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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Except for the reality of our Management Workshop, my perception is that we had February stolen from us. The month (albeit the reality of a short 28 days) has flown by with the speed of a supersonic jet. In contrast to this perception, the Georgia legislators have moved at a snail's pace. There has been a quickening in the past two weeks, but there are few pieces of legislation that have been fully processed. Sunday liquor sales and illegal immigration started out with a bang but have slumped to the sidelines. HOPE scholarship funding has risen to the top of the heap with an uncertain fate for a revision to the tax code. The closer you follow legislative activities, the more evident that it is not a planned process but an evolutionary one that is moved by swirling winds. It is from this view, that the opportunity offered by the 2012 transportation funding legislation cannot be undervalued.

On July 31, 2012, citizens of Georgia in 12 individual referenda will be asked to approve a 1% sales tax to fund a specific list of transportation projects in their region. At this time, the process is focused on developing the individual list of projects. It began with the GDOT Planning Director establishing a set of guidelines for project selection. The guidelines were used to ensure that each region is using consistent metrics in the project selection process. Each region has a roundtable of local government officials and state legislators from that region

responsible for developing the project list.

At this time, the regions are putting together their unconstrained project list. This step is the maximum wish list for each region. The Planning Director will adjust this list to match the guidelines for project selection with anticipated funding level. Before the final lists are established, there will be two town hall meetings in each region to allow for public input. The target is to have finalized lists by October, 2011. In this manner, the voter knows specifically the projects to be funded with the 1% sales tax. The sales tax will be in place for a period of ten years.

There are provisions in the legislation to encourage regions to adopt the project list. If the regional roundtable is not able to agree on a list of projects, the region is allowed to opt out of the referendum. This decision would impact the state's contribution to local maintenance improvement projects.

This is a tortuous process that will require the best efforts from local government officials to ensure that a project list can be developed that will receive consensus approval from all participants. Then, the real work begins.

In the stark reality of our economy and the 'no more taxes' mentality of many voters, the challenge to get approval for a 1% sales tax is immense. The Metro Atlanta Chamber has taken the lead in organizing an effort to meet this challenge in the metro region. Our association with other interested parties is participating in regular meetings to keep track of the process and mobilize the effort to educate and advocate for

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successful passage of the referendum. There will be more on this initiative in future communications. We expect that there will be other similar efforts in the other regions.

As I began this article with an allegory on the legislative process, this is the best opportunity we have to for enhanced transportation funding. We can debate other ways that it could be done but it is the one we have available to us. An old Stephen Stills song goes, 'if you can't be with the one you love, then love the one you're with'. We will learn to love the regional transportation SPLOST.

2011 GCAA MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

The workshop was held on February 23 & 24, 2011 at the Cobb Galleria, Atlanta, GA. With over 500 in attendance and 68 exhibits, the meeting was another successful event.

The theme of the meeting was **"Safe and Sustainable"**. The theme was supported by a concurrent session Wednesday morning with notable safety experts. These included Adele



America who gave a very personal perspective on the value of safety in the workplace and at home.

In addition to these presentations at the General Session, safety awards were given to 65 member operations that performed without a single loss time incident in 2010. Paul Cook with Martin Marietta won the GDOT-sponsored Technician of the Year award.

Finally, Wally Brown with Vulcan



Abrams, Esq. CSMP, Bobby Greene with Business Health Resources and Carlos Robinson from Vulcan Materials Company. The session was

keynoted by Joe Main, Deputy Secretary of

Labor for MSHA.

The other Wednesday morning session was the Aggregate Quality and Applications Program. We had presentations from Jerry German, Charles Smith and Gerald Ross with GDOT. Dennis Ertel with SOMA gave a presentation on Hearing Conversation for Lab Personnel. Dr. Carlos Santamarina with Georgia Tech gave a final report on the Inverted Pavement LaGrange By-Pass Research Project.

The General Session included presentations by Joe Casper on NSSGA's Approach to Safe and Healthy Production of Aggregates and a Georgia Economic Overview by Baron Worthington of Vulcan Materials Company. Our final speaker was Kenneth MacLean, President of Lafarge North

was the Grand Prize winner at the Thursday luncheon. We would like to offer our thanks to the program speakers and especially the exhibitors whose efforts made this one of our most successful meetings. When the dates of the 2012 Workshop are set, they will be posted on the website.

Topic presentations and pictures are available for viewing and download on the GCAA website at www.gcaa.org under 2011 Management Workshop. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Moore at 678/473-0012 in the GCAA office.



Georgene Geary of GDOT presenting Technician of the Year Award to Paul Cook of Martin Marietta Materials

DTP CERTIFICATION



Alan Densmore & John Cardosa

First Two Haulers Qualify for Certification in the Dump Truck Professional Program

Current Truck Division members, **Alan Densmore, Inc.** and **Andy Anderson Trucking Inc.** have been presented with their 100% Participation certificates and truck decals showing their commitment to trucking safety.

Alan Densmore, Inc. qualified for their certification during September of 2010 by training 27 drivers and Andy Anderson Trucking Inc. trained three drivers during October 2010.



Andy Anderson & John Cardosa

A member company can qualify as a DTP Certified Company when 100% of their drivers have successfully completed the DTP curriculum.

Several other companies are rapidly approaching certification and will be announced and congratulated in future newsletters. At the present time, over 250 drivers are registered for DTP training. If you or your company needs DTP information, please contact Bill Johnston at the GCAA office or at bjohnston@gcaa.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>4/16/11</p> <p>LAFARGE BOULDER DASH 5K</p>	<p>On April 16, Lafarge will host the 2nd Annual Boulder Dash 5K event at their Cumming Quarry. Lafarge is partnered with Northside Hospital-Forsyth and the Forsyth County Chamber of Commerce for this event. In its inaugural year, there were over 1,500 runners and walkers. The proceeds will benefit Forsyth County Parks and Recreation and the "Envision a Fit Forsyth" Program. www.boulderdash5k.com</p>	
<p>5/4 - 5/5/11</p> <p>GCAA/GMA SAFETY WORKSHOP</p>	<p>Central Georgia Convention Complex in Forsyth, GA</p> <p>Registration fee is \$99 per person.</p> <p><i>Program information and registration material will be available soon.</i></p>	
<p>6/23 & 6/24/11</p> <p>MIDYEAR MEETING</p>	<p>Legacy Lodge - Lake Lanier Islands, GA</p> <p>The meeting is being held locally with the expectation of enhancing overall attendance. The meeting will be filled with informative topics and will be a great networking opportunity.</p> <p>Click here for a copy of the preliminary program and registration material.</p>	

TRUCKER'S TALES - CSA INITIATIVE

Compliance, Safety & Accountability

Since the 1970's, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has worked to progressively reduce the commercial motor vehicle-related fatality crash rate within the US. The CSA is the latest initiative designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the FMCSA's enforcement and compliance program.

MISSION of CSA

CSA is FMCSA's effort to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Agency's enforcement and compliance program. CSA enables FMCSA and its State Partners to more effectively identify the safety problems of motor carriers and their drivers. CSA also offers a new methodology that enhances the measurement of a motor carrier's safety performance and adds innovative new tools designed to correct safety problems.

WHAT HAS CHANGED?

- Under the old system or SafeStat, the focus was primarily on the motor carriers. Now FMCSA will directly monitor the safety and performance of individual drivers.
- The old system allowed drivers to elude safety programs by "jumping" from company to company, leaving employers unaware of the drivers' poor safety records. CSA will track drivers' records across multiple employers.
- No longer will the carriers be accountable for individual driver safety problems. CSA holds both the motor carriers and drivers responsible for safety and performance.

For more information on the Safety Measurement System, scoring with the BASICS system, etc. - [CLICK HERE](#).

EAGLE AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



In 2010, we launched the Eagle Award program to acknowledge the achievements of individual locations in the area of Environmental Sustainability, Community Relations and Safety. These awards complemented the long-standing award we had for recognition for individuals and their unique contribution our industry. In 2010, the Environmental Sustainability Award went to Lafarge Friendship Quarry, Community Relations Award to the Lafarge Douglasville Quarry and the Safety Award to Vulcan Dalton Quarry.

For the 2011 awards, we have extended the **deadline for submissions to April 1, 2011**.

We urge your participation in this program and the opportunity to be recognized by the industry for your efforts to improve community relations, environmental compliance and safety conditions in your facility.

HIGHWAY FUNDING

Extension of Federal Funding through FY'11

The Senate passed H.R. 662, the Surface Transportation Act of 2011, by voice vote on March 3, one day after House passage with a vote of 421 to 4. This extension of the program maintains current funding through the end of Fiscal Year 2011 that ends on September 30. It was signed by President Obama on March 4 just prior to the end of the current extension. This funding extension will provide some certainty for the 2011 construction season while Congress hopefully will work on a multi-year reauthorization bill.

2011 GCAA DIRECTORY

We are in the process of putting together the 2011 GCAA Information Directory. Your company was recently sent a request to update your company listing. The directory will be printed and published by TGC Publishing with a **release date of June 1**. Bo Ingram or Pete Frey will contact you concerning your advertising needs. A promotional flyer with advertising rates is available at www.gcaa.org under **Current & Upcoming Events - 2011 GCAA Directory**.

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VULCAN PROMOTIONS

Mark Smith

Effective February 1, 2011, Vulcan Materials Company promoted Mark Smith to Vice President, Operations Support Services. Over the past four years, Mark has provided processing and technical support to corporate management and several of Vulcan's divisions. This move will expand his influence to all operating divisions and will provide coordination among the functions which will now report to him. Mark has been instrumental in the formation and function of the Operations Committee and previously served as Chair.

Mark joined Vulcan Materials in 1980 as an engineer in the Southern Division. He assumed increasingly responsible operating roles, ultimately serving as Vice President and General Manager for the Southern and Gulf Coast Division in 1997. Mark served as Vice President of Operations in the Southeast Division from 2001 until accepting his most recent role in the Construction Materials Group in 2007.

Holly Bellmund

Vulcan Materials Company also promoted Holly Bellmund to the corporate position of Manager – Continuous Improvement. Holly will be responsible for the development and facilitation of continuous improvement initiatives including LEAN management techniques company-wide. Holly has proven qualified for this role by already having led continuous improvement (CI) projects at over one hundred Vulcan production sites and staff departments. A critical part of this position will be to teach CI techniques to division and corporate employees to increase the breadth and depth of performance improvement.

Holly began her career with Vulcan in 2005 in the Southeast Division and most recently held the position of Manager – Operations Support where she was responsible for the division's mine planning, geology and EMS functions. She has a BA degree in Geology from Northwestern University and a MS degree in Environmental Science and Engineering from Colorado School of Mines.



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