



Words from Our President
Frank Gallagher, P.E., CIH

May 3, 2010

We were very impressed with the Regional Transportation Management Center during our tour on 19 April. We appreciated Steve Strength, our host, for the briefing and explanation of the traffic surveillance desk functions. Mike Barres, LES State President, attended this meeting and addressed highlights of recent state legislation LES is supporting and the upcoming Joint States Conference at the Grand Hotel Marriot Resort in Point Clear, AL.



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President NOLES 2009 - 2010

Our membership accepted the board nominees as the New Orleans Chapter 2010 -2011 program year officers and directors. Charlie Ford, our new President will be installed at the State Conference. He will be working with:

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| First VP: | Travis St. Pierre |
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Charlie and I plan to attend the June 6 -9 2010 Joint States Conference in **Point Clear, Alabama. If you haven't received a mailer on the conference or just want more information, [Click Here](#).** We shall attend the state board meeting which precedes the conference, and will update our web site with pertinent discussion. John Lawrence has asked us to present a resolution at the meeting supporting state wide schools of engineering. It is premature to address what will be addressed so we will forward it later for your comments. Obviously the current Louisiana supported state university budgets have serious restraints that could impact our schools of engineering.

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Announcement of NSPE's 2010 Class of Fellows

I am delighted to advise that J. Madison “J.M.” Drake, PE, has been selected by the NSPE Board of Directors to advance to the distinguished grade of NSPE Fellow member in recognition of his devoted service and vast contributions to our Society and our honored profession. All Fellow member nominations were reviewed by the NSPE Council of Fellows Executive Committee which then submitted its recommendation for Fellow membership to the NSPE Board of Directors. Final approval has been granted by the NSPE Board.

I am deeply honored to share this distinguished level of NSPE membership with **J. Madison “J.M.” Drake, PE, F.NSPE.**

Samuel W. Grossman, P.E., F.NSPE
President, National Society of Professional Engineers

19 MAY MEETING - After the deadline of Noon, 17 May, your reservation not guaranteed.

[Warren Cancienne](#), will conduct a Tour of the Intralox Plant, a local (Harahan, LA) manufacturer of Modular Plastic Belting, ThermoDrive® Belting, and Activated Roller Belting. Attendees must sign a **“Nondisclosure Agreement”** and any competitor or sales agent of an Intralox competitor will not be allowed on the tour. Intralox is located at: 201 Laitram Lane, Harahan, La. [Directions](#)

630 PM Check-In & Social, 7 PM Box Lunch, 745 PM Speaker and tour, 845 PM Adjourn

[Click menu choice to Confirm Reservation.](#) Menu is from McAlister's Deli with the choice of [roast beef](#), [ham](#) or [turkey](#) on Sourdough with lettuce and tomato. The meal will include a cookie and either sweetened or unsweetened tea. State your membership status: State Member, Guest, or Student.

Members, Guests, or Students \$15 1 PDH **You can still email to [pjwilliams“@”mahlengr.com](mailto:pjwilliams@mahlengr.com),** but please identify person attending as State Member, Guest, or Student, and your meal choice.

APRIL SPEAKER RECAP

Our guest speaker for April was Mr. Steven C. Strength, PE, PTOE – District Traffic Operations Engineer for the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) in the New Orleans District. Mr. Strength is currently serving as manager of the New Orleans Regional Transportation Management Center which oversees traffic and incident management programs for a ten parish area and serves as a point of collaboration for transportation engineering, operations, and planning activities.

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Presentation

Mr. Strength began his presentation by explaining the DOTD capabilities of displaying real-time traffic to the public via its website, www.dotd.louisiana.gov. He then went on to talk about their new facility, the Regional Transportation Management Center located at 10 Veterans Memorial Blvd in New Orleans, LA. He described the design process and timeframe of the building and talked about the challenges along the way including the arrival of the infamous Hurricane Katrina. The facility design began in 2002 and concluded in 2008 with construction starting shortly after the design process

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This is my last message so I want to pass on my appreciation to The Board, Bill Collins, George Mahl and Pamela Williams, our meeting speakers and hosts and all members. You certainly ran **with the theme I set for this year, 'To be of Service to the Profession'**. Please join us for our May meeting, a tour of the Intralox Plant in Harahan; I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Frank P. Gallagher, III, P.E., CIH
New Orleans Chapter President

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ended. The Regional Transportation Management Center has been in service for approximately five month and houses approximately 35 full-time employees. The Center currently monitors traffic in a ten parish area for sixteen hours per day, seven days per week. The main objective for the new Center is to alleviate traffic delays as quickly as possible and create a more amicable driving experience for residents and visitors in the area.

Tour of Facilities

Mr. Strength followed his presentation with a group tour of the new Regional Transportation Management Center. The consisted of a view inside the control room of the facility and an explanation by the operator of day-to-day operations. The control room consisted of multiple quad-monitor **operator stations capable of monitoring cameras located throughout the Center's area of traffic responsibility**. The operator explained what he looks for at each of the various camera locations to determine if there is an impending traffic delay and the appropriate actions to alleviate the situation. He also relayed to us that he is often the first to call police/medical personnel to the scene **of an accident. He displayed the capabilities of the cameras to be repositioned from the Center's control room in the need to see additional roadway**. Future goals of the new DOTD Center include twenty-four hour per day operator monitoring of the roadways included in its ten parish area, automatic visual signs to motorists based on actual incidents, and automatic police/medical notification as a result of camera interpretation.

We thank Mr. Steven Strength for his time and dedication to the State of Louisiana's Transportation Programs.

NOLES Announces 3rd Annual Golf Tournament to support our Scholarship Fund. Mark your Calendar! Corporate and Individual Sponsors are needed. Mark your calendars and save the date!

Location: Audubon Golf Course, New Orleans, LA

Date: Monday, October 18, 2010

Time: 1:30 PM Shotgun Start Scramble

