As always, the TRB Annual meeting proved to be a busy, but very stimulating event. With sessions, committee meetings, receptions, and networking. I always leave Washington tired, but energized.

As noted in the staff activities section, the SPP&E was well represented at the meeting. It is good to see SPP&E and TTI researchers involved in numerous committees and other activities.

I am biased, but I think participating in TRB committees and activities provides outstanding opportunities for personal and professional development. It also provides numerous avenues for research development and technology transfer activities — ones that lead to funded research at TTI.

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**Staff Activities**

SPP&Eer’s presented papers in poster and podium sessions, chaired meetings, presided at sessions, participated in meetings, and networked with sponsors, potential sponsors, and colleagues at the 2008 TRB Annual Meeting, January 13-17 in Washington, D.C.


**Ginger Goodin** — Chaired meeting of the HOV Systems Committee.


**Bill Stockton** — Chaired Multimodal Pricing Implementation Joint Subcommittee Meeting.


Convince Your Mom that You Contribute to Society. They highlighted key elements of an NCHRP project focusing on communication the value of research.

Katie Turnbull and Brian Bochner presented a Research Development Seminar on Getting Involved with TRB Committees on January 8. Katie provided information on ways to participate in TRB committee activities, including promoting project development. Brian highlighted tips for networking and research development opportunities at the TRB Annual meeting.

Congratulations!

Shawn Turner is the incoming Chair of the TRB Pedestrian Committee.

Katie Turnbull is the incoming Chair of the TRB Planning and Environmental Group and member of the Technical Activities Council.

Joe Zietsma is the incoming Secretary of the TRB Performance Measurement Committee.

Ming-Han Li has been appointed Book Review Editor for the journal, Landscape and Urban Planning.

Tina Geiselbrecht’s work assisting with the preparation of environmental screening maps for the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (CAMPO) long-range transportation plan was noted in the January CAMPO Connection newsletter.


Montie Wade — Presided at podium session, Innovations in Transportation Planning Applications.

Joe Zietsman — Presented paper, Sustainability Enhancement Tool for State Departments of Transportation Using Performance Measurement, in podium session and presided at the session. Co-authors — Bill Knowles, TxDOT; and Tara Ramani, Jae Su Lee, and Brian Bochner.

Joe Ziesman travelled to India in January to work on an EPA-sponsored project dealing with landfill gas to LNG conversion. He toured 3 landfills in Mumbai and met with EPA, NEERI, and city officials on the project. He attended NEERI’s International Conference on Air Pollution Control in Nagpur and gave a presentation on Emissions of Mexican-Domiciled Heavy-Duty Diesel Trucks Using Alternative Fuels. He also made another side trip to Chennai to meet with faculty at IIT Madras and gave a lecture on TTI’s air quality research activities. A few busy days for Joe!

Tim Lomax and Johanna Zmud, NuStats, presented the January 28 UTCM colloquium Communicating the Value of Your Research: How to

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Years of Service

The following SPP&Eer’s reached special years-of-service at TTI in February, 2008.
Jess Junek, RDO — 1 year
Mary Levien, RDO — 5 years
Joe Zietsman, HAQ — 10 years

Retirement

After 15 years with the Mobility Analysis Program, Pam Rowe retired from TTI on January 31. Pam played a key part in the annual mobility report and numerous other research activities in the program. She also provided assistance to other programs and was the “go to” person on word processing questions. Pam also helped with All TTI Days, the Transportation Short Course golf tournament, and many other activities. Pam was sent off to retirement in style with a dinner at On the Border and a gift certificate from A&M Travel. We will miss Pam, but wish her well in her numerous retirement activities!

February Birthdays

Jeff Arndt  2/2
Tammy Pietrucha  2/16
Bryan Keene  2/21
Susan Adams  2/28
Nick Vierus  2/28

Welcome

Michelle Young, Senior Office Associate, joins the Mobility Analysis Program. Michelle joined TTI in 2003, providing support for Associate Director, Bill Stockton and the Economics and Policy Program. Michelle moves from the Wells Fargo Building to the 4th Floor of the CE/TTI Tower. In addition to her Mobility Analysis Program responsibilities, Michelle will continue to support the Economics and Policy Program.

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 13 — RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR, CONDUCTING LITERATURE SEARCHES, 9:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M., GILCHRIST, ROOM 102
FEBRUARY 20 — RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR, WRITING WINNING PROPOSALS, 9:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M., GILCHRIST, ROOM 102
MARCH 13-14, 2008 — SPRING BREAK
MARCH 26 — RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR, INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH, 12:00 NOON-1:00 P.M., GILCHRIST, ROOM 102
APRIL 19 — RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR, CUSTOMER FOCUSED RESEARCH, 12:00 NOON-1:00 P.M., GILCHRIST, ROOM 102
APRIL 29, ALL TTI DAY, EXPO CENTER, COLLEGE STATION