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ILICA's 47th Annual Convention

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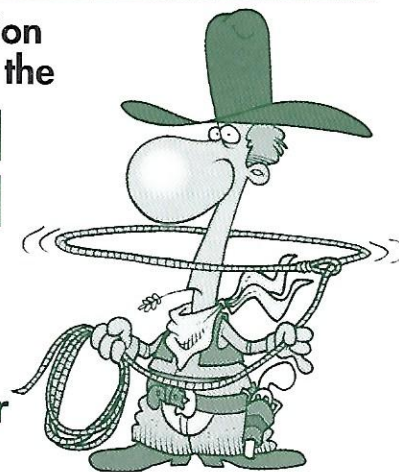
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by Dwight Dunbar,
Consultant to ILICA

Saddam's Capture Saves the Media

The Capture and anything the media can relate to it has grabbed the Headlines for now. I've not heard anyone speculate on whether or not it will impact on Illinois' Governor Blagojevich's political plans. That's a reach of course but knowing the media they just might try it.

Only Rhetoric Paid to the Fee Hikes

There was a lot of talk and bluster about rolling the fee hikes imposed on business & industry back to reasonable levels. But the action on the issue was pretty minimal. According to what I heard there were not so veiled threats of retaliation made to GA members that tried to pass legislation and I was further advised that members were ordered to vote to support the Governor's Amendatory vetoes. This plus an ethics bill coming together kept them over an extra day for Veto Session.

Wirsing Stricken

Representative Dave Wirsing (R-70, Sycamore) passed away suddenly of a heart attack on December 7, 2003. He was one of the nicest persons I became acquainted with. Every member of the General Assembly called him friend. He was friend and mentor to me and I'll miss him terribly. He got me reconnected with a favorite treat – orange slice candy – there was always a bowl on his desk and I helped myself – even to the point of offering to pay for replacing the supply. His response to that was "these are my treat to anyone who enjoys them and I get a

great deal of satisfaction from handing them out."

Novak to Head PCB

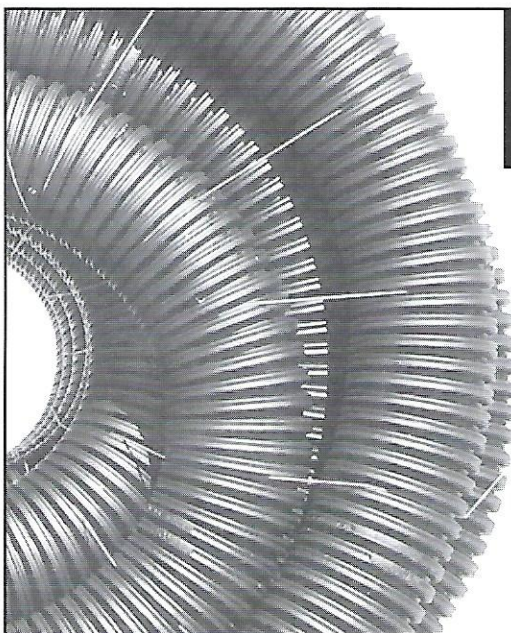
Representative Phil Novak (D-79, Bradley) was tapped by Governor Blagojevich to take over the Chair of Illinois' Pollution Control Board. The lady named to finish out his term – Lisa Dugan – agreed to run for the post in 2004. Now she for sure has a well-known Republican name challenge – the wife of former Representative Chuck Pangle. Pangle has been a popular and respected County Board member.

Mary Kay O'Brien

There is no guarantee that this district will remain Democratic in the 2004 election cycle. Representative O'Brien will be moving to the Appeals Court and the Republicans are sure their candidate can be victorious.

Republicans Eying Gains in 2004

The Republicans are indeed optimistic they will boost their numbers from the current level of 52 House members to something closer to closer to 58 or 59. They feel confident they'll mount winnable challenges as discussed above. They also believe they can win the seat held by – now Ag Director Hartke. They are assuming that Democrats won't make inroads in Republican incumbent Districts.



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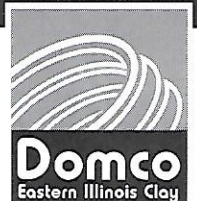
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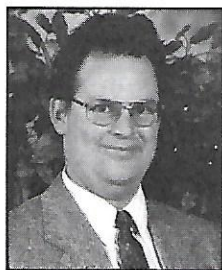


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where does the time go? Winter is here again. I hope you all had a great season of work and a wonderful year all around. We have gotten some much needed rain this fall and I think next year will be good too.

I hope by now you have all made plans to attend the state convention in Peoria, it will be a good one, there are lots of good seminars lined up and the competition will be fierce at the backhoe rodeo, and there will be activities for the kids on Friday and Saturday so bring the family.

The national winter meeting is in Lexington, Kentucky. I hope to see Illinois well represented here as usual, it looks like they have a good program for us and the pre tours look interesting. Paul and Debbie do a great job. I always enjoy going to the national functions and talking with people from other parts of the country to share a different prospective on things.

We are having our spring workshop again in February on the 11 and 12th, Make plans to attend. The education committee has got a good program lined up and we will be introducing our certification program at this meeting.

We are going to have a conservation show in 2004 on August 24-25-26. Be sure and mark the dates on your calenders. Come out and support YOUR organization and run some new equipment and enjoy the fellowship of old friends and meet some new ones.

Take some time in the slow winter months, days when you are tired of repairing equipment, to go and see your

fellow contractors and tell them about this organization you belong to and what it can do for them and their business. We need members if we are going to survive!

Thanks to all of you on the committees for the fine work you did this past year and to the board members for their time and energy to come to the meetings when you really needed to be working. The work and dedication of these people is what makes this organization what it is!

I would like to thank you all for supporting me as your President this past year, it was an enjoyable experience. THANK YOU!

May you have a safe and prosperous New Year.

Stuart Anderson
President



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New This Year At The ILICA Convention! CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Friday – January 16th
5 to 7 pm

Kids Pool & Pizza Party
Fun & Games with
Carolyn Ashton,
(Peoria Extension Service)

Saturday – January 17th
1 to 4 pm

Hands on Children's
Discovery Center
Lakeview Museum
Planetarium featuring –
"Skywatchers of Africa"
Dale Chihuly Glass Art Exhibit

*Children of all ages welcome.
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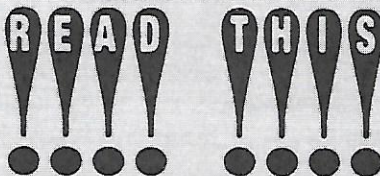
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ILICA Board Meeting
will be held at
The Brandywine Holiday Inn

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday January 15, 2004
3:30 - 4:30

Annual Business Meeting &
Election of Officers
Saturday January 17, 2004
2:00

Upcoming Meetings



ILICA BOARD MEETINGS

2004 Annual Convention
January 15-17, 2004
Brandywine Holiday Inn
Peoria

February 11-12, 2004
ILICA Contractors Workshop
The Chateau, Bloomington

LICA MEETINGS

February 23-28, 2004
Hyatt Regency
Lexington, Kentucky

2004 ILICA CONVENTION - TENTATIVE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14

5:00 – 6:00 pm Registration **Pre Convene Area**
 3:00 Budget Committee Meeting **Fon du lac**
 6:00 Convention Committee Dinner
Johnnys Steak House
 7:30 Convention Committee Meeting **Fon du lac**

THURSDAY JANUARY 15

7:00 – 9:00 Excel set up
 9:00 – 3:00 Exhibitor set up
 8:00 – 11:30 Registration **Pre Convene Area**
 8:00 – General Session **Grandview**
 Moderator – Ron Masching, Education Chairman
 8:00 – 10:15 Trench Safety – Brian Bothast, OSHA
 Compliance Assistance
 10:15 Load Busses for Civic Center
 10:30 First Bus Leaves Hotel for Peoria Civic Center–
 Backhoe Rodeo
 11:00 – 3:00 Backhoe Rodeo
 11:30 Lunch at Civic Center
 2:30 Award Prizes for Rodeo
 2:45 Board Bus Back to Hotel
 3:00 – 6:30 Exhibits Open
 3:30 – 4:30 Board of Directors Meeting **Grandview**
 4:30 – 6:30 Attitude Adjustment Hour **Exhibit Area**
 6:30 Early Bird Get Together **Atrium**
 7:00 Welcome – Joe Streitmatter, Convention
 Chairman
 7:00 Entertainment – Brian “Fox” Ellis of Fox Tales
 International (Midwestern based singer/
 songwriter)
 7:30 Associates Hospitality Room Open
Pool Side Rooms

FRIDAY JANUARY 16

7:30 Devotional Service **Fon du lac**
 8:00 – 10:00 Build Your Own Breakfast Sponsored
 by Prinsco, Inc. **Exhibit Area**
 8:00 – 10:00 Exhibits Open **Ballroom**
 8:00 – 11:00 Registration Open **Pre Convene Area**
 10:00 General Session Moderator –
 Stuart Anderson, President **Grandview**
 10:00 ILICA Report – Stuart Anderson
 10:05 LICA Report – Region IV Vice President,
 Doug Egeland
 10:15 ILICA Legislative Report, Dwight Dunbar
 10:30 NRCS Report, Bill Gradle, State Conservationist
 10:45 FSA Report, William J. Graff,
 Executive Vice President, FSA
 11:00 IL Association of Drainage Districts Report
 11:15 AISWCD Report – Mark Besse, President, AISWCD
 11:30 IL Department of Agriculture – Chuck Hartke, Director
 Exhibits Open
 12:00 – 1:30 Luncheon Sponsored by Caterpillar Dealers –
 Altorfer Inc.) **Lunch in Exhibit Area**
General Session cont. Grandview
 Moderator/Stuart Anderson
 1:30 – 3:00 I.D.O.T. Compliance – Questions/Answers
 George Wyness, Motor Carrier Compliance
 Officer I.D.O.T.
 2:45 – 3:00 Associates Committee Meeting **Exhibit Area**
 3:00 – 6:00 Exhibit Time
 3:00 Certification Meeting **Grandview**
 3:00 Industrial & Business Relations Committee
 Meeting **Grandview**
 4:00 Attitude Adjustment Hour **Exhibit Area**

5:00 – 7:00 Kids Pool/Pizza Party “Fun & Games”
 Carolyn Ashton, Peoria Co.
 Extension **Atrium**
 6:00 Dinner Sponsored by Agri Drain &
 ILICA **Atrium**
 6:15 – 7:15 “The Pride of Peoria Chorus”
 Tri-County Men’s Barber Shop Singers
 Entertainment – Silent Auction **Atrium**
 (50/50 drawing held)
 5:00 – 11:00 Associates Hospitality Rooms Open
Pool Side Rooms

SATURDAY JANUARY 17

7:30 Devotional Service **Fon du lac**
 8:00 Breakfast Buffett (door prize giveaway) Sponsored
 by Eastern Illinois Clay **Salon AC & E**
 8:30 – 10:00 Registration **Pre Convene Area**
 9:00 General Session Moderator – Ron Masching
Grandview
 9:00 – 11:45 Personal Protective Legislation and the
 Scope of the Laws – Ed Hertenstein, Asst. Professor
 Labor & Industrial Relations
 Break Sponsored by Port Industries
 10:30 Labor Law Issues continued
 10:45 – 11:45 Lunch Sponsored by Martin Equipment of Illinois and
 ILICA (New Members will be Recognized)
Salon AC & E
 1:00 – 4:00 Kids Program – In Play – Interactive Gaming
 for kids of all ages/Lakeview Museum
 2:00 Annual Business Meeting & Election of
 Officers **Grandview**
 5:00 Hospitality Hour (Cash Bar) **Salon BD & F**
 6:00 Awards Banquet Moderator – Jim Evans,
 State Conservation Engineer, NRCS
Salon BD & F
 8:00 Presidents Hospitality Room Open All Members
 Invited to Attend **Grandview**

LADIES PROGRAM

THURSDAY – JANUARY 15

9:00 Get Acquainted Coffee hosted by Ladies Committee
Fon du lac
 “The Bag Lady”, Kathy Schaeffer –
 knock off purses & jewelry

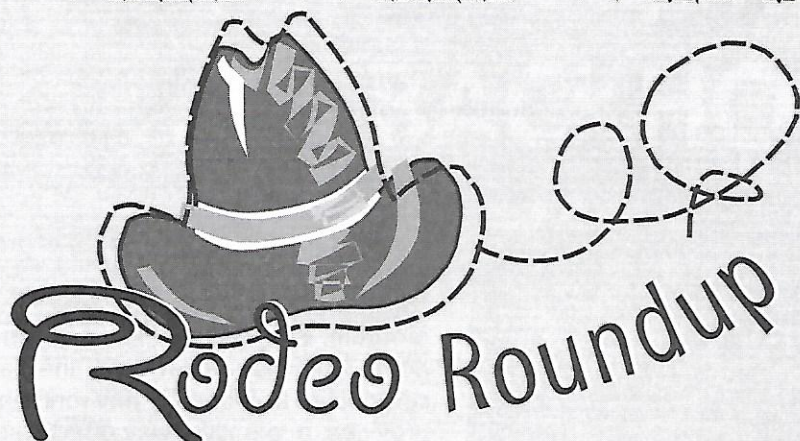
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7:30 Devotional Service **Fon du lac**
 9:00 Board Bus for tours
 9:15 Tour of Flanagan House (Oldest Single
 Residence in Peoria built in 1837)
 10:45 Lunch **Johnny’s Italian Steakhouse** –
 cooking demonstration– Nick Cox
 Sponsored by Advanced Drainage Systems
 12:00 Greetings from the Peoria CVB/Representative
 from Grand Prairie Shopping Mall – Goody
 Bags from Grand Prairie
 1:00 Ladies to shop at Grand Prairie Mall
 (more than 65 speciality stores & restaurants)
 Return to hotel

SATURDAY – JANUARY 17

9:00 Dr. Rebecca Knight “Osteoporosis” OSF,
 St. Francis Hospital **Fon du lac**
 10:00 “Experience Herbs” Kim St. John,
 Prairie Rivers RC&D
 2:00 Ladies Bingo **Fon du lac**

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Pre-Registration fee: (Must be received in our office by January 1, 2004)

Full Participation, three days

() Individual \$95.00 () Couple \$160.00 () Child under 12 \$50.00

Participation for one day

Thursday: () Individual \$45.00 () Couple \$70.00 () Child \$25.00

Friday: () Individual \$45.00 () Couple \$70.00 () Child \$25.00

Saturday: () Individual \$45.00 () Couple \$70.00 () Child \$25.00

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Participation for one day

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REGISTRATION POLICY

Only individuals registered & badged may attend convention events. The spouse/guest of a registrant need not register to share hotel accommodations, but must register if they wish to participate in the program. No registration may be processed without payment.

Cut off date for mail in registrations is
JANUARY 5, 2004

A \$20 processing fee will be charged for cancellations received by January 5, 2004. Cancellations after January 10, 2004 will be subject to a 50% reduction in refund. All requests must be in writing.

Registration fee is not tax deductible as a charitable contribution, but may be deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense. Consult your tax advisor.

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Pre-Registration Necessary	CHILDREN'S PROGRAM <input type="checkbox"/> I will attend _____ age	CHILDREN'S PROGRAM <input type="checkbox"/> I will attend _____ age

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MINIBULK TANK DISPOSAL PROGRAM COMPLETES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Program preparing for expansion

The Illinois Department of Agriculture, in conjunction with the Illinois Fertilizer Association and GROWMARK, collected 566 old pesticide mini-bulk tanks from agri-

chemical dealers and farmers in the month of September to be recycled.

The recycling program grew from one site in Jacksonville last year to two this fall; one in Ottawa and the other in Ellery, Illinois.

"For years, chemical dealers and farmers have placed hundreds of these tanks in temporary storage facilities because many landfills



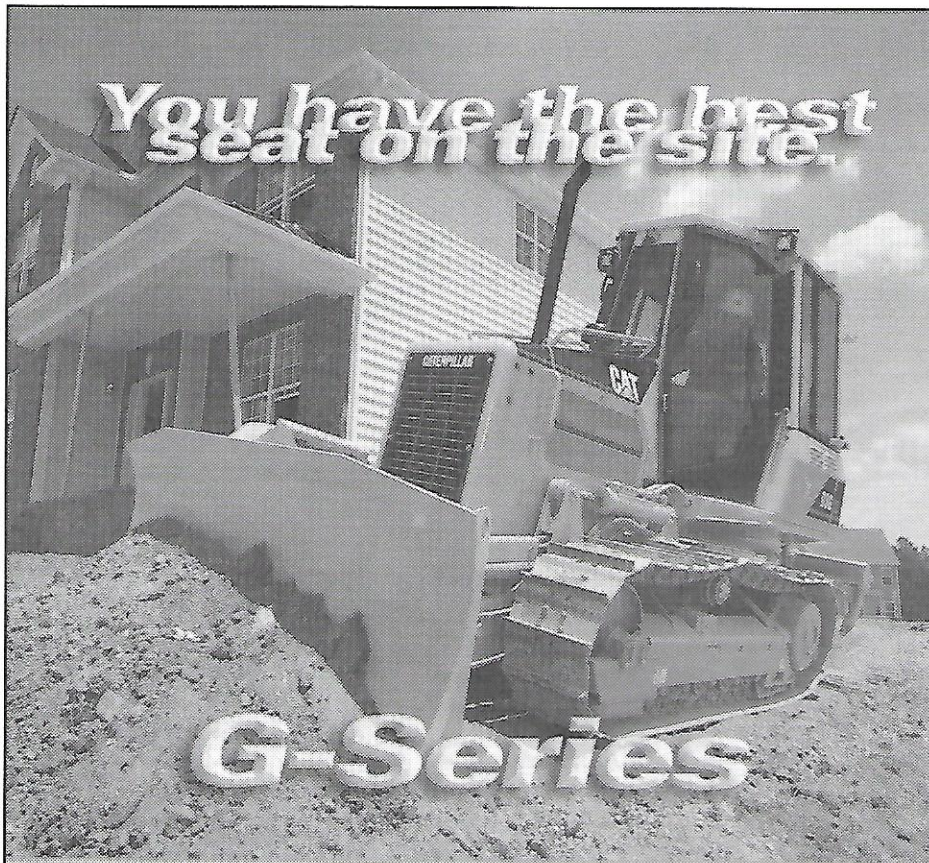
wouldn't accept them and there was no other means of disposal," Agriculture Director Chuck Hartke said. "This program is a win-win for everyone. It helps out the dealer and the farmer, contributes to a healthy environment and provides a creative way to re-use this plastic. In the future it might show up as fence posts, parking curbs and more."

At the earlier event in Ottawa, 29,850 lbs of plastic to be recycled while in Ellery, more than 36,000 lbs was collected. Agri-chemical dealers delivered clean, cut-up tanks to the location where IDOA and IFCA member volunteers inspected and loaded the tanks onto a semi truck. The material was delivered to Tri-Rinse in St Louis for recycling. By adding another pick up site this year to the program, an additional 200 mini-bulk tanks were collected.

"We hope to continue to grow the program to meet the demand," Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association Sr. Vice President Jean Trobec said. "Farmers and agri-chemical dealers traveled 50 to 100 miles to get rid of their tanks. Next year we're looking for new event locations and have already received several requests from dealers trying to bring it closer to their area."

Dealers pay \$10 per tank to get rid of them. The mini-bulk recycling program also receives financial support from agriculture chemical manufacturers including BASF, Bayer, DuPont, Dow AgroSciences, Monsanto and Syngenta, as well as the Illinois Council on Best Management Practices.

For more information on the mini-bulk recycling programs or to request a local site for your region, contact Jean Trobec, IFCA, at 309-827-2774.



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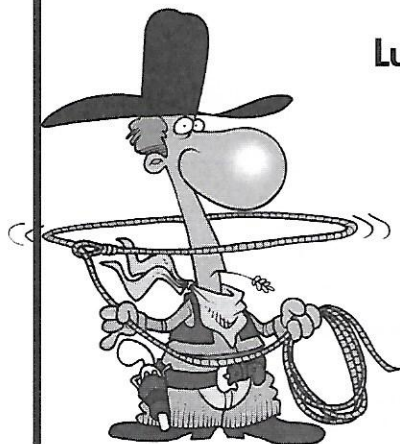
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STATE AGRICULTURE DIRECTOR REMINDS FARMERS TO SECURE STATE AND LOCAL OVERWEIGHT PERMITS FOR TWO-AXLE TRUCK

Farmers should be sure to have all their inspection paperwork and permits in order this harvest season, according to Illinois Director of Agriculture Chuck Hartke.

"Obviously, our farmers are very busy right now in the fields and on the roads," Hartke said. "But I want to get the message to farmers that if their trucks are not properly licensed they could be facing hefty fines."

The Illinois Vehicle Code, enforced by Illinois State Police, has set very specific weight restrictions on all commercial vehicles, including those used for farming. The only trucks that can apply for a weight exemption are two axle trucks. Those permits can be obtained through county offices or the Illinois Department of Transportation. The fee for the permit is \$5 for an axle weight less than 6,000 pounds and \$8 for an axle weight between 6,000 and 11,000 pounds. The permits allow two axle trucks to carry 35% more weight than the maximum. "Farmers need to be aware State Police are enforcing all weight regulations on Illinois roads," Department of Agriculture Weights and

Measures Program Manager Tad Tucker said. "Just recently a central Illinois farmer was stopped and ticketed for towing a wagon exceeding a gross weight of 70,000 pounds. The fine for that violation was in excess of \$10,000."

State Police officers are carrying certified portable scales to enforce weight laws. The only way for farmers to avoid a violation is to know the weight limits and follow the law. Weight limits and regulations can be obtained through any local drivers license facility or by contacting the Department of Transportation permit office at 217-782-6271.

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We urge you to register early; we must limit attendance. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to sharpen your skills as a contractor.

Sincerely,

Kent Mitchell/ Richard Cooke
Agricultural Engineer
University of Illinois

Jim Evans
State Engineer
NRCS-USDA

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8:30 Registration
9:00 Objectives of Workshop
9:15 Pond Construction - Jim Evans
10:00 Break
10:15 Pond Construction continued
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Construction Site Erosion Control - Mike Hirschi
2:00 Regulations and Basic Design
3:00 Break
3:15 Shop Safety/trenching Safety -
Bruce Mosier-Prins Insurance
4:00 JULIE Update - David Van Wy, JULIE Field Liason
5:00 Adjourn

February 12, 2003

8:00 Controlled Drainage - Dr. Richard Cooke
10:00 Break
11:00 Drainage Law - Jim Cottrell
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Certification Test - Review
3:00 Certification Test
4:00 Adjourn

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Registration Fees

By January 30, 2003
After January 30, 2003

ILICA Member

\$75
\$95

Non-Member

\$100
\$120

A notebook will be provided that includes considerable reference materials (\$100) including the Illinois Drainage Guide. Lunches and breaks are included in the registration fee.

Send names of participants and registrations fee by January 30, 2003 to:

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*I plan to take the
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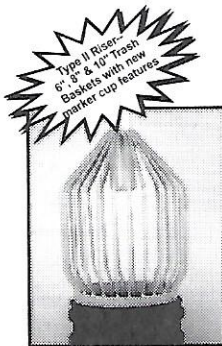
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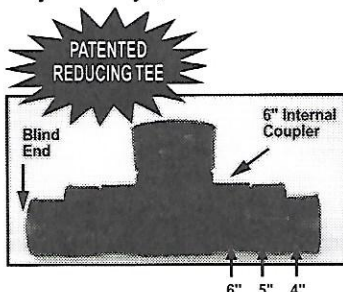
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2004 RAFFLE GUIDELINES

1. Ticket Price \$50.
2. Only 1500 tickets have been printed.
3. Tickets may not be discounted.
4. Tickets will be distributed through State Executive Directors.
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6. Tickets must be returned by Feb. 27, 2004 at convention.
7. As a sales incentive all state chapters will receive \$5.00 per ticket.

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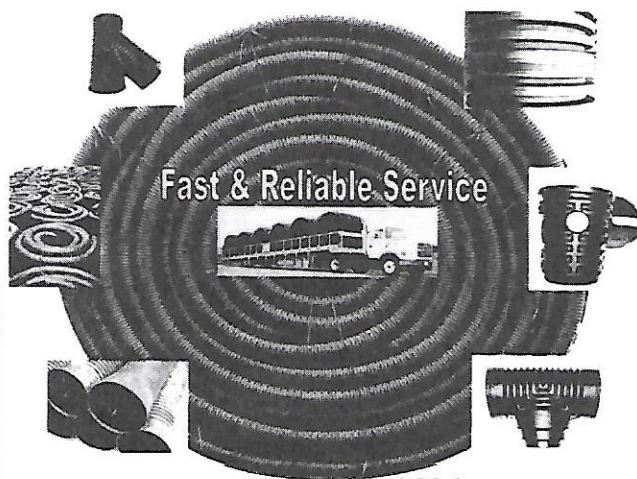
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Fuel permit Tax	Sales Taxes	Well Permit Tax
Gasoline Tax (42 cents per gallon)	Recreational Vehicle Tax	Workers Compensation Tax
Hunting License Tax	Road Toll Booth Taxes	
Inheritance Tax Interest expense (tax on money)	School Tax	
Inventory tax IRS Interest Charges (tax on top of tax)	State Income Tax	
	State Unemployment Tax(SUTA)	
	Telephone federal excise tax	

AUTO THEFT RISES FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The FBI Uniform Crime Reports found that motor vehicle thefts in 2001 were up 5.7 percent over 2000. They reported an estimated 1.2 million vehicle thefts in 2001. The nation's vehicle theft rate per 100,000 people was up 4.5 percent in 2001, marking the second consecutive year of increases in the auto theft rate following a ten-year decline.

Thieves target a wide range of popular passenger vehicles, with sport utility vehicles, (SUVs), pickup trucks, and mini-vans particularly attractive targets, according to a study conducted by the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB). One-third (17) of the top 50 most commonly stolen vehicles in 2001 were these types of vehicles.

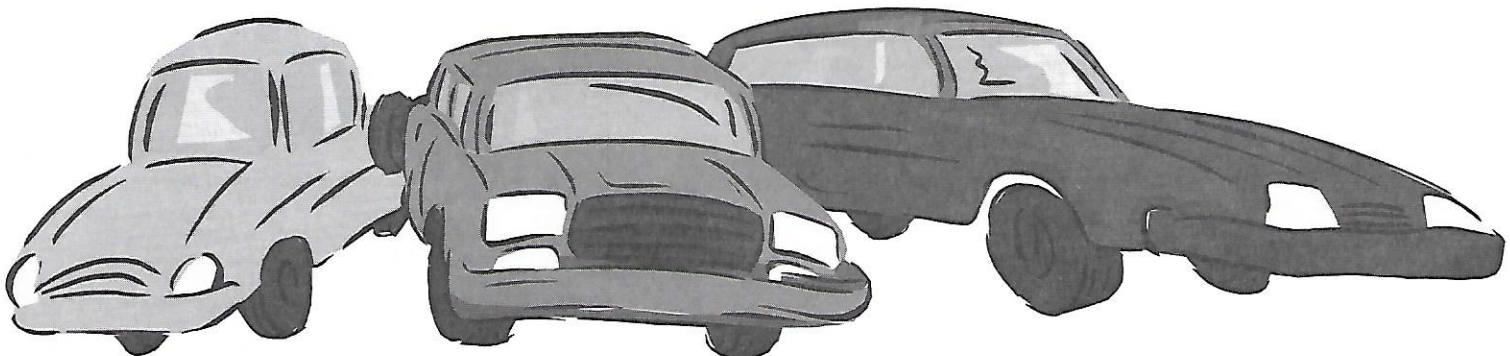
NICB said that the ten most commonly stolen vehicles

in the United States in 2001 were:

- Toyota Camry
- Honda Accord
- Honda Civic
- Oldsmobile Cutlass/Supreme/Ciera
- Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee
- Chevrolet Full Size C/K Pickup
- Toyota Corrola
- Ford Taurus
- Chevrolet Caprice
- Ford F150 Pickup

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AUTO ACCIDENTS

*Study shows fewer accidents,
more injury claims*

The frequency of auto accidents since 1980 has dropped by 16 percent. During the same period, however, the frequency of auto injury claims rose 26 percent. These findings are revealed in a study by the Insurance Research Council (IRC).

In 1980, property damage liability (PD) claim frequency rates, which approximate auto accident rates in the United States, were 4.94 per 100 insured cars. They declined to 4.13 per 100 insured cars in 2000. In contrast, the frequency of auto injury claims under the bodily injury liability (BI)

coverage were 0.88 per 100 insured cars in 1980 and reached a high of 1.22 per 100 insured cars in 1995 before gradually decreasing to 1.11 per 100 insured cars in 2000.

"The overall increase in auto injury claims coupled with declining accident rates suggests that people are more willing to file injury claims than they have been in the past, commented Elizabeth A. Sprinkel, senior vice president of the IRC. "One possible reason for the trend is that BI claims can include pain and suffering awards that are often several times greater than the amount of accident-related losses sustained by claimants. These large awards provide a significant incentive to file BI claims," Sprinkel said.

DROWSY DRIVERS

No one knows for sure whether there has been a rise in drowsy driving, but many transportation safety experts say they are increasingly aware and concerned about the problem, according to the New York Times. Estimates by a group of international transportation safety experts propose that as many as million accidents each year in this country-about 20 percent of the total-are related to driver fatigue.

Experts say the problem has grown for a number of reasons, including:

- the impact of 9/11-people are not flying as much and instead are driving long distances
- the increased use of medications
- an aging society
- undiagnosed or untreated sleep disorders
- jet-lagged drivers
- the need to work several jobs to support families
- long commutes

What are needed, officials agree, are surefire ways to detect drivers who are too tired to drive safely, effective ways to alert them to the fact, and a means to keep them awake or get them off the road before it is too late. As a result, researchers are developing a number of novel ways to detect sleepy drivers and warn them that they may fall asleep at the wheel. Various companies have produced more than 100 devices to detect drowsy driving, but none of them have been adequately tested for effectiveness and reliability.

I.B.M. has been working on a dashboard-mounted device that shoots a jet of cold water at sleepy drivers and, at the same time rolls down windows, sounds an alarm, and switches radio stations. The device detects drowsiness by asking the driver questions and monitoring the responses for speed and clarity. The company hopes to make the device an integral part of new cars within five years.

The problem is finding something that works reliably for everyone, or nearly everyone, in nearly every situation.



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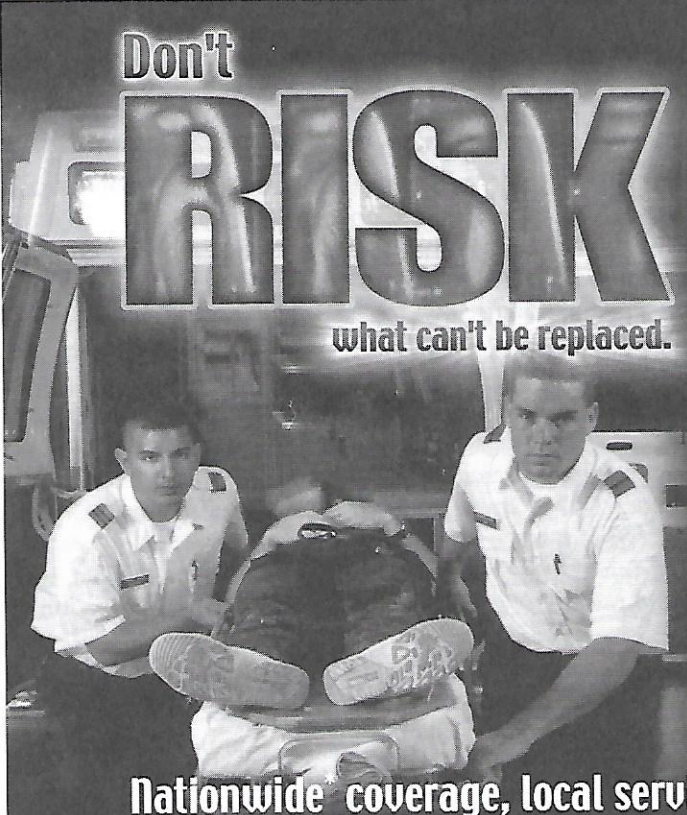
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TREASURY ISSUES GUIDELINES TO ALLOW GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN VEHICLE WRITE-OFF

One of the more perplexing sections of the IRS code for small businesses to navigate and understand is how and when to depreciate a vehicle that is used for business. One of the major determining factors of whether you can use a generous liberal standard of write-offs or the very restrictive rules that fall under Section 280F is if the Gross Vehicle Weight is over 6000 pounds. Generally, if a vehicle is over 6000 pounds the liberal rules apply; under, the restrictive rules are in control.

This summer, the Treasury Department issued regulations that took a step forward in making that determination less dependent on the 6000 pound test. Basically, the regulation says that if you buy a light truck or

van of any weight (presumably an SUV falls under this category) and make modifications that will render it fit for only business use, then you may use the more liberal write-off sections of the code.

What changes you would have to make is still a bit unclear, but outfitting the truck with racks, removing the right front seat, or installing specialized equipment in the back may all qualify.

Although the U.S. Chamber of Commerce appreciates the step forward the Treasury made in its release, it is not as far as they could or should have gone. Furthermore, legislative action is needed to address the complicated, convoluted nature of section 280F and its application to the business use of all vehicles. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is committed to working with Congress on a legislative fix that will allow businesses to write-off their vehicles on the basis of the percentage of business use and not the cost or weight of the vehicle.

(Source: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Report; August 21, 2003)



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GABBING WITH THE GALS...



Seems as if it has been ages since we visited with all of you; guess it must have been busy here, right? Am very happy to say that we did find a used IBM typewriter – found out that IBM quit making them in 1985! And this one is just like the one I have at home so am very much “at home” with it. These new technological ones are too much hassle for me since my idea has always been do it the shortest and easiest way, so didn’t care for the new ones where you have to depress first this key and that key to accomplish your purpose. And when there are different keys to be depressed according to what you hope to accomplish, how do you go about remembering all those keys? Seems that if something is simple anymore then it is of no use. Simple just went the way of convenience, a human voice, etc. Technology is good in many places, but there are places where it does not belong. So there.

With the new year upon us, maybe it is time to take stock and find out what we can do differently that will be good for us and all around us. No, not a New Year’s Resolution please, those are very seldom kept. But there is some breathing room between the Christmas rush and the ILICA convention and perhaps that will be the time to do this. Will share with you on of the birthday cards hubby Clyde received: on the front it said “Are you having another birthday?” and one the inside: “Weren’t you old enough last year?” The answer is of course, but how can you stop Father Time? We try, but the old codger just keeps on a-running and we have to try to keep up with it. Guess we’ll just keep on a-tryin’ on a day-to-day basis; don’t like to think of the alternative! According to someone named Alex Woolcott there is no such thing in anyone’s life as an unimportant day; as we grow older we understand this better. We could all probably think of one or two things important that happened each day if we just tried. That might possibly be a goal to try this year – to write down something important each day or more than one thing if that happens; keep for reference for that book you will write “someday”!

What do you do with all the mail you receive asking for donations? My name must be on everyone’s mailing list as this year probably half a dozen have been received that never appeared before. What with the government telling us that some of those “poor people” on the list were actually AlQuida people collecting, it makes one wonder where the money would go. Rather than take a chance, the waste basket receives them all except for the ones we know are bonafide, and have been for years. And we never return any calls on the phone that promise a prize, trip or whatever. One lady in a town not far from us received a call that she had won over \$90 thou and then asked her to send \$991 to help with the expenses of the prize. Duh! She was smart and could see

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- \$250 cash; 1/2 off the Lexington Winter Convention registration, and one free raffle ticket when you sign up 5-9 new contractor members.
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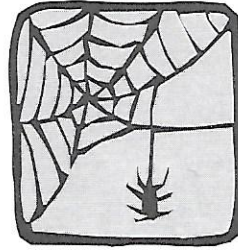
that it was a scam and acted as if she would do this. Then called a son who is in the justice department and they made arrangements to try to get a line on them to get them out of business. So don't know if that happened or not but the lady definitely did not send any money. So don't know if that happened or not but the lady definitely did not send any money. Beware of al calls, we have to have our brain in gear and recognize dishonesty when we hear it. I do believe also that every catalog company has obtained my address from some that I have ordered from. Even if you never order from them they still send them. Nowadays they are also relegated to the "burn bin" and this Christmas season they inundated us with them. It would cost a lot of postage to write and ask to be taken off the list and with no promise that it would be, so what is a person to do? Just burn burn burn I guess, right?

Well it seems that I will be able to make the convention this year and am really looking forward to it. Hope to see many of you and renew our friendships once again. Since we haven't (as of this writing) received much in the way of snow we hope it will not wait until the middle of January to visit us. But, it will take more than snow to stop us, won't it? Many would be disappointed to have to miss so we will take a more positive attitude and pretend it will not snow. We could repeat "it will not snow" as Dorothy did when she came home from the Land of Oz – "there's no place like home, there's no place like home." Today my surgeon released me from care and it is like "Hey, everyone, I'm free, I'm free!" To make a long story short, there was another surgery in June because Ramblin' Rose was ramblin' and had a bad fall which made the operation necessary. Still not 100% but probably as good as it will get. Use the cane most times but venture without it more and more. Sure helps when you are trying to put a meal on the table. Plus by the time you put the cane down it's not easy to remember just where you put it down and the it's "let's find the can time" again. I have been known to leave the house without it because of memory, so maybe that is a good sign.

The word for this issue is "unimportant". There is a book that has been out for some time titled "Don't sweat the little things" or something like that. Which is so true, because the little things seems to cause ulcers, stress, etc. However, our lives are probably full of unimportant things that we could get rid of (no, no Clyde, not you honey!) if we would obey Nike and just do it! This person has a bad habit of putting somethings aside with a promise to look at it again and decide if it is or is not important – Duh! – that time never comes, does it, and you're still stuck with it. So that is one thing to work on, deciding what is important and what is not. For me, the best place to start is a drawer in the kitchen that holds odds and ends of this and that, some of which no one knows even what the article is. Many people hate cleaning out drawers but that has always been fun to me. And you usually find something that has either been lost or you didn't realize was there – and then, of course, you will have to decide whether or not it is important or unimportant. Decisions, decisions!

Keep warm, decide what to do with the Christmas cards you received, look forward to convention and a great year wished to all from...

...Rambling Rose



FROM THE WEB

Since most of us are not very speedy, nor very accurate typists, there are short cuts we can use to express ourselves on the web. Here are a few:

Emotions (Hint: Look at them sideways!)

- :-) Happiness/Joking (a smile)
- ;-) Playfulness (wink)
- :-(Sadness
- :-O Surprise
- :-P Teasing (sticking out tongue)

Acronym Meanings

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- IMHO In My Humble Opinion
- IMNSHO In My Not So Humble Opinion
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STATE AG DIRECTOR INTRODUCES NEW ILLINOIS SPECIALTY CROPS LOGO; LOGO HIGHLIGHTS THE DIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS' AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

State Agriculture Director Chuck Hartke has introduced a new logo promoting Illinois specialty crops.

The sharp, full-color logo sports the slogan "Illinois: Where Fresh Is" and features a collection of produce grown in Illinois, including an apple, a cucumber, grapes, a peach, a pepper, a pumpkin, a tomato, an onion and a watermelon.

"Illinois agriculture is more than corn and soybeans," Hartke said. "We're certainly proud to be a leader in the production of those commodities.

But, Illinois' fertile soils and favorable climate also are suitable for growing a variety of other crops – everything from apples to wheat. This logo will raise consumer awareness about the diversity of our agricultural production and explain why Illinois is recognized as a world supplier of food."

Initially, the Illinois Department of Agriculture will provide the logo to specialty growers for use on packaging and in advertising. Ultimately, though, it hopes grocery stores will adopt the logo to identify sales space that has been devoted exclusively to Illinois produce.

"Proximity is a powerful marketing tool," Gib Frier, the department's bureau chief of Marketing and Promotion, said. "When given a choice, consumers prefer to buy



homegrown food, especially fruits and vegetables. The specialty crops logo will enable them to easily find and fill their shopping carts with fresh, wholesome, Illinois produce and support our farmers at the same time."

A similar branding program has been proven to increase sales of Illinois processed food products 20 percent when the items are identified on store shelves.

HIP Advertising of Springfield, IL, created the logo with funds from a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant. The grant also included \$60,000 for advertising to promote the use of Illinois specialty crops statewide.

Agriculture is Illinois' top industry, employing nearly a quarter of the state's workforce. Sales of farm commodities alone total more than \$7 billion annually.

While best known for growing corn and soybeans, Illinois is the largest producer of pumpkins in the nation and ranks among the top ten states in the production of other specialty crops such as asparagus, cauliflower, fresh cut herbs, green peas, lima beans, mustard greens and snap beans. It also is the eighth-leading producer of nursery and greenhouse crops with sales of \$300 million, according to the 1997 U.S. Census of Agriculture.

(Editor's note: a copy of the logo can be downloaded at the Illinois Department of Agriculture's website. The address is www.agr.state.il.us.)

FUNNIES

One afternoon a man came home from work to find total mayhem in his house. His three children were outside, still in their pajamas, playing in the mud, with empty food boxes and wrappers strewn all around the front yard. The door of his wife's car was open, as was the front door to the house.

Proceeding into the entry, he found an even bigger mess. A lamp had been knocked over, and the throw rug was wadded against one wall. In the front room the TV was loudly blaring a cartoon channel, and the family room was strewn with toys and various items of clothing. In the kitchen, dishes filled the sink, breakfast food was spilled on the counter, dog food was spilled on the floor, a broken glass lay under the table, and a small pile of sand was spread by the back door.

He quickly headed up the stairs, stepping over toys and more piles of clothes, looking for his wife. He was worried she may be ill, or that something serious had happened.

He found her lounging in the bedroom, still curled in the bed in her pajamas, reading a novel.

She looked up at him, smiled, and asked how his day went. He looked at her bewildered and asked, "What happened here today?"

She again smiled and answered, "You know every day when you come home from work and you ask me what in the world did I do today?"

"Yes" was his incredulous reply.

She answered, "Well, today I didn't do it."

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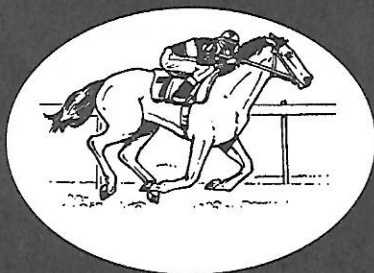
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7:15am - 7:45am	Devotions
8:00am - 8:45am	Opening General Session
9:00am	Awards Committee
9:00am - 10:00am	Seminar: OSHA Accident Investigation
9:00am - 10:00am	Executive Directors' Seminar: On-Line
9:15am - 10:15am	Seminar: Sub-Surface Drainage Water Management
9:15am - 10:15am	Seminar: Hitting the Road - Securing Equipment for Transport
10:30am - 11:30am	Seminar: OSHA Injury and Recordkeeping Requirements
10:30am - 11:30am	Seminar: Built to Move Mountains
10:30am - 11:30am	Ladies' Seminar: Handwriting Analysis
10:45am - 11:45am	Seminar: Criteria for Water Irrigation
10:45am - 11:45am	Seminar: The Contractor's "Net"
Noon - 1:30pm	John Deere Luncheon & Speaker
1:30pm - 4:30pm	Children's Visit to the Kentucky Horse Park
1:30pm - 4:00pm	Seminar: TSP's and the LICA Contractor
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Seminar: On The Road Again - DOT Regs
1:45pm - 2:45pm	Seminar: NPDES Stormwater Regulations
1:45pm - 2:45pm	Seminar: Employee Benefits: Contouring The Financial Landscape
3:00pm	Associates Advisory Committee
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Seminar: Tires - Tips on Selection & Maintenance
3:15pm - 4:15pm	Seminar: Advancements in the On-Site Waste Industry
3:15pm - 4:15pm	Seminar: Backfilling Trenches with Auger Tractors
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7:15am - 7:45am	Devotions
8:00am - Noon	Registration
8:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
8:00am - 11:30am	Exhibit Hall Open Door Prize Drawings Exhibitor Of The Year Award Ladies' Silent Auction for Scholarships Bill Esposito's Blood Drive
9:00am - 10:00am	Ladies' Business Meeting
9:00am - 10:00am	Executive Directors' Seminar: The Minutes as Printed And The Next Item of Business
10:00am - 11:30am	Ladies' Seminar: Clinique Makeup Demonstration
10:30am - 11:30am	Executive Directors' Seminar: The LICA Policy Handbook
1:30pm - 4:00pm	Children's Visit to the Lexington Children's Museum
1:30pm - 4:00pm	Seminar: Risk Management
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Seminar: GPS, GIS, and the LICA Contractor
1:45pm - 2:45pm	Seminar: The Future Isn't That Far Off!
1:45pm - 4:15pm	Seminar: Okay, I Have Turned It On ... Now What?
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Seminar: Equipment Maintenance - Pay Me Now or Pay Me More Later
3:15pm - 4:00pm	Nominating Committee Meeting
6:00pm - 10:00pm	Caterpillar President's Dinner at Keeneland Race Course A Visit From Etta May Kick Up Your Heels Dance



For a complete listing of class and tour descriptions, registration fees ...

Watch your mail for the November, December, or January issues of the *National LICA News*

Visit www.licanational.org where you can register for both the convention and your hotel room

Call Paul (270-274-3403) or Debbie (573-635-8694) and we'll mail you a full convention packet.



Two-Day Business Package

Friday, February 27, 2004

7:45am - 8:15am	Devotions
8:00am - 10:00am	Registration
8:15am - 9:45am	Devotions Committee
8:30am - 9:30am	Committee Meetings Legislative Past Presidents Water Table Management
10:00am - 11:00am	Committee Meetings By-Laws Conservation, Earthmoving & Excavation Safety Technology
11:30am - 12:30pm	Working Luncheon
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Committee Meetings: On-Site Waste Management Certification Long Term Planning Membership Insurance
2:30pm - 3:30pm	Committee Meetings: Policy Convention Education Public Relations
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Region Meetings

Saturday, February 28, 2004

7:15am - 7:45am	Devotions
7:30am - 9:30am	Executive Directors' Meeting & Breakfast
9:00am - 9:30am	Budget Committee Meeting
9:30am - 10:00am	Executive Committee Meeting
11:00am - Noon	Delegates' Meeting
2:00pm - 4:30pm	Children's Pool Party
2:00pm - 4:30pm	Board Meeting & Issues Session
6:00pm - 7:00pm	CNA Reception
7:00pm - 10:00pm	Awards Banquet

Registration Hours

Sunday, February 22, 2004 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Monday, February 23, 2004 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Tuesday, February 24, 2004 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Wednesday, February 25, 2004 - 7:00am - Noon

Thursday, February 26, 2004 - 8:00am - Noon

Friday, February 27, 2004 - 8:00am - 10:00am

Children's Packages

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

1:30pm - 4:30pm	Visit to the Kentucky Horse Park - The world's only theme park dedicated to the horse showcases two museums, galleries, farm exhibits and over 40 breeds of horses. And more ...
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Thursday, February 26, 2004

1:30pm - 4:00pm	Visit to the Lexington Children's Museum - A fun, hands-on discovery center and educational museum housed in a restored 19th century commercial building, with more than 100 exhibits. And more ...
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Saturday, February 28, 2004

2:00pm - 4:30pm	Children's Pool Party - Don't forget to bring your swimsuit!
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Ladies Program

Ladies: You are invited to attend any and all meetings, but the following sessions have been designed just for you!

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

10:30am - 11:30am	Ladies' Seminar: Handwriting Analysis - what does your signature really say about you?
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Thursday, February 26, 2004

9:00am - 10:00am	Ladies' Business Meeting
10:00am - 11:30am	Ladies' Seminar: Clinique Makeup Demonstration - learn how makeup has changed since high school!

Don't forget to visit the Ladies Committee's Silent Auction in the Exhibit Hall or all the wonderful shops surrounding the hotel!

Pre-Tour Packages

Monday, February 23, 2004

8:00am - 5:00pm	Linkbelt & Caterpillar Tour Get an up-close and personal tour of the LinkBelt large crane manufacturing facility, followed by a look at how Caterpillar assembles its undercarriage parts for distribution around the world.
8:00am - 5:00pm	Glass and Bats Tour Here's your chance to watch true artists create the mystery of a fine glasswok and the outstanding performance of the Official Bat of Major League Baseball - the Louisville Slugger!

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

8:00am - 5:00pm	Horses, Hooch & History Tour On this tour, you will get a behind-the-scenes look at what makes Kentucky truly special ... the horses, the bluegrass, the history and yes, even the hooch! We'll tour the Keeneland Race Course and see the Donamire Horse Farm. If the weather is favorable, we'll even get to watch some morning workouts for the horses. Then, it's off to Buffalo Trace Distillery, the first US Distillery to win the coveted "Distillery of the Year Award". You will see the process of making bourbon and even get a free sample taste! From the distillery it's on to visit the grave site of the most famous pioneer of all time, Daniel Boone!
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CONVENTION REGISTRATION

53rd Annual LICA Winter Convention
Hyatt Regency • Lexington, KY • February 23 - 28, 2004

Contact Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____ City, State & Zip: _____

Phone/Day: _____ Phone/Evening: _____

	DISCOUNT REGISTRATION Postmarked by December 31, 2003			GENERAL REGISTRATION Postmarked after December 31, 2003		
	Education Package	Business Package	Full Convention	Education Package	Business Package	Full Convention
MEMB: Contractors, Spouse, Associates, Government Employee, Consultants	\$ 175.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 280.00
YOUTH: 13-15 years of age	\$ 110.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 180.00
CHILD: 12 years and under (Children 3 years and under are free.)	\$ 70.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 140.00
NON-MEMBER (Note: \$40 may be applied toward membership)	\$ 200.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 320.00

PRINT NAMES FOR NAME BADGES	COMPLETE FOR CHILDREN	First Timer?	TOTAL
	YOUTH: age ____ CHILD: age ____		
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Total Tour Registration (Please complete the Tour Registration Form and send it with this form)			\$

TOTAL TOUR AND CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEES: \$

PAYMENT METHODS		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check made payable to LICA	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card	Expiration Date:
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	Visa#	

TOUR REGISTRATION**53rd Annual LICA Winter Convention****Hyatt Regency • Lexington, KY • February 23 - 28, 2004**

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Note: Departure times are tentative. Check your program upon arrival.

DATE	NAME(S) (Please Print)	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Monday, February 23, 2004			
Linkbelt & Caterpillar Factories (8:00am - 5:00pm)		\$ 50 each	\$
Glass and Bats Tour (8:00am - 5:00pm)		\$ 55 each	\$
Tuesday, February 24, 2004			
Horses, Hooch, & History (8:00am - 5:00pm)		\$ 55 each	\$
Wednesday, February 25, 2004			
Children's Horse Park Tour (1:30pm - 4:30pm)		FREE	\$
Thursday, February 26, 2004			
Children's Museum Tour (1:30pm - 4:30pm)		FREE	
TOTAL TOUR REGISTRATION			\$

Please return this registration form to:

LICA Convention Account • 1101 West High Street • Jefferson City, MO 65109
 Questions: Call Debbie Dickens (573/635-8694; Fax: 573/761-0375; E-mail: MLICA@aol.com)

To register additional attendees, please copy this form.**Registration & Cancellation 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. A \$30 processing fee will be incurred on cancellations received prior to February 13, 2004. No registration refunds will be available after February 13, 2004. Meals will be on an "availability basis" for on-site registrations. Registration fee deadlines will be strictly enforced.

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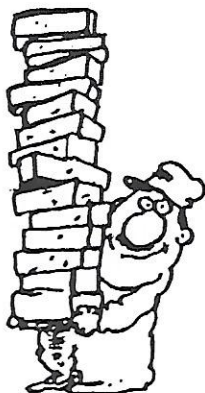
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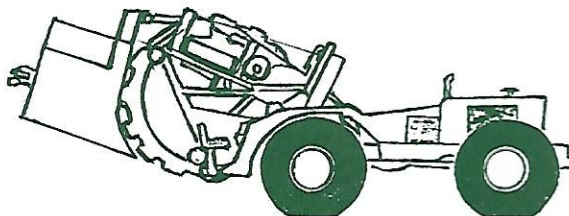
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