



# Center Line

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# Roadeo Title Goes to District Nine

The Department held its 20th Annual Equipment Operators Roadeo at the Central Shops in Little Rock on May 27th. After a day filled with competition, District Nine came out on top as Team Champions. This is District Nine's third title in four years.

"This victory was very special," stated District Nine Engineer Ralph Fulton. "I consider it a great going away present for my retirement. District Nine employees are awesome!"

Competition was focused on six categories: Tractor/Lowboy, Tandem Axle Dump Truck, Single Axle Dump Truck, Tractor/Mower, Backhoe and Motor Patrol.

A lunch catered by Bruce Terri Catering and an awards ceremony followed a morning filled with competition in each category.

"Each and every one of you does a great job," stated AHTD Director Dan Flowers at the awards ceremony. "The work you do is important to the Department and to the people of Arkansas."



*Arkansas Highway Commission Chairman Carl Rosenbaum addresses the Roadeo crowd. (Background, l. to r.) District Five Engineer Lyndal Waits and Director Dan Flowers.)*

Before announcing the winners, Flowers recognized Odis Barker, Equipment Specialist in the Central Office, who is retiring after 35 years of service, many of those spent coordinating the Roadeo event.

"You have done an outstanding job, Odis," Flowers stated. "We appreciate all the work you have done for the Roadeo and the Department."

Barker received a plaque and a standing ovation from the crowd.

"This has been a great thrill each year and I appreciate the opportunity," Barker stated.

Arkansas Highway Commission Chairman Carl Rosenbaum presented the awards in each category.

"We receive letters all the time from people across the state commending the job that you do," Rosenbaum stated. "We are proud of your reputation and proud of all of you."

The top finishers in each category will travel to Tunica, Mississippi, in October for the 2010 Southeastern Regional Equipment Operators Roadeo. Teams from across the region will join the AHTD team in that competition.

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*(l. to r.) AHTD Director Dan Flowers with Odis Barker, Equipment Specialist, who is retiring with 35 years of service, many spent helping with coordinating the Roadeo.*



*District 9 Roadeo Team: (l. to r.) Kenny Riley, Jeff Hudgens, Keith Carpenter, Scott Willis, District Engineer Ralph Fulton, Chad Foster, Jeff Upton and Lance Baker.*

# 2010 ROADEO FINALS

## Tractor/Lowboy



1st Place  
Jeff Upton  
District 9

2nd Place  
Mark Standridge  
District 4

3rd Place  
Terral Scroggins  
District 4

## Tandem Axle Dump Truck



1st Place  
Keith Carpenter  
District 9

2nd Place  
Tony Ruhl  
District 10

3rd Place  
Roy Box  
Central Office

## Single Axle Dump Truck



1st Place  
Eugene Farrell  
Central Office

2nd Place  
Bucky Sawyer  
District 3

3rd Place  
Todd Clifford  
District 10

## Tractor/Mower



1st Place  
Eugene Farrell  
Central Office

2nd Place  
Ricky Cummings  
District 7

3rd Place  
Dwain Rosenbaum  
District 3

## Backhoe



1st Place  
Chad Foster  
District 9

2nd Place  
Larry Otwell  
District 3

3rd Place  
Eric Brigrance  
District 4

## Motor Patrol



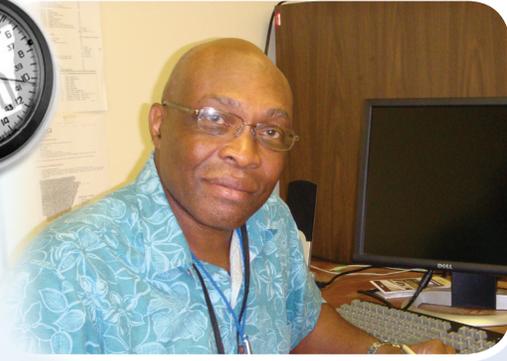
1st Place  
Lance Baker  
District 9

2nd Place  
Jerry Mitchell  
District 1

3rd Place  
Eugene Greenwood  
District 3



# The Staff Minute



**Name:** Charles Crawford

**Job Position:** Advanced Design Engineer, State Aid

**Length of Service:** 7 years

**Job Duties:** My job primarily consists of working with Microstation and Inroads programs to design roadway plans. Also computing project cost estimates and assembling estimated quantities for project plans. The job also includes compiling data, writing reports and specifications in conjunction with design plans.

**Favorite part of the job:** There are quite a few interesting sections of my job. I mostly enjoy the interaction with my co-workers, especially when we have to meet deadlines. We always work together as a team.

**Background:** I grew up in the Caribbean where I obtained a BS degree in Mathematics and Accounting from the University of the West Indies. I immigrated to the U.S.A. to join my wife, where I obtained a BS degree in Civil Engineering from Oregon State University.

**Family:** I have been married to my wife, Myrell, for 21 years. I have two daughters and a grandson who live in the Caribbean.

**Hobbies:** I am a soccer, basketball and music fan. My other recent hobby is gardening. I also spend lots of time teaching and mentoring students in mathematics and English at Life Skills For Youth.



# FINALS 2010

# CONSTRUCTION CORNER DISTRICT 3



Work continues, in Texarkana, on upgrading the Highway 245/19th Street intersection to a split diamond interchange on Highway 245 for Highway 82 and 19th Street. Construction of the 19th Street overpass is nearly complete and work to reconstruct Highway 245, between Highway 82 and Highway 67, is underway. The project will rebuild the north and southbound lanes of Highway 245, construct new collector/distributor roads adjacent to the main lanes, reconstruct frontage roads, build new entrance and exit ramps for 19th Street and relocate portions of adjacent city streets.

This project will upgrade this portion of Highway 245 to Interstate standards. It will become part of future Interstate 49 between Interstate 20, in Shreveport, and Interstate 30, in Texarkana. It will also provide improved access to the new Texarkana Regional Airport terminal now under construction. These photos show the new 19th Street overpass and traffic on the newly constructed southbound lanes as construction of the northbound lanes continues. The \$18.5 million project was awarded to R.K. Hall Construction of Paris, Texas, on August 15, 2007. Estimated completion is December of 2010.



# what's COOKING

This month's recipe is from Bruce Street of District 5. Please submit your recipe for possible publication in the CenterLine. Mail it to Shelli Russell, P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203-2261 or email it to shelli.russell@arkansashighways.com.

## Ms. Mary's Sugar Cookies

1 cup	Margarine	1 tsp	Soda
4 cups	Flour	1 cup	Confectioners Sugar
1 cup	Cooking oil	1 tsp	Cream of Tartar
1 tsp	Salt	2	Eggs, well beaten
1 cup	Sugar	1 tsp	Vanilla

Cream margarine and oil. Blend in the two (2) sugars, then the beaten eggs. Sift the flour, salt, soda, cream of tartar and stir into creamed mixture. Add vanilla and mix well.

Place small balls of dough on greased cookie sheet. Flatten each ball of dough on the greased sheets using the bottom of a small flat bottomed glass dipped in sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes.



Monday, July 5th, 2010, will be a State holiday in observance of Independence Day. All work will be suspended except in cases of emergency.



Maintenance: (l. to r.) Tony Sullivan, State Maint. Eng., presents Glenn Cheatham, Heavy Bridge Maint. Eng., with his 30-year service award.



Materials: (l. to r.) David Kraft, Geotech. Drill Party Chief, receives his 20-year service award from Chris Wald, Section Head - Geotech.



District 2: Breamber Wallace, age 8, at the 2010 Calendar Girls Dance Recital. She is the granddaughter of Jackquelin Sterrett, Area Headquarters Attendant.



District 3: (l. to r.) Don Donaldson, District Engineer, presents John Daniel, Bridge Job Supt., with his 25-year service award.



District 3: (l. to r.) Don Donaldson, District Engineer, presents Billy Stewart, Storeroom Assistant II, with his 25-year service award.



District 3: (l. to r.) Chad Townsend, Motor Patrol Operator - Finish, receives his 10-year service award from Kenny Bennett, District Maintenance Engineer.



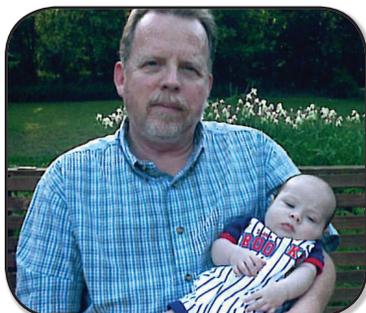
District 3: Receiving their 15-year service awards were (l.) Darrell Aikens, Maintenance Aide I; and (r.) Jodi Salisbury, Area Headquarters Attendant. District Maintenance Engineer, Kenny Bennett is presenting.



District 3: (l. to r.) Kenny Bennett, District Maint. Eng., presents Kyle Huckabee, Backhoe/Front End Loader Op., with his 5-year service award.



District 4: (l. to r.) Sandy Kivett, Senior Inspector, receives her 30-year service award from Jeff Stroud, Resident Engineer.



District 5: Paul Matthews, District Permit Officer, holds his grandson, Samuel Joshua Matthews, born February 22nd.



District 5: Maddie Beth Hames, four months old, is the granddaughter of Floyd Haley, Distributor/Roller Operator.



District 8: (l. to r.) Kenny Howard, Maintenance Aide II, presents Mack Gray, Motor Patrol Operator, with his 20-year service award.



District 9: Makayla Danielle Gray, age 2, holds her brother Mason Carra Gray, born April 27th. They are the children of Courtney Gray, Maint. Aide I.

## Retirement Board Nominees Announced

Two AHTD employees have been nominated to fill a term on the Department's Retirement Board. Receiving the most nominations were Mitchell Archer and Elizabeth Mayfield-Hart.

Archer is a District Materials Supervisor for District 9 in Harrison. He has been with the Department since 1985.

Mayfield-Hart is a Staff Planning Engineer in Central Office. She has been with the AHTD since 1992. Both nominees are Registered Professional Engineers.

The position on the board is for the term beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2012. Ballots are due later this month and results will be shared in the July issue of the CenterLine.

## new employees

CONSTRUCTION - John Bledsoe, Jr., Engineer, RE 84 - Jesus Chapa, III, Const. Helper, RE 34 - Mark English, Const. Helper, RE 11 - Anthony Hurst, Const. Helper, RE 14 - Luke Poe, Engineer, RE 82

HUMAN RESOURCES - Yulanda Washington, Central Ofc. Receptionist

LEGAL - Wendelyne Newboles, Office Administrative Asst. II

DISTRICT 1 - Devin Adell, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. - Charles Crow, Jr., Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. - Bennie Fonzie, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. - Michael Lynch, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. - Hobert McKnight, Sr., Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. - Stanley Neal, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. - Dennis Petty, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. - Phillip Powell, General Laborer - James Smith, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. - Robert Stone, Jr., Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr. - Joe Washington, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr.

DISTRICT 2 - Craig Bowden, General Laborer - Brandon Brown, General Laborer

DISTRICT 5 - Robbie Horton, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 6 - Ezequiel Garza, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr. - Matthew Goetz, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr. - Jason Greenwood, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr. - Michael Hamilton, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr. - Jon Pearson, General Laborer - Steven Reynolds, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr. - Lance Tatum, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr. - Johnny Uche, Sgl. Axle Truck Dr.

DISTRICT 7 - Kenneth Yeager, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 8 - Larry Harris, General Laborer - Abner Perdomo, General Laborer - Elman Pineda, Single Axle Truck Driver - Mario Talamantes, General Laborer

DISTRICT 9 - Alan Carter, Single Axle Truck Driver - C. Hale, District Caretaker - Brian Walker, Single Axle Truck Driver

DISTRICT 10 - Billy Fines, General Laborer - Tony Smithmier, Single Axle Truck Driver - David Williams, Single Axle Truck Driver

## promotions

MAINTENANCE - Carl Ring, Sign Erector

PLANNING & RESEARCH - Tiffany Burke, Data Collection Technician - Michael Henry, Engineer I - John Spears, Jr., Engineer I - Elisha Wright-Kehner, Engineer IV

RIGHT OF WAY - Robert Arman, Plans Designer III

SURVEY - Christopher Melhorn, Engineer I

DISTRICT 1 - Robert Karnes, Jr., Crew Leader - Waymon Weeams, Sr., Backhoe/Front End Loader Op., Lee Co.

DISTRICT 2 - Jeffery Byerly, Inspector, RE 23

DISTRICT 3 - James Cross, Area Maint. Supv., Nevada Co. - Bruce Graham, Multi-Axle Truck Driver - Scott Neely, Crane Op.

DISTRICT 4 - Stephanie Portwood, Single Axle Truck Driver, Crawford Co.

DISTRICT 5 - Ruth Byard, Single Axle Truck Driver, Cleburne Co. - Joe Gilbert, Crew Leader, Stone Co. - Donnie Schmidt, Area Maint. Supv., White Co. - Steve Sutton, Single Axle Truck Driver, Stone Co. - Ricky Womack, Area Maint. Supv., Jackson Co.

DISTRICT 6 - Margaret Besancon, Office Administrative Assistant V - Travis Billingsley, Maint. Aide II, Prairie Co. - Zak Chumney, Bridge Repairer I - Robert Nelson, Maint. Aide II, Garland Co. - Joseph Rapier, Backhoe/Front End Loader Op.

DISTRICT 7 - Carl Garlington, Distrib./Roller Op., Dallas Co.

DISTRICT 8 - Martin Jones, Motor Patrol Op.-Finish, Johnson Co. - James Standridge, Hydraulic Excavator Operator-Finish

DISTRICT 9 - Andrew Vining, Engineer I, RE 96

DISTRICT 10 - Christopher Allbritton, Sr. Insp., RE 04 - Richard Carmack, Maint. Aide I, Craighead Co. - Emily Coleman, Distrib./Roller Op., Craighead Co. - Brastain James, Backh./FEL Op., Mississippi Co. - Charles Loop, Sr. Insp., RE 06 - Kenneth Neely, Senior Const. Materials Inspector, RE 06 - Jeffery Rawls, Crane Op.-Fin. - Clarence Ward, Maint. Aide I, Mississippi Co.

## service

BRIDGE - Aileen Schubel, Staff Bridge Design Eng., 20 yrs.

COMPUTER SERVICES - James Wiggington, Computer Technician III, 10 yrs.

CONSTRUCTION - Brett Banzhaf, Sr. Insp., 25 yrs., RE 94 - Jim Branch, Inspector, 20 yrs., RE 74 - Steven Bryan, Construction Aide II, 10 yrs., RE 06 - Karen Davis, Field Clerk II, 15 yrs., RE 24 - David Gorman, Sr. Insp., 25 yrs., RE 21 - Jeff Kaiser, Sr. Insp., 10 yrs., RE 14 - Sandra Kivett, Sr. Insp., 30 yrs., RE 43 - Brian McElyea, Insp., 10 yrs., RE 14 - James Nelson, Sr. Insp., 25 yrs., RE 41 - Joseph Valliant, Jr., Const. Proj. Coord., 25 yrs., RE 23 - Aaron Vowell, Const. Field Engineer II, 5 yrs., RE 14 - Bobby Wade, Const. Project Coord., 35 yrs., RE 06

ENVIRONMENTAL - Gail Scott, Office Adm. Asst. III, 25 yrs. - Joshua Seagraves, Env. Analyst III, 5 yrs.

HEAVY BRIDGE MAINTENANCE - Glenn Cheatham, HBM Eng., 30 yrs.

HIGHWAY POLICE - John Strojek, Jr., Adm. Aide IV, 15 yrs. Human Resources - Lynn Caple, Training Specialist, 25 yrs.

INTERNAL AUDIT - Shirley Trippet, Sr. External Auditor, 5 yrs.

MAINTENANCE - Ronnie Brewer, Senior Design Tech., 10 yrs.

MATERIALS - Christina Harris, Administrative Aide V, 25 yrs. - Judith Orrick, Administrative Aide IV, 25 yrs.

PLANNING & RESEARCH - Stephen Mitchell, Senior Transp. Planner, 30 yrs. - Jared Wiley, Engineer III, 5 yrs.

RIGHT OF WAY - Patty Bray, Util. Coord. II, 20 yrs. - John Kendrick, Sect. Head - ROW Eng., 30 yrs. - Carma Tollett, Ofc. Adm. Asst. III, 5 yrs.

ROADWAY DESIGN - Liz Jones, Senior Designer, 25 yrs. - Charles Martin, Staff Design Engineer, 20 yrs.

SURVEYS - Rusty Goodall, Surveys Aide III, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 1 - James Madison, Single Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs. - Lloyd Plummer, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 35 yrs.

DISTRICT 2 - Jon Anderton, Maint. Aide I, 10 yrs. - Karen Avants, Area Hq. Att., 5 yrs. - Francisco Freeman, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr., 5 yrs. - Gregory Patrick, Motor Patr. Op.-Fin., 15 yrs. - Clayton Shackelford, Sgl. Axle Tr. Dr., 5 yrs. - Stacy Stepp, Maint. Aide IV, 15 yrs.

DISTRICT 3 - Mike Erby, Backhoe/Front End Loader Op., 20 yrs. - Michael Ogden, Motor Patrol Op., 5 yrs. - Robert Pierce, Lowboy or Float Tr. Dr., 5 yrs. - Bucky Sawyer, Motor Patrol Op., 5 yrs. - Billy Stewart, Storerm. Asst. II, 25 yrs. - William Townsend, Motor Patrol Op.-Fin., 10 yrs. - Johnny Wake, Dozer Op.-Fin., 30 yrs. - Homer Whatley, Jr., Asphalt Tank Tr. Dr., 30 yrs.

DISTRICT 4 - Ronny Bugg, Maint. Aide II, 10 yrs. - Dexter Downs, Backh./F.E.L. Op., 5 yrs. - Jesse Freeman, Maint. Aide II, 20 yrs.

DISTRICT 5 - Ronnie Caraway, Crew Leader, 25 yrs. - Jimmy Weaver, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 30 yrs.

DISTRICT 6 - Ronney Rabeneck, Rest Area Attendant, 25 yrs.

DISTRICT 7 - Raymond Garcia, Bridge Rep. II, 15 yrs. - Jason Jacobs, Single Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs. - Joel Todd, Maint. Job Supt., 35 yrs. - Peggy Walthall, Single Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.

DISTRICT 8 - Angela Dunn, Maint. Aide I, 5 yrs. - Mack Gray, Motor Patrol Op., 20 yrs. - B.J. McAlister, District Const. Eng., 35 yrs. - Randall Ward, Motor Patrol Op. -Finish, 25 yrs.

DISTRICT 9 - Michael Brasel, Area Maint. Supervisor, 35 yrs.

DISTRICT 10 - Stephen Burnett, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs. - Kimberly Friar, Fuel Clerk, 15 yrs. - Joe Hester, Bridge Job Supt., 35 yrs. - Dale Johns, Equip. Maint. Supervisor, 30 yrs. - Cecil Nelson, Maint. Job Supt., 30 yrs. - Edward Orr, Maint. Aide I, 10 yrs. - Marshall Pace, Multi-Axle Truck Driver, 5 yrs.

## retirement

CHIEF ENGINEER - Louise Watts, Adm. Assistant I, 35+ yrs.

MAINTENANCE - Charles Bishop, Jr., Comm. Maintenance Spec., 25+ yrs. - Gene Morrison, Sign Maker II, 23+ yrs.

RIGHT OF WAY - Danny Cornett, Utility Coordinator II, 22+ yrs. - Ann Helm, Administrative Assistant III, 24+ yrs.

DISTRICT 1 - Danny Thomas, General Laborer, 32+ yrs.

DISTRICT 7 - Joe Mason, Crew Leader, 31+ yrs.

DISTRICT 8 - David Huggins, Sr. Const. Matl. Insp., 30+ yrs.

DISTRICT 9 - Kenneth Booth, Station Attendant II, 31+ yrs.

DISTRICT 10 - Van Barnett, District Caretaker, 8+ yrs. - Joe Hester, Bridge Job Superintendent, 35+ yrs.

## memorials

HIGHWAY POLICE - Shawn D. Foust, 5/20/10, retired

MAINTENANCE - Oscar F. Neeley, 5/18/10, retired - Jesse M. Koenigsberg, 6/5/10, active

RIGHT OF WAY - Linda F. Cuningkin, 6/3/10, retired - James E. Moody, 6/2/10, retired

SURVEYS - Samuel H. Johnson, Jr., 5/11/10, active

DISTRICT 5 - Eddie R. Woodward, 5/16/10, retired

DISTRICT 6 - Bill W. Pierce, 5/19/10, retired - Ferrell E. McNeil, 5/18/10, retired

## active duty

As of 06/10/10, the AHTD had 8 employees serving active duty in the United States military. Dates denote deployment.

HUMAN RESOURCES - Travis Nelson, Safety Inspection Officer, 7/15/09

DISTRICT 1 - Ricky Benson, Construction Helper II, 10/5/05

DISTRICT 4 - Donald R. Ullrich, Jr., Roller Operator, 5/5/10

DISTRICT 6 - Shirley Hammett, Area Headquarters Attendant, 7/20/04

DISTRICT 9 - Ashley Hale, Ferry Boat Pilot, 9/5/07 - Douglas Henry, Single Axle Truck Driver, 10/1/07

DISTRICT 10 - Robert Martin, General Laborer, 5/28/09 - Dustin Miller, Bridge Repairer, 11/11/09



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