Message from the Associate Director

Have you wondered what those SPP&E Programs with the funny names do? Well, come to the All SPP&E meeting Thursday, September 5 at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco and find out.

The Planning Committee has put together a fun, exciting, and informative program. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. with goodies, caffeinated, and non-caffeinated beverages available. The program begins at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude by 3:00 p.m.

Come prepared to test your skills at the TTI/Transportation Jeopardy game and to learn the latest on TTI/SPP&E activities. The team effort needed to turn problem statements into completed research projects will be discussed.

The Planning Committee will be distributing registration information and the final program within the next week. Carpoolls and vanpools (hey, we are multimodal) will be organized.

We have an outstanding staff within the SPP&E and the All SPP&E meeting provides a great opportunity to talk with others you do not normally interact with. I hope you will take the time to learn more about what others are doing and think about possible areas of collaboration.

I also hope you will have fun and enjoy yourself!

Thanks! Katie

All SPP&E Meeting Planning Committee

Kimberly Phillips, Chair, Environmental Management Program
Jeff Borowiec, Transportation Planning Program
Scott Cooner, Systems Operation Management Program
Scott Cothron, System Operation Management Program
Carol Court, Urban Analysis Program
Christy Harris, System Operation Management Program
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Robin Rabinowitz, Center for Air Quality Studies
Claire Roth, Urban Analysis Program
Doug Skowronek, System Operation Management Program
Poonam Wiles, System Operation Management Program

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum was established in 1968. The history of the Texas Rangers is presented, along with information on the current activities of the Rangers. The Museum contains artifacts, displays, and other materials highlighting the Texas Rangers.

The museum is open until 5:00 p.m. and SPP&Er’s can visit it after the meeting if they would like. Admission is $5.00.
Staff Activities

Casey Toycen made a presentation on Corner Clearance Requirements in Texas Cities” at the TexITE Summer Meeting in League City on June 28.

Jim Schutt Environmental Management Program, received his 10 year TTI pin in July. Congratulations Jim!

An article by Kay Fitzpatrick, Kevin Hall, Melissa Finley, and Stephen Farnsworth was published in the Journal of Public Transportation. The article, “Alternative Bus Stop Configurations: An Analysis of the Effects of Bus Bulbs,” is based on research from a recent TCRP project.

TRB recently published a report, The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program: Assessing 10 Years of Experience, a Congressional-mandated study on the CMAQ program. Katie Turnbull served on the Study Committee.

New Arrivals

Jason Crawford, and his wife Tracy welcomed a new addition to their family. Nathan Aaron Crawford was born June 28th.

Congratulations Jason and Tracy!

Mergers

Tina Collier, Austin Liaison Office, and Brett Jackson were married on July 12th in Austin. They spent their honeymoon in Costa Rica.

Congratulations Tina and Brett!

2002-2003 Holiday Schedule

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents has approved the following holiday schedule for the 2002-2003 academic year.

Thanksgiving—November 28-29, 2002

Christmas-New Year’s—December 23, 2002 - January 1, 2003

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 20, 2003

Spring Break—March 13-14, 2003

Memorial Day—May 26, 2003

Independence Day—July 4

Calendar

August 4-7 – ITE Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

September 5 – All SPP&E Meeting, Texas Ranger Museum, Waco

October 22-23 – TxDOT Transportation Conference, College Station

Birthdays

August
Claire Roth 8/7
Robert McLain 8/15
Ming Han Li 8/16
Craig Shupee 8/16
Jeremy Snow 8/20
Ed Sepulvada 8/23
Jeff Borowiec 8/28
Mike Martello 8/29
Marty Boardman 8/30

September
Ginger Goodin 9/7
Nester Mendoza 9/8
Nancy Stratta 9/8
Fernando Rodriguez 9/9
Melissa Quatmann 9/9
Josias Zietsman 9/16
Scott Cooner 9/20