MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

The summer always seems to be an extra busy time at TTI. I would like to thank everyone who is working extra hard to get current research projects and reports completed by the end of August, as well as getting new IACs and projects in place for the start of the new fiscal year in September. I would also like to thank researchers who assisted with developing FY 07 TxDOT RMC project statements.

Congratulations to SPP&Eer’s Shawn Turner, Cliff Spiegelman, and Jeff Borowiec, who had SWUTC proposals selected for funding in FY 06. Shawn Turner also had a proposal selected for funding under the Safety Grant Award Program.

Also, it is time to start thinking about nominations for the 2005 TTI Awards program. There are many SPP&Eers deserving nominations. There will be a new “team project” award this year. The official announcement on the call for nominations should be out September 1st.

Thanks again to everyone for your extra efforts in completing projects and other activities over the summer.

Thanks,
Katie

Congratulations

Charlie Bell was honored at a retirement reception at the Gibb Gilchrist Research Building on July 14. Charles began working at TTI in 1967 as a data processing programmer. During his 38 years with TTI, Charlie was instrumental in the design and implementation of computer programs used in travel demand modeling and air quality analysis. Charlie’s work has helped TTI establish and maintain a unique position in these research areas. Charlie also mentored many other staff in computer programming during his career.

Best wishes in retirement!
Staff Activities


Southwest Center for Transportation Research and Testing

Progress is being made on developing the new Southwest Center for Transportation Research and Testing in Pecos. The Center is a collaborative effort among TTI, Applied Research Associates, and the Pecos Economic Development Corporation.

The 5,800-acre research and testing complex has a 9-mile track, a 10-mile road course, a skid pad, and other courses. Please keep the facility in mind as you work on research projects and proposals. Please contact Lance Bullard for more information on the Center.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**OCTOBER 5 – TEXAS A&M ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT STAFF (TAPSS) CONFERENCE, REED ARENA, COLLEGE STATION**

**OCTOBER 11-12 – TXDOT TRANSPORTATION SHORT COURSE, COLLEGE STATION**

**NOVEMBER 7-10 – FALL TXDOT RMC MEETINGS, CORPUS CHRISTI**

**NOVEMBER 24-25 – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

Birthdays

**August**
- Marty Boardman  8/10
- Ming Han Li  8/16
- Craig Shupee  8/16
- Jeremy Snow  8/20
- Ed Sepulveda  8/23
- Jeff Borowiec  8/28
- Justin Malnar  8/28

**September**
- Ginger Goodin  9/7
- Nancy Stratta  9/8
- Joe Zietsman  9/16
- Alishia Churchman  9/16
- Allison Hardy  9/17
- Scott Cooner  9/20
- Jimmie Benson  9/24
- Todd Carlson  9/26
- Laura Higgins  9/28