, District Eight*
Third Place – Fred Ridenhour, District Four

TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK



First Place – Keith Carpenter, District Nine*
Second Place – Tim Henretty, District Four
Third Place – Cavin Hall, District Five

BACKHOE



First Place – Larry Otwell, District Three*
Second Place – Rick Hale, District Ten
Third Place – David Morton, District Three

SINGLE AXLE DUMP TRUCK

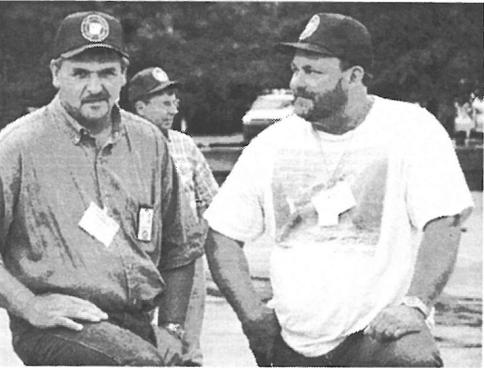
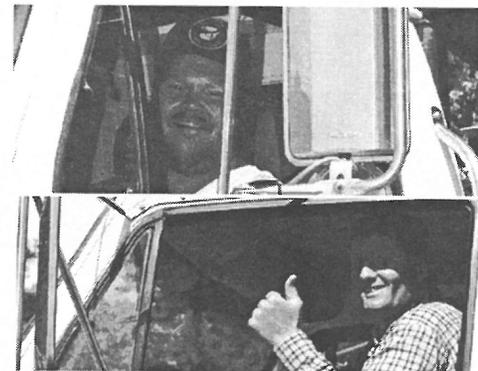
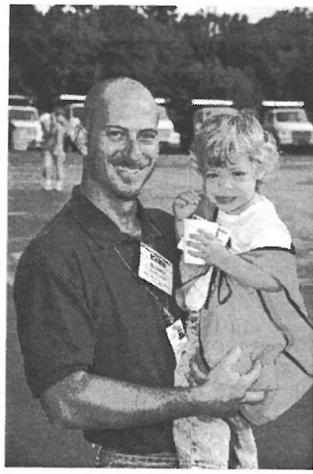


First Place – Josh Higginbottom, Central Office
Second Place – Wayne Hamilton, District One
Third Place – Fred Ridenhour, District Four

MOTOR PATROL



First Place – Randall Edgmon, District Nine*
Second Place – David Denson, District Seven
Third Place – Robert Gray, District One





AHTD People

NEW EMPLOYEES

BRIDGE

Joseph Cotton, Civil Engineer I

COMPUTER SERVICES

Roger Carr, Apps Analyst/Prog II
Becky Hall, Apps Analyst/Prog II

CONSTRUCTION

Glinda Kidd, Office Admin Asst I
Opal Fitts, Resident Office Tech
Vicky Brasfield, Motorist Assistance Provider
Donnaire Granger, Civil Engineer
Sondra Gride, Construction Helper I
Brandon Sutton, Construction Helper I

DISTRICT 1

Danny Stevens, Single Axle Truck Driver
Larry Thomas, Single Axle Truck Driver
Sharhonda Rodgers, Single Axle Truck Driver
Leonard Cole, Jr., Single Axle Truck Driver
Floyd Grimes, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 2

Jeraldine Thompson, Civil Engineer

DISTRICT 3

Jimmy Rosenbaum, General Laborer

DISTRICT 4

Carrie Boyd, District Caretaker

DISTRICT 6

Robert Stovall II, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 7

Ricky Scott, Single Axle Truck Driver
Jane Holmun, General Laborer
Donnie Mahan, General Laborer

DISTRICT 8

Michael Brittain, Single Axle Truck Driver
John Johnson, Single Axle Truck Driver
Joseph Butler, Single Axle Truck Driver
Donald Rhodes, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 9

Jason Smith, District Caretaker
Clifford Moore, Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Sandra Bailey, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 10

Reginald Pickney, Single Axle Truck Driver
Deborah Harmon, Dist. Bridge Insp. Helper
Kevin Smith, Single Axle Truck Driver

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Marion McFee, Station Attendant

HUMAN RESOURCES

Ted English, Training Specialist
Meredith Owen, Office Admin Asst I

MAIL & SUPPLIES

Ben Wonce, Mail Clerk

MATERIALS

Johnathan Brill, Materials Tech II

Henry Williams, Materials Tech II

PERMITS SECTION

Howard Stewart, Permit Technician

ROADWAY DESIGN

Paul Howard, Civil Engineer

SURVEYS

Aaron Davis, Surveys Helper
Steven Jones, Surveys Helper
Nghia Le, Surveys Helper

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Daryl Gill, Office Admin Asst II

PROMOTIONS

BRIDGE

Kyle Yeary, Bridge Design Engineer

COMPUTER SERVICES

Dana Benetz, Software Analyst II

DISTRICT 1

Albert Brady, Area HQ Attendant
Terry Evans, Civil Engineer I
Betty Lee, Single Axle Truck Driver
Kelly Reddick III, Single Axle Truck Driver
Ronnie Reel, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 2

Jason Hughey, Civil Engineer I
Hellen Kennedy, District Office Manager
Clyde Robinson, Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Ronnie Smith, Multi-Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 3

David Lewis, Construction Aide III
Eddie Nailon, Single Axle Truck Driver
Jerry Reeves, Senior Mechanic
Jeremy Thomas, Civil Engineer I

DISTRICT 4

Leslie Barnett, Construction Project Coord.
David Berry, Maintenance Aide I
Roger Drummond, Single Axle Truck Driver
Gary Greene, Inspector
Rebecca Hennessy, Single Axle Truck Driver
Sidney Hunt, Inspector
Steve Hunt, Single Axle Truck Driver
Phillip Snodgrass, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 5

Brian Beach, Construction Aide II
Sara Gates, District Receptionist
John Reynolds, Single Axle Truck Driver
Hoyt Taylor, Crew Leader

DISTRICT 6

Tim Blankenship, Construction Field Engr. II
Bart Boswell, Senior Inspector
Sandra Chapman, Construction Aide III
Jeffrey Eldridge, Senior Inspector
Timothy Ford, Construction Aide III
Johnny Harvey, Senior Inspector
Lisa Holeman, Personnel Clerk
Joshua Leavell, Single Axle Truck Driver
Cory Lyman, Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Cleofus Penn, Motor Patrol Oper - Finish
Penny Slater, Motorist Asst. Provider
David Walker, Resident Engineer

DISTRICT 7

James Dean, Civil Engineer I
R. Henson, Jr., Inspector
James Meadows, Crew Leader

DISTRICT 8

Scott Craig, Spreader Operator
Richard Keaster, Maintenance Aide II
Krishaun Parish, Distributor/Roller Oper.
Carnie Robinson, Backhoe/Frt End Loader Oper.
James Stacy, Street Sweeper Operator

DISTRICT 9

Laura Ball, Maintenance Aide I
John James, Resident Engineer
Billy Lively, Backhoe/Front End Loader Oper.
Jeffery McFall, Backhoe/Front End Loader Oper.
Tammy Phillips, Office Admin Asst V
Floyd Wyatt, Body Repairer and Painter

DISTRICT 10

Richard Allen, Construction Aide I
Evelyn Bennett, Construction Aide I
Marsha Emery, Maintenance Aide I
Samuel Hancock, Senior Mechanic
William Henry, Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Bobby Hice, Jr., Single Axle Truck Driver
Angiv Hyde, Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Billy Larrow, Backhoe/Front End Loader Oper
Michael Sneed, Backhoe/Front End Loader Oper.
Robin Wood, Backhoe/Front End Loader Oper.

FISCAL SERVICES

Rhonda Melton, Coding Technician
Lenicia Weston, Admin Aide III

LEGAL

Maria Schnetzke, Deputy Chief Counsel

MAINTENANCE

Dnka Chaba, Traffic Clerk
Robert Paquin, Pavement Profiler Operator

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Michael Kelly, Civil Engineer
Robert Peebles, Surveys Aide I
Kenneth Scott, Surveys Tech II
Ilie Stefan, Surveys Aide I
Andy Williams, Surveys Aide I

RETIREMENTS

ARK HWY POLICE

Jeffrey Reed, AHP Corporal, 20+yrs

DISTRICT 4

Raymond Lea, Dist. Bridge Insp., 28+yrs
Jimmy Stinson, Motor Patrol Opr/Fin., 28+yrs



INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

Friday, July 4, 2003 is Independence Day, a state holiday for Highway and Transportation Department employees. All work will be suspended except in cases of emergency.

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RETIREMENTS (Cont.)

DISTRICT 5

David Todd, Const. Aide II., 25+yrs
David Williamson, Sr. Const. Mat. Insp., 31+yrs

DISTRICT 8

Floyd Cates, Spreader Operator., 35+yrs

DISTRICT 9

Bobby Brisco, Lowboy/Float Trk Driver, 35+yrs
Keith Jones, General Laborer, 16+yrs

DISTRICT 10

Earnest Sorg, Senior Mechanic, 28+yrs

SERVICE

35 YEARS

Floyd Cates, Spreader Operator
Bobby Brisco, Lowboy/Float Truck Driver

30 YEARS

Joseph Qualls, Senior Utilities Coordinator
Carl Dodd, Senior Mechanic
Clois Hill, Motor Patrol Operator - Finish
Winfred Reed, Equipment Maint. Supervisor
William "Hickey" Hickman, Area Maint. Supvr
Michael Hottinger, Senior Inspector
Danny Bradford, Striping Machine Driver

25 YEARS

Gary West, Crew Leader
Luther Vaughn, Jr., Janitor
Walter Hamm, Area Maintenance Supervisor
James Hope, Inspector
Billy Riley, Construction Project Coordinator
Mike Sebren, Civil Engineer VI
John Wehunt, Sr. Const. Matl. Insp.
Keith Merritt, Staff Planning Engineer
Charles Ridge, Jr., Senior Designer

20 YEARS

Jeffery Reed, AHP Corporal
Brenda Price, Admin Ofcr III
Jimmy Johnson, Area Maint. Supervisor
Rita Stone, Area HQ Attendant
Horace Loomis, Senior Mechanic
Cecil Long, Shop Supervisor
David Hicklin, Bridge Repairer II
Harmon Edgmon, Sr. Const. Matl. Insp.

15 YEARS

Linda Connell, Permit Technician
Steve Shell, Sys. Support Tech. I
Floyd Frazier, Shop Supervisor
Ovell Jackson, Rest Area Attendant
Celestia Howard, Dist. Lab. Tech.
Cheryl Davis, Resident Ofc. Tech.
Lee Greene, Sign Maker II
Rita Haynes, Roadway Designer

10 YEARS

David Lawless, Maint. Aide I
Jackie Horton, Roller Operator
Debra Pate, Area HQ Attendant
Shelly Garrison, Storeroom Asst I
Phillip Rowen, Parts Runner
William Reddell, Adv. Const. Field Engr.
William Allen, Surveys Tech. II

5 YEARS

James Hinchey, Sr., Multi-Axle Truck Driver
David Lively II, Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Robert Plemmons, Multi-Axle Truck Driver
Joseph Eyerman, Maint. Aide II
Anthony Nix, Single Axle Truck Driver
Katherine Aughenbaugh, Resident Ofc. Tech.

MEMORIALS

RETIRED

Etheima Gill, 05/16/03, District 7
Elmer Gilbreath, 05/18/03, District 5
J. P. Yocham, 05/22/03, District 9
Grover L. Jarvis, 05/24/03, Highway Police
T. D. Casey, 05/19/03, District 8 Const.
Joe P. Yocham, 05/22/03, District 9
Willis J. Anderson, 05/23/03, District 9
Cecil L. Gilmore, 05/24/03, District 8
Robert F. Hutchins, 05/30/03, District 8

ACTIVE

Scott Graham, 04/13/03, District 9
Brenda L. Ewans, 05/24/03, District 1

ACTIVE DUTY

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

James Clark, November 1, 2002
Shawn Foust, February 5, 2003
Danny Williford, March 19, 2003

MAINTENANCE

Michael Brown, January 28, 2003

PERMITS

Henry Lewis, January 28, 2003

PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Kimberly Sanders, December 9, 2002
Reggie Smith, February 10, 2003

DISTRICT 1

Lenora Wilson, October 4, 2002
Gary Morton, January 30, 2003

DISTRICT 2

Andrew Maddox, January 30, 2003
Larry Crow, February 11, 2003

DISTRICT 4

Brandon Bowen, September 3, 2002
Marvin Risley, September 3, 2002

DISTRICT 6

Andre Jackson, February 12, 2003

DISTRICT 8

Cecil Long, January 22, 2003
William Alvey, March 15, 2003
Donnie Duvall, March 15, 2003

DISTRICT 9

Nathaniel Day, January 28, 2003
Ronald Sligar, October 7, 2002
Ashley Hale, March 15, 2003
Larry Richard, March 15, 2003
Steven Halsted, March 15, 2003
Randall Williams, March 15, 2003

DISTRICT 10

Rufus Mitchell, February 10, 2003
Willie Mitchell, February 10, 2003
Elvis Richmond, February 10, 2003
W. C. Tobar, February 10, 2003

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