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Attend ILICA's 44th Annual ILICA Convention
January 18-20, 2001 ❁ Holiday Inn Select, Decatur ❁ Details Inside

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by Dwight Dunbar, Consultant to ILICA

Since the final days of Fall Veto Session-11/30/00-a lot of people I've talked with have had a couple of wishes. They wished the presidential election would soon reach its conclusion and we would have weather to put them in the mood for Christmas. As I finish writing this (on the 14th of December) we're only a few hours from George W. Bush becoming President-elect and a week to ten days of frigid temperatures and more than a dusting of snow over much of the Midwest-as much as 14" in Chicago. What more will it take to "make your Christmas bright?"

Election 2000 is for sure now history! At the State level there are 11 new faces coming to The Capitol in the 92nd General Assembly. All but one will be sworn-in for the first time January 10, 2001. Larry Woolard (D-Carverville) moves from the House to the Senate with his successful election in 59th Senate District. That's the Senate seat, you'll remember, vacated by Jim Rea. The "balance of power" in Illinois General Assembly did not change as a result of this election. Democrats in the House maintain their 62 to 56 majority while Republicans continue their 32 to 27 majority in the Senate.

On the Federal level, Illinois' two retiring Republican Congressmen were replaced by Republicans and the remaining incumbents all won-even when challenged-re-elections.

It seems like since Election Day speculation has been rampant on the type of election and campaign legislation we might see next year. Listening to some of it, I've wondered where the ideas even come from. I have come to learn that there were lots of dirty tricks at the local level in a few of the "top tier" elections. I'm not yet convinced a lot will be done in 2001 along these lines with so many "other fish to fry."

Although the 2001 Spring Legislative Session could be long and arduous, I do not look for big things to happen. I've told a number of people that redistricting and the budget will be the General Assembly's only priorities. Redistricting is required following the Census and there are still bad feelings over the so called Republican Map adopted after the 1990 Census and unless you want to get dragged into that fray don't have legislative initiatives. I hope to have a more definitive 2001 legislative outlook to report at Annual Meeting.

Looking to the '02 FY budget, I do not see many new proposals being accepted. Current rumors have the state in about as bad a fiscal condition as when Jim Edgar was elected Governor. It's important to remember; too, many suggest George Ryan is a one term Governor (read that to be "lame duck" Governor). Unless "new" programs can be framed as rearranging priorities, I would expect them to fall

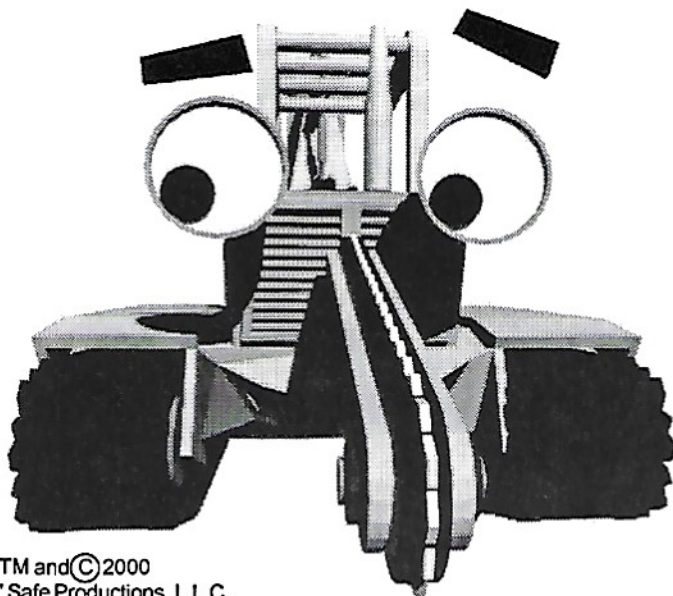
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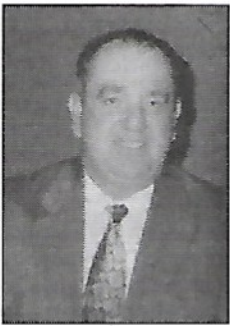
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Plans are taking shape for the conservation show next summer near Peoria.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me during my tenure as President.

Craig Carroll
President



SEASONS GREETINGS



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Washington, IL 61571
309-444-4102

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ILICA BOARD MEETING & ANNUAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN SELECT RTE. 36 W. AND WYCKLES RD. DECATUR, ILLINOIS JANUARY 18-19-20, 2001

COMMITTEE MEETINGS JANUARY 17, 2001

3:00 PM – Budget Committee

6:30 PM – Convention Committee Dinner

7:30 PM – Convention Committee Meeting

Upcoming Meetings



ILICA BOARD MEETINGS

2001 Annual Convention
Jan 18-20, 2001
Holiday Inn, Decatur

2001 ILICA Workshop
Feb 5-7, 2001
Holiday Inn, Decatur

LICA MEETINGS

Feb. 11-17, 2001
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July 19-21, 2001
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2001 ILICA CONVENTION

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY * JANUARY 17

3:00 - p.m. Budget Committee Meeting
 5:00 - 6:00 Registration (HOTEL LOBBY)
 6:30 - Convention Committee Dinner
 7:30 - Convention Committee Meeting

THURSDAY * JANUARY 18

8:00 - 11:30 Registration (HOTEL LOBBY) (50/50 tickets sold - \$1 per ticket/6 for \$5)
 8:30 Busses load for Caterpillar
 9:00 - Tour of Caterpillar Plant (Must be at least 12 years old/no open toed shoes/no cameras/wheel chair accessible)
 11:00 Lunch at CAT
 12:30 Return to Hotel
 10:00 - 3:00 Exhibits Open General Session
 Moderator-Ron Masching
 1:00 - 1:45 Computer Websites that can Help You in Your Business - Chris Harbort
 1:45 - 2:00 Internet Classes/Onsite Training - Ron Schtatter
 2:00 - 3:00 Hydrostatic Troubleshooting & Maintenance- (SunSource)
 3:00 - 4:00 Board of Directors Meeting
 4:00 - 7:00 Exhibits Open
 5:00 - 6:30 Attitude Adjustment Hour (EXHIBIT AREA)
 6:30 Early Bird Get Together -
 Theme "Winter In Paradise"
 Sponsored by Roland Machinery & ILICA
 7:05 Welcome - Joe Streitmatter
 7:30 Entertainment- "Hapa Haole Wahines"
 8:30 Associates Hospitality Room Open

FRIDAY * JANUARY 19

7:30 Devotional Service
 8:00 Breakfast sponsored by Prinsco
 8:00 - 6:00 Exhibits Open
 8:00 - 11:00 Registration Open (HOTEL LOBBY)
 8:30 Visit Your Exhibitor
 9:00 General Session Moderator-
 Craig Carroll, President
 9:00 ILICA Report - Craig Carroll
 9:15 LICA Report - Barney Flueger, Region IV
 Vice President
 9:30 ILICA Legislative Report, Dwight Dunbar
 10:00 NRCS Report, Bill Gradle, State Conservationist
 10:15 FSA Report, Steven Scates, Executive Vice
 President, FSA
 10:30 Break
 10:45 IL Association of Drainage Districts Report
 11:00 AISWCD Report - Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant,
 President, AISWCD
 11:15 Land Improvement & The General Assembly -
 Senator Duane Noland
 11:45 Adjourn
 12:00 Luncheon (Sponsored by Caterpillar Dealers -

Altorfer Inc & Patten Tractor & Equipment)
 General Session cont.
 1:30 - Hiring & Firing Employees - John
 Gibson/Employees Association of Illinois
 2:45 - 3:00 Associates Committee Meeting -
 (EXHIBIT AREA)
 3:00 Break
 3:15 Retaining Employees/Employee Compensation
 4:00 Health issues - Prostrate/Colon Cancer
 5:00 Associates Hospitality Rooms Open
 6:00 Dinner (sponsored by Springfield Plastics, Martin
 Equipment and ILICA)
 6:45 Entertainment- Auction HOLIDOME
 (50/50 drawing held)
 5:00 - 11:00 Associates Hospitality Rooms Open

SATURDAY * JANUARY 20

7:30 Devotional Service
 8:00 Breakfast Sponsored by Eastern Illinois Clay
 (door prize giveaway)
 8:30- 10:00 Registration (HOTEL LOBBY)
 9:00 General Session
 9:00 Developments in Drainage in Illinois:
 Mapping Tiles & Evaluating -
 Dr. Richard Cooke
 10:30 Break
 10:45 Latest Surveying (GPS) & data collection -
 David Weber
 12:00 Membership Campaign Luncheon
 (Everyone Welcome)
 New Members will be recognized
 (plaques awarded for membership contest)
 sponsored by Martin Equipment of Illinois
 2:00 Annual Business Meeting & Election of Officers
 5:30 Hospitality Hour (Cash Bar)
 6:30 Awards Banquet Moderator- Geri Korb -
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 8:30 Presidents Hospitality Room Open
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1:00 Websites that can Help You in Your Business
(General Session)

FRIDAY * JANUARY 19

7:30 Devotional Service
 9:30 "Long Term Care" –
 Jim Kinert, District Manager,
 GE Financial Assurance
 11:00 Load Bus for Mystery Lunch
 11:30 "Mystery Lunch" – sponsored by Advanced
 Drainage Systems
 1:15 Return to hotel
 1:30 Hiring & Firing Employees (General Session)
 3:15 Retaining Employees/Employee Compensation
 (General Session)
 4:00 Health Issues – Prostate/Colon Cancer
 (General Session)

SATURDAY * JANUARY 20

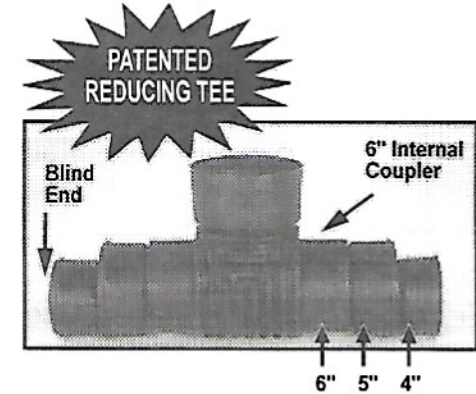
9:00 "Maintaining Your Health" – Theresa Lasser
 Women's Health Resource Center
 10:00 "You've Got Style" – (Personality differences/
 humorous) – Laura Brown

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We urge you to register early; we must limit attendance. The first day and one-half will be spent on basic surveying and development of a simple topographic map from a survey. The workshop will end with an opportunity

for you to quiz the experts—a panel of experienced, successful contractors.

Please notice that from noon of February 6, 2001, to 2 p.m., February 7, 2001, there are divided sessions; one concerned with drainage design and the other with earthmoving projects. It is important that you complete advance registration so that we may know how to allocate teaching resources to the two sessions. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,
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Agricultural Engineer
University of Illinois

Jim Evans
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	3 days	\$125

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	3 days	\$120
Non-Member	1 day	\$80
	2 days	\$115
	3 days	\$145

A notebook will be provided that includes considerable reference materials (\$100 value) including the *Illinois Drainage Guide*.

Lunches and breaks are included in the registration fee.

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() Earth Moving Session

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2001 ILICA CONTRACTOR WORKSHOP TENTATIVE PROGRAM

February 5, 2001 - Surveying

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Objective of the workshop
- 9:15 a.m. Surveying Fundamentals -
Measurements, Horizontal and
Vertical Position, Reading the Rod
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break - Sponsored by NUTEC
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- 10:30 a.m. Surveying Fundamentals - Using the
Level, Differential Leveling
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch - Sponsored by ADS
- 1:00 p.m. Differential Leveling

- 3:00 p.m. Break - Sponsored by J.U.L.I.E.
- 3:15 p.m. Profile and Cross Section Leveling
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner - on your own
- 7:00 p.m. Profile and Cross Section Leveling and
Level Adjustment

February 6, 2001

- 8:00 a.m. Topographic Survey
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Break - Sponsored by Northland
Trenching Equipment
- 10:15 a.m. Topographic Mapping
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch - Sponsored by Altorfer, Inc.

COMBINED FINISH

February 7, 2001

- 2:00 p.m. ILICA Expert Panel Questions and
Answers
- 4:00 p.m. Closing

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

DRAINAGE

February 6, 2001

- 1:00 p.m. Fundamental of Drainage Design
- 3:00 p.m. Break - Sponsored by Great Lakes
Interdrain
- 3:15 p.m. Drainage Design
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner - Sponsored by Springfield
Plastics, Inc.
- 7:30 p.m. Drainage Design

February 7, 2001

- 8:00 a.m. Advanced Drainage Design
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Break - Sponsored by Hancor
- 10:15 a.m. Advanced Drainage Design
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Drainage Design Wrap-up

EARTH MOVING

February 6, 2001

- 1:00 p.m. Runoff Design
- 3:00 p.m. Break - Sponsored by Great Lakes
Interdrain
- 3:15 p.m. Waterway Design
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner - Sponsored by Springfield
Plastics, Inc.
- 7:30 p.m. Erosion Control Construction
Check-out

February 7, 2001

- 8:00 a.m. Detention Design (parking lots, etc.)
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Break - Sponsored by Hancor
- 10:15 a.m. Municipal/Commercial Plan
Interpretation and Check-out
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Check-out/Wrap-up

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Who's willing to learn and to lead

The man who keeps trying and doing his best
Is the man who knows how to succeed.

Author Unknown

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on deaf ears if there's any truth to either of these concerns.

More and more it appears that the economic expansion of recent years is headed into a slow down. Revenue growth follows economic growth and I'm not sure Bush can inspire the extraordinary confidence in business and industry to reverse this trend.

With respect to the Bush Presidency, a couple of interesting things floating around down here now. I've heard that both Director Hampton and Director Skinner are being suggested to head Federal Agriculture and Environmental agencies respectively. Should either succeed what a feather in Illinois' cap that would be, especially since the state "carried so big for Gore".

Hope everyone has a great Holiday and I'll see you in Decatur.

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Actual reported cases describe accidents in which a laborer was cleaning out one thing or another when some of the contents of a chemical nature splashed in his eyes and resulted in the loss of his sight. Goggles were not worn, since they were not considered necessary for that type of work or worker. But follow this injury and other like it and you will find that most could have been prevented if the right eye protection had been used.

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OLDER DRIVER FATALITIES ON THE RISE

The number of older drivers, aged 70 and above, killed in crashes nationwide increased by 39 percent from 1989 to 1999 at the same time that overall fatalities declined by 9 percent, according to a new study released by The Road Information Program (TRIP). There were 3,307 older drivers killed in fatal crashes in 1999, compared to 2,367 in 1989. At the same time, overall traffic fatalities dropped from 45,582 in 1989 to 41,345 in 1999.

According to the TRIP report, it will become increasingly important in the years ahead to make roadway improvements that will accommodate the increase in elderly Americans and help reduce older driver fatalities. Among those improvements are clearer signage and larger lettering on signs; overhead indicators for turning lanes; better street lighting and wider lanes and shoulders, particularly at intersections.

As part of the report, TRIP also identified the number of older driver fatalities on a state-by-state basis. The state with the highest number of older drivers involved in fatal accidents is Florida, followed by California, Texas, Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Missouri, Georgia and Illinois.

STATE AGRICULTURE EMPLOYEES HONORED FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

The founder of Save Our Illinois Soils (SOILS), the Illinois Department of Agriculture's new conservation tillage demonstration project, was among the employees honored Tuesday at the department's 22nd annual Employee Awards Ceremony.

Alan Gulso of Lincoln received the Director's Achievement Award, the department's highest honor, for creating SOILS. The project, which just completed its first year, is testing an alternative method of producing corn called strip-till that preliminary research suggests combines the erosion reduction benefit of no-till with the high yields of conventional tillage. If the project confirms the preliminary findings, Gulso will use the results to encourage additional corn growers to adopt conservation tillage practices.

"Alan is a problem-solver," Illinois Agriculture Director Joe Hampton said while presenting the award. "His innovative solutions not only have made the Bureau of Land and Water Resources more effective, but also have ensured that action is taken to preserve our natural resources for future generations of Illinoisans."

Leonard Jann, manager of the chemistry lab, and Brad Beaver of the Bureau of Environmental Programs were runner-up for the award. Both are from Springfield. Jann, a 39-year department veteran, was recognized for his efforts to improve staff development and lab operations; Beaver was honored for his helpful demeanor and job dedication, which co-workers say raise morale and motivate them. Each was presented a certificate of recognition.

The awards ceremony recognized employees for outstanding job performance and for decades of dedicated service.

"These people are true public servants," Hampton said. "The agriculture department and the state of Illinois have benefited from their hard work, enthusiasm, and achievements."

The Assistant Director's Fellowship Award was presented to Sandi Cellini of Springfield, an employee in the personnel office. The award honors an employee who brings energy, enthusiasm, and goodwill to the workplace.

Cheryl Bluhm of the Division of Food Safety and Animal Protection and Nancy Daugherty of the Bureau of Meat and Poultry were co-recipients of

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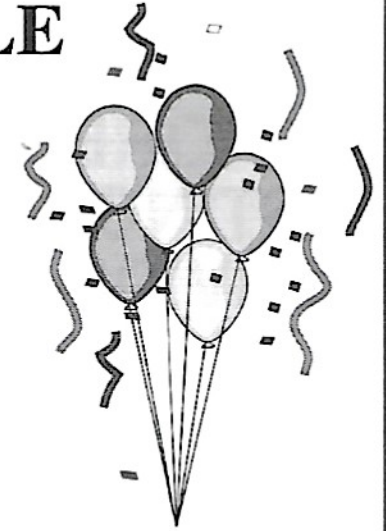
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State Agriculture... (con't from page 11)

the Ron King Award for Efficiency. Both were cited for their attention to detail, good work ethic, and professionalism. Bluhm lives in Riverton; Daugherty is a resident of Springfield.

Ellen Stormont of Salem, supervisor of bacteriology for the Centralia Animal Disease Lab, was presented the Ag Ambassador Award for her tireless effort and enthusiasm. Stormont, who is regarded as an authority in her field, juggles a demanding schedule that includes speaking engagements with government health agencies and agricultural associations, and often works weekends and holidays to make sure lab work gets done.

And, Norm Thompson of the Bureau of County Fairs and Horseracing was given the Commitment to Quality Award. Thompson, of Jacksonville, serves as a liaison between the department and horse owners, and his fairness and professionalism are credited with making the programs a success.

Another 85 employees were honored for 10, 20, 25, or 30 years of service.

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BUDGET... PRESIDENT SIGNS AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION BILL

President Clinton has signed H.R. 4461, the fiscal year 2001 appropriation bill for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies. The bill provides funding for all of USDA's conservation programs, including the NRCS. The \$78.1 billion measure contains discretionary funding of \$15 billion, plus an additional \$3.5 billion in emergency aid to farmers and ranchers.

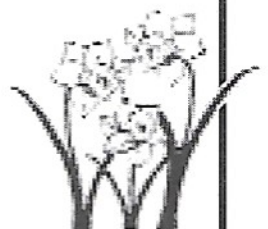
Conservation programs were funded as follows:

- * Conservation Operations - \$714 million, up \$53.3 million over FY-2000.
- * Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Operations - \$99 million, same as FY-2000.
- * Resource Conservation and Development - \$42 million, \$7 million over FY-2000.
- * Wetlands Reserve Program enrollment - increased by 100,000 acres, having a new cap of 1,075,000 acres.

In Memoriam

Helen Leadley, mother of Jackie Streitmatter died November 17, 2000

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Joe and Jackie and their family.



AN OPEN LETTER TO ILLINOIS LICA MEMBERS

FROM: Dwight Dunbar, Government Affairs Consultant

SUBJECT: Legislation likely to be proposed for consideration of the General Assembly in its Spring Session 2001 has to do with Private Sewage Disposal Licensing.

Every member of the Illinois General Assembly needs to be contacted between now and mid-January, 2001 to alert them that this legislative proposal is likely to be introduced for their consideration in the '01 Spring Session. They need to be made aware that the legislation is controversial and ILICA cannot support it.

Tell legislators that a number of the "Committee" members have raised objections throughout the process mostly-ignored by IDPH as it forges ahead on its own agenda.

Tell legislators this legislative proposal doesn't reflect the assignment of the "Committee" when the 1997 legislation was enacted to create it.

BACKGROUND:

This proposal comes following over 2 years of effort of the legislatively created (1997) Advisory Commission on Private Sewage Disposal. The Commission arose out of a desire (by a commercial interest) to mandate use of an untested or proven septic system in violation of then current IDPH regulations. It was hoped that the Commission could identify changes to the "private sewage disposal code" that would modernize them and get around an individual's problem.

The Commission failed to reach any proposals to change IDPH's Septic System rules and regulations. Under guidance of the Department of Public Health instead of modifications to regulations there is a draft proposal to "amend the current Private Sewage Disposal Licensing Act" in a very major way.

The private sewage installation program is one IDPH has delegated to the Counties. Interestingly, this proposal burdens counties, developers, home builders, septic system installers and individual home owner and add costs to both developing and building homes.

If enacted the legislation more than likely will create a whole new class of "consulting engineer types." This draft proposes to create a private sewage disposal program virtually parroting IEPA's municipal sewage treatment program. Just as interesting the system that got this all rolling has not been demonstrated to be a more desirable system that those which have been in use many years. The solution to the problem has to be throw everything out and penalize everyone throughout the state. I do not believe that has to be the way things work.

If this new system has to be treated like a municipal sewage treatment system and is best installed and operated following a parallel regulatory path then that can be accomplished by revising regulation. Create a section of regulations that only deals with these systems – don't rewrite the underlying statute which gives rise to a need for total revision of IDPH's administrative rules on the matter.

The Agency is so tentative about this being the solution to the problem that it is not advancing this legislative proposal through the Administration's channels – their position is it has to be an industry initiative.

A police officer was sitting on the side of a highway waiting to catch speeding drivers. Suddenly, a car drove past him going 22 mph. He thought to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turned on his lights and pulled the driver over.

Approaching the car, he noticed that there were five little old ladies who were white as ghosts.

The confused driver said to the officer, "I don't understand, I was going exactly the speed limit. What seems to be the problem!"

"Ma'am," the officer replied, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? No, sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly...twenty-two miles an hour."

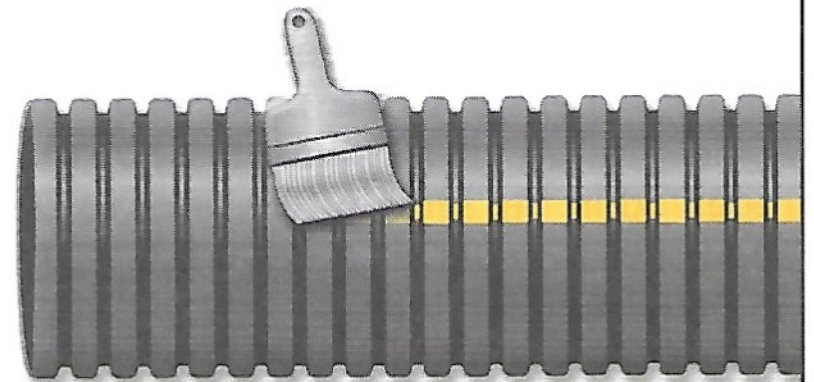
The officer, trying to contain a chuckle, explained to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit.

A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, ma'am, I have to ask, is everyone in this car ok? These women seem awfully shaken, and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," said the officer.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute," she said with a smile.

"We just got off route 119."



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Schaedler brings more than 20 years of experience to the job. He previously worked for Allied Construction Equipment in field service and as a salesman. In his spare time Schaedler enjoys bowling, and spending time with his family, children and grandchildren.

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DUES NOTICE

The dues notices were mailed on 10-15-00, 11-15-00 and again on 12-15-00 for the new year beginning on 1-1-2001. We sincerely thank all of you who have responded and we encourage the others to mail their dues **ASAP**, to eliminate further expense to the association for mailing additional notices. **All dues must be mailed and received in the LICA office prior to December 31, 2000**, in order to prevent the lapse of your \$5,000. Life insurance.

SOCIAL SECURITY'S E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

If you use the Internet, you may want to sign up for e-new, Social Security's new electronic newsletter packed with important information from Social Security. Or, you may be interested in the focused updates available on Retirement Survivors, Disability, Supplemental Security Income, Medicare, Laws and Regulations, Press Office News Releases, Wage Reporting, or Studies and Research. To sign up for regular e-mail delivery, go to www.ssa.gov and click on the e-news subscription button.

Below are the dates, location, and potential topics for the 2001 Overholt Drainage School.

Dates: March 12-17, 2001

Location: Urbana, Ohio (in Champaign County, Southwest Ohio) at county offices' complex

List of potential general topics:

- Laser surveying and topographic mapping
- Subsurface drainage design, operation and management
- Performance of subsurface drainage installation equipment
- Subirrigation design, operation and management
- Controlled drainage, operation and management
- Agricultural constructed wetlands, design, operation and management
- Group drainage projects in Ohio
- Alternative drainage channel design (using natural stream concepts) and potential applications
- Design and construction of agricultural drainage management systems
- Status of Ohio Agricultural Water Management Guide

We will have classroom lectures and field exercises, and will visit the Yocom Farm where we have our only southern Ohio wetland-reservoir subirrigation system, and other locations with controlled subsurface drainage.

We may possibly conduct an additional one-day session on urban storm water management alternatives for county commissioners and county engineers on Monday, March 19.

DON'T FEEL ALONE

If you're lost on computers ... you're not alone ...one customer complained that the computer's cup holder had broken. Questioning revealed that she was using the CD-ROM drawer to hold soft drinks.

SEMINARS SCHEDULED TO RELEASE SOILS PROJECT RESULTS

Results from the first year of an Illinois Department of Agriculture field study that is testing a new method of producing corn will be announced at a series of five tillage seminars.

Crop yields and other data gathered at each of the twelve farms participating in Save Our Illinois Soils (SOILS) will be presented during the seminars, which begin January 4 at Rend Lake Community College and end February 2 at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau in Sycamore. Other seminars are scheduled January 11 at the Holiday Inn in Urbana, January 18 at the Jacksonville Inn, and February 1 at the Holiday Inn Brandywine in Peoria.

SOILS is studying the effectiveness of fall strip-till, an alternative production method that preliminary research found produces the same or higher yields than conventional tillage and reduces soil erosion similar to no-till.

Each seminar will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and include an explanation of the SOILS project, a discussion of strip-till equipment and management basics, and the release of the 2000 results, as well as presentations about tillage issues that are specific to the local area.

Registration costs \$10. To reserve a seat, write a check for the amount payable to the University of Illinois Extension and mail it to the county extension office that is hosting the seminar. A complete list follows. The registration fee includes a lunch and is due one week before the date of the seminar.

The tillage seminars also will feature exhibits from a variety of Illinois agribusinesses and qualify for continuing education credit hours in soil and water conservation for certified crop advisors. In addition to the Department of Agriculture, sponsors include the University of Illinois Extension, U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service and state soil and water conservation districts.

SOILS TILLAGE SEMINARS		
Date	Location	Host
Jan. 4	Rend Lake Community College, Rend Lake	Franklin Extension Unit 1212 Rt. 14 West Benton, IL 62812 (618) 439-3178
Jan. 11	Holiday Inn, Urbana Champaign	Champaign Extension Unit 801 N. Country Fair Dr. Suite D Champaign, IL 61821 (217) 333-7672
Jan. 18	Jacksonville Inn, Jacksonville	Morgan Extension Unit 104 N. Westgate Avenue Jacksonville, IL 62650 (217) 243-7424
Feb. 1	Holiday Inn Brandywine, Peoria	Peoria Extension Unit 4810 N. Sheridan Road Peoria, IL 61614 (309) 685-3140
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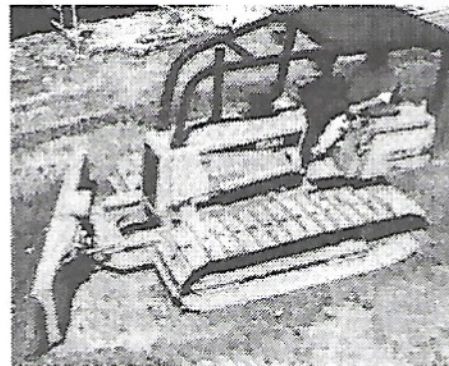
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When they retire, they continue to draw their same pay, until they die, except it may be increased from time to time, by cost of living adjustments.

For instance, former Senator Bradley and his wife may be expected to draw \$7,900,000 with Mrs. Bradley drawing \$275,000 during the last year of her life. This is calculated on an average life span for each.

This would be well and good, except that they paid nothing in on any kind of retirement, and neither does any other Senator or Congressman.

This fine retirement comes right out of the General Fund, our tax money. While we who pay for it all draw an average of \$1,000/month from Social Security.

Just think how good Social Security could be, if only one small change were made. That change is to jerk the Golden Fleece retirement out from under the Senators and Congressmen, and put them in Social Security with the rest of us. Then watch how fast they fix it.

If this concerns you, speak up! Contact your Congressional Delegation and Senators and express your opinion. Remember, they work for you..not the other way around!

From Missouri LICA News - May/June 2000

THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME

My mother taught me **RELIGION**—

"You better pray that comes out of the carpet."

My mother taught me **LOGIC**—

"Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me **IRONY**—

"Stop your crying or I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me **WEATHER**—

"It looks like a tornado swept through your room."

My mother taught me about **HYPOCRISY**—

"If I've told you once, I've told you a million time — Don't Exaggerate!!!!"

My mother taught me to **APPRECIATE A JOB WELL-DONE**—

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning!"

My mother taught me about the science of **OSMOSIS**—

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper!"

My mother taught me about **CONTORTIONISM**—

"Will you look at the dirt on the back of your neck."

My mother taught me about **STAMINA**—

"You're going to sit there 'til all that spinach is finished."

From Carolinas LICA News September 2000

NEW HOTEL DISCOUNTS

LICA has negotiated corporate preferred rates for all Ramada Plazas, Inns & Limiteds. The program includes Days Inns and Howard Johnson Inns. This program takes effect January 1, 2001.

The discount rate is 30% off the published rate. In order to obtain this discount you must call the toll free number prior to arrival and tell them you want to make a reservation under the LICA Discount Program. Then, give the ID number for the particular chain of the inn where you want to stay. The ID numbers and toll free numbers are:

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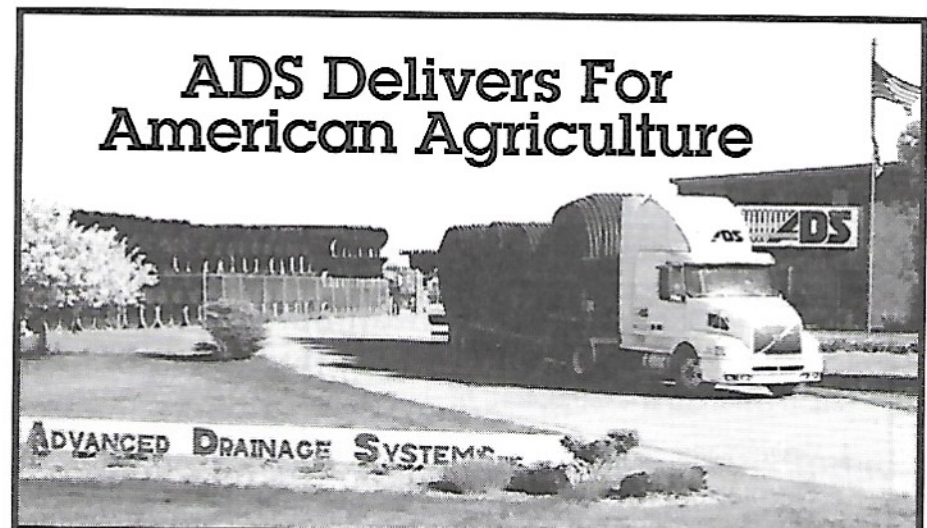
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GABBING WITH THE GALS...



You no doubt do not recall that one year ago this gal stated that the year 2000 would require a lot of getting-used-to. So how has it been? We are creatures of habit after all and we all do what we have to do. So we had to write 2000 and now that we are on the brink of another New Year, will have to write 2001. To repeat a trite old saw - where did 2000 go? Seems that only yesterday we started to write it and now have to change again. Which is nothing new, as change seems to be the name of the game. We hope the year 2000 has been good to you and yours and will continue into the new 2001.

Last year along this time yours truly was inundated with 2000-year calendars; most with the hope we would return some green stuff. Thought possibly it happened because of the millennium but as of now it is starting again. So it probably reinforces the old saw that if at first you don't succeed, try, try again. It is nice to have a calendar in each room but what do you do with them after that? This gal has learned to purchase a calendar for the wall in the office that has the whole year on one sheet and you can write dates on it of upcoming events. Helps a lot. Also, if you need to look up a previous date it is all right there without thumbing through a bunch of pages. Those of my age and up probably appreciate the large calendars with large numbers that you can read without a spyglass. They are necessary but not usually eye-appealing. Our company gives calendar in December in lieu of Christmas cards. We also found some stick-ons with the whole year on it that is handy to put in ring notebooks, purse notebooks, etc. Anything to keep your name right there so's to be seen, right?

With the Christmas season in full swing now it seemed appropriate to write a letter to the editor (my vehicle for issuing complaints, compliments, warnings, etc.) about the practice of abbreviating Christmas to Xmas. It has always seemed wrong to this writer to do that until a few days ago when it came to my attention how that got started. Seems X in Greek is the same as Christ years and years ago. Sometimes you learn something soon enuf that you save face; now it seems to be an okay thing to do.

One thing about December - you can tour your town and enjoy all the beautiful lights and decorations that have been put up. Some are downright awesome! The invention of the icicle lights has made a terrific impact, hasn't it? Now they are in color as well as clear and decorations are taking advantage of those too. Since the newness has worn off the price has come down also, and this helps a lot. Just be sure we all remember why we have Christmas in the first place and give Him the honor and prestige due Him. Now we know Christmas will be over by the time this is published, but just put in your Save Box and look at it in 2001, December. (Some things never go out of style, you know?)

Here's a bit of knowledge: in Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed more firm to sleep on. That's where the phrase "good-night, sleep tight" came from . . . In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England when customers got

unruly the bartender would yell at them to mind their own pints and quarts and settle down. It's where we get the phrase "mind you P's and Q's".

Do you ever wish to go back in time to when-Decisions were made by going "eeny-meeny-miney-mo"- "Race issue" meant arguing about who ran the fastest - Money issues were handled by whoever was the banker in Monopoly - Catching fireflies could happily occupy an entire evening - It was magic when dad would "remove" his thumb - Having a weapon at school meant getting caught with a slingshot - Scrapes and bruises were kissed and made better - War was a card game - Baseball cards in the spokes transformed any bike into a motorcycle - Ice cream was considered a basic food group. If you can remember most or all of these, then you have LIVED!

A quotation says "Nothing makes a person more productive than the last minute." This describes ye writer to the Nth degree. Some things are planned way ahead and some are finished at the last minute. Seems like a challenge and who can resist a challenge?

The next time we meet will be at our state convention, back to Decatur this year. Please be sure to thank the convention committee as they do put in a lot of time, talent and effort in this project to make it interesting to all of us out her in contractor-land. Getting re-acquainted with all our friends makes the whole thing worthwhile. Don't forget to bring something for the "Auction". Rambling Rose had an article, ye old bowling ball, bag and shoes; however I did offer them to my grandson first and he took me up on it. Guess that's what you call recycling, and right here at home too. Well, I'm sure we can find some other goodies that would sell to someone - no, not a Christmas gift either. Oh, and when you come to the convention please leave time to attend the Devotions program on Friday and Saturday mornings; it starts your day off on the right track.

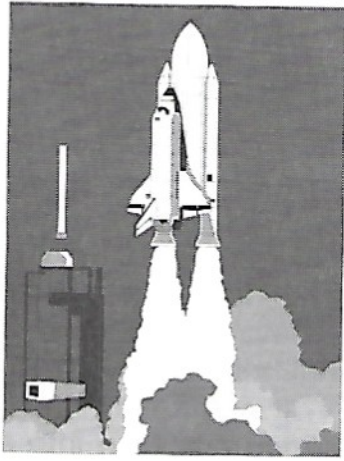
Have you ever given a thought as to how you would like to be remembered after you have gone to your next home? Here is how one person was so remembered: a doctor who had devoted his life to helping the underprivileged lived over a liquor store in the poor section of a large city. In front of the liquor store was a sign reading "Dr. Williams is upstairs". When he died, he had no relatives and he left no money for his burial. He had never asked for payment from anyone he had ever treated. Friends and patients scraped together enough money to bury the good doctor, but they had no money for a tombstone. It appeared that his grave was going to be unmarked until someone came up with a wonderful suggestion. They took the sign from in front of the liquor store and nailed it to a post over his grave. It made a lovely epitaph: "Dr. Williams is upstairs."

We would like to offer belated congratulations to the newlyweds Mr. And Mrs. Todd Carroll and wish them a long and happy married life together.

Do you know the definition of vacation? A vacation is what you take when you can't take what you have been taking. The word for this issue is "vacation". You should make a vacation count for what you, the recipient, would like to do. Most people like to go somewhere different, take in the sights, meet new people, be entertained by celebrities, etc. A vacation to ye writer is to be alone and accomplish things around the house that are not possible with a daily routine to be followed. Eat when you want, sleep when you want and just do as you please. Doesn't that sound scrumptious?

See you in Decatur - bring your auction items and sense of humor, okay?

....Rambling Rose



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Seminars

NOTE: This is a tentative schedule and is subject to change. Most seminars will be repeated.

Purchasing Insurance - A Contractor's Perspective

This seminar will discuss the areas a contractor needs to focus on when putting together a request for proposal. It will cover the concept of shopping for insurance and how to make sure you are comparing "apples to apples."

New Technologies in Erosion Control

This topic will concentrate on new technologies in erosion control products, as well as cover some of the tried and true practices. Learn what new ideas are working in other areas that you can put to work for your customers and help to increase the profit level.

Accounting 101: The Balance Sheet and Income Statement

This presentation will cover the basics of the balance sheet and income statement. Discuss the information that comes from these two statements in addition to

income and profit. Learn how to determine the different ratios and what they can tell you about your business.

Basics of Soil Compaction

This seminar will cover what the proctor is telling you about the soil material you are working with. It will discuss what effect moisture has on soil compaction. Learn the difference between modified and standard proctor and why one form may be chosen over the other by architects and engineers.

Hydraulic Excavator Versatility

This Presentation will include discussion of the many attachments available for an excavator that make the machine more versatile for contractors, thus creating new and additional revenue opportunities.

Assistance from the SBA

This presentation will introduce you to the Small Business Administration (SBA). It will cover what programs are available to assist small business in being more profitable. You will learn that the SBA is more than just a loan program.

Business Organization - What Difference Does It Make?

Confusion between a proprietorship and partnership? Is a Sub-S corporation a smaller version of a regular corporation? This presentation will discuss the differences between these types of business organizational structures. Learn the pros and cons of each as they relate to tax benefits and protections of an individual's assets.

Wide Load

This seminar will discuss the dos and don'ts of securing equipment for transportation. The presentation will include classroom discussion, as well as a hands-on demonstration complete with trailer and machine. This seminar was requested by the Safety Committee.

Installation of Large Diameter Pipe

This seminar was requested by the Water Table Management Committee. More details will be forthcoming as they are made available.

Little Red Wagon

This "Manual for Maintenance and Operation of a Little Red Wagon" will help you examine the relationships in your life, starting with your family; identify the extra weight you are hauling around; suggest ways to care for your own Little Red Wagon, load it, and pull it in the right direction, with energy and enthusiasm. This seminar was recommended by the Devotions Committee.

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REGISTRATION POLICY:

Only individuals registered & badged may attend convention events. The spouse/guest of a registered member need not register to share hotel accommodations, but must register if they wish to participate in the program or meal functions.

No registration may be processed without payment.

Cut-off date for mail-in registrations: Feb. 1, 2001. A \$20 processing fee will be incurred on cancellations received prior to January 16, 2001. Cancellations after January 16, 2001 will be subject to a 50% reduction in refund. All requests must be in writing prior to Feb 1st. Meals will be on an "availability basis" for on-site registrations. Registration fees are not tax deductible as charitable contributions, but may be deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense. Consult your tax advisor.

REGISTRATION FEE DEADLINES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED - NO EXCEPTIONS.

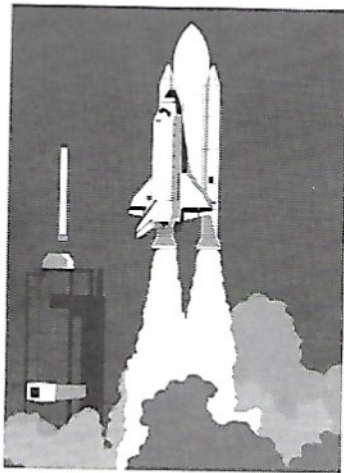
NON-MEMBERS will receive \$50 credit toward membership.

Members who have signed up three (3) new members are eligible for a 50% reduction in registration fee - contact National LICA for details.

NAME(S) TO APPEAR ON BADGE	CIRCLE ONE				FIRST TIMER?		TOTAL
	MEMB	NON	ASC	GOVT	YES	NO	
YOUTH: age _____ CHILD: age _____							
MEMB NON ASC GOVT					YES	NO	
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Meeting Room Charge for Those Staying Off-Site/Campers - \$ 100 per person							\$
Total Tour Registration (Please complete the Tour Registration Form and send it with this form)							\$
TOTAL:							\$

Please enclose check or money order made payable to: LICA Convention Account; 1101 West High Street; Jefferson City, MO 65109. Questions: Call Paul Sandefur (270/274-3403; Fax: 270/274-4044; E-mail: ptds1@apex.net) or Debbie Dickens (573/635-8694; Fax: 573/761-0375; E-mail: DickensCo@aol.com)

To register additional attendees, please copy this form.



50th Annual Winter Convention

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Orlando 2001 Convention

February 12-17, 2001

Optional Tours

NOTE: Some of the tours have a maximum capacity and some have a minimum. Please make your plans early to ensure a space is reserved for you!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2001

Tour Option #1 - Eager Beaver Trailer and Fantasy of Flight

An "upfront and close" look at how the Eager Beaver Trailers are manufactured. This is your chance to see your trailer manufactured from the ground up ... and get your questions answered!

After lunch, we'll head to the Fantasy of Flight, an aviation-themed attraction featuring an array of vintage aircraft from the world's largest private collection. Themed sight and sound "immersion experiences" simulating memorable moments in aviation history, flight simulators that realistically capture the sensation on participating in a WWII aerial battle over the Pacific will educate and entertain.

Tour Option #2 - Kennedy Space Center

Tour the Kennedy Space Center, including the massive Apollo/Saturn V Center and two new destinations: The international Space Station Center and Launch Complex 39 Observation Tower. In addition to the above, the tour includes admission to 1 of 2 IMAX Theaters showing *The Dream is Alive* and *Mission to Mir* or the 3-D movie *L5: First city in Space*. A lunch voucher can be used at the food court or can be applied to a restaurant menu item.

Tour Option #3 - Deep Sea Fishing

Go deep sea fishing in first-class style off Florida's Atlantic coast aboard the 70 foot Orlando Princess. Comforts include an enclosed air conditioned lounge, galley, state-of-the-art fish finding and safety equipment, experienced crew and fish cleaning service. Everything you need for an unforgettable day at sea is included ... rod, reel, bait, tackle, fishing license, lunch, and unlimited beer and soda.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2001

Tour Option #1 - Historic Mount Dora

Visiting Mt. Dora, bordering the shores of beautiful Lake Dora, will be a day chock full of charm. Board the Dora Doodlebug, a cool 1920's motorized rail car and take a scenic excursion through the countryside, downtown Mt. Dora and along the shore of Lake Dora. Lunch is included at the Gables Restaurant and then it's time for shopping. Discover rich antiques from another time and place, along with unique collectibles and charming boutiques.

Tour Option #2 - Old Spanish Sugar Mill and Safari Cruise

Start the day off by cooking your own pancakes ... at your table! If cooking isn't your strong suit, don't worry, you can also enjoy an egg with bacon. Then, it's off to DeLeon Springs and the Safari River Cruise where we will experience an exciting look at the Lake Woodruff Wildlife Refuge, complete with a wide variety of birds, river otters, manatees, alligators, and turtles.

Tour Option #3 - Jungle Adventure and Air Boat Ride

One of central Florida's oldest attractions, Jungle Adventure has retained all of the charm of native Florida. Enjoy wildlife shows featuring the Florida panther, one of the world's most endangered species. Experience the last of the dinosaurs cruising through an alligator-infested swamp. Watch as they swim alongside the boat and lazily crawl from the waters to sunbathe. Enjoy the spectacular hand-feeding show spotlighting Goliath, the 13-foot, 950 pound monster gator.

Step back in time as guides take you on a walking tour through the Native American Village. Hear about the daily lives, eating habits and medicinal practices of the different groups of Native Americans who inhabited Florida as far back as 400 years ago. After lunch, experience the thrill of an airboat ride on the St. John's River.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2004**Ladies' Optional Tour - Morse Museum and Olde Park Avenue**

For those ladies taking advantage of this opportunity, a wonderful afternoon awaits them. The Morse Museum of American Art, located in downtown Winter Park, contains the world's largest collection of Tiffany stained glass, as well as a major collection of American paintings. The museum has recently completed renovations which allow it to display a stunning chapel interior that was designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany for the 1893 Chicago World's Columbian Exposition. The chapel was rescued from the burned out remains of Tiffany's home in 1959, and has not been seen in its original form for over 100 years. Very few of the interiors designed by Tiffany exist today. This chapel is considered one of Tiffany's greatest works.

Following the museum tour, there will be time to stroll along picturesque Olde Park Avenue and shop the elegant boutiques.

Tour Registration on page 8.

TOUR PRICES**Monday, February 12, 2001**

- Option #1 - Eager Beaver/Flight \$65 each
 Option #2 - Kennedy Space Center \$65 each
 Option #3 - Deep Sea Fishing \$75 each

Tuesday, February 13, 2001

- Option #1 - Mount Dora \$55 each
 Option #2 - Safari Cruise \$50 each
 Option #3 - Jungle Adventure \$65 each

Wednesday, February 14, 2001

- Morse Museum & Olde Park Ave. \$35 each

Things You Should Know!**The Hotel**

Our home during this convention will be the Radisson Twin Towers Hotel & Conference Center - across from Universal Studios. The Radisson Twin Towers' phone number is: 800/327-2110.

Cut-Off Date for Hotel Reservations at group rate is January 11, 2001.

Room rates are as follows (plus applicable taxes)

Single & Double Occupancy	\$135.00
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Quad Occupancy	\$155.00
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One Bedroom Executive	\$350.00
Two Bedroom Executive	\$450.00
Penthouse	\$650.00

Children 17 and under stay free in rooms with parents and existing bedding rollaways are \$10 per day. Local safety regulations limit the maximum number of occupants per room to five (5).

Length of Stay

You can extend your stay by three days prior and three days after the convention and still receive these special rates.

Early Check-Out Fee

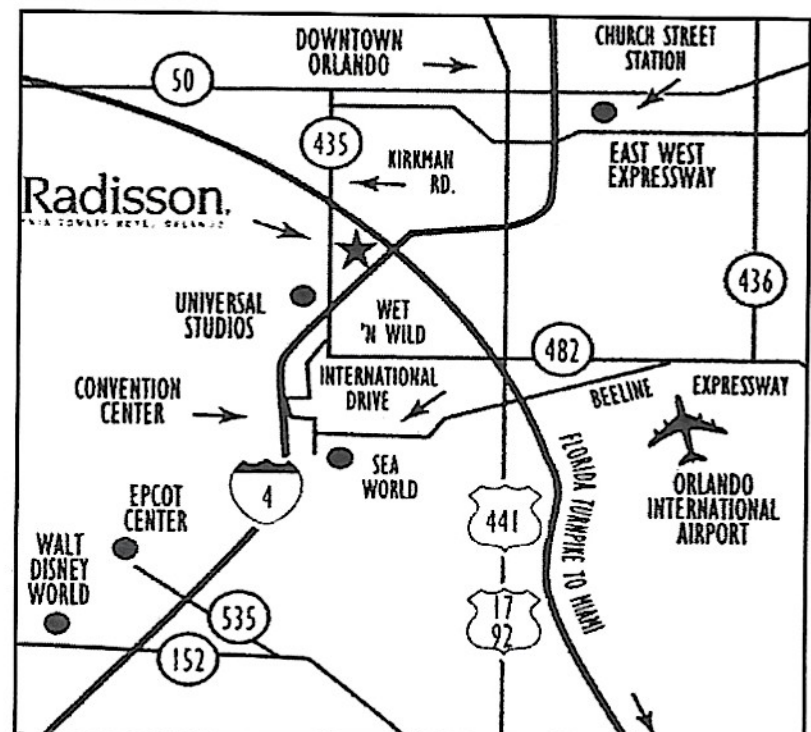
Guests wishing to avoid an early checkout fee of 50% of the group rate should advise the hotel 48 hours prior to arrival of any change in planned length of stay.

Check-In & Check-Out

Check-in time is 4:00pm and check-out time is 11:00am.

Parking

Parking at the Radisson Twin Towers is free. Guests bringing RVs should make arrangements directly with the hotel.

Directions

2001 REGISTRATION ❖ 50TH ANNUAL LICA CONVENTION ❖ ORLANDO, FL


Radisson Twin Towers - February 12 - 17, 2001

Tour Registration

Company Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone/Day: _____
 Phone/Evening: _____

DATE	NAME(S) (Please Print)	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Monday, February 12, 2001			
Eager Beaver/ Fantasy of Flight (8:00am - 3:00pm)		\$ 65 each	\$
Kennedy Space Center (8:00am - 4:30pm)		\$ 65 each	\$
Deep Sea Fishing (9:00pm - 6:00pm)		\$ 75 each	\$
Tuesday, February 13, 2001			
Historic Mount Dora (9:00am - 3:30pm)		\$ 55 each	\$
Old Spanish Mill/Safari Cruise (7:30am - 12:30pm)		\$ 50 each	\$
Jungle Adventure/Air Boats (8:00am - 4:00pm)		\$ 65 each	
Wednesday, February 14, 2001			
Morse Museum & Olde Park Ave. (1:30pm - 4:30pm)		\$ 35 each	\$
TOTAL TOUR REGISTRATION			\$

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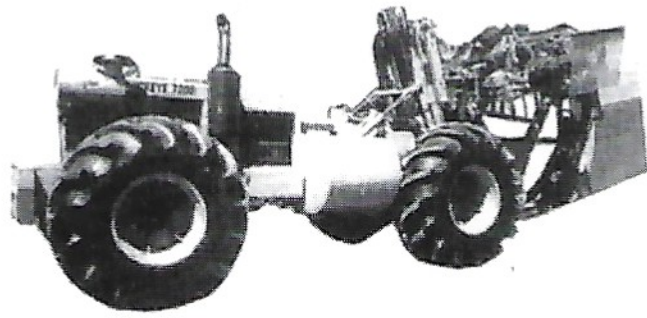
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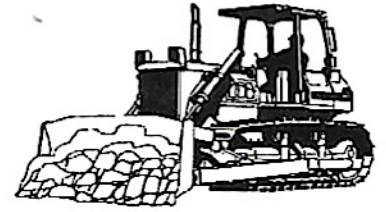
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