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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As fall approaches, it is time to reflect upon this past summer. We held our annual summer picnic in Geneseo, IL on June 18th. A few of us golfed before the meal and meeting. It was a beautiful day, and the event was well attended. Our thanks go to Brian & Angie Brooks for a great meal and a very enjoyable day.

Jackie & I were unable to attend the Summer National meeting in Baltimore, MD. We heard it was a good meeting, but not very many people were there. The rumor is, that Iowa is still thinking about pulling away from LICA. Personally, I would like them to stay. They have some legitimate concerns, along with a few things that just don't make any sense to me. Hopefully, everything will be worked out for the best.

The Conservation Show was held at the Jerry & Leslie Lewis farm in Good Hope on August 9th, 10th, & 11th. This year was HOT, but not wet. We helped Jerry

on the construction of a nearly 12 acre lake. It will be a beautiful site when completed. We also installed a 40 acre drainage system south of their house. It features 2 water control structures to manage the water in this plot. It will be monitored by Dr. Richard Cooke, and his colleagues at the U of I. I would like to thank everyone who had even the smallest part in the Expo. It takes a tremendous amount of work to plan and execute such an event. It is such a pleasure to work with our associates and partners to make this ongoing event a huge success each year. Again, THANK YOU to everyone involved!

The story of the summer is still the drought. We are over 12" behind for the year. It is going to take a lot of water to recharge our subsoils. Hopefully, the Good Lord will provide this fall and winter. I know it will affect a lot of members work load for the next 12 to 18 months. It always takes the farmers some time to recover after a rough year. I truly hope everyone of you can "weather the storm", and survive on a little less.

Please continue to make an effort to attend the board meetings. We have several important issues to discuss. Hope to see all of you at the Convention January 12th, 13th, & 14th, 2006 at the Holiday Inn in Bloomington, IL, and the workshop on January 31st & February 1st, 2006 also at the Holiday Inn in Bloomington.

Have a safe harvest and fall season.

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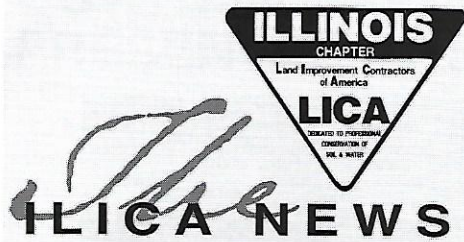
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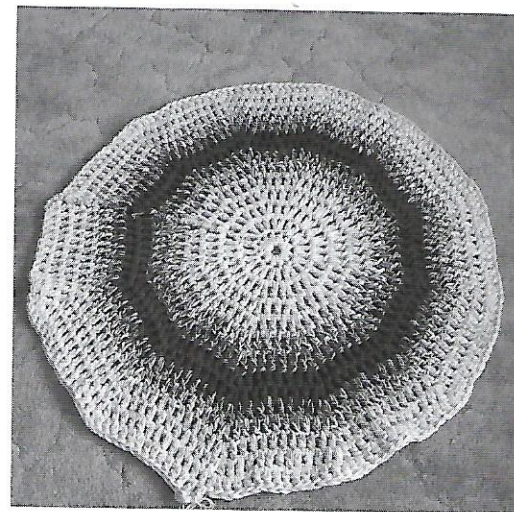
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From the ILICA Ladies.....

The *ILICA Ladies Committee* will be selling raffle tickets for several different items to be raffled at the *Annual Convention Awards Banquet in January*. The cost is **\$1 each or 6 for \$5**. The funds raised will be used to help pay for speakers and programs the Ladies Committee will be offering in the future. The items so far up for raffle: (1) homemade 48 inch round crocheted rug, (1) black with multi colored blocks quilted blanket.

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OUTSTANDING ILLINOIS TREE FARMER AWARD PRESENTED AT STATE FAIR

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. - Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Joel Brunsvold announced that Wayne Wildy of New Athens in St. Clair County is the Illinois Outstanding Tree Farmer award recipient for 2005.

"The purpose of the award is to recognize the state's top tree farmer...someone who has demonstrated his or her commitment to sustainable forestry management practices," Director Brunsvold said. "Wayne Wildy's numerous accomplishments in forestry management and his efforts to help other landowners by promoting the cause have earned him this honor."

The statewide award for the Illinois Outstanding Tree Farmer is presented each year during Agriculture Day activities at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield.

The award recognizes those forest land owners who have excelled by demonstrating a commitment to sustainable forestry management practices by implementing a forest stewardship plan; advocating, encouraging and promoting sustainable forest management practices to other landowners; and, promoting forestry and forestry interests in Illinois.

"Wayne Wildy was selected for recognition based in part on his accomplishments on his own property," said Brunsvold. "In addition, his leadership in promoting forestry through hosting workshops and field days on his land for the public, foresters and other natural resource professionals has been valuable. His resourcefulness and enthusiasm in getting the job done when it comes to good forestry and land stewardship practices on the ground are also noteworthy."

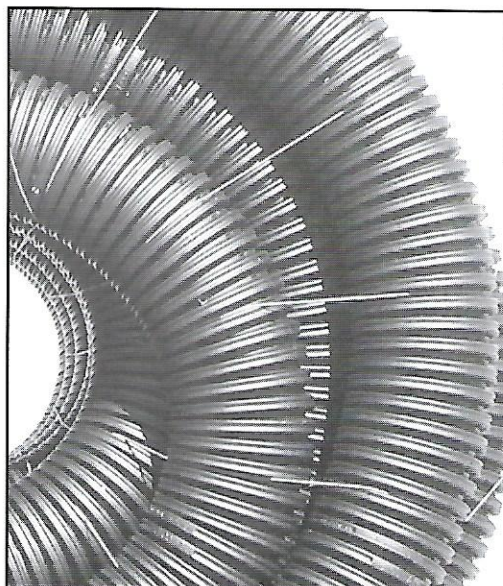
Wayne Wildy has served as the Southern Regional Director for the Illinois Walnut Council and he hosted a well-attended Walnut Council field day in 2003. Wildy has

hosted other activities at the family farm, including a logger training session. He also allows Audubon members to census birds on his land each year. Wildy brings not only a notable work ethic but often a lot of specialized equipment for use on projects such as exotic vegetation control, prescribed burns and reforestation projects. His contributions to the community are also seen in the long hours of work he puts into numerous volunteer projects that IDNR coordinates on private land.

Nominators noted that Wayne Wildy has a background from Southern Illinois University in fisheries, "...and possesses a knowledge of forestry that would rival a seasoned forester. As a forestry contractor, his commitment to excellence is unsurpassed. Wayne has a collection of forestry related equipment that would make any forester envious."

"I have never encountered a contractor that routinely installs such high quality reforestation tree plantings," said IDNR Forester Mark Brown. "It is hard to overestimate how important this is to a district forester. Hard work and long hours are not an issue to Wayne and he can be counted on to take on the projects that others would decline."

Wayne Wildy's commitment and dedication to improving and establishing forest resources, and his energy and enthusiasm in carrying out projects and encouraging others to do likewise, have earned him the title of Illinois Outstanding Tree Farmer for 2005.



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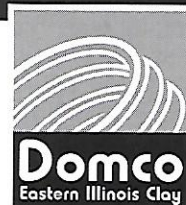


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USDA ANNOUNCES WEB SOIL SURVEY

INTERNET-BASED SYSTEM ALLOWS USERS ACCESS TO SOIL SURVEY INFORMATION

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa., Aug. 16, 2005-Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns today announced the launch of a USDA Web Soil Survey site that will provide secure public access to the national soils information system. This site is a simple yet powerful way to access and analyze soils data that contributes to every aspect of public and private land use and development.

"Soil surveys are the foundation for land conservation activities as well as private and commercial land development," said Johanns. "Soil survey maps help to enable agricultural producers, conservationists, engineering firms, county and city planners, and others to make informed decisions concerning land use. Posting soil survey information on the internet is one more step in our effort to make information more accessible to the citizens we serve."

Soil surveys began in 1899 as part of the nation's earliest efforts on behalf of cooperative conservation. Known as the National Cooperative Soil Survey, it has evolved into a partnership of state and federal agencies working together to collect, classify, interpret and provide soils information.

"As a landowner and farmer, I never bought a piece of land unless I consulted a soil survey map," said Bruce Knight, Chief of USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). "This simple but critical step is often the difference between profit and loss when it comes to land use and conservation activities and I am very pleased to deliver internet access to the public."

The website has been designed with three easy to use features-Define, View and Explore and operates much like internet sites that provide locator and directional information. When viewers visit the web soil survey, they are asked to "Define" a geographic area of interest by selecting a state and county or just by highlighting an area or areas. Once a location has been defined and projected on the screen, the viewer has the choice to print the map and related information, save it to their hard drive or download the data for use in a geographic information system (GIS).

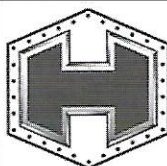
The viewer also can "Explore" the designated location for specific soils data giving the viewer important information on soil suitability in relationship to usage. This flexibility provides the viewer an opportunity to build a customized report

that addresses the viewer's individual needs. Information can be delivered in a variety of formats to include print, CD, DVD or other media.

Prior to today's launch all soil survey maps were printed and bound into soil survey books that were free to the public at local USDA Service Centers, NRCS field offices and public libraries. The once familiar soil survey publications will be phased out slowly and the federal government's initiative of electronic government information (eGov) will replace the printed publications through the use of this site.

Currently, NRCS has soils maps and data available online for more than 95 percent of the nation's counties and anticipates having 100 percent in the near future. The site will be updated and maintained online as the single authoritative source of soil survey information.

To view the website go to <http://soils.usda.gov/survey>.



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This has been a very busy summer for the ILICA office. In July, I attended the Summer National Convention in Baltimore, MD along with the Seevers Family, which was a great convention and well attended. Our 2005 Conservation Expo was well attended and incredibly hot, however everyone I believe was happy in the end.

Not too much to report for the next few months other than the Annual State Convention is right around the corner being held January 13, 14 and 15 2006 at the Bloomington/Normal Holiday Inn. There is information regarding registration in this issue and will be appearing on the ILICA website at www.ilica.net. There you will be able to download the registration forms to send or fax to the office.

The Winter National Convention information is also enclosed in this issue. If you have any questions regarding this convention, please contact Paul Sandefer 270-274-4044.

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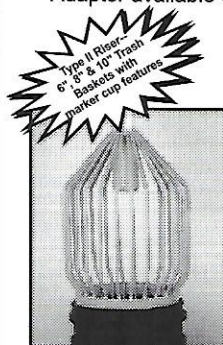
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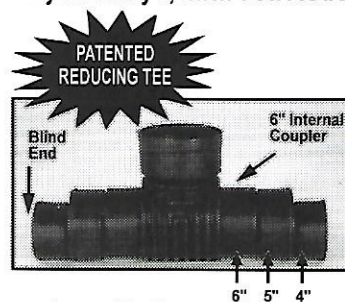
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"I am very pleased that USDA is able to offer this assistance to Illinois farmers and ranchers struggling due to the drought and look forward to visiting with them in the near future," said Johanns. "Speaker Hastert has been very helpful in bringing to my attention information about the severity of this drought and moving this process forward."

The 93 following counties were designated as primary disaster areas due to drought:

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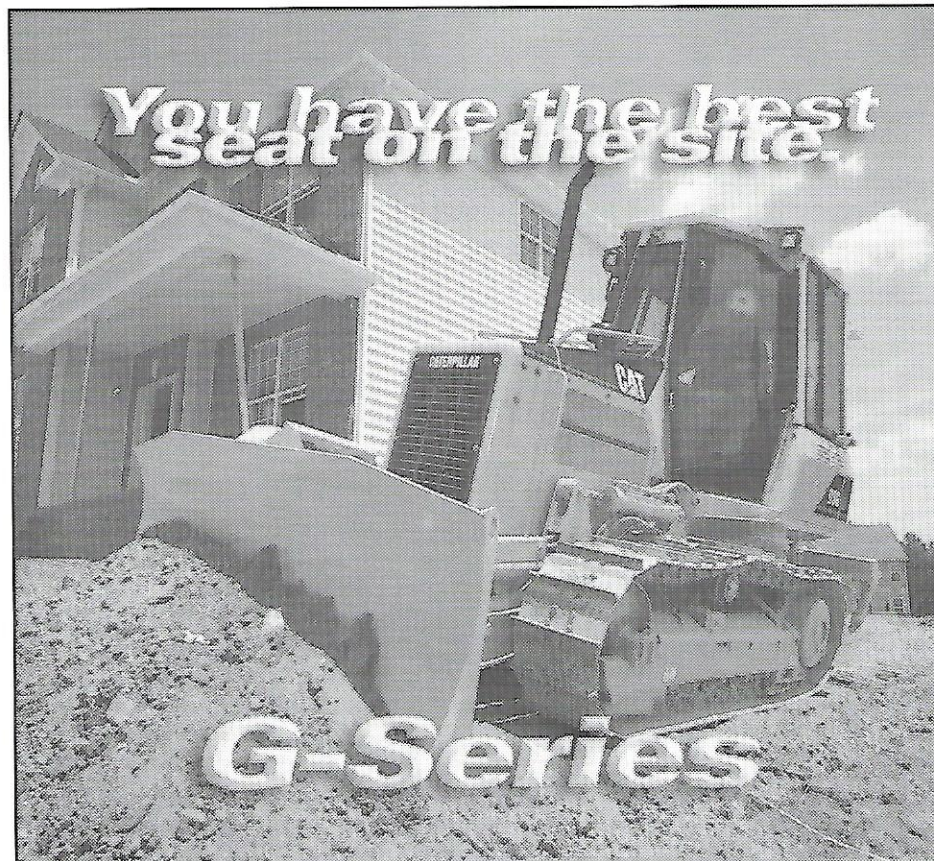
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USDA has also made other programs available to assist farmers and ranchers, including the Emergency

Conservation Program, Federal Crop Insurance and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

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6. An exercise in how to properly space ditch checks;
7. An exercise in how to prepare and plan erosion control systems;

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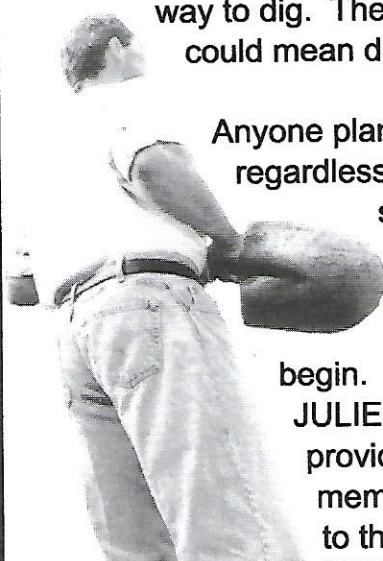
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JOHN DEERE COMPACT EXCAVATOR PROVIDES MUSCLE IN TIGHT SPACES

With residential building space getting tighter and tighter, operating heavy machinery in subdivisions has become more difficult than ever. That's why Mike Brock, owner of Brock Construction in Lenexa, Kan., relies heavily on four John Deere 50C ZTS compact excavators to do all of his smaller excavating jobs on residential work sites.

"Being small machines, our 50C ZTSs can fit into tight areas," he said. "That's important in residential areas, where we're working between trees, or between a tree and a house."

Brock does mainly residential work, including digging basements and additions, grading yards, and building retaining walls, along with the occasional light commercial work, such as digging building pads and ponds. In addition to digging and other odd jobs, he uses the four compact excavators for building stacking-rock retaining walls. A John Deere Worksite Pro™ hydraulic-thumb attachment on the bucket enables the machine to lift rocks into place.

Building retaining walls is not exactly light work—the stones weigh anywhere from 500 to 5,000 pounds each. With 41.5 horsepower and a lift capacity of 5,190 pounds, the 50C ZTS handles it easily, according to Brock.

"It's compact, but it has enough power to lift these rocks," he said. "It's got longer tracks and a wider stance than other brands, so it doesn't tip easily. It's just a more stable machine.

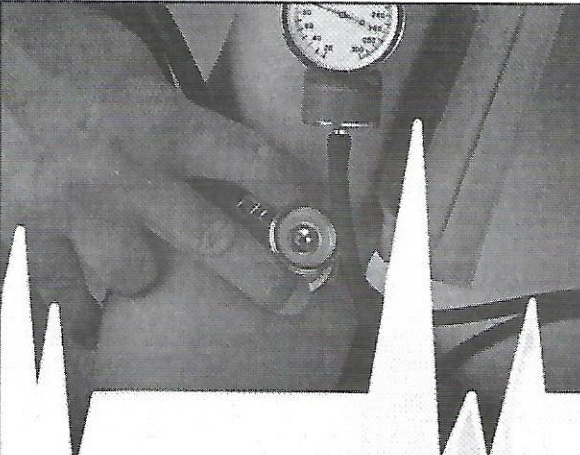
It has the same lifting capacity and power as some of the larger compacts, but it's smaller, more versatile and more productive."

The design of the 50C is what makes it so perfectly suited to this type of work. Able to rotate fully without banging their tails, the 50C ZTS slips comfortably into extremely tight quarters. The independent swing boom and 360-degree rotation allow operators to position themselves better and be more productive. "We're always working right up against houses, so if you don't have zero tail swing, it makes it a lot harder to maneuver around," Brock said.

Maintenance also is a strong point of the 50C ZTS, according to Brock. All doors open wide, with easy access to daily service points, cooling system, fuel filters and battery. But one of the clearest advantages of the machine is lower daily operating costs.

"On fuel alone, I am saving quite a bit," Brock said. "I'm using half the fuel compared to other machine brands. That adds up to enormous savings over a year."

About John Deere: John Deere (Deere & Company-NYSE:DE) is the world's leading manufacturer of agricultural and forestry equipment; a major manufacturer of construction equipment; and a leading supplier of equipment used in lawn, grounds and turf care. Additionally, John Deere manufactures engines used in heavy equipment and provides financial services and other related activities that support the core businesses. Since it was founded in 1837, the company has established a heritage of quality products and services providing performance that endures to customers worldwide.



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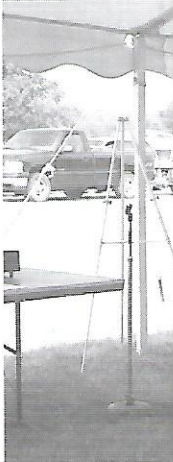
This year's Conservation Expo was held August 9, 10 and 11th at the home of Jerry and Leslie Lewis in Good Hope, IL. We had great weather for the three day event, although hot, it was a great deal dryer than last year! There were approximately 3,200 people in attendance and hope all learned the importance and benefits of the conservation practices that were showcased.

First, I'd like to thank our wonderful Show Hosts, Jerry and Leslie Lewis. All of the participating agencies were great to work with also, it's nice to show the general public how well different agencies can come together and promote all of the different conservation practices

I would like to thank the McDonough County Soil and Water Conservation District and Bob Frazee of the University of Illinois Extension along with all of the other agency cooperators for their help and hard work on the success of the 2005 Conservation Expo held in August. Also a big ILICA thank you to this year's hosts, Jerry and Leslie Lewis, they were very enthusiastic about the show and we hope they enjoyed every bit of the experience.

On behalf of the Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association, I would like to extend an even bigger thank you to all of our associate members who sponsored and donated materials for the show, a great deal of ILICA's endeavors simply cannot be done without your continued support.

Bill Gradle
NRCS State
Conservationist



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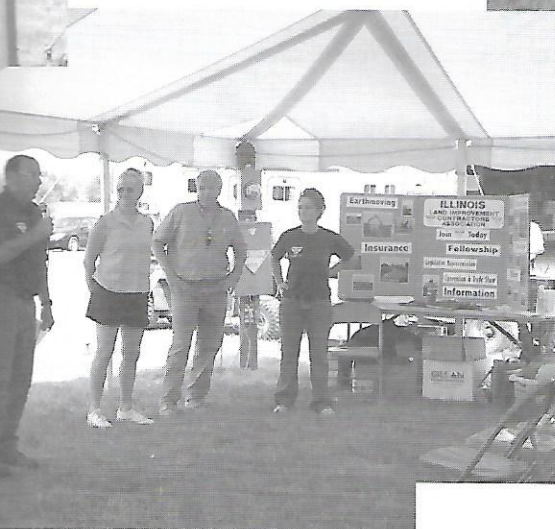


Jerry and Leslie's Old Barn

Expo a Huge Success!



Exhibitors setting up



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Joe Streitmatter, President



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The 2006 Winter Convention has it all! Remember Savannah? This one looks even more promising! Make your plans today!

OSHA 10-Hour Class Provided by CNA

LICA and CNA strongly support safety education and safe work practices in the land improvement construction industry. We are pleased to announce that CNA will provide the OSHA 10-hour Construction Safety Class at the LICA 2006 Winter Convention. We are confident that you and your employees will benefit from this class.

This class will cover selected OSHA Standards for the Construction Industry (29 CFR Part 1926):

- ♦ Introduction to OSHA Act/General Duty Clause
- ♦ Subpart P: Excavations
- ♦ Subpart T: Demolition
- ♦ Subpart G: Signs, Signals & Barricades
- ♦ Subpart E: Personal Protective & Lifesaving Equipment
- ♦ Subpart W: Rollover Protective Structures; Overhead Protection
- ♦ Subpart I: Tools - Hand and Power
- ♦ Subpart K: Electrical
- ♦ Subpart M: Fall Protection
- ♦ Subpart O: Motor Vehicles, Mechanized Equipment

CNA Risk Control professionals David Spangler CHST, CSP, and Phil Hollins, CSP will teach the class, which will be presented in one six-hour and one four-hour session over the two-day period of Wednesday and Thursday, February 22 & 23.

The class is designed for workers (equipment operators, laborers etc.) and will teach them how to identify hazards in land improvement construction and effective ways to avoid, prevent and control these hazards. All participants completing the full 10 hours of instruction will receive a Construction 10-Hour OSHA Completion Card.

Thanks to the strong partnership between CNA and LICA, this training is being offered at the reduced rate of \$35 per participant - **an average savings of over \$100!**

Space is limited to just 35 participants, so don't delay - register you and/or your employees today!

Tours

Historic Charleston Tour

Monday, February 20, 2005

The LICA group will leave the hotel at 7:00 am for the two-hour drive to Charleston. While en route, enjoy a narrative talk about the local history and folklore, ghost legends, old rice plantations and the Low Country.

Upon arriving in Charleston, we will board horse drawn carriages for a tour of the historic old city with a professional tour guide certain to entertain and inform you. Relish the charm and beauty of Charleston, its magnificent homes and gardens and its way of life, past and present.

After the carriage ride, spend time visiting the market and see the charm of where the original settlers purchased their daily needs. Take home a remembrance ranging from Low Country hand-woven baskets made from Sweet Grass to one-of-a-kind artwork or a souvenir.

After visiting the market, we will enjoy lunch while cruising the Charleston Harbor. The boat captain will entertain you with stories of Charleston and many points of interest and historic significance.

The cruise includes a stop at Fort Sumter at the entrance to Charleston Harbor. America's most tragic conflict ignited at Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861, when a chain reaction of social, economic and political events exploded into civil war. At the heart of these events was the issue of states rights versus federal authority flowing over the underlying issue of slavery. Fueled by decades of disagreement and confrontation, South Carolina seceded in protest of Lincoln's election and the social and economic changes sure to follow. With Fort Sumter as an unyielding bastion of Federal authority, the war became inevitable. At Fort Sumter National Park, historians will provide detailed information about Fort Sumter and its pivotal role in the War between the States. There is a museum with fascinating exhibits and a small gift shop for your enjoyment.

Finally, we will depart Charleston and return to Myrtle Beach by 4:30 pm.

Historic Conway and Walden & Peggy Graham Mine Tour

Tuesday, February 21, 2006

The LICA group will leave the hotel at 8:15 am headed to Conway, South Carolina. In Conway, the past is never far away. Conway boasts of 17 sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Upon your arrival, LICA attendees will be treated to a reception consisting of "fresh made" doughnuts and drinks. The reception will be followed by a tour of the area where you will enjoy local history and tidbits of folklore and tales from this river city's past. While Conway abounds with history, it offers other activities, as well. You will be afforded time to explore the revitalized historic business district. Shopping in Conway is a pleasant mix of yesterday and today.

After shopping, you will join with fellow LICA members for lunch at the mine owned by LICA members Walden and Peggy Graham. For lunch, get ready for a South Carolina style "Pig Pickin" barbecue. After lunch, there will be a number of activities going on, including equipment demonstration and a variety of entertainment.

After the activities are finished, you will load the bus for the return to the hotel at around 4:00pm.

Richardson Service and Walden & Peggy Graham Mine Tour

Tuesday, February 21, 2006

The LICA group will leave the hotel at 8:15 am. The first stop will be at the Horry County Solid Waste Authority. This state-of-the-art facility is one of the premier solid waste recycling facilities on the east coast. While at the facility, you will have the opportunity to see the "Green Power Project," a joint effort between Horry County and Clemson University.

The next stop of the day will be at Richardson Service, Inc., an equipment re-manufacturer. Richardson is a division of LICA National Associate RWF Bron. After a tour of the Richardson facility, the group will be off to the Graham Mine.

The first order of business after arriving at the mine . . . LUNCH! Roll up your sleeves and get your taste buds set for a good old-fashion South Carolina style "Pig Pickin" barbeque. The remainder of the afternoon will be filled with fun and activities. Of particular interest to LICA contractors will be equipment demonstrations and GIS/GPS demonstrations. See the latest technology in locating and working around underground utilities with a vacuum truck demonstration and many other activities still in the works. Watch upcoming newsletters as more activities are added.

The group will return to the hotel at around 4:00 pm.

Ladies' Optional Tour

Optional Ladies' Tour - Pawleys Island/Brookgreen Gardens

Thursday, February 23, 2006

Pawley's Island, South Carolina, located 25 miles south of Myrtle Beach, is known as one of the oldest summer resorts on the East Coast. This relaxed beach community has only 200 year-round residents, but thousands of part-time residents and visitors. It is often described – with pride – as "arrogantly shabby."

The families of rice planters who owned plantations on the nearby rivers first settled Pawleys Island in the early 1700s. The planters knew that it was unhealthy for their families to remain on the rivers during the summer and that the seashore was much healthier. Even though they didn't know about malaria in the 1700s, they knew enough to get away! They moved their families, livestock, bedding, provisions, and furniture to Pawleys Island in May of each year, where they remained until the first frost in November!

From this leisurely existence has developed the charm of Pawleys that still remains. Also still remaining are 12 residences in the historic district, which date from the late 1700s to the mid 1800s. Pawleys continues to be known for its shoeless, carefree, laid-back life style, which includes crabbing in the adjacent creeks, fishing, the stories of ghosts, the rope hammocks, and the unspoiled, unsophisticated, casual, delightful stretch of wide beach and sand dunes.

Pawleys Island is a barrier island less than four miles long and mostly one-house wide, separated from the mainland by a beautiful salt marsh and accessible by two short causeways. Generations of visitors have returned with the feeling that "their blood pressure goes down when they cross the causeway."

A tour guide will delight you with tall tales of the island. You will also learn the history of the Original Pawleys Island Rope Hammock which has been in production since 1889. Cool, comfortable and sturdy, the remarkable cotton hammock designed by riverboat Captain Joshua John Ward still soothes and delights all who discover it. Always hand-woven, these hammocks have long been the embodiment of Low Country craftsmanship. There will be time for shopping and lunch on your own at the Village and Hammock Shops.

Also included on your tour is a stop at Brookgreen Gardens. The gardens were founded in 1931 to preserve the native flora and fauna and display objects of art within that natural setting.

2006 Convention Agenda

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2006

4:00pm - 6:00 p.m. Registration

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2006

7:30am - 4:30pm Tour 1

6:00pm - 7:00 p.m. Registration

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2006

8:15am - 4:00pm Tour 2

8:15am - 4:00pm Tour 3

6:00pm - 8:00pm Registration

6:30pm - 10:00pm Executive Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2006

8:00am - 10:00am Registration

7:15am - 7:45am Devotions

8:00am - 8:30am Opening General Session

8:30am - 11:45am OSHA Certification Seminar

9:00am - 10:00am Employee Recruiting & Retention

9:00am Awards Committee

9:15am - 11:45am Estate Planning for the Small Business Owner

10:30am - 11:30am Insurance Coverages for Today's Contractor

12:00pm - 1:30pm John Deere Luncheon

1:45pm - 4:45pm OSHA Seminar - Continued

1:45pm - 4:15pm Retirement Planning for the Small Business Owner

1:45pm - 2:45pm Technology in Pipe Liners

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2006 (Continued)

1:45pm - 2:45pm. Reasons & Recommendations for Shop Safety

3:00pm - 4:00pm Nutrient Management

3:15pm - 4:15pm Associates Advisory Meeting

5:00pm - 9:00pm An Evening of Food & Fun With the Exhibitors

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006

7:15am - 7:45am Devotions

7:30am - 8:00am Exhibitors Breakfast

8:00am - 9:30am The Volvo Breakfast

9:00am - 11:15am OSHA Seminar - Continued

9:00am - 11:15am GPS - The Basics

9:30am - 11:15am Hydraulic Systems - Cleaning

& Preventative Maintenance

9:30am - 1:30pm. Ladies' Optional Tour

11:30am - 1:00pm CNA Luncheon:

Fleet Safety Management

1:00pm - 2:30pm OSHA Seminar -Continued

1:00pm - 2:30pm DOT and the LICA Contractor

1:15pm - 2:15pm Benefits of LICA Membership 101

1:15pm - 2:15pm Family Values Seminar

2:15pm - 2:45pm Nominating Committee

3:00pm LICA Scholarship Golf Outting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2006

7:30am - 8:30am Registration

7:30am - 8:00am Devotions

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006 (Continued)

8:00am - 8:30am

Devotions Committee

8:00am - 9:00am

Committee Meetings: Legislative, Long Term Planning, Water Table Management, Ladies

9:15am - 10:15am

Committee Meetings: By-Laws; Cons., Earthmoving & Exc.; Technology, Safety

10:30am - 11:30am

Committee Meetings: On-Site Waste Mgt., Certification, Membership, Insurance

11:45am - 12:45pm

Volvo Luncheon

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Committee Meetings: Policy, Convention, Public Relations, Education

2:15pm - 3:15pm

Region Meetings: 1, 2, 3, & 6

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Region Meetings: 4, 7, & 8

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2006

8:00am - 8:30am

Devotions

8:30am - 10:00am

Executive Directors Meeting & Breakfast

9:00am - 9:30am

Budget Committee Meeting

9:30am - 10:00am

Executive Committee Meeting

10:30am - 12:00pm

Delegates Meeting

2:00pm - 4:30pm

Board Meeting & Issues Session

6:00pm - 7:00pm

CNA Reception

7:00pm - 10:00pm

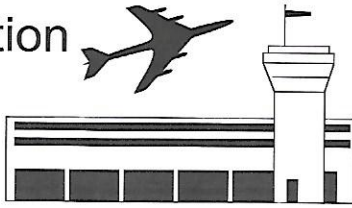
Caterpillar Awards Banquet

NOTE: Times are subject to change.

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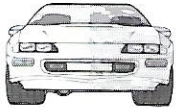
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Children's Activities

A number of activities are being planned for kids of all ages, including a Miniature Golf Tournament with prizes.

Pirates and Ghosts Along the Coast Tour



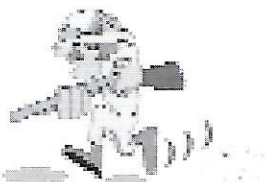
Blackbeard, the Gray Man and Alice are just a few of the legends of the area. Hear how the pirates roamed the coast, see where Alice lived and is buried and hear how the Gray Man helps people when a hurricane is on the way. Kids will have a treasure map to follow and fill out to win a prize at the end of the tour. It's a fun tour for

young and old alike with a tour guide that enjoys spinning a yarn and sharing a tale of long ago.

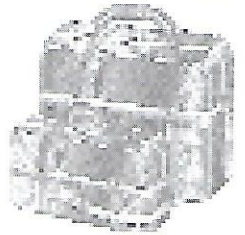
Safari Jeep Tour

Come with us on a customized safari jeep tour which has it all: history, nature, ecology, and wildlife all in one trip. It's an adventure with no special fitness level needed. You will travel in roomy, customized, safari-style jeeps with canopy tops and roll-up sides. Each jeep has a tour guide driver who is your pathfinder the entire tour, getting off with you to see the sights, narrating and answering questions. The tour begins as you buckle your seat belt. Explore the salt marsh habitat, hear tales of the buccaneers and view a pirate island off the inlet. See a 15th century style moorish castle, listen to legends and ghost lore. Go down a live road allee to a rice plantation where you will see cypress structures from the swamp, slave cabins and chapels.

And the best part? All of these children activities are included in the "Youth" and "Child" registration fees!



Hotel Information



We have negotiated a discounted guest room rate at the Radisson Plaza Hotel Myrtle Beach of \$108 plus tax (currently 13%) per night for single or double occupancy. Standard rooms are equipped with a hairdryer, iron and ironing board, high-speed internet access, working desks, Starbucks coffee in each room, and the Pacific Coast Bed Experience featuring seven layers of down-filled comfort.

Other amenities include a concierge service and an indoor pool with sundeck and fitness center. The Radisson's flagship restaurant, Vidalia's, is the place where old fashioned southern hospitality meets an open-style kitchen and innovative twists on traditional Low Country recipes. Coffee & Cream is a Starbucks-style cafe, offering a unique variety of coffees, teas and sandwiches. When night falls, guest converge at M Bar, a lounge and bar offering the finest view in Myrtle Beach.

To take advantage of the LICA Group Rate, you must make your hotel reservation by **January 20, 2006**. To make reservations, please call the Radisson Plaza Myrtle Beach at 843-918-5000, Monday - Friday, 7:00 am EST - 6:00 pm EST. You can also make reservations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling the Radisson Central Reservation office at 800-333-3333. You can also go to the National LICA website (www.licanational.org) where you can register for your room through the "Your Event by Radisson," a customized website created for LICA members to make guest room reservations for the LICA Convention online at anytime.



Golf Anyone???

Make plans to play in the LICA Scholarship Golf Outing. The Outing will be Thursday afternoon, February 23, 2006. The \$38 fee includes greens fee for 9 holes and cart. Watch for more detailed information coming up soon.

Silent Auction

With proceeds benefiting the LICA Scholarship Program, the Ladies Committee will be holding a Silent Auction during the Exhibit Hall Show hours. If you have an item to donate to the auction, please contact Sandy Birge (765-339-7210). If you can't reach her - just bring the item to Myrtle Beach with you.



Leave Old Man Winter Behind!

After a long, cold winter ... February will be the perfect time for you to pack your bags, grab the family, and head to the beach for the 2006 LICA Annual Winter Convention!





2006 LICA Winter Convention Registration Information

55th Annual LICA Winter Convention
Radisson Plaza Hotel Myrtle Beach, SC
February 20 - 25, 2006

Convention Package Activities

Education Package

When: Wednesday & Thursday
February 22 & 23

Educational Seminars
Exhibit Hall Admittance
John Deere Luncheon
Volvo Breakfast
CNA Luncheon
Door Prize Drawings
Scholarship Silent Auction

Business Package:

When: Friday & Saturday
February, 24 & 25

Committee Meetings
Volvo Luncheon
Region Meetings
Delegates Session
Board Meeting
CNA Reception
Awards Banquet

Full Convention

When you register for the full convention package, it includes admittance to all the activities included in both the Education and Business Packages.

OSHA 10-Hour Class

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Convention Registration Packages

GENERAL REGISTRATION

Postmarked after December 31, 2005

DISCOUNT REGISTRATION

Postmarked by December 31, 2005

	Education Package	Business Package	Full Convention	Education Package	Business Package	Full Convention
MEMBER: Contractor, Spouse, Associate, Government Employee, Consultant	\$ 210.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 230.00
YOUTH: 13-15 years of age	\$ 135.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 150.00
CHILD: 4-12 years of age [Children 3 yrs. & under are free.]	\$ 90.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 110.00
NON-MEMBER: [Note: \$40 may be applied toward membership.]	\$ 265.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 270.00

Tour Registration Packages

	TOUR	PRICE
Monday, February 20, 2006	Tour 1: Historic Charleston Tour	\$ 75 each
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Thursday, February 23, 2006	Tour 5: LICA Scholarship Golf Outing	\$ 38 each



Myrtle Beach Convention Registration Form

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P.O. Box 425; Beaver Dam, KY 42320

Guideline for Completing Registration Form: Please indicate the Convention Package with a the following codes: E = Education Package; B = Business Package; F = Full Convention Package. Please indicate which tour or tours you'd like to attend by indicating the number of the tour.

Name & Company for Name Tags (Please print)	Child's Age	OSHA Class	Convention Package	Tour Number(s)	Total Amount
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STORM WATER QUALITY AND EROSION CONTROL CERTIFICATION FOR THOSE WISHING TO COMPLY WITH STATE AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE REQUESTS TO DO BUSINESS:

The Joliet Junior College in Joliet, IL., has added Erosion Control "ERC 007" to their Fall Class Schedule. In cooperation with EMCI (Erosion Management Consultants, Inc.), the Joliet Junior College is offering this course at the stated dates and location. Enrollment is limited to 40 per section. Plan to participate with us for the day and take home needed information for your Company or Business. EMCI requests that you forward this information to your Staff and or your Organization Membership for their continuing Education benefit.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: ERC 007 Soil Erosion Control offers 6.5 PDH Credits (Professional Development Hours) and will be a one day class, from 8AM to 5PM, geared to those individuals needing instruction and CERTIFICATION in the areas of:

1. Regulatory Requirements for Storm Water Control;
2. What is required for Erosion Control;
3. Selection of appropriate temporary and permanent Best Management Practices (BMP's);
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USDA SIGNS TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT WITH CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL IN EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL, INC.

U.S. Department of Agriculture today signed an agreement that will allow farmers and ranchers who need technical assistance with soil erosion, sediment control and storm water quality to obtain that assistance from certified technical service providers (TSPs) or third-party vendors.

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service Chief Bruce Knight signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control, Inc. (CPESC) at the Soil and Water Conservation Society's annual conference. Knight and CPESC Executive Director David Ward signed the three-year agreement, which recognizes certifications in soil erosion and sediment control as well as storm water quality.

"This MOU ensures private landowners who participate in USDA conservation programs will receive top-notch services from CPESC experts as these landowners plan, design and implement conservation practices such as buffers, conservation tillage, vegetative land stabilization and channel and stream stabilization," said Knight.

The 2002 Farm Bill expanded the availability of technical assistance to private landowners by encouraging the use of TSPs to assist USDA in delivering conservation technical assistance services to landowners.

The MOU allows CPESC to recommend its members to NRCS for certification in soil erosion and sediment control and storm water quality. They must complete CPESC's certified programs in these two areas to meet USDA's performance criteria for providing conservation assistance in soil erosion and sediment control and storm water quality.

CPESC, headquartered in Marion, North Carolina, is a non profit, professional international organization with about

2,000 members throughout the United States as well as several countries, including Canada. The organization was first formed in 1983 through SWCS and became incorporated three years ago.

USDA has already signed MOUs with 13 organizations that provide for the partner organizations to recommend qualified individuals to USDA for certification as technical service providers in conservation planning and design, layout, installation and checkout of approved conservation practices.

In addition to the MOU signed today, USDA has existing agreements with the American Society of Agronomy, Society for Range Management, Iowa State University, The Wildlife Society, Society of American Foresters, The Irrigation Association, University of Tennessee, National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants, Environmental Management Solutions, American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists, Association of Consulting Foresters of America, American Fisheries Society and American Forage and Grassland Council.

USDA-NRCS certifies TSPs and lists them on a national, web-based registry called TechReg. Farmers, ranchers and other landowners seeking conservation technical assistance can locate a TSP through this registry. More than 2,400 certified TSPs from across the nation are registered.

Additional information on technical service provider assistance is available at <http://techreg.usda.gov>.

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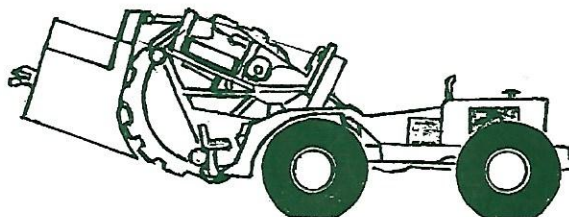
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