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President's Message

By Patrick Herl



Time flies when you're having fun!

The summer is behind us, fall is here and the holiday season is quickly approaching. An annual reminder of the fall season is OTEC. This year, OTEC set another record of attendance with over 2,800 people registered for the

two day event. It was great seeing many of you at the conference. At our luncheon we had the privilege of having Calvin Leggett, current ASHE National President, as our guest speaker. Calvin provided insights as to the welfare of ASHE on a national level. Presently, our organization is very strong with over 6,100 members in 16 states. Several new sections are being created, but many areas of our country are still without ASHE sections.

Another topic of his presentation highlighted the amount of scholarship donations ASHE has made over the years. To date, ASHE sections have cumulatively given over \$1,000,000 in scholarships to students nationwide. I am also very proud to say that our Central Ohio section has started a scholarship fund that has been growing as the result of events like the annual Ron Zook memorial golf outing at Foxfire Golf Course. In addition, our young members committee recently hosted a Cornhole tournament in which additional money was raised for the scholarship fund. Please watch for future scholarship fundraiser events in the coming months-- one that might involve Brooms, Rocks, ICE and Canadian Beer. Yes that's right, CURLING. We hope to hold an event this winter at the Columbus Curling Club. More details to follow.

As our section's scholarship fund grows, the board has discussed plans for donation. I am meeting with Dr. Merry, from The Ohio State University, along with Dave Jones to discuss our opportunities to help engineering students here in Columbus. We will update you as to the future of our scholarship fund, but trust that we are making every effort to ensure a meaningful award that promotes the future of our highway industry.

Another goal of our national President is to increase the visibility of ASHE. I can't agree with him more when he challenges the membership to be ASHE ambassadors. You can promote ASHE by talking with co-workers and encouraging them to join. You can promote ASHE by inviting colleagues to our events and luncheons. Or, you can promote ASHE by simply wearing something with the ASHE logo, such as your ASHE lapel pin. The ASHE company store has many items for sale including shirts, hats, coffee mugs and much

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 24, 2012

Luncheon

February 24, 2012

Engineer's Week Luncheon

March 27, 2012

Luncheon

May 3, 2012 (Tentative)

Spring Technical Seminar

May 2012

Annual Luncheon

July 20, 2012

Golf Outing

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT FOR **ASHE** EVENTS IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH PAYPAL. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE CONTACT PROGRAM DIRECTOR SCOTT ROE.



President's Message Cont.

more. You can access the ASHE store on the National website, www.highwayengineers.org

In addition, our Central Ohio section has recently committed to volunteer in the Adopt a Highway program. I think Calvin will be proud to hear this news as the Adopt a Highway program will further increase the visibility of our section to the general traveling public in Central Ohio. The Board feels that this cause is very fitting for a group of Highway Engineers promoting a safe, efficient and sustainable highway system. And, with our help, a clean one too! Look for future information regarding clean up events that we will be planning.

Finally, I wish you and your family a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing everyone at our next event. Don't forget to wear your ASHE lapel pin!

New Membership

To receive ASHE updates via email, or inquire about new membership please contact Scott Seaman:

Secretary@CentralOhioASHE.org

Email addresses will not be released.



ASHE Websites:

Local: www.centralohioashe.org

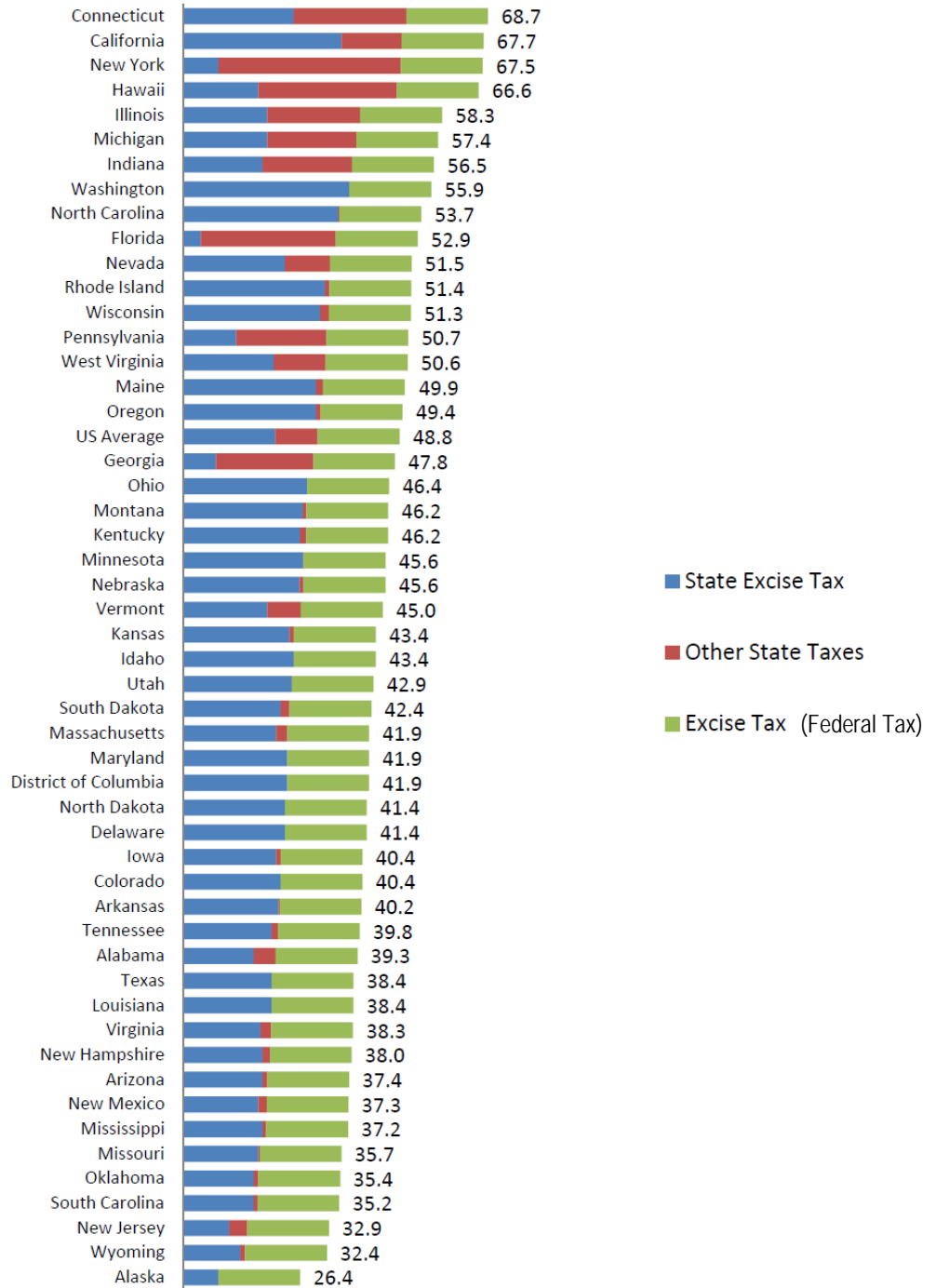
National: www.highwayengineers.org

You can find information about the Central Ohio Chapter, view upcoming events and even register for ASHE events.

MISSION STATEMENT

Provide a forum for members and partners of the highway industry to promote a safe, efficient and sustainable highway system through education, innovation and fellowship.

Gasoline Motor Fuel Taxes as of October 2011

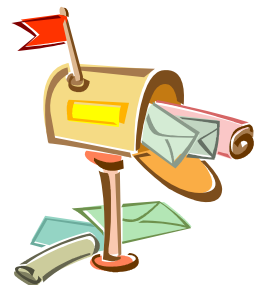


There has been much recent discussion about the future funding of highways and the use of alternatives to motor fuel taxes. The graphic on the right shows the current total federal and state tax by state.

Source: www.api.org

Change of address?

If you have recently changed employers, moved, or otherwise have changes to your contact information, please update your information on the ASHE national website at <http://www.highwayengineers.org/membership.html>. Updated information entered here will automatically be sent to Scott Seaman, the Central Ohio Section Secretary. Just choose the Great Lakes Region | Central Ohio Section from the scroll tab.



2011 Golf Outing

The golf gods smiled on the 2011 4th Annual Ronald L. Zook Memorial Golf Outing. Sunny and warm weather greeted the 42 golfers at Foxfire Golf Club, making for an excellent day of golfing on the Players Club course. This year, in addition to the traditional skill competitions, we included a drive prediction hole. Prior to hitting their drive, participating golfers were asked to predict the final distance of their drive. A thank you to CW Design Group for chasing down balls and accurately measuring the distance. Kevin Grathwol won the competition with a prediction within 13 yards of the final position. Note: All predictions were longer than the actual.



Thank you also to Angela Fedak for spending her day running the Par 3 contest. The Prediction and Par 3 contests, the mulligans and the 50/50 raffle combined to raise \$260 for our scholarship fund.

Our champions for 2011 with a round of 59 were Matt Ferris, Jim Haeger, Matt Sloat, and Tom Roch. This is the same team with one substitution that won in 2010. Second place went to Rich Weigand, Shawn Thompson, Robert Ballard, and Jay Muether with a round of 60. And the team having the most fun at the back of the pack was Joe Grani, Todd Long, Chris Jackman, and Dave Warner. Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all who came out a joined us.

Next year's outing will be held again at Foxfire on July 20, 2012 so mark you calendars.



Distance Measuring Contest



Organizer Ron Mattox
Passing Out Prizes

Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference

It was another successful OTEC conference this year. Held on October 24 and 25 at the Columbus Convention Center, attendance once again exceeded 2000 and provided a variety of speakers and topics as well as networking opportunities.

The ASHE Central Ohio Section by co-sponsored a gathering at Brothers Bar & Grill, a local watering hole near the conference. This event was co-sponsored by ASHE, ASCE, OSPE, and ECC, and was well attended.

ASHE Central Ohio Section once again hosted the ASHE Ohio Sections luncheon at OTEC. It has been a tradition for the ASHE National President to speak at this luncheon. Mr. Calvin Leggett, PE, the current president, was kind enough to travel to OTEC and speak at the luncheon.

Calvin spoke about current National ASHE Plans and Goals. He is a long time ASHE member, a former Section President of the Carolina Triangle Section and was previously the Region 8 Director on the ASHE National Board. Calvin is currently the Program Development Director at the North Carolina Department of Transportation. He has 36 years experience with the NC DOT and the City of Raleigh.



ASHE President Calvin Leggett

Frank Bronzo, ASHE Region 1 President, handed out the ASHE Project of the Year Region Awards. The "Up to \$3 Million" category was awarded to the Ridge and Highland Intersection Improvement Project, and award was accepted by Bill Brayshaw and Eric Beck of Hamilton County, and Jim Jurgensen of Jurgensen Construction. The "Over \$3 Million" category was awarded to the SR8/I-271 Interchange Improvement Project and was accepted by Scott Buchanan of URS and Mike Garafalo of Beaver Excavating.



Under \$ 3 Million Category

L to R: Jim Jurgensen, Bill Brayshaw, Frank Bronzo, Eric Beck

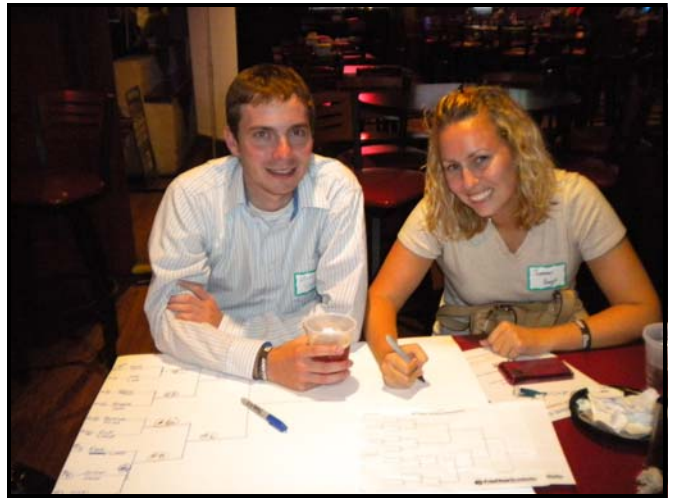


Over \$ 3 Million Category

L to R: Scott Buchanan, Frank Bronzo, Mike Garafalo

Cornhole Tournament

The ASHE Young Members Committee hosted a happy hour on Thursday October 6th at Brewskey's pub in North Columbus. There was a cornhole tournament at the event to raise money for the scholarship fund. More than 30 people were in attendance and \$300 was raised for the scholarship fund. Free food and drinks were provided by ASHE and it was a great night getting to socialize with fellow colleagues in the transportation industry. The young members committee hopes to host more of these events in the future.





ASHE 2011 Project of the Year Award



The ASHE Central Ohio Section will recognize the outstanding work completed by members of our Section with the Project of the Year Award. All ASHE Central Ohio Section members are encouraged to submit entries for their respective projects. The award is not limited to any type of project; with the exception that the project must be directly related to a field of transportation and must be located within the ASHE Central Ohio Section area (includes Franklin County and any contiguous counties).

The Project of the Year award will be announced and presented at our ASHE Spring luncheon in March 2012. The winning team will receive the following:

*The 2010-2011
Project of the Year Award
was the UNI-161-12.98 /
Industrial Parkway Improvement
Project for the City of Dublin in
Union County by Burgess & Niple*

- Plaques to be presented to the Owner, Designer, and the Prime Contractor at the ASHE Spring luncheon
- Reimbursement of ASHE Spring luncheon costs for one representative each from the Owner, Designer, and the Prime Contractor
- An article about the project will be placed in the ASHE Central Ohio Section quarterly newsletter
- ASHE will submit a press release to local media regarding the award
- A photo of the project will be included in the ASHE display booth
- The opportunity to submit an article on the project in the ASHE Scanner (national publication)



2009-2010,
High Street Streetscape Project



2007-2008,
Rickenbacker Intermodal Facility Project



2006-2007,
Morse Road Improvement Project



2005-2006,
Woody Hayes Bridge Project

All teams submitting a Project of the Year application meeting the entry requirements will be provided the opportunity to display an exhibit about their project on a 24"x36" board at the ASHE Spring luncheon.

Entries must be received by an ASHE Central Ohio Section Board Member by January 13, 2012. Applicants may submit more than one entry and there is no entry fee.

Examples of some eligible types of projects include highways, bridges, traffic signals, railroads, public transit and bikeways.

Rating Criteria used for Judging will include:

- Benefits to the Public
- Complexity
- Innovation and Unique Features
- Aesthetics & Sustainable Features

For further information and official entry forms please contact:

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