Thanks to everyone who attended the All SPP&E Meeting on September 5 for making it a big success! A special thanks to Kimberly Phillips and the following members of the Planning Committee for the great job they did: Jeff Borowiec, Claire Roth, Christy Harris, Carol Court, Poonam Wiles, Scott Cothran, Scott Cooner, Gary Lobaugh, Robin Rabinowitz, and John Overman.

Also, thanks to Dennis Christiansen, Susan Adams, Rhonda Brinkmann, Dave Schrank, Brian Bochner, Bill Frawley, Bill Eisele, and Jim Schutt for their presentations. Bill Frawley also did a great job as host of Transportation Jeopardy. The Environmental Management Program gets the award for the best group photo. They are training for the Mr./Ms. Universe contest.

The food donation was also a great success. The donations were made to the Brazos Church Pantry in Bryan and Caritas in Waco. Congratulations to the Urban Analysis Program for donating the most food items!

Thanks to all of you who completed on-line evaluations. The overall feedback on the meeting was very positive. The vast majority of respondents indicated the day was worthwhile and we should continue to have All SPP&E meetings. Preferences for the frequency of meetings ranged from yearly, once every two years, once every one and one-half years, and other.

The day provided a good mix of updates on SPP&E and TTI activities, presentations on research projects, and fun activities. Yes, the phone did ring three times and there are 15 Interstates in Texas.

The survey responses and other feedback will be used to help plan future meetings. Please let me, your program manager, or members of this year’s Planning Committee know if you have any ideas or suggestions for future events.

Thanks! Katie
**Staff Activities**

Carol Walters and the TxDOT Road Rage research project were featured in a front page article in the September Texas A&M System Newsletter.

Jason Crawford was appointed to the City of Coppell's Regional Transportation Task Force. The Task Force is charged with developing recommendations to the City Council with how the City can participate in improving regional mobility and air quality.

The SPP&E was well represented at the 8th National Conference on Transportation Planning for Small and Medium-Sized Communities in Cincinnati, Ohio. Kimberly Phillips gave a presentation on *The Use of Digitally Enhanced Photographs to Improve Public Participation: A Case Study of Muenster, Texas*. Dave Schrank’s presentation was on *A Methodology for Analyzing Mobility Levels in Small Cities: Lessons Learned in Grand Junction, Colorado*. Claire Roth discussed *Computer-Based Random Traffic Count Site Selection Using TransCAD*. Montie Wade moderated a session on emergency planning issues.

Jeff Borowiec participated in the 12th International Workshop on Future Aviation Activities held in Washington, D.C. on September 18-20. The TRB-sponsored Workshop, which was sponsored by the FAA, examined forecasts covering all the segments of the air transportation industry including the airlines, airports, air cargo, manufacturers, and general aviation.

**Washington, D.C. Opportunity**

TTI has been selected to continue providing a wide-range of technical assistance on the Travel Model Improvement Program (TMIP). This assistance includes providing a researcher at the FHWA Office in Washington, D.C. The recent departure of Joe Kammerman leaves this position open. The job requires an individual with approximately 5 years of experience in travel forecasting and travel planning. Please let Gordon Shunk, Brian Bochner, or Katie Turnbull know if you have any interest in spending some time in Washington, D.C. or if you know of potential candidates.

**Promotions**

Sias Zietsman, Center for Air Quality Studies, has been promoted to an Assistant Research Engineer. Sias passed the Texas P.E. examination and is now a registered Professional Engineer in the state.

Mark Ojah, Economics and Policy Program, has been promoted to an Assistant Research Specialist.

Congratulations Sias and Mark!

**Service Pins**

The following SPP&E’rs received TTI Years of Service pins this month.

- **Tim Lomax** – 25 years
- **Bill Frawley** – 10 years
- **Kevin Hall** – 10 years

Congratulations Tim, Bill and Kevin!

**Calendar**

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**Birthdays**

- **October**
  - Phillip Reeder 10/3
  - Rachel Miller 10/4
  - Elizabeth Delafield 10/7
  - Toni Carelock 10/8
  - Ed Hard 10/11
  - Christy Harris 10/14
  - Katie Turnbull 10/15
  - Patti Ellis 10/15
  - Jessica Lavy 10/19
  - David Pearson 10/21
  - Mike Teal 10/25
  - Bill Eisele 10/26
  - Tina Collier 10/29
  - Clay Lipscomb 10/29

- **November**
  - Jeremy Lindley 11/3
  - Jonathan Turner 11/5
  - Eun Sug Park 11/7
  - Dennis Perkinson 11/13
  - Bill Stockton 11/21
  - Eric Lindquist 11/23