



Center Line

Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department • September 22, 2005

2006 Health Insurance Meetings & Enrollment for Active Employees

The enrollment period for State and Public Employees Insurance for the 2006 calendar year is September 26 through October 31, 2005. Nine plan selections are available:

- Blue Cross Blue Shield – PPO
- Health Advantage – POS
- Health Advantage – HMO
- Novasys – PPO
- Novasys – POS
- Novasys – HMO
- QualChoice – POS
- QualChoice – HMO
- High Deductible – PPO

Monday, September 26

8:30 & District 6 (AHP District 1)
1:00 Central Office Auditorium
 10324 Interstate 30
 Little Rock

Tuesday, September 27

8:30 District 2 (AHP District 1)
 Southeast Arkansas College
 1900 Hazel St., Pine Bluff
 Founders Hall Auditorium

1: 15 University of Arkansas-Monticello
 Fine Arts Building, Monticello

Wednesday, September 28

9:00 & District 7 (AHP District 4)
1:00 District Office
 2245 California Ave., Camden

Thursday, September 29

9:00 & District 3 (AHP District 4)
1:00 National Guard Armory
 Interstate 30 & Hwy. 278 North
 Hope

Monday, October 3

9:00 & Central Office
1:00 Auditorium
 10324 Interstate 30
 Little Rock

Tuesday, October 4

9:00 & District 5 (AHP District 2)
1:00 District Office
 1673 Batesville Blvd.
 Batesville

Wednesday, October 5

9:00 & District 1 (AHP District 5)
1:00 National Guard Armory
 305 E. Helen St.
 Wynne

Thursday, October 6

9:00 & District 10 (AHP District 5)
1:00 District Office
 2510 Kingshighway
 Paragould

Monday, October 10

9:00 District 9 (AHP District 3)
 District Office
 4590 Hwy. 65 South
 Harrison

2:30 National Guard Armory
 1408 S. First St.
 Rogers

Tuesday, October 11

9:00 & District 4 (AHP District 2)
1:00 District Office
 4019 Towson Ave.
 Fort Smith

Wednesday, October 12

8:30 & District 8 (AHP District 2)
1:00 District Office
 370 Aspen Ln.
 Russellville

10:00 Central Office,
 Auditorium
 10324 Interstate 30
 Little Rock

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The Staff Minute



A different AHTD employee is featured here each month.



Name/Job Title: Travis Brasher, Construction Field Engineer 1, District 10

Length of Service: I have been with the AHTD for a little over two years. It is often interesting when dealing with one of our contractors because they assume I have been with the Department for a much longer time. I've even been asked if I'm in the DROP program. Prior to coming to work at the Osceola Resident Engineer's Office, I was employed by a local manufacturer that moved their operations offshore. My layoff made me eligible for a

couple of government training programs that allowed me to complete my engineering degree. Upon graduation from Arkansas State University, the Department graciously offered me a job here in Osceola.

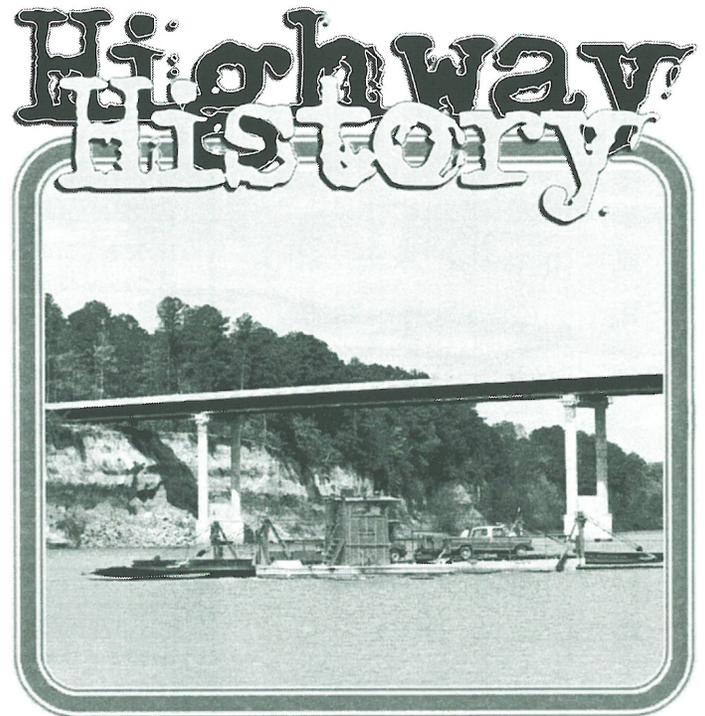
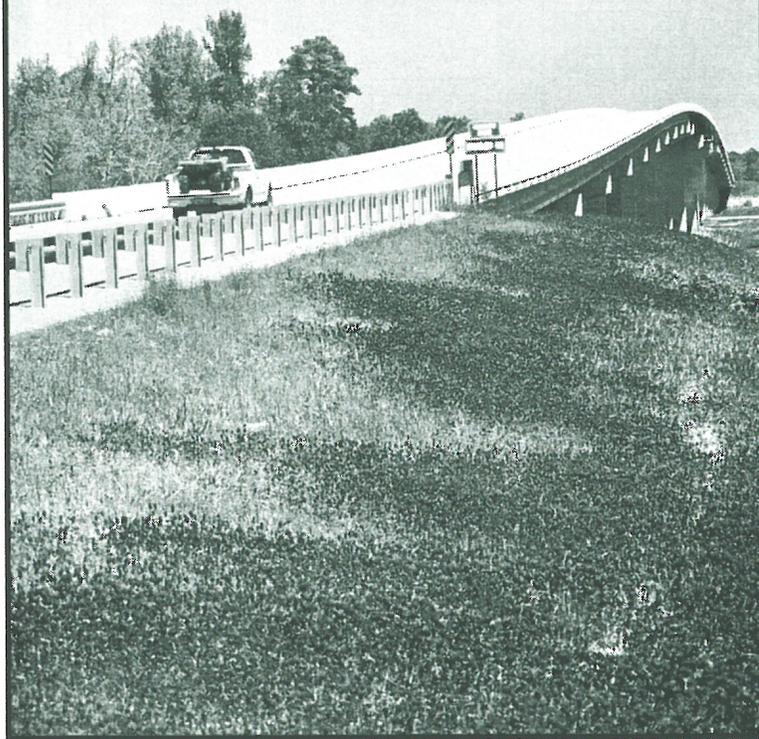
Job Duties: The Department has given me a variety of job experiences from asphalt overlays to bridge structures. The mix has been challenging but rewarding in that every day is an adventure and makes coming to work exciting.

Favorite Part of the job: My favorite part of the job has to be the people - the staff at our office is great! Everyone within the Department that I've worked with has been wonderful. They have freely given of their time to answer questions and train me for each of the tasks I've been assigned.

Family: My family is undoubtedly the center of my life. My wife of seventeen years, Kathy, is a schoolteacher here in Osceola and is truly dedicated. My son, Chris, is currently fourteen years old and his social activities keep us busy.

Hobbies: I enjoy fishing and photography as my preferred pastimes. However, I spend most of my free time remodeling our home. My son and I are about to embark on a long term project - rebuilding a 1940 Dodge truck used by Kathy's father on his farm before he passed away.

Where Is This?
See answer at bottom of last page.



The Spring Bank Ferry as it makes one of its final runs across the Red River at the Miller/Lafayette County Line. The new bridge on Highway 160 replaced the ferry in 1995.

AHTD Employees Retirement System

June 30, 2005

To: All Members of the Arkansas State Highway Employees Retirement System

THE COMPARATIVE INFORMATION BELOW WILL GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF THE GROWTH AND FINANCIAL POSITION OF YOUR RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
NUMBER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS (EMPLOYEES)	3,690	3,602	(88)
NUMBER OF RETIRED MEMBERS	2,482	2,535	53
NUMBER OF DROP PLAN MEMBERS	340	400	60
ANNUITIES (BENEFITS) PAID	51,127,255	53,202,761	2,075,506
CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS	133,562,986	106,416,817	(27,146,169)
INVESTMENTS (COST)	750,497,736	804,854,499	54,356,763
TOTAL ASSETS (MARKET)	981,073,060	1,042,001,672	60,928,612
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS FROM INVESTMENTS	21,865,025	21,056,604	(808,421)
GAIN ON SALE OF SECURITIES	61,711,824	38,299,110	(23,412,714)
*RATE OF INVESTMENT RETURN (MARKET)	14.60%	9.97%	(4.63%)

*EXCLUDES CAPITAL GAINS ON SALES FOR 2004 AND 2005 OF \$61.7 MILLION AND \$38.3 MILLION, RESPECTIVELY.

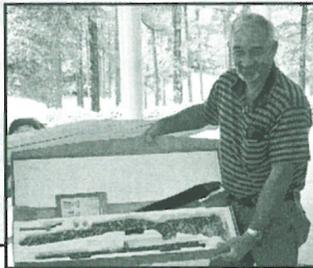
AS SHOWN ABOVE, YOUR RETIREMENT SYSTEM HAS INVESTMENTS IN STOCK AND FIXED INCOME SECURITIES OF \$804,854,499 FROM WHICH WE RECEIVED EARNINGS OF \$21,056,604. THESE INVESTMENTS ARE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING SECURITIES AT COST:

	<u>AVERAGE RATE EARNED ON COST</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>PORTFOLIO</u>
CORPORATE BONDS:			24%
AEROSPACE	7.21%	1,027,599	
AUTOMOTIVE & MACHINERY	7.31%	8,410,640	
BANKS & FINANCIAL	6.14%	75,955,542	
DRUGS, MEDICAL, & CHEMICAL	6.20%	16,409,197	
EDUCATION SERVICES	4.95%	885,645	
ELECTRONICS & OFFICE EQUIPMENT	6.33%	15,829,145	
HOUSING & BUILDING MATERIALS	6.88%	4,498,008	
INSURANCE	7.37%	24,800,511	
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS & EQUIPMENT	5.90%	27,879,149	
RETAIL & RESTAURANTS	6.80%	5,024,418	
TRANSPORTATION	6.94%	3,832,907	
UTILITIES	6.94%	10,053,701	
U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES		102,580,411	13%
COMMON STOCK:			63%
AEROSPACE		614,132	
AUTOMOTIVE & MACHINERY		13,185,870	
BANKS & FINANCIAL		29,836,613	
DRUGS, MEDICAL, & CHEMICAL		94,289,105	
EDUCATION SERVICES		3,461,442	
ELECTRONICS & OFFICE EQUIPMENT		115,627,863	
HOUSING & BUILDING MATERIALS		1,515,927	
INSURANCE		615,751	
PAPER		985,123	
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS & EQUIPMENT		127,892,258	
RETAIL & RESTAURANTS		98,217,837	
TRANSPORTATION		17,027,150	
UTILITIES		4,398,555	

OVERALL, THE ASSETS AT COST OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM INCREASED FROM \$890,159,361 TO \$916,497,472, A GAIN OF \$26,338,111.



Right of Way: Randy Cobb caught these 13-pound salmon while on an Alaskan cruise.



District 7: Gordon Hite, Resident Engineer, Office #76 in El Dorado, retired on July 6, 2005, with 30+ years of service.



District 3: (l. to r.) Jodi Salisbury, Area Headquarters Attendant; Darrell Aikens, Maintenance Aide I; and Latricia Jones, Motor Patrol Operator, received their 10-year service awards.



District 8: Receiving service awards were (l. to r.) B.J. McAlister, District Maintenance Engineer, 30 Years; John Magie, Crew Leader in Perry County, 25 Years; Donna McGehee, District Office Manager, 25 Years; District Engineer Frank Russenberger who presented the awards; Roger Wilson, Motor Patrol Operator, 10 years; Kerry Powers, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10 years; Melvin Mabry, Motor Patrol Operator, 10 years; Michael Sibley, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10 years; Kenneth Caldwell, Senior Mechanic, 10 years; Darrell Carter, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, 5 years; Randy Ward, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, 20 years; Walter Kordsmeier, Maintenance Aide II, 15 years; Robert "Duane" Hale, Motor Patrol Operator-Finish, 15 years; Leonard McCormick, Maintenance Aide II, 20 years; David Hogue, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 20 years.



District 4: (l. to r.) Jeff Stroud, Resident Engineer, presents David Edwards, Construction Material Inspector, with his 25-year service award.



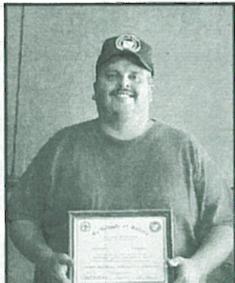
District 3: (l. to r.) David Holden, Motor Patrol Operator - Finish, receives his 25-year service award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.



District 3: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer presents Mike Erby, Backhoe Front End Loader Operator, with his 15-year service award.



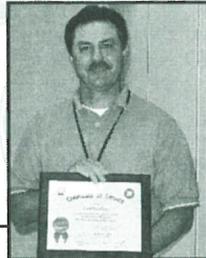
District 3: (l. to r.) Mitch Gatlin, Backhoe/Front End Loader Operator, receives his 5-year service award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.



District 2: Jon Paul Anderton, Maintenance Aide I, recently received his 5-year service award.



District 2: (l. to r.) Scott Mullis, Maintenance Engineer, presents Roger Turner, Area Maintenance Supervisor, with his 20-year service award.



Bridge: Carl Fuselier, Assistant Division Head of Bridge, recently received his 20-year service award.



District 10: Kynzley Sain, was born July 23, 2005, weighing 6 lbs., 15 oz. She is the daughter of AHP CPL Andy Sain and wife Lacey.



District 8: Tommy Littleton, District Construction Engineer (left), and David Tolleson, Resident Engineer, (right) present Loretta Jones, Resident Office Tech, with her 20-year service award.



District 3: (l. to r.) Theresa Bohannon, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, and Larry D. Johnson, Distributor Roller Operator, received their 5-year service awards.



Materials: (l. to r.) Tom Sturch, Materials Tech IV, receives his 15-year service award from Terry Hardison, Laboratory Coordinator.



Maintenance: Gracie Elizabeth Ingram was recently crowned Little Miss Sharp County 2005. She is the granddaughter of Clyde McCollum, Striping Crew Supervisor, and wife Debbie.



District 8: (l. to r.) Bud McMillian, Resident Engineer #84, receives his 35-year service award from Tommy Littleton, District Construction Engineer.



District 10: Dub Cole, Lowboy/Float Truck Driver, retired July 14, 2005, with 28+ years of service.



SPRING STATE EMPLOYEES SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS: AHTD Gray Team.

(standing, l. to r.) David Hall, Bill Bradberry, Trey Foster, Chris Hanning, Marcus Johnson, Bill Ryan, Chris Wald, David Mayo, Jonathan Pylant, Carl Kraehmer, Denise Powell, Tammy Goshien, (kneeling, l. to r.) Brooke McDougal, Kera Crowder, Marcia Miller, Tamara Baker, Lannece Mayo.



The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department will host a booth at the State Fair again this year.

Department employees are invited to bring their families by the Hall of Industry to visit the booth. We will be distributing highway maps, litter bags and other information.

To volunteer, contact Ellen Hill at 501-569-2571.

Arkansas Historic Bridges On Display

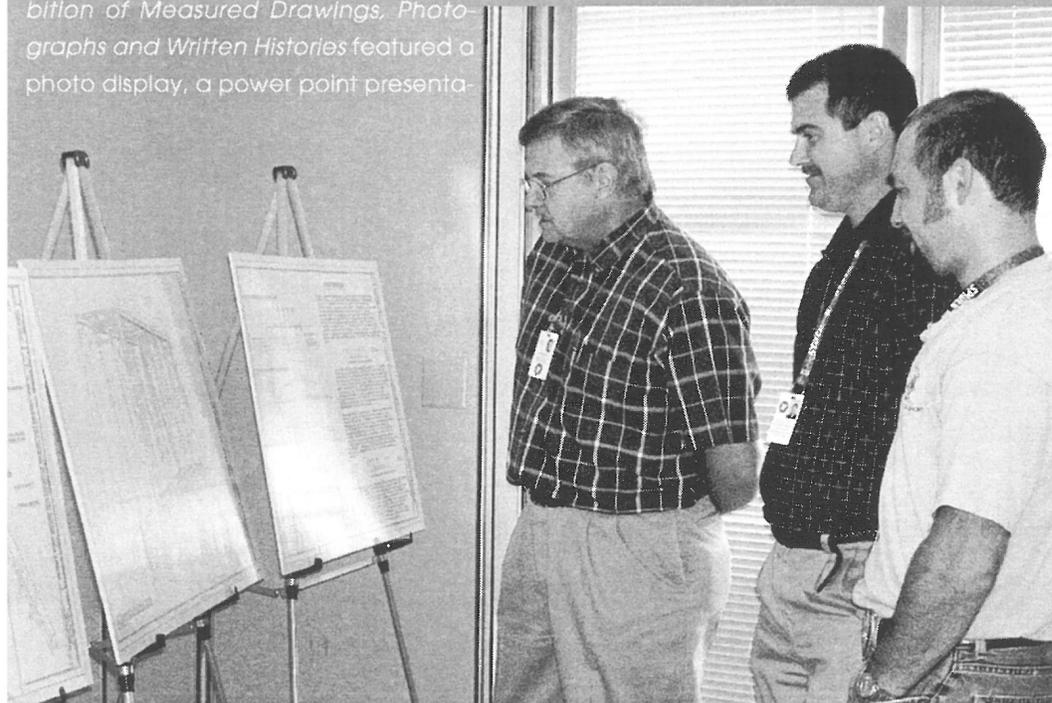
An exhibition focusing on historic bridges in Arkansas was on display at the AHTD Central Office in August.

Arkansas Historic Bridges: An Exhibition of Measured Drawings, Photographs and Written Histories featured a photo display, a power point presenta-

tion, a computer-generated model of a bridge, drawings and plans, and other information on historic bridges across the state. Also on view was a panel display featuring

Fryer's Ford Bridge in Conway County, Nimrod Bridge in Perry County and Ward's Crossing Bridge in Yell County.

The exhibition was produced by the Historic American Engineering Record, a long-range program that documents and interprets historically significant engineering, industrial and maritime sites and structures throughout the United States, and by the National Park Service. It was co-sponsored by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department.



Viewing the exhibition (l. to r.) are Phil Brand, Bridge Division Head; Rick Ellis, Senior Bridge Design Engineer; and Jason Burks, Structural Detailer, Bridge Division.



NEW EMPLOYEES

CONSTRUCTION

Anterica Edmond Construction Helper I
Channing Flowers Construction Helper I
Julie Storbakken Construction Helper I
Terry Thomas Construction Helper I
Brian Ward Construction Helper I
Spencer Wendland Office Admin. Asst. I

MATERIALS

James Sloan Geologist I

ROADWAY DESIGN

David Baker Civil Engineer

SURVEYS

Fate Canady, III Surveys Helper
Shawn Davis Surveys Helper

DISTRICT 1

Bryson Whiteside Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 2

James Harris Single Axle Truck Driver
Dennis Sanders Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 3

Michael Ogden Single Axle Truck Driver
Marcus Pullen Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 4

David Bowles, Jr. General Laborer
Johnie Phillips Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 6

Larry Acker General Laborer
Randy Davis General Laborer
Bobby Givens General Laborer
Aaron Hutcheson Single Axle Truck Driver
Rick Lapham Single Axle Truck Driver
Terry Smith General Laborer

DISTRICT 7

James Barton Single Axle Truck Driver
Mickey Davis Single Axle Truck Driver
John Johnson General Laborer
LaBronce Johnson Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 8

Jimmy McNutt General Laborer

DISTRICT 9

Ronald Cudmore Single Axle Truck Driver
Ismael Montes General Laborer

PROMOTIONS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Regina Duncan Office Admin. Asst. III

ENVIRONMENTAL

Dan Kelly Environmental Technician

PROGRAMS & CONTRACTS

Patricia Bending P & C Technician II

SURVEYS

Thomas Elkins Surveys Specialist
Michael Mohler Surveys Specialist

DISTRICT 1

Willie Holdern Construction Helper II
Jonathan Holland Construction Helper II

DISTRICT 2

Todd Tooke Construction Aide III

DISTRICT 4

Jacky Baldwin, Jr. District Permit Officer
Samuel Dyer Distributor/Roller Operator
Dustin Higgins Single Axle Truck Driver
Billy Thomas Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 5

Sherry Stout Field Clerk II

DISTRICT 6

Michael Arndt Distributor/Roller Operator
Thomas Minnie Rest Area Attendant
Dennis Robertson Construction Proj. Coord.

DISTRICT 7

Glenda Dunn Field Clerk II
Gail Frazier Field Clerk II
Robert McKinnon Resident Engineer
Dave Stevens Senior Mechanic

DISTRICT 8

Angela Dunn Single Axle Truck Driver
Walter Kordsmeier Maintenance Aide II
Angie Reeder Field Clerk II
Larry Wilson Construction Materials Inspector

DISTRICT 9

Russell Daniel Construction Materials Insp.
Karen Hodge Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 10

John Bell Maintenance Aide II
Gary James Sr. Construction Material Insp.
Clara Jones Single Axle Truck Driver
Candace Love Single Axle Truck Driver
Teddy Miller Crew Leader

SERVICE AWARDS

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE

Brad Perkins Corporal, 15 yrs.
Terry Stobaugh Patrol Officer ICL, 15 yrs.

CONSTRUCTION

Bill Fine Resident Engineer, 25 yrs.
Jerry Graham Construction Aide II, 15 yrs.
Jason James Assistant Resident Engr., 10 yrs.
Leonard Johnson Senior Inspector, 25 yrs.
Rodney Landers Construction Aide II, 30 yrs.
Timothy Young Inspector, 15 yrs.

EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT

Cass Neighbors Station Attendant II, 10 yrs.

FISCAL SERVICES

Leonard Grinstead Sec. Hd., Fed. Aid Billing, 30 yrs.
Rhonda Melton Coding Technician, 5 yrs.
Ronda Walthall Accounting Assistant, 5 yrs.

MAINTENANCE

Dnka Chaba Traffic Signal Maint. Tech., 5 yrs.
Melissa Hilton Traffic Services Aide, 5 yrs.

MATERIALS

Steven Pennington Dist. Materials Supv., 25 yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH

Sheila Neighbors Office Admin. Asst. V, 25 yrs.

RIGHT OF WAY

Lisa Duncan Administrative Assistant I, 20 yrs.

SURVEYS

William Morris Photogrammetry Tech. IV, 15 yrs.

DISTRICT 1

Kenneth Allen Backh./Fr. End Loader Op., 5 yrs.
Joseph Hutto Roller Operator, 5 yrs.
Ernest Rose Maintenance Aide II, 20 yrs.
Virgie Walton Spreader Operator, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 3

Quint Chism Spreader Operator, 10 yrs.
Scott Hatfield Crew Leader, 10 yrs.
Carl Jensen Bridge Repairer II, 10 yrs.
Anita Lummus Area Hq. Attendant, 15 yrs.
Larry Otwell Crane Operator - Finish, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 4

Donald Buchta Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.
Perry Dorr Bridge Repairer II, 20 yrs.
Larry Fraley Rest Area Attendant, 25 yrs.
Jason Head Backh./Fr. End Loader Op., 10 yrs.
Richard Ingram Area Maint. Supv., 30 yrs.
Samuel McKee Distrib./Roller Operator, 5 yrs.
Connie Meyer Area Hq. Attendant, 35 yrs.

DISTRICT 5

Joe Gilbert Motor Patrol Op. - Finish, 25 yrs.
Ronnie Mann Distrib./Roller Operator, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 6

Timothy Madison Senior Mechanic, 15 yrs.
Jerry Rapier Fuel Clerk, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 7

Marion Howell Single Axle Truck Driver, 10 yrs.
Teresa Smith Area Hq. Attendant, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 8

Ronnie Brooks Maintenance Aide II, 15 yrs.
Kyle Ritchie Bridge Repairer I, 10 yrs.

DISTRICT 9

James Massengale Bridge Repairer II, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 10

Dennis Caldwell Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 15 yrs.
Wayne Dunaway Area Maint. Supv., 40 yrs.
Gary Lewis Street Sweeper Operator, 5 yrs.
Doyle McCallie Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 10 yrs.
Jimmy McKinney Motor Patrol Op. - Finish, 10 yrs.
Morrise Phillips Crew Leader, 20 yrs.

RETIREMENTS

BRIDGE

Charles Sherwood Sr. Bridge Des. Engr., 35+ yrs.

PERMITS

Darrol Sitz Permit Technician, 13+ yrs.

DISTRICT 3

Richard Steen Single Axle Tr. Dr., Retired 32+ yrs.

DISTRICT 6

Frances Taylor Area Hq. Attendant, 19+ yrs.

DISTRICT 7

Gordon Hite Resident Engineer, 31+ yrs.

DISTRICT 10

William Cole Lowboy or Float Tr. Dr., 28+ yrs.

MEMORIALS

RETIRED EMPLOYEES

Marvin I. Bunch, Roadway Design, 08/22/05

Willie B. Cooper, District 7, 08/26/05

David M. Hammond, District 6, 09/03/05

Elmer L. Harris, District 9, 08/21/05

Troy F. Lambert, District 1, 08/18/05

ACTIVE EMPLOYEES

None

MILITARY DUTY

As of 09/09/05, listed below, the AHTD has 22 employees serving active duty in the military. *Dates denote the deployment/returning date. Superscripts: "K" = Hurricane Katrina deployments; "T" = deployments due to terrorism.*

ACTIVE

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE
Sandra Bates Corporal, 8/30/05^K

MAINTENANCE

Bobby Allison Comm. Maint. Spec., 9/2/05^K
Chuck Bishop Comm. Maint. Spec., 9/1/05^K

RIGHT OF WAY

B. Kevin Young Utility Coordinator I, 5/5/03^T

DISTRICT 1

J.L. Ramsey Maintenance Aide II, 9/2/05^K
Lenora Wilson Robinson Mot. Asst. Prov. 8/31/05^K
James Barte Senior Inspector, 9/28/04^T
Lamaris Mitchell Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr., 10/13/03^T

DISTRICT 4

Leslie Barnett Const. Proj. Coord., 10/13/04^T
Brandon Bowen Mechanic, 9/2/05^K
Brian Powell Constr. Field Engr., 9/6/05^K

DISTRICT 5

Greg Hellman Inspector, 9/6/05^K

DISTRICT 6

Shirley Hammett Area Hq. Att., 7/20/04^T
Alfred Langhorn Maint. Aide II, 10/13/04^T

DISTRICT 8

William Alvey Area Maint. Supervisor, 9/2/05^K
Donnie Duvall Senior Mechanic, 9/2/05^K
Michael Bunton Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr., 10/13/03^T

DISTRICT 10

Willie Mitchell Area Hq. Att., 8/30/05^K
Rufus Mitchell Rest Area Attendant, 8/30/05^K
Dustin Miller Bridge Repairer, 8/31/05^K
Elvis Richmond Sr. Const. Mat. Insp., 8/30/05^K
W.C. Tobar Maintenance Aide I, 8/30/05^K

RETURNING

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE
James Clark Sergeant 9/22/05

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Mary P. "Prissy" Hickerson,
Chairman

Jonathan Barnett,
Vice Chairman

Carl S. Rosenbaum,
Member

R. Madison Murphy,
Member

John Ed Regenold,
Member

Dan Flowers,
AHTD Director



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Answer to "Where is This?"
State Highway 63, over the Ouachita
River, at the Union/Bradley County line.