The 2010 TTI Day was great! With an attendance of 372, it was a fantastic way to celebrate 60 years of TTI. Special thanks to Jeff Arndt, 2010 TTI Day Chair; and everyone else who helped with different activities. Bill Frawley and Jeff did a great job moderating the look back at 60 years of the Institute. Jason Crawford discussed the 2009 Delta-T class project and Tim Lomax presented the SWUTC Student Awards.

Special thanks to SPP&Eer’s, Jeff Arndt, Suzie Edrington, Jennifer Barry, Michelle Young, Heather Ford, Dave Winterich, Christy Harris, Ryan Taylor, Matt Sandidge, Bill Frawley, and Bonnie Duke for serving on the TTI Day Committees.

Congratulations to all the award winners, including SPP&Eer’s Jeff Arndt, Eun Sug Park, Trey Baker, Matt Sandidge, and Eric George. See page 2 for photos of the award winners.

Dennis Christiansen asked me to chair a committee to take a fresh look at TTI Day. Noting that TTI Day has become an accepted part of TTI and that the annual surveys show the people attending give it high marks, Dennis has charged the committee with examining the following questions:

- What are the objectives of TTI Day?
- Are we accomplishing these objectives and should we continue TTI Day?
- Is the general format/schedule appropriate?
- Should TTI Day continue to be essentially entirely employee-driven?
- Are there ways to increase participation, especially among faculty?
- Are there any changes that should be implemented in 2011?

Members of the committee include Jeff Arndt, Linda Edge, Kerry Fillip, Becca Simons, Trey Baker, Rafael Aldrete-Sanchez, Bill Eisele, and Jon Epps.

As part of organizing discussion items for the committee, I looked back at programs for the 16 TTI Days, all of which I attended. I was co-chair of the 2000 TTI Day (yes, that was the year we had to reschedule due to a snow/ice storm). While there are similarities throughout the years, each TTI Day has been different based on the planning committee.

Herb Richardson was responsible for initiating TTI Day after he became Director. The first two years, TTI Day was held in Rudder/MSC. We moved to the Brazos Center in 1996, and in 2006/2007 TTI Day was rescheduled from December to May (yes, partly to avoid the potential for bad weather). In 2008, we moved to the new Brazos County Expo Center.

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Congratulations to the following SPP&Eer’s on receiving awards at All TTI Day.

TTI/Trinity Outstanding Undergraduate Student — Eric George

TTI/Trinity Outstanding Master’s Program Student — Matt Sandidge

Keese-Wootan Fellowship — Matt Sandidge

TTI/Trinity New Researcher — Trey Baker

TTI/Trinity Researcher — Eun Sug Park and Jeff Arndt

Delta-T Class of 2009
SPP&Eer’s include Shawn Turner, Jason Crawford, Phillip Reeder, Jeff Borowiec, Ed Hard, and Mary Levien

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Staff Activities

Tina Geiselbrecht gave two presentations at the International Bridge, Turnpike, and Tunnel Association (IBTTA) meeting on the Future of Tolling: Going Mainstream Through ORT and Interoperability, held May 23-25 in Boston. Tina’s presentations were on Acceptability, Sustainability and Tolling: What’s in it for Me?

Trey Baker gave a presentation at the TRB 4th International Conference on Financing Surface Transportation in the U.S. — Finding a Sustainable Future — Now! The conference was held in New Orleans on May 19-21. Trey’s presentation was on Transitioning to Mileage-Based User Fees — An Assessment of Institutional Success.

Katie Turnbull gave two presentations on the Minnesota Urban Partnership Agreements National Evaluation at the ITS America Annual Meeting in Houston, May 3-4.

David Ellis testified before the Texas House Select Committee on Transportation Funding on May 25 and at a joint meeting of the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate Homeland Security and Transportation Committee on May 25. Both meetings were in Austin. David’s testimony focused on transportation funding. Joe Zietsman testified before the Homeland Security and Transportation Committee in Houston on May 4. Joe’s testimony addressed the impacts of land use on reducing emissions.

Katie Turnbull gave the closing summary at the Benefit/Cost Analysis for Infrastructure: A Practitioner’s Workshop held at the U.S. DOT Building on May 17. The workshop was the first major activity of the new Transportation Economic Center (TEC). Mary Cearly assisted with the workshop, including being at the U.S. DOT Building before 7:00 a.m. (that’s 6:00 a.m. central) to set-up registration — which she handled with armed guards sitting on each side.

Welcome

Suzie Edrington attended the Women’s Transportation Seminar (WTS) Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. on May 19-21 as the representative of the UTCM. Suzie was on stage as Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood signed an MOU with WTS to encourage women to complete undergraduate and graduate degrees in science, technology, engineering and math — without having to put their transportation careers on hold.

Matt Sandidge has joined the Transit Mobility Program as an Assistant Research Scientist. Matt graduated in May with a Masters in Urban Planning (MUP) from Texas A&M University. Matt has worked as a Graduate Assistant in the Transit Mobility Program since the Spring of 2009. Matt has a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from the University of Central Oklahoma. He also has experience working for the Oklahoma City Planning Department as a Program Specialist and as a Data Processor with Teton Solutions Group. Matt is located in the Houston TTI Office.
Message from the Executive Associate Director — Continued

Constants over the years include the Director’s Overview and the TTI Awards. We have heard some motivational speakers, members of the Board of Regents, Chancellors, former CIA agents, and futurists. We have had break-out sessions some years, and we have built transportation systems of the future in other years.

Your input is needed! Please let me know if you have any thoughts on the items the Committee will be examining.

Also, Linda Edge is the Chair of the 2011 TTI Day Committee. Please let Linda know if you would like to assist with next year’s TTI Day.

Thanks!
Katie

Birthdays

**June**
- Beverly Storey  6/5
- Derrold Foster  6/7
- Mark Ojah  6/20
- Sangita Sunkari  6/25
- Larry White  6/30

**July**
- Shawn Turner  7/15
- Cynthia Lowery  7/20
- Casey Dusza  7/22
- Tim Lomax  7/25
- Gary Lobaugh  7/26
- Teresa Qu  7/30

Years of Service

The following SPP&Eers reached a special anniversary with TTI in May:
- Tina Geiselbrecht — 15 Years
- Gary Lobaugh — 15 Years
- Jett McFalls — 20 Years