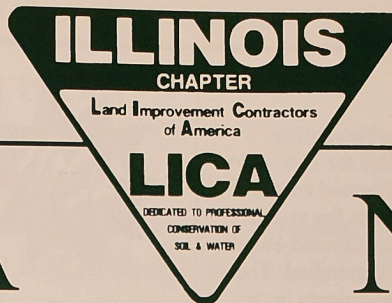




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and ILICA Exec. Secretary with Clyde Day, ILICA
President, 1966-67, at the 1968 state convention

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CAPITOL NEWS

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced in November 2006 that he has nominated seven projects in Illinois for U.S. EPA Targeted Watersheds Grant Program. Projects nominated by the Governor will help improve waterways quality across the state, from the South Branch of the Chicago River, to the Kincaid-Reeds Creek in Jackson County, to the Mackinaw River Watershed. The U.S. EPA is expected to announce the final grant recipients in the Spring of 2007.

"One of the best things we can do for future generations is to help make sure the water flowing through our rivers and lakes is clean and safe. I've worked hard in Illinois to improve the quality of our waterways - from reducing mercury emissions to funding restoration projects in our lakes and streams. But we can't do it alone - we need partners at the local level who are also committed to protecting their water sources and making them last for years to come. The seven projects we're nominating for federal funding are all doing just that," said Governor Blagojevich.

The Targeted Watersheds Grant Program is designed to further protect and restore the country's waterways through community-based approaches and activities specifically to help local water resources. For 2006, U.S. EPA will award up to \$16 million to as many as 20 of the nation's outstanding watershed practitioners, to help fund various projects like wetland restoration, and infrastructure development and expansion projects.



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The Stoney Creek Inn is a beautiful new hotel just across the street from the John Deere Commons and Pavilion in Moline Illinois. John Deere is hosting the pre-conference tours on Wednesday, January 17th as well as providing dinner that evening at their corporate headquarters. The education committee has developed several educational sessions that will appeal to almost every business person and the auction is Thursday evening, which is always a good time. An exciting Ladies program is set for Friday, January 19th with our Awards Banquet that evening.

There will be a historical display with scrapbooks and other documents from years past, close to a comfortable seating area made for reminiscing. To celebrate our 50th Anniversary, we've invited past members that have been instrumental in creating and maintaining the high level of professionalism that Illinois LICA has become synonymous with over the last 50 years.

We hope our past presidents, founding members and all those that have dedicated years of service to the betterment of this organization will try to attend to help celebrate this milestone in our history.

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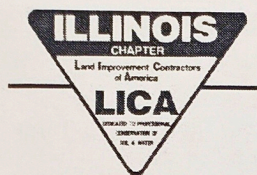
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The wise man in the storm
prays to God, not for safety
from danger, but for deliverance
from fear. It is the storm
within that endangers him, not
the storm without.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson ~

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and unknowingly pass the land by.
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the deciding factor of his survival.

Meeting Notice

ILICA Board Meeting

Stoney Creek Inn
Thurs, January 18, 2007
1:15 PM—Green Acres Room

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ILICA Annual Business Meeting

Stoney Creek Inn
Friday, January 19, 2007
9:00 AM—Black Hawk Room



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings From Stark County,

I believe this will be my last message as your president of ILICA. It has definitely been 2 very challenging years! We've been through a tremendous amount of turmoil lately, but I think we all will learn

something from it.

I would like to wish our new Executive Director/Executive Secretary, Janet Burtle-Doubet, the very best of success in her new position. She brings us a very bright future outlook. She will be accessible to anyone, and will do everything she can to better our organization. In her short 2+ months, she has already started the transition to get ILICA back on the right track.

I want to thank everyone who helped in anyway to keep ILICA going. The committees worked well to plan our various events. It is vitally important to keep the committee structure strong. It requires a commitment of time from everyone, but if you don't spend some time helping this organization, you will not receive any benefits. Again, THANKS to everyone for their time.

I am glad to see some new opportunities for ILICA. We have an excellent relationship with Progress City and Brush College for future shows and possible tours. We have opened up a new funding source for shows with Illinois EPA. We have two or three possible show sites. Also, the insurance program is growing. I know the insurance pool will grow with Janet at the helm. Our certification program is being looked at by National LICA, and Illinois will have a huge impact on the National program. This is just a small sample of what's going on in Illinois. Keep up the good work!!

I want to wish Bill Dean much success as your next President. I'm sure he will do his best to keep the best interest of all our members in mind with his leadership.

It's been a bumpy ride for my 2 terms, but the highway has been "repaved". Things will go much better now with our new ED. I again want to say Thank You to all members and associates for their continued support of ILICA. Everyone has been great to work with. I am so proud to have served you all in this capacity.

Now, join us in Moline, IL for our 50th year kickoff convention January 17 - 20, 2007. A great time will be had by all!!

Take Care and Work Safe!

Joe



New Members

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Thank You

2006 CONSERVATION EXPO

Progress City USA, Decatur Illinois—Permanent Home of the Illinois Farm Progress Show

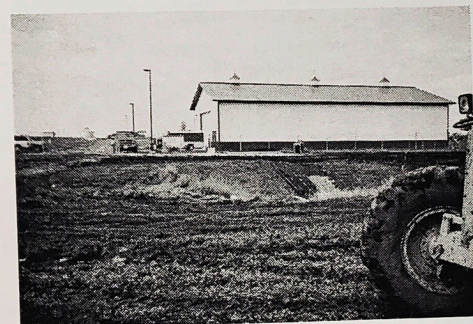


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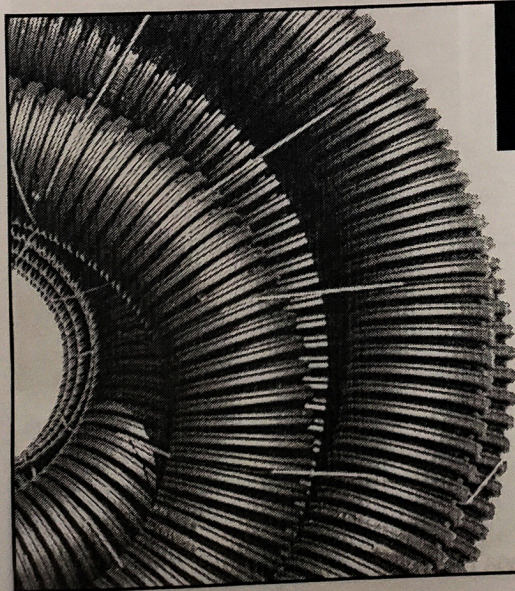
the most current best management practices in drainage and erosion control to land improvement contractors and landowners, and facilitate the means for U of I professors to test a water treatment practice called a bioreactor, which uses buried wood chips to naturally break down nitrates in farm field drainage water before it reaches a surface water body. The show dates were August 29 – 31, 2006 and the practices included the implementation of conventional and satellite-linked water control structures, grassed waterways, block chute construction, sub-surface drainage, armor-loc and armor-flex erosion control installation, gabion mattress installation, waterway diversions and hydro-seeding technique. Many of our Associate members generously donated material or the use of equipment to support this event to help make it a success. Two trench-type bioreactors, as well as a 20' x 20' experimental pit design bioreactor were installed under the direction of University of Illinois professor, Dr. Richard Cooke. Dr. Cooke will monitor the water quality through a series of access tubes in each bioreactor.



The 2006 Expo was held on 40 acres of property adjacent to Progress City USA and Richland Community College campus in Decatur, Illinois. Approximately 20 acres of this area is frequently used for parking during the Farm Progress Show and other events at Progress City USA as well as being farmed for hay. The remaining acreage is allocated for handling the runoff water shed from parking at Richland Community College and the surrounding farm ground. The original land improvement done for the Farm Progress Show at Progress City USA had provided minimal erosion control. This created the opportunity for the Conservation Expo to improve the quality of water leaving the show site and entering Lake Decatur, just a few miles away. The Progress City



USA site had the additional resources of electric hookups, restroom facilities and a large building that was used for meals and show headquarters, which made the Expo possible, even with the wet weather conditions that were encountered all 3 days. See more pictures of the 2006 Conservation Expo on page 6 & 7.



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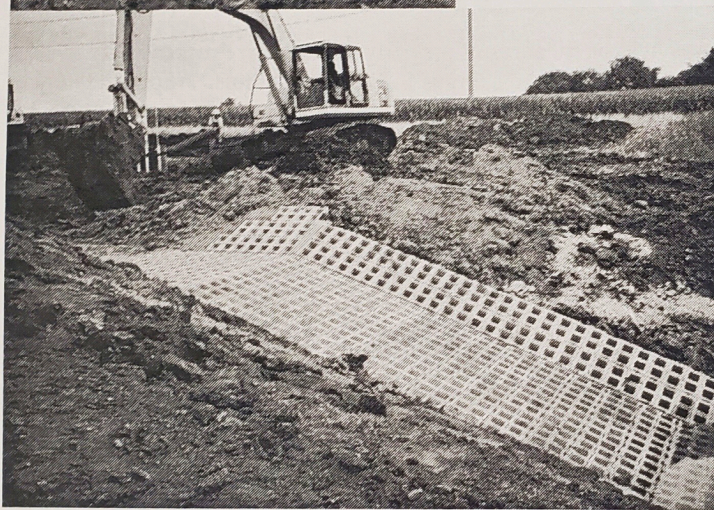
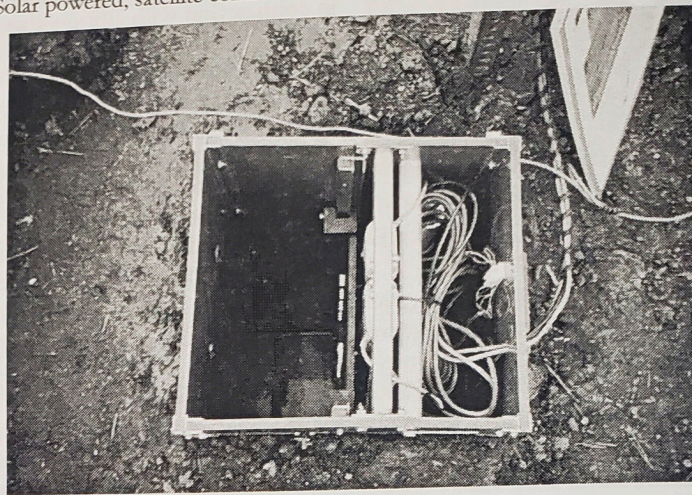
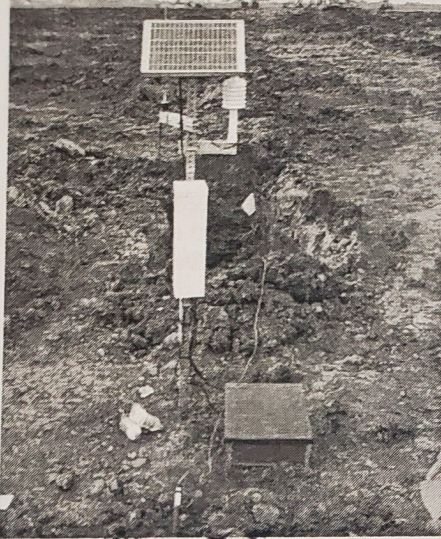


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2006 CONSERVATION EXPO SHOW PICTURES

Solar powered, satellite controlled water control structure with interior detail shown below.



Block Chute (above) Armor Lock block and hydro-seeding (below)

Water quality testing access tubes throughout experimental Bioreactor (above)

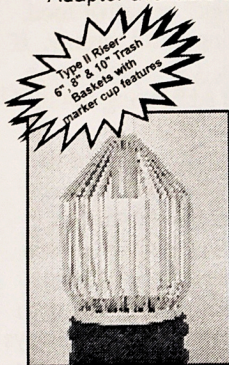


Gabion Mattress installation

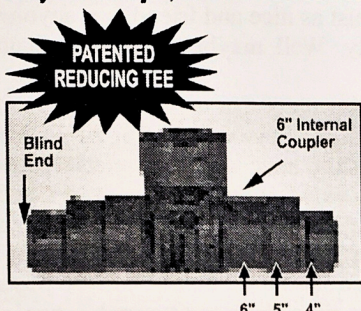
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2006 CONSERVATION EXPO SHOW PICTURES (CONTINUED)



From Top left to Bottom right
Several volunteers enjoying the breakfast
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Ron Schlatter enjoying a watermelon he
found growing in his tiling route

Cindy Laegeler, Chief Operating Officer
of Progress City USA with ILICA mem-
ber Stan SeEVERS

Volunteers line up for a hot lunch



GABBING WITH THE GALS



Sometimes this person feels like what you see on television now and then, where someone looks up from a newspaper or something and says, "Well, hello there!" as if it were a big surprise. So I won't go that route, but its fun to be talking with you once again. Where 2006 has gone no one will ever know, but that doggoned little Mr. New Year is on his way and happy as a lark. Hmm...wonder how that phrase became popular and why? I have looked in my book of phrases but it isn't one of them. Here is one though, that seemed interesting: You've no doubt heard someone called a "High Muckety-Muck." When traced to its roots it meant simply "A person who has plenty to eat." Seems the Europeans learned it from trying to understand the

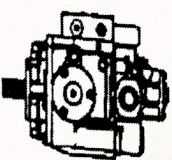
jargon of American Indians. When things were scarce, only chieftains and their families had enough "muck-a-muck" or native food. And so the notion became that you are a high "muckety-muck" when you are someone important, rather than having a full tummy. If your experience is similar to mine, there are many affluent people who are just as nice and friendly as anyone else. Of course, some of them flaunt their standing in life, but I'll take a bet they aren't the majority. Well, maybe this gal has given you something to talk about at coffee at least.

My heartfelt "Thanks" to all of you out there who came to the 80th birthday party that my children gave for me. It was great to see so many since it's been a while since I have been to a meeting or convention. Several called or wrote that they had other plans that day and that is understood. We all get so busy sometimes that if you wish to have an outing or celebration you have to pick a date and go with it. So thanks for contacting me; it is appreciated. It was so wonderful to see Faye and Leo Shaw as they have been absent from meetings etc., as much as this gal. We had a great visit; they both look hale and hearty so that was reassuring. When Father Time goes down the road he takes a lot of us with him. A friend from Missouri sent me a poem about becoming 80, talking to the Lord and asking to be here at 81, 82, etc., which was very amusing. I also saw this little blurb in the paper recently; "I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one." My long-time girlfriend through school who is my age wrote that it seems to her there are a lot of people our age around. It is a feeling you can't express as it just doesn't compute, you know? We used to think anyone my age was dotty or sitting in a wheelchair. We have a member of my church here who went rafting in Colorado when she was either 90 or close to it. They say age is all in the mind but this gal has found out that your body has the last word. As another person said, "My reality check just bounced."

Well, I have lived long enough to outlast my CD player, as it gave up the ghost recently and has been replaced. Have not had the occasion to check it out—one of those who must read the directions first—but one of these days I shall have music again. Not too long ago someone mentioned that 8-track tape players weren't around anymore, but this gal has one and it still works. After playing one of those tapes then putting on a CD you realize how short a time the 8-track tape plays. Music and books are my two most delightful things; no one can buy me a book because I read so many they wouldn't know what to buy. Crossword puzzles are worked too, but not as important as music and books. A lot of my music gives many memories—USO dances, jitterbugging and having a great old time. In fact, the best compliment ever given to me was an Airman who was enjoying sitting one out with me and he was great company. He said, "Rose, life with you would never be dull." Whether or not that was true it meant a lot to me. My penchant for relating a short joke or poem seems to pep people up and I love both. You might be interested in the limerick I wrote about myself for the party. It went; There was a "young" lady from Gibson, not beautiful, not tall, nor winsome; When her 80th came around, SHE made not a sound; but her children did, AND THEN SOME!!

Please have a great Winter, and don't worry, Spring and Summer will be right on their watch. Remember the song "Enjoy Yourself, it's later than you think." ~ I still hope to see you one of these days...walker and all.

..... Rambling Rose

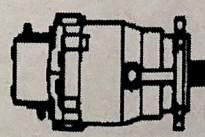


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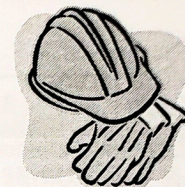
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- Make sure you have a field sketch or if one was left at the job site.

If you do not have what is listed above, do not leave the shop. See your supervisor.

ON THE JOB SITE

PRE-SURVEY (CHECKING FOR LOCATES)

- Check for field sketch.
- Check for all facility marks on ground.
 - Verify all service feeds from buildings and/or homes and that they have been located and/or that they are aerial.
 - Draw a sketch of the marked facilities for future use.
 - Check for any visible signs of pedestal, riser, new trench lines that may have been missed in your dig area.
 - Check to make sure that dig area is defined and is the same on locate sketch when possible.
 - Check for any private facilities not located. If they are not located, locate them or contact someone to get them located for you.
 - If there are high priority facilities in your dig area, make sure facility owner/locator is on the job site and/or has been contacted for advice.

If lines are not located completely, consult locate card and contact responsible party.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE UTILITIES

- Ask for assistance from homeowner, utilize locating equipment and use common sense.
- Locate septic lines.
- Locate water yard lines
- Locate private power lines to sheds, wells, invisible fences, etc.
- Locate private gas or propane lines.
- Locate sprinkler lines, heads and drip systems
- Draw a sketch of locations for all private facilities on the job site.
- Locate telecommunication cables (TV, Telephone, Fiber Optics, etc.)

PLEASE DIG SAFELY

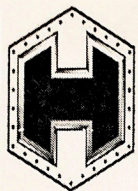
As an excavator, you are responsible for verifying that all facilities within the dig area have been located. You are responsible for locating all private and public facilities. Have the homeowner assist you if necessary.

EXCAVATING

- If paralleling or working on a critical or high priority line, pot hole or use locating equipment to expose and verify location and depth of facility every 100 ft.
- Hand dig within 24 inches (or as required in your state) of lines, peds, pole risers, meters or other structures.
- Bore away from facilities.
- Verify depth of any facilities boring across, change route or depth as required, notify supervisor
- Do not place excavated dirt on locate marks, flags, whiskers, etc.

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JULIE, Inc. encourages IL-LICA members interested in attending one of the meetings to register as soon as possible via the JULIE Web site (www.illinois1call.com). Seating is limited at all locations and no walk-in attendees will be accepted. For IL-LICA members who have attended Excavator Safety Meetings in the past, please note there have been several location changes.

2007 DATES AND LOCATIONS

JANUARY

- 09th **DECATUR**—Holiday Inn - 4191 W U.S. Hwy 36
- 11th **MUNDELEIN**—Crown Plaza North - 510 E Rt. 83
- 12th **URBANA**—Holiday Inn - 1001 Killarney St.
- 16th **OLNEY**—Ty's Family Buffet - 1065 Main St.
- 17th **LISLE**—Hilton Lisle - 3003 Corporate West Dr.
- 18th **LASALLE**—Celebrations 150 - 740 East Rt. 6
- 24th **ALSIP**—Doubletree Hotel - 5000 W 127th St.
- 25th **QUINCY**—Holiday Inn - 201 South 3rd St.
- 26th **MARION**—Knights of Columbus, 1084 Columbus Dr.
- 31st **ROCK FALLS**—Holiday Inn - 2105 First Avenue South

FEBRUARY

- 01st **MT. VERNON**—Holiday Inn - 222 Potomac Blvd.
- 02nd **ROCKFORD**—Giovanni's - 610 North Bell School Rd.
- 07th **MOLINE**—Mark of the Quad Cities, 1201 River Dr.
- 08th **ALTON**—Holiday Inn - 3800 Homer Adams Prk.
- 09th **COLLINSVILLE**—Holiday Inn, 1000 Eastport Plaza Dr.
- 14th **STREAMWOOD**—The Seville - 700 Barrington Rd.
- 15th **EFFINGHAM**—Thelma Keller Cntr - 1202 N Keller Dr.
- 16th **EAST PEORIA**—Par-A-Dice Casino - 21 Blackjack Blvd.
- 22nd **KANKAKEE**—Hilton Garden Inn - 455 Riverstone Prk.
- 23rd **JOLIET**—Holiday Inn - I-80 and Larkin Ave.
- 27th **SPRINGFIELD**—Northfield Inn & Suites, 3280 Northfield Dr.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Happy New Year to All ~

I would first like to thank everyone that has been so helpful to me as I begin my tenure as Executive Director and Secretary for Illinois LICA. Each of you have made my transition into this position easier with every phone call and/or email. I am honored to represent this fine organization and promise to do my best to exhibit the professionalism and knowledge that ILICA characterizes.

For those of you that don't know me, my name is Janet Doubet and I've spend the last 25 years working in various secretarial and accounting capacities with companies from Springfield to Peoria. During those experiences, I also became familiar with several computer applications that help me complete and track the business aspects of Illinois LICA. My familiarity with ILICA has grown over the last few years as Bill, my husband, has become very active on the show committee and with the Conservation Expo's. I had the opportunity to help him with the 2006 Expo in Decatur as Melanie was on maternity leave. I learned a great deal by spending those three days helping where I could and watching the variety of ILICA members work in rain and mud to greatly improve the permanent site of the Illinois Farm Progress Show. The dedication and expertise I witnessed in every person volunteering at the 2006 Expo is a testament to the high caliber of people involved in ILICA and the reason ILICA will grow and excel in its 2nd 50 years. I am thrilled to be a part of this exciting time in our history and I am dedicated to serving this organization to the best of my abilities.

My first few months have been spent updating contact and distribution lists, finalizing our January Convention and Workshop plans, sending out dues notices and generally becoming familiar with the many facets of my position. I have much more to learn and even more offers of help, as I continue to gain ground on immediate deadlines and move toward proactive management and long term planning for building membership and nurturing the partnerships with Illinois agencies, universities and other businesses with whom ILICA has a rich and long standing relationship.

I hope to meet many of you at Stoney Creek during our January Convention or at the Workshop in Springfield. I would also encourage you to contact me with any questions, complaints, suggestions or comments and to bear with me as I continue to learn my responsibilities. Thank you all for your support and I look forward to meeting each of you.

Sincerely ~ Janet Burtle-Doubet

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The 2007 Workshop and Certification Review and Test have been scheduled for January 30—31, 2007 at the Route 66 Hotel in Springfield Illinois. You are invited to attend this workshop which has been designed to address issues that every land improvement contractor faces in their day to day operations. The agenda is below for your review and the registration form is on the following page. Please return your registration form, listing all attendees if possible, before January 20th. Continuing Education Credits (CECs) are given for participation.

Some sessions will also apply to field crew issues so you are encouraged to send additional employees from your company at a discounted rate. The individual pricing is \$100 for ILICA members, who may bring additional staff for \$85 each; \$125 for non members who may bring additional staff for \$110 each. Forms for ordering the IDOT Road and Bridge Standards manuals will be available at the workshop for anyone who would like to order one. ILICA Certification review and testing is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon for those interested. You must have 8 CEC's biannually to maintain your certification status. Please note certification pricing listed on the next page.

Tuesday, January 30, 2007 [Breaks & Lunch provided]

- 9:00 AM Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan—Erosion Control on Projects
(Tim McMahon & Shannon Allen, Accredited in SWPPP)
[When and where are permits required; who is responsible for obtaining and maintaining those permits]
- 1:00 PM Competent Person Awareness
(Pam Hughes, Certified Competent Person Awareness Trainer—General Casualty Insurance)
[Does your company have a competent person on site?]

Wednesday, January 31, 2007 [Breaks & Lunch provided]

- 8:30 AM Reading and Understanding Site Plans—including IDOT Road and Bridge Standards
(Kevin Burke, Bureau Chief, IDOT Bureau of Local Roads and Streets)
- 1:00 PM JULIE Update—with Q & A Session following
(Ray Muhs)
- 2:00 PM Presentation of Attendance Certificates
- 2:15 PM Illinois LICA Certification Review & Testing
(Kent Mitchell & Dave Hurst)

Contact the Route 66 Hotel at (217) 529-6626 if you require overnight accommodations.
Be sure to mention ILICA to receive our guaranteed room rate of \$59.

Registration Required

Classroom is limited to 150 participants. First 150 registrations will be honored.
Please return enclosed registration form before January 20, 2007 to:

Contact Janet Doubet, Executive Director Illinois LICA at
(309) 639-2015 or via email at diggin@winco.net with
any questions regarding this information.

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Williamsfield, IL 61489

Yes, I will attend the 2007 Annual Workshop and/or Certification Review and Testing program.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State _____

Company Name: _____

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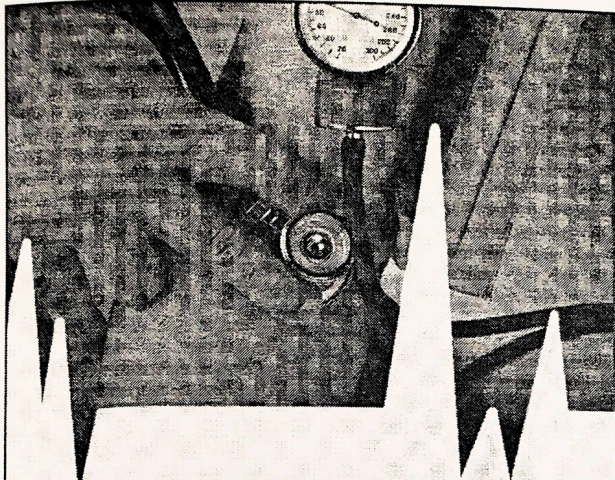
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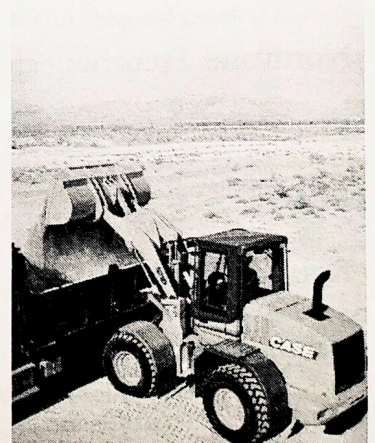
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The committee structure of Illinois LICA is an integral part of every function, goal and service we provide. Committees are the driving force behind every convention, workshop, expo or membership drive and one of the reasons we are celebrating 50 years of success at the January 2007 Convention. If you are interested in becoming involved in one of the committees listed on page 14, please let your Area Director or any member of the Executive Committee know. Our committees will be determined the Annual Business Meeting on January 19th in Moline, Illinois.

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2007 50th Annual ILICA Convention

January 17—20, 2007

Stoney Creek Inn

Moline, Illinois

2007 Annual Workshop & Certification

January 30—31, 2007

Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center

Springfield, Illinois

National LICA Winter Convention 2007

February 12—17, 2007

The Radisson Worldgate Resort

Orlando, Florida

National

Iowa 2007 Winter Convention

Des Moines, IA

Contact Dan Rasmussen at 319-334-9884 for more info

Wisconsin 2007 Winter Convention

January 10-12, 2007

Madison, WI

Contact Shirley Mueller at 920-833-6493 for more info

Missouri 2007 Winter Convention

January 12-13, 2007

Lake Ozark, MO

Contact Debbie Dickens at 573-634-3001 for more info

Michigan 2007 Winter Convention

January 15-17, 2007

Lansing, MI

Contact Larry Holz at 810-667-4753 for more info

Minnesota 2007 Winter Convention

January 16-18, 2007

Mankato, MN

Contact Jan Loken at 507-446-8478 for more info

2007 Illinois Farm Progress Show

August 28-30, 2007

Decatur, Illinois

2007 ILLINOIS LICA ANNUAL CONVENTION JANUARY 17—20, 2007—STONEY CREEK INN—MOLINE, IL

Wednesday, January 17th

8:00 AM—Davenport John Deere General Works and Harvester Works Tour
1:00 PM—Founding & Past Members Social Time
3:00 PM—Budget Committee Meeting
6:00 PM—John Deere Corp hosted dinner
8:00 PM—Convention Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 18th

8:00 AM—Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 AM—Educational Program—IDOT Regulations & Updates: How Legal are You?
9:00 AM—3:00 PM—Exhibitor Set up
10:00 AM—Educational Program—OSHA 101 Most Frequently Sited Violations and How to Handle a Surprise Inspection.
12:00—Lunch
1:15 PM—Board of Directors Meeting
3:00—6:30 PM—Exhibits Open
3:30 PM—Break /Coffee
5:30 PM—Hospitality Hour
6:30 PM—Dinner, Convention Chair Welcome
7:45 PM—Auction
9:00 PM—Associates Hospitality Rooms Open

Friday, January 19th

7:30 AM—Devotional Service
8:00 AM—Breakfast
8:00 to 11:00 AM—Registration Open
8:00 AM to 3:00 PM—Exhibits Open
9:00 AM—Annual Business Meeting & Election of Officers
10:00 to 11:00 AM—Associates Meeting
12:00—Lunch (Exhibit area)
1:00 PM—Founding & Past Members Social Time
2:45 PM—Break/Coffee
3:00 PM—IL Dept of Agriculture Director, Chuck Hartke
3:15 PM—NRCS Report—Bill Gradle
3:30 PM—FSA Report—William Graff
3:45 PM—Ag Drainage Mgmt Coalition—Tade Sullivan
4:00 PM—University of Ill Extension—Dr. Richard Cooke
4:15 PM—AISWCD Report—Rich Nichols
9:00 PM—Associates Hospitality Rooms Open
4:30 PM—Joe Streitmatter—ILICA Report; Dave Hurst—Legislative Report
6:00 PM—Banquet
7:30 PM—Awards Ceremony
9:00 PM—Associates Hospitality Rooms Open

Saturday, January 20th

7:30 AM—Devotional Service
8:00 AM—Breakfast (door prize giveaway)
9:00 AM—Informational Program—General First Aide
9:00 AM—Educational Program—Lease vs. Purchase
10:30 AM—Educational Program—Calculating Compensation and Benefits for Employees
12:00—Lunch (New Members recognized)
2:00 PM—Rock Island Arsenal Tour
5:00 PM—Hospitality Hour
6:00 PM—Dinner & Trivia Night
8:00 PM—Presidents Hospitality Room Open

Ladies Program

Thursday, January 18th

8:00 AM—Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 AM—Recipe Sampling & Exchange (bring a non-perishable baked item with the recipe to exchange)
10:15 AM—Prairie Lady Presentation and Make & Take Workshop
12:00 Lunch
1:00 PM— Make & Take Workshop
3:00 PM—White Elephant Bingo; Bring a wrapped gift for exchange. (This can be a purchased item or a usable item you have at home... One lady's "junk" is another lady's "treasure")

Friday, January 19th

7:30 AM—Devotional Service
8:00 AM—Breakfast (exhibit area)
9:30 AM—Board Bus
10:00 AM—Isabel Bloom Tour & Gift Shop and Lunch at Lavender Crest Winery, Winery Tour & Gift Shop
2:00—3:00 PM—Return to Hotel

Saturday, January 20th

7:30 AM—Devotional Service
8:00 AM—Breakfast (door prize giveaway)
9:00—10:30 AM—Informational Program—General First Aide
10:30 AM—Games/Puzzles/Movies available
12:00 Lunch (New members recognized)
2:00 PM— Rock Island Arsenal Tour

Directions to Stoney Creek Inn Moline, Illinois

Traveling west on I-74 from Central Illinois, bear right onto the I-280 West / I-74 West ramp to Moline/Rock Island. Take I-74 W to the 5A exit to Moline. Take the 7th Avenue Exit 2. Bear left at 7th Avenue, Turn right at 19th Street, Turn left at 2nd Avenue and then right onto 18th street. The Stoney Creek Inn is on the left.

IN-BRIEF: LICA 2007 WINTER CONVENTION AGENDA—FEBRUARY 12-17, 2007 RADISSON WORLDGATE RESORT—ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Monday, February 12

- 8:00 AM—Pre-tour—Orange You Curious?
- 1:30 PM—Pre-tour—Cookout at the Ranch Florida Style

Tuesday, February 13

- 7:30 AM—Pre-tour—Kennedy Space Center
- 8:30 AM—Pre-tour—ADS & Accord Industries Tour
- 6:00 PM—Registration
- 7:30 PM—Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 14

- 7:15 AM—Devotions
- 8:00 AM—Registration & Welcome to LICA in Orlando
- 8:15 AM—Opening General Session—Ag Drainage Management Coalition Update
- 8:30 AM—OSHA 10 Hour Training
- 9:30 AM—GPS/GIS: An In Depth Study
- 9:30 AM—Awards Committee Meeting
- 9:30 AM—Tips on Lobbying Your Legislators
- 9:30 AM—Controlled Drainage Seminar
- 10:45 AM—Insurance Coverages for Today's Contractor
- 12:00 CNA Luncheon
- 1:45 PM—OSHA 10 Hour Training (*continued*)
- 1:45 PM—Strategic Planning Session

Thursday, February 15

- 7:15 AM—Devotions
- 7:30 AM—Exhibitors Breakfast
- 8:00 AM—Volvo Breakfast
- 9:00 AM—Ladies Optional Tour: Park Avenue Pizazz

Thursday, February 15 (*continued*)

- 9:00 AM—OSHA 10-Hour Training (*continued*)
- 9:00 AM—GPS/GIS: An In Depth Study (*continued*)
- 9:00 AM—Policy Resolution on Wetlands
- 9:00 AM—Alternative Fuels; What Does the Future Hold
- 10:30 AM—Tier Compliance in Diesel Engines
- 10:30 AM—Pond and Dam Restoration
- 1:00 PM—OSHA 10-Hour Training (*continued*)
- 1:00 PM—Alternative Fuels; What Does the Future Hold (*cont.*)
- 1:00 PM—EQIP Changes
- 2:30 AM—Tier Compliance in Diesel Engines
- 2:30 AM—Family Values Seminar
- 3:30 PM—Associate Advisory Committee Meeting
- 3:30 PM—Nominating Committee
- 5:30 PM—An Evening with the Associates—Exhibit Hall

Friday, February 16

- 7:30 AM—Devotions and Registration Opens
- 8:00 AM—Devotions Committee Meeting
- 8:00 AM—Committee Meetings (Legislative, Past President /Long Term Planning, Water Table Mgmt, Ladies)
- 9:15 AM—Committee Meetings (By-Laws, Conservation, Earth-moving & Excavating, Technology, Safety)
- 10:30 AM—Committee Meetings (On-Site Waste Mgmt, Certification, Membership, Insurance)
- 11:30 AM—Volvo Luncheon
- 1:00 PM—Committee Meetings (Policy, Convention, Public Relations, Education)
- 2:15 PM—Region Meetings

Saturday, February 16

- 7:30 AM—Devotions
- 8:00 AM—Executive Directors Meeting and Breakfast
- 8:30 AM—Budget Committee Meeting
- 9:00 AM—Executive Committee Meeting
- 9:45 AM—Delegates Meeting
- 11:30 AM—John Deere Luncheon
- 12:30 PM—NLICA Raffle Drawing
- 2:00 PM—Board Meeting & Issues Session
- 6:00 PM—CNA Reception
- 6:45 PM—Caterpillar Awards Banquet

(*Note: Some times are subject to change*)

See pages 20—21 in this newsletter for registration fees and forms.

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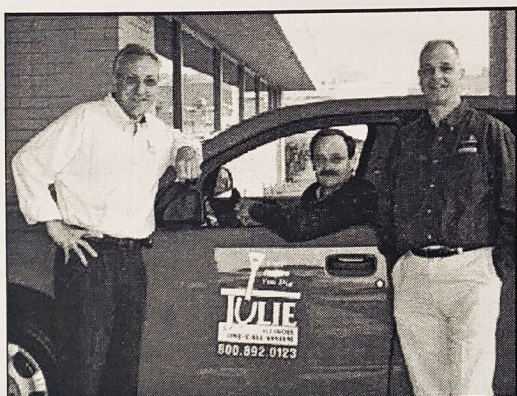
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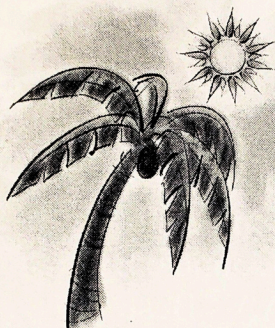
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2007 LICA Winter Convention Registration Information

56th Annual LICA Winter Convention
Radisson Worldgate Resort Orlando, FL
February 12 - 17, 2007

Convention Package Activities

Education Package

When: Wednesday & Thursday
February 14 & 15

Educational Seminars
Exhibit Hall Admittance
Volvo Breakfast
CNA Luncheon
Door Prize Drawings

Business Package:

When: Friday & Saturday
February, 16 & 17

Committee Meetings
Volvo Luncheon
Region Meetings
Delegates Session & Board Mtg.
John Deere Luncheon
CNA Reception
Awards Banquet

Full Convention

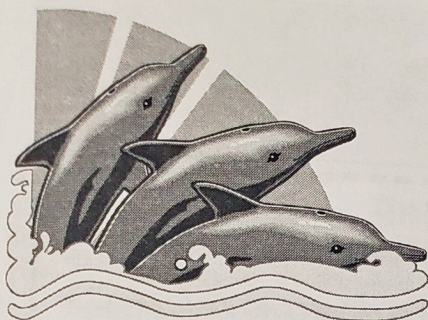
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Convention Registration Packages	GENERAL REGISTRATION <i>Postmarked after December 31, 2006</i>			DISCOUNT REGISTRATION <i>Postmarked by December 31, 2006</i>		
	Education Package	Business Package	Full Convention	EducationP ackage	Business Package	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 12, 2007	Tour 1: Orange You Curious?	\$ 40 each
Monday, February 12, 2007	Tour 2: Cookout at the Ranch - Florida Style	\$ 45 each
Tuesday, February 13, 2007	Tour 3: Kennedy Space Center	\$ 80 each
Tuesday, February 13, 2007	Tour 4: ADS & Accord Industries Tour	\$ 45 each
Thursday, February 15, 2007	Tour 5: Optional Ladies Tour: Park Avenue Pizazz	\$ 25 each



Orlando Convention Registration Form

Please return this registration form to: LICA Convention Account
P.O. Box 425; Beaver Dam, KY 42320

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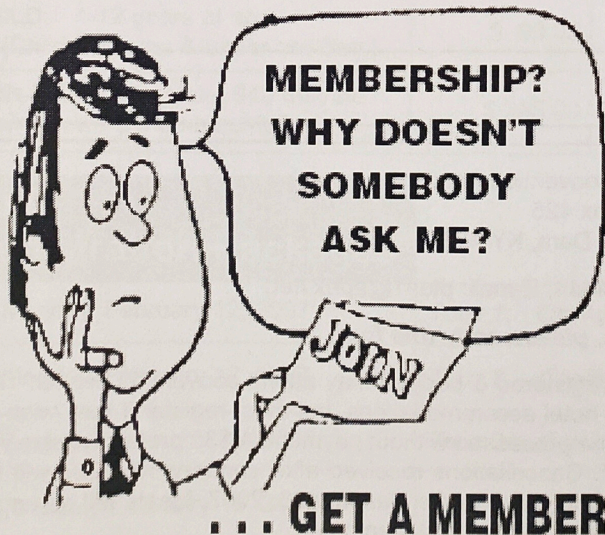
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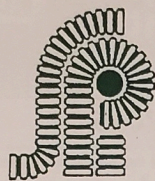
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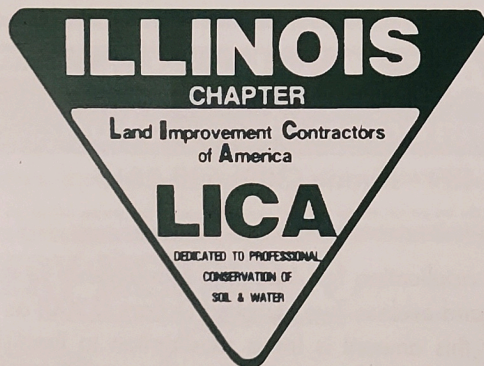
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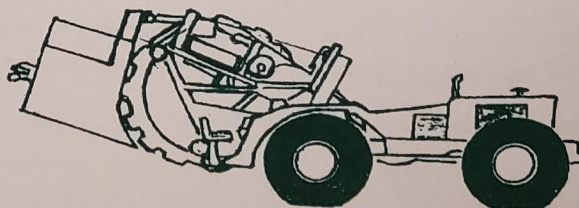
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