TTI El Paso Open House

The TTI El Paso Office held its office “open house on Thursday, April 13, 2006. TTI Director, Herb Richardson welcomed local and state leaders as well as the community to the Institute’s newest office, which is also the Center for International Intelligent Transportation Research.

Rafael Aldrete-Sanchez will head the leadership for the office. Rafael

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TOG Family News

KUDOS

Liz Perez and her husband Michael have opened a new restaurant in the historic downtown Bryan area. Opening a restaurant was a dream of Perez’s for over 20 years.

Welcome

The System Monitoring Program welcomes Ryan Longmire as an Engineering Research Associate. Ryan, a 2005 graduate of TAMU with a B.S. in Telecommunications Engineering Technology, replaces Ricky Parker who left TTI at the end of April. Welcome Ryan and we wish Ricky success!

TOG welcomes Melissa Tooley to TTI and the University Transportation Center. Melissa comes to TTI from Arkansas and will be working with TOG for administrative and organizational support.

ConGRATULATIONS

Mike Vickich, TTI Houston Office, is happy to announce that Katelyn Grace Vickich was born on Monday, May 1, at 11:06 a.m. Katelyn weighs 7 pounds 9 ounces and is 21 inches long. All are doing well. Congratulations!

Recent Travels

Ed Seymour, Tony Voigt, Jeff Miles, Adam Pike, and Paul Carlson attended the TxDOT Maintenance & Traffic Operations conference in Waco, Texas. The TTI Retroreflectivity Van was made available to TxDOT conference attendees throughout the both days of the conference.

Nada Trout and Melisa Finely traveled to Waco on April 11th, Lufkin on April 12th, San Angelo on April 17th, Abilene on April 18th, and Wichita Falls on April 19th. They were attending meetings with TxDOT for Implementation Project 5-4174-01.

Ed Seymour, Beverly Kuhn, and Paul Carlson traveled to Anchorage, Alaska for a kick-off meeting with Alaska DOT and FHWA on a new research project evaluating the cost-effectiveness of pavement marking materials.

Debbie Jasek traveled a great distance to Caldwell, Texas, where she met with the Caldwell ISD middle school principal. They discussed a possible partnership for a new project idea, partnering research and education. She also spent a day at Bryan High School for a Technology Career Day. While there Debbie met a number of students whose parents are TTI staff members. They were curious about what their parents really do at work!

Darrell Borchardt attended the Hurricane Conference in Orlando, Florida on April 11-14. While attending the conference, Darrell met Dr. Neil Frank, who is the chief meteorologist for KHOU-TV in Houston and the nation’s foremost authority on hurricanes and tropical storms.

The NAVTEQ and TTI Brainstorming meeting was hosted by Ed Seymour in the Houston office on April 18. Several TOG staff members traveled from College Station to Houston to participate as well as those participating via PolyCom video in Dallas. NAVTEQ is a company working with navigational techniques and technologies.
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comes to TTI from McLean, Virginia with a background in infrastructure management consulting. His international experience assisting governments and the private sector in Latin America, Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, and the US, includes the economic and financial evaluation of transport infrastructure investments. Rafael holds a Ph.D., Civil Engineering -Transport Infrastructure Project Finance, from the University of Texas at Austin. For more information about the efforts underway from the El Paso office, please contact Rafael at 915-532-3759.

Special thanks go to Holly Crenshaw, Bernie Fette, Kandis Salazar, Becca Simons and Brian Long for getting the office ready for the open house.

RMC Practice Presentations Successful

The TOG RMC practice presentations were held during the month with excellent participation from staff locally and from the Urban Offices. Thanks to Beth Neilson for organizing and scheduling these sessions. Below is a list of the researchers and research projects that will be presented at the June RMC meeting.

0-5544 Fitzpatrick  Development of High Speed Roadway Design Criteria and Evaluation of Roadside Safety Features
0-5008 Carlson  Evaluation of Wet-Weather and Contrast Pavement Marking Materials and Applications
5-4196-01 Bonneson  Red-Light-Running Handbook Training
0-4663 Middleton  Strategies for Separating Trucks from Passenger Vehicle Traffic
0-5003 De Roche  Development of TxDOT Procedures and Specifications for Testing Device Compliance NTCIP Standards
0-4962 Borchardt  Development of Guidelines for Hurricane Evacuation Signing and Markings
0-4946 Balke  Dynamic Traffic Flow Modeling for Incident Detection and Short-Term Congestion Prediction
0-4618 Fitzpatrick  Conversion of Two Lane Rural Roadways to Four Lane Roadways
0-5089 Zhang  Raised Pavement Marker Improvements
5-4421-01 Pesti  Traffic Responsive Control on TxDOT Closed-Loop Systems
5-4150-03 Hawkins  Qualification of Mobile Retroreflectometers
0-4160 Venglar  Operating Freeways with Managed Lanes
Birthdays

May 02 Mark Burris
May 08 Justin Jackson
May 10 Bob Brydia
May 15 James Carvell, Jr.
May 15 Sunil Patil
May 16 Steve Venglar
May 18 Brooke Ullman
May 19 Jerry Le
May 20 Robert De Roche
May 26 Jeffrey Miles
May 28 Deborah Meroniuc
May 28 Jonathan Tydlacka
May 29 Kenneth Giusti, Jr.
Jun 02 Maneesh Mahlawat
Jun 05 Eduardo Garcia
Jun 10 Gary Barricklow
Jun 15 Yuanchang Xie
Jun 24 Shamanth Kuchangi
Jun 25 Sangita Sunkari
Jun 27 Gary Thomas
Jun 28 Liang Ding
Jun 29 Edgar Kraus
Jun 29 Kwaku Obeng-Boampong
Jun 30 Ganesh Karkee

New Positions

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Positions Filled

Signs and Markings | Paul Carlson | 060390 | Associate Research Scientist/Engineer |

TOG Is Hiring

New positions and positions filled are listed below. Continue to share this information with your contacts. You can also forward potential names to the hiring supervisors so they can make personal contact. Applicants interested in applying for a position should go to https://tamujobs.tamu.edu/ choose "create an application" on the left side, and follow the instructions on the site to apply for the position.

Professional Development

Maria Medrano, attended the IAAP (International Association of Administrative Professionals) conference on April 27. The conference was held at the Briarcrest Country Club, Bryan, Texas. Patti Speer, Director of the IAAP Southwest District, spoke about the Emerging Trends in the Office of the Future. This dealt with the reality that Support Staff need to keep up with new technology and the ever changing demands of the office. Not only do they play the role of “secretary” but they also become technical writers, network support staff, and anything else that the staff need help with.....so keep learning!

TOG Mission Statement

To facilitate innovations in transportation system operations through leadership in research, education and technology transfer.