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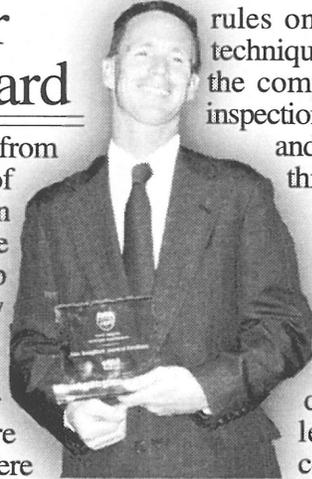
AHP Safety Inspector Receives Award

Forty-eight certified roadside inspectors from around the country, including Jay Thompson of the Arkansas Highway Police, gathered in Columbus, Ohio, this summer to compete in the North American Inspectors Championship presented by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance.

Participants for the championship were selected for the competition based on their dedication and skills. Seven inspectors were from Canada, two were from Mexico and 39 were from the United States.

The theme for the week was "Education, Performance and Uniformity" as the contestants competed for the title of grand champion in the eleventh year for the competition. In addition to the competition, it was an opportunity to visit with colleagues and receive training on the latest commercial vehicle safety issues.

As part of the activities, the inspectors spent two full days in training classes to learn more about the new U.S.



Jay Thompson, Motor Carrier Safety Inspector recently received the "John Youngblood Award."

rules on hours of service, cargo securement, and techniques for interviewing drivers. Then it was on to the competition where skills were tested in driver inspections, vehicle inspections, motor coach inspections and hazardous materials packaging, among other things.

Arkansas came home a winner too, as Arkansas Highway Police Inspector Jay Thompson received the prestigious "John Youngblood Award." The award is presented each year to the inspector who best demonstrates the qualities of congeniality, leadership, integrity, professionalism and commitment. Thompson is stationed in Little

Rock and was recently promoted to Motor Carrier Safety Inspector.

AHP Chief Ron Burks said, "Inspector Thompson exudes those qualities for which he was recognized on a daily basis and his achievement is a direct reflection of the quality training received by AHP personnel."

The North American Inspectors Championship is the only event dedicated to recognizing and rewarding commercial vehicle inspector excellence.

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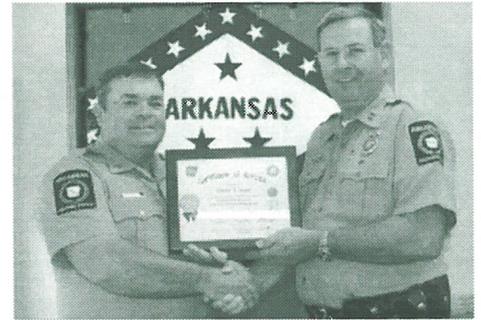


*Story from Wynne Progress
Photo by Todd Wilson*

AHTD District 1 Headquarters building in Wynne was designated August "Business of the Month" by the Cross County Chamber's Beautification Committee. Committee member Lillian Wilson (left) presents the framed certificate to Eddie Tucker, AHTD District Caretaker.



(L. to r.) Eric Plato (Pluty) Scruggs, Jr., Eric Plato Scruggs IV, newborn Eric Plato (Quint) Scruggs V and Eric Plato (Ricky) Scruggs III, Right of Way.



Cpl. Sammy Smith (left) receives a 20 year service certificate from Capt. Don Hastings.



District Two 5-Year Service Awards - (l. to r.) John Breitenstein, District Shop; Tim Sanders, District Shop; Marvin Collins, Jefferson County; Charlie Morrison, Bridge Crew.



District Five Service Awards - (l. to r.) Ronnie Majors, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5-Year Service Award; Brian Thorn, Station Attendant, 10-year Service Award; Stan Glover, Resident Engineer, 20-year Service Award.



District Ten 15-Year Service Awards - (l. to r.) Tim Eaker, Inspector, Jonesboro R.E. Office; Larry Floyd, Multi-Axle Truck Driver; Brad Smithee, Resident Engineer, Paragould Office.



District Two 10-Year Service Awards - (l. to r.) David Lawless, Arkansas County at Stuttgart; Shadie Harris, Jefferson County and Thomas Young, District Shop.



District Five 25-Year Service Awards (l. to r.) Tim Bradley, Bridge Repairer II; Robert White, Motor Patrol Operator/Finish.



District Five 30-Year Service Awards (l. to r.) Ronald Satterwhite, Asst. Resident Engineer, Batesville; Winfred Reed, Equip. Maintenance Supervisor; Terry Sipes, Sr. Construction Material Inspector, Searcy; and Billy Wallace, Dist./Roller Operator.



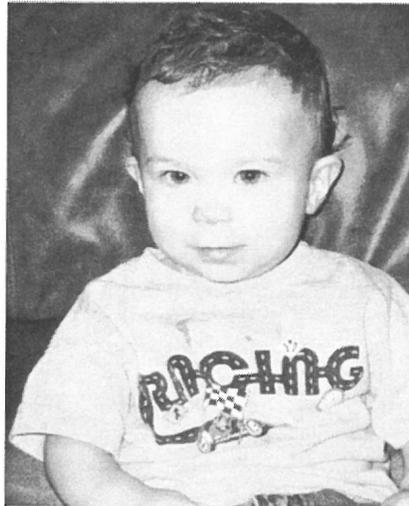
District Two Service Awards - (l. to r.) Elvin Mustiful, Maintenance Crew, 20 years; Roy Porter, Chicot County, 20 years; Clarence Polk, Jefferson County, 25 years; David Hutchins, Bridge Crew, 25 years.



(l. to r.) Frank Vozel, Assistant Chief Engineer - Planning, awarding Scott Bennett, Planning and Research Engineer, his certificate for 15 years of service.



Grace Logan Russell was born August 13, 2003, to Jim and Shelli Russell. Shelli is Public Affairs Specialist in the Central Office.



One-year-old Caleb Rogers, son of Charlie and Tanya Rogers. Charlie is a District Three Inspector in the Texarkana Resident Engineer Office.



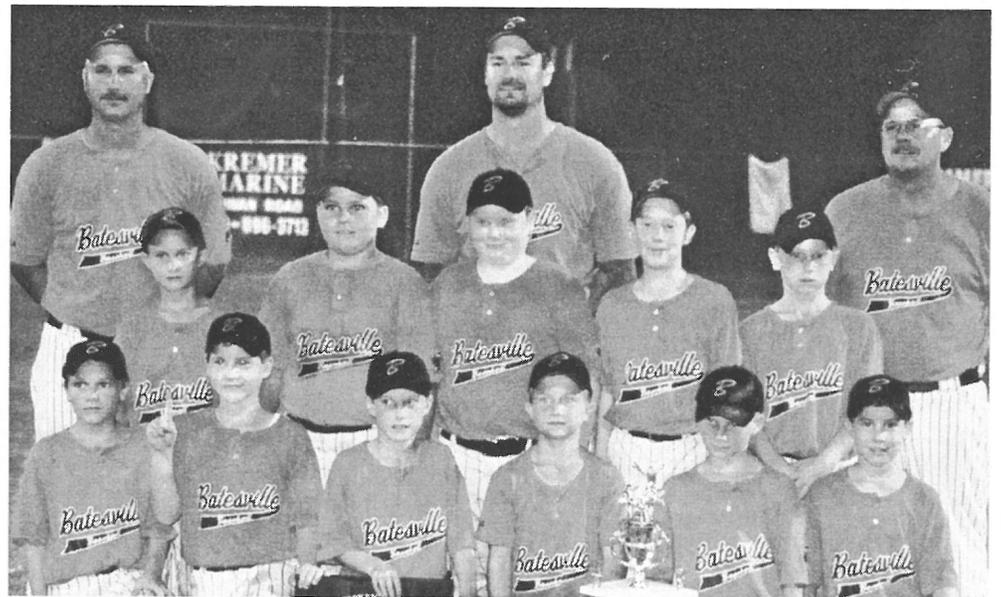
District Three 15-Year Service Award - Don Donaldson (left), Dist. Engineer presents service pin to Ala Mae Flenory, District Bookkeeper.



District Ten: 20-Year Service Awards C.R. Blaine (left), Construction Aide I and David Hicklin, Bridge Repairer II.



District Ten: 10-Year Service Awards - Bob Reddell (left), Advanced Construction Field Engineer and David McPherson, Bridge Repairer II.



District Five: Batesville 9-year-old All Star Team recently won the Southwest Regional Tournament in Gulfport, MS. They are coached by Rick Milligan (top, middle), Single-Axle Truck Driver. Taylor Milligan (Rick's son) is third from left, bottom row, and David Thompson is third from left, middle row. He is the son of David Thompson, Sr., Caretaker.



Health Insurance Enrollment for State Employees is September 23 through October 31, 2003. Five different plans are available to select from:

- A Preferred Provider Organization (Blue Cross Blue Shield),
- Two Point-of-Service Plans (Health Advantage, QualChoice),
- Two Health Maintenance Organization Plans (Health Advantage, QualChoice).

You must complete an enrollment form for the 2004 plan year even if you wish to continue coverage with your current carrier.

Schedule of Health Insurance Meetings for AHTD Employees

Mon., Sept. 29

8:30 a.m. - Dist. 2 (AHP-D1) Pine Bluff, SEARK- S.E. AR. College-Pine Bluff, 1900 Hazel St., Founders Hall Auditorium, Pine Bluff

1:15 p.m. - C & L Building, 900 Church Street, Pine Bluff

Mon., Oct. 6

8:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. - Dist. 6 (AHP-D10) Little Rock, Central Office Auditorium, 10324 I-30, Little Rock

Tues., Oct. 7

9 a.m. & 1 p.m. - Dist 5 (AHP-D2) Batesville. State Highway District Office, 1673 Batesville Ave., Batesville

Mon., Oct. 13

9 a.m. - Dist. 9 (AHP-D3) Harrison. State Highway District Office, 4590 Hwy. 65, Harrison

2:30 p.m. - Carroll Electric, S. E. Walton Blvd., Bentonville, 1 mile west of I-540 on Hwy. 71B

Tues., Sept. 30

9 a.m. & 1 p.m. - Dist. 7 (AHP-D4) Camden, State Highway District Office, 2245 California Avenue, Camden

Wed., Oct. 8

9 a.m. & 1 p.m. - Dist. 1 (AHP-D1) Wynne National Guard Armory, 305 E. Helen Ave., Wynne

Tues., Oct. 14

9 a.m. & 1 p.m. - Dist. 4(AHP-D3) Fort Smith State Highway District Office, 4019 Towson Avenue, Fort Smith

Wed., Oct. 1

9 a.m. & 1 p.m. - Dist. 3 (AHP-D4) Hope, Fair Park Community Center, Hope

Thurs., Oct. 9

9 a.m. & 1 a.m. - Dist. 10 (AHP-D5) Paragould State Highway District Office, 2510 Kingshighway, Paragould

Wed., Oct. 15

8:30 a.m. & 1:15 p.m. - Dist. 8 (AHP-D2) Russellville State Highway District Office, 370 Aspen Lane, I-40, Exit 81, North side of I-40 East of Hwy. 7, Russellville

AHTD People

NEW EMPLOYEES

CONSTRUCTION

James Samples, Motorist Assistance Provider

ENVIRONMENTAL

Sherry Leblanc, Environmental Analyst I
Terri Moore, Environmental Analyst I

FISCAL SERVICES

Varyne Beckett, Office Admin. Asst. I

HUMAN RESOURCES

Tamekia Dedner, Office Admin. Asst. I

LEGAL

Michelle Davenport, Attorney
David Long, Attorney

MAINTENANCE

Robin McCray, Sign Maker I
Zac Thornton, Sign Maker I
Shelby Ross, Single Axle Truck Driver

MATERIALS

Gregory Campbell, Chemist I

DISTRICT 1

Jimmy Cansler, Single Axle Truck Driver
Cleophus Mills, Single Axle Truck Driver
Stacy Cross, Single Axle Truck Driver
Cedric Hall, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 3

Billy Delaney, Mechanic

DISTRICT 4

Eric Brigrance, Single Axle Truck Driver
Carla Ennis, General Laborer
Charles Lassiter, Single Axle Truck Driver
Jeff Shimko, General Laborer
Marcus Standridge, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 8

Darrell Bradford, Single Axle Truck Driver
Aubrey Cullum, Single Axle Truck Driver
Edward Kubisty, Single Axle Truck Driver
Daniel Leonard, Single Axle Truck Driver
Richard Rackley, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 10

Michael Cooper, Mechanic
David Wicker, Single Axle Truck Driver

PROMOTIONS

RIGHT OF WAY

Vickie Whitley, Utility Coordinator II

FISCAL SERVICES

Kim McCleese, Administrative Assistant III

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Billy Brown, Jr., AHP Sergeant
Joe Driver, AHP Sergeant

MATERIALS

John Bettis, Materials Area Engineer
Danya Steele, Administrative Aide IV

Remember!!!

Send your
"Around the Department"
photos and news
to the
Public Affairs Office
by the first workday
of each month.

Wednesday 10/1

Monday 11/3

Monday 12/1

BRIDGE

Dallas Stevens, Bridge Design Engineer

DISTRICT 1

Anthony Flex, Multi-Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 2

Mark Bayird, Distributor/Roller Operator
Jimmy Doss, Storeroom Supervisor

DISTRICT 3

David Cummings, Construction Helper II
Justin Hillery, General Laborer
John King, Welder
Jeff Otis, Crew Leader
Patrick Shepard, Sign Erector
David Stevenson, Multi-Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 4

Stanley Bates, Distributor/Roller Operator
Danny Brown, Jr., Construction Aide II
Rhonda Chick, Backhoe/Front End Loader Op
Ronald Cowan, Motor Patrol Op-Finish
Kris Moore, Dist. Bridge Insp. Helper
Brian Spradling, Backhoe/Fr End Loader Op
Eric West, Dist. Bridge Insp. Helper

DISTRICT 6

Rose Hearon, Area HQ Attendant
Richard Odom, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 7

Travis Bell, Area HQ Attendant
Donald Green, Single Axle Truck Driver

Bobby Hall, Maintenance Aide II

Jane Holmun, Single Axle Truck Driver
George Lindsey, Inspector
Donnie Mahan, Single Axle Truck Driver
Christopher Stanfield, Const. Materials Inspector

DISTRICT 8

Lisa Vaughan, Area HQ Attendant

DISTRICT 9

Douglas Austin, Motor Patrol Operator
Dennis Trammel, Shop Supervisor
Melissa Weaver, Personnel Clerk

DISTRICT 10

Belinda Buckwalter, Maintenance Aide I
Mark Dunavin, Distributor/Roller Operator
Deborah Harmon, Single Axle Truck Driver
Jeannette Ray, Rest Area Attendant
Ronald Stewart, Single Axle Truck Driver
Kimberly Walters, Single Axle Truck Driver
Summer Whitfield, Single Axle Truck Driver

SERVICE

35 YEARS

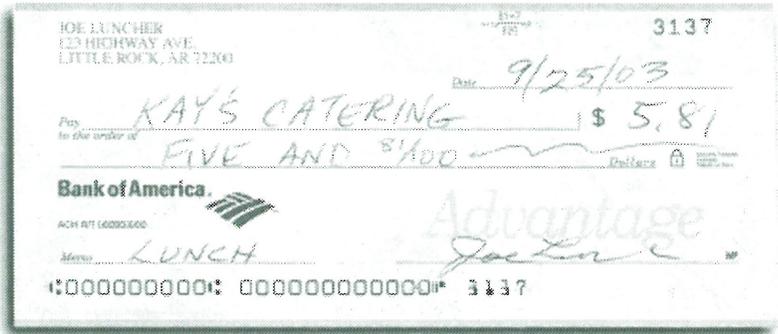
Dan Flowers, Director, Hwys & Transp.

30 YEARS

Michael Allman, Construction Project Coord.
Kermit Gay, Single Axle Truck Driver
Michael Lackey, Sealing Job Superintendent
Ralph Williams, Section Head - Utilities

Cafeteria Checks

Checks written to the cafeteria in the Central Office should be made payable to "Cafeteria" or "Kay's Catering." Checks written to Frontier Diner will no longer be accepted.



25 YEARS

John Allison, Shop Supervisor
 John Brandon, Maintenance Job Superintendent
 Loyce Brown, Crew Leader
 Lionel Elder, Crew Leader
 Tommy Harper, Rest Area Attendant
 Clinton Isaacs, Area Maintenance Supervisor
 Patty Jackson, Field Clerk II
 William Kendall, Maint. Job Superintendent
 James Key, Transp. Mgmt. Analyst II
 Kenneth Parker, Equipment Specialist
 Randy Rector, Maintenance Aide I
 Leon Sanders, Motor Patrol Op-Finish
 James Woods, Sign Crew Supervisor
 Dwight Wells, Construction Project Coord.

20 YEARS

Linda McCaskill, Rest Area Attendant
 James Meadows, Crew Leader
 Nick Mings, Area Maintenance Supervisor
 David Pratt, Maintenance Aide II
 Ronnie Smith, Section Head - State Aid
 David Stovall, AHP Corporal

15 YEARS

Donna Gardner, Environmental Analyst
 Mark Glenn, Surveys Aide III
 Doug Hicks, Shop Supervisor
 James Holdcraft, Crew Leader
 William Pay, Geologist II
 Michael Tarry, Inspector

10 YEARS

Stacy Bixler, Maintenance Aide I
 Frankie Holman, Rest Area Attendant
 Henry Maxfield, Senior Mechanic
 Felicia Spicer, Area HQ Attendant

5 YEARS

Wendell Allen, Maintenance Aide I
 Tim Ford, Construction Aide III
 Robert Hill, Crane Operator-Finish
 Bradley Hubbard, Rest Area Attendant
 David Nelson, Motor Patrol Operator
 Bobby McAteer, Distributor/Roller Operator
 Jeffery Upton, Multi-Axle Truck Driver
 Larry Upton, Motor Patrol Operator

RETIREMENTS

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Olen Patterson, Data Collection Technician, 23+ yrs

DISTRICT 1

Jimmy Turner, Backhoe/Fr. End Loader Op, 35+ yrs
 Robert Simmons, Single Axle Truck Driver, 23+ yrs

MEMORIALS

RETIRED

David T. Neighbours, District 5, Jul. 19
 Byron Smith, District 9, Aug. 5
 Joe H. Bradshaw, District 7, Aug. 7
 Grandison D. Royston, Jr., Dist 2 - Const, Aug. 8
 James L. Sorg, District 10, Aug. 8
 Charles C. Danner, District 2, Aug. 11
 Ralph Howe, District 10, Aug. 16
 Edward L. Condrey, Surveys, Aug. 22
 John C. Owens, District 1 - Const, Aug. 27
 Troy D. Reed, District 5, Aug. 31
 Russell L. Brantley, District 2, Sep. 2
 Robert M. Hickey, District 5, Sep. 2
 Ralph B. Jones, Construction, Sep. 8

ACTIVE

Terrell D. Moore, District 4, Sep. 8
 Ken Glover, Jr., Bridge, Sep. 18

ACTIVE DUTY

AHP

James Clark *, Sept. 18, 2001, Nov. 1, 2002, Sept. 16, 2002
 Shawn Foust*, Feb. 15, 2003
 Danny Williford*, March 19, 2003

HEAVY BRIDGE

Donald Parker*, Oct. 9, 2001, Oct. 14, 2001

MAINTENANCE

Michael Brown*, Jan. 28, 2003

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Kimberly Sanders*, Dec. 9, 2002
 Reggie Smith*, Feb. 10, 2003

PERMITS

Henry Lewis*, Jan. 28, 2003

DISTRICT 1

Lenora Wilson*, Oct. 4, 2002
 Gary Morton*, Jan. 30, 2003

DISTRICT 2

Andrew Maddox*, Jan. 30, 2003
 Larry Crow*, Feb. 11, 2003

DISTRICT 6

Andre Jackson*, Feb. 12, 2003
 Alfred Langhorn, June 5, 2003

DISTRICT 8

Cecil Long*, Jan. 22, 2003
 Donnie Duvall*, March 15, 2003
 William Alvey, March 15, 2003

DISTRICT 9

Nathaniel Day*, Jan. 28, 2003
 Ashley Hale*, March 15, 2003
 Larry Richard*, March 15, 2003
 Randall Williams, March 15, 2003
 Steven Halsted*, Opr-Fin, March 15, 2003

DISTRICT DISTRICT 10

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

** Indicates orders received.*

The Highway Department has 47 additional employees subject to call.

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