Message from the Associate Director

All TTI Day 2001 is rapidly approaching! The TTI Team will be gathering on Wednesday, December 5 at the Brazos Center. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., with the official program kicking off at 9:30 a.m.

The Planning Committee has done a great job organizing an F&E (as in fun and exciting) day. Speakers include TAMUS Chancellor Emeritus Dr. Barry Thompson, and TAMU Assistant Professor of Speech Communication and the Life Skills Development Coordinator for the TAMU football team, Dr. Rick Rigsby.

The day will also include the presentation of the Annual TTI Employee Awards, as well as the holiday party. You can also expect a few other treats and special activities, like a nifty keen t-shirt!

As always, the best things about All TTI Day are the opportunity to see people you do not interact with on a regular basis, learn some new things about current activities at the Institute, and recognizing the contributions of TTI Team members.

So, get prepared to enjoy yourself, learn some new things, and have a great time on the 5th!

Thanks,
Katie

Staff Activities

The following SPP&E researchers gave presentations on projects at the TxDOT RMC meetings in San Antonio November 5-8.

George Dresser – Mobile Source Emission Modeling: Methods, Sensitivity, and Analysis Assumptions.


Bill Frawley – Techniques for Managing Access on Arterials.

Doug Skowronek – An Evaluation of Dallas Area HOV Lanes.

In addition, projects headed by Cinde Gilliland, John Overman, Bill Frawley, and Bill Eisele received compliments from RMC members.

Carol Walters and Bill Stockton spoke at the 9th Annual ITS Texas Meeting in College Station on November 14-16. Carol’s luncheon speech focused on ITS successes from a motorist’s perspective. Carol also gave a presentation on the Dallas HOV Spot Traffic Survey. Bill discussed the Model Border Inspection project.

Jim Randall, the new Director of TxDOT’s TP&P Division visited TTI on November 20th. Dennis Christiansen, David Pearson, Dennis Perkinson, Jim Benson, Montie Wade, Bill Frawley, Jason Crawford, Tim Lomax, Jeff Borowiec, and Steve Roop all gave short presentations on IAC and research projects. Jim also toured the Driver Simulator and the TransLink Laboratory and spoke to the TAMU ITE Student Chapter.

John Overman has been accepted into the National Transit Institute (NTI) Fellows Class of 2002. The NTI is headquartered at Rutgers University. John will be participating in a NTI Fellows Training and Orientation Workshop in January and presenting four workshops during the year. The focus of John’s NTI workshops will be on environmental compliance for transit operations.

Kimberly Phillips participated in the Power Pipeline Program. The weekend program, offered by the Foundation for Women’s Resources, included keynote speakers, such as former Governor Ann Richards, group discussions, mentor sessions on career planning, and other activities.

Ginger Daniels moderated a session on Regional ITS Planning at the American Public Transportation Association ITE International Best Practices Workshop in Austin on November 29.
Congratulations

Carol Walters, System Operation Management Program, received her 15-year pin this month.

Sheri Smith, Mobility Analysis Program, received the Ethel Ashworth-Tsutsui Memorial Award for Mentoring for 2001. This award is given annually by the Educational Outreach and Woman’s Programs at Texas A&M University to individuals dedicated to mentoring young scientists.

Congratulations Carol and Sheri!

Mergers

Ginger Daniels, Austin Liaison Office, and John Goodin were married in Orlando, Florida on October 10th.

Congratulations Ginger and John!

Additions

Jeff Borowiec, Transportation Planning Program, and his wife, Jill, welcomed a son, Jackson Stone Borowiec, on November 14th.

Congratulations Jeff and Jill!

Welcome

Phillip Reeder has joined the Travel Forecasting Program in the Austin Office. Phillip has 23 years of experience working for consulting firms and TxDOT. Phillip has a B.A. degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He will be working on travel forecasting projects for TxDOT’s TP&P Division and HGAC.

Welcome Phillip!

Annual Support Staff Holiday Luncheon/Ornament Exchange

The annual Support Staff Holiday Luncheon/Ornament Exchange has been scheduled for December 12, 11:30 – 1:30 at the G. Rollie White Visitors Center in College Station. In addition, TTI Administration will have a donation box available for Phoebe’s Home, a women’s shelter in the Bryan/College Station area. They will be collecting clothes, toys, and personal hygiene items.

Calendar

December 5 – All TTI Day, Brazos Center, Bryan
December 21 - January 1 – Winter Holiday
January 13-17 – 81st TRB Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Birthdays

December
Jason Crawford 12/5
Erlinda Snodgrass 12/5
Cinde Gilliland 12/10
Poonam Wiles 12/17
Terry Larsen 12/20
David Staas 12/21
Gordon Shunk 12/23
John Overman 12/23
Kimberly Phillips 12/30

January
Denise Pineda 1/3
Lisa Day 1/6
Bill Frawley 1/9
Brian Bochner 1/11
Carol Walters 1/12
Sharada Vadali 1/18
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Carol Court 1/21
Evelyn Pilgrim 1/21
Pam Rowe 1/24
Harlow Landphair 1/25
Jim Schutt 1/26
Stephen Ranft 1/30