Hello SCSITE Members!

I am so happy to announce the return of the South Carolina Section of ITE newsletter. It has been on hiatus for a while but due to the interest expressed by your faithful board members to revive the periodical, here it is…bigger and better than ever.

I thought this would be a good time to point out some of the things that have happened this year that I think make our section special:

1. Our annual March Scholarship Golf Tournament netted $3,085 towards our scholarship fund;
2. We are planning on giving three scholarships again this year to worthy state university students;
3. At the Southern District meeting this year our Section won the Group 2 “2006 Outstanding Section Runner-Up Award”;
4. The president of the Southern District of ITE this year was the South Carolina Section’s very own, Colin Kinton.

Here is another plus for our Section – the 2008 Southern District Annual Meeting will be held in Charleston, so our Section will be the host.

Great things are happening here in South Carolina and I am glad to be a part of it as I hope you all are as well. I have been associated with SCSITE for close to four years now and have loved every moment of it. There are so many quality professionals that make up our South Carolina membership. It has been a pleasure to serve as a board member and now as President. Although there are many people that help make our section great, I would like to extend a special thank you to Hesha Gamble, Jae Mattox, Mike Ridgeway, and Gaye Sprague for all the work they do behind the scenes.

So please enjoy the “second” inaugural edition of the SCSITE Newsletter and look for one more before the year is out. Also, we hope you can take some time to review the new SCSITE logos presented in this newsletter and let us know which one is your favorite – once we receive your comments and suggestions, we will select one that will be used in all future correspondence with members.

Take care and see you at our September meeting in Greenville!

2007 dues are now overdue. Please pay your dues for 2007 ASAP. Don't be left out!!!
Fall Meeting to be held in Greenville  

Jae Mattox

The fall meeting will be held on September 26 at Caesar’s Restaurant (225 S Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville, SC 29607) starting at 11:30 am. The restaurant is directly across the street from the SCDOT District Office.

Tony Sheppard, SCDOT State Traffic Operations Engineer, will present on the reorganization of the SCDOT. Mr. Sheppard, a 1989 graduate of the University of South Carolina, has been with the SCDOT since 1987. In that time, he has served as the District 1 Traffic Engineer and Assistant Deputy State Highway Engineer.

Please RSVP to Jae Mattox at mattoxjh@scdot.org by September 14 if you plan to attend.

Following the meeting, Wil Ravenhorst has set up a golf outing at Furman Country Club. Cost should be between $35 and $40 depending on how many people play. Please email Wil at ravenhw@greatergreenville.com if you plan to play or have any questions.

Golf News  

Mike Ridgeway

The 2007 SCSITE Scholarship Golf Tournament was held March 8th at Northwood’s Golf Club in Columbia. As usual, everyone had a great time and raised some money (almost $3,100) for the scholarship program. Due to everyone’s participation and generosity, we will be giving 3-$750 scholarships to deserving students at the year-end Christmas meeting. We will also be padding our scholarship funds so that one day we will have self-supporting funds to keep the scholarships going forever. I can’t thank our hole sponsors enough. This year we had a sponsor for every hole. If you have never played in our tournament or sponsored a hole, I invite you to join us next year. We pride ourselves in being one of the first tournaments of the year (early March) and the most affordable at 50 bucks a player.

On another note, everyone put Sunday March 30, 2008 on your calendar as this will be the Southern District ITE Golf Tournament at Patriot’s Pointe Links in Charleston. I want to have a big crowd to welcome our friends to South Carolina from out of state. If you have never been to a Southern District meeting, you don’t want to miss it!
Job Opportunity in North Charleston  
Jenny Nyberg

We are seeking a dynamic individual to fill the newly created roll of Program Director in our North Charleston, SC office. The selected candidate will be an experienced self-starter with the proven ability to build and expand a transportation group through identification and pursuit of major projects and clients, and effective team leadership. In this capacity, the program director will interface with clients, technical and project management staff nationwide (Technical Practices Network), and will fill a key role as a member of our business unit senior management team. Key capabilities include highway/roadway design, project management, project budgeting and control, and quality control. Responsibilities will include providing overall direction to project leaders and staff, leading business development efforts (including proposals and presentations), managing projects and leading technical teams, fostering excellent relationships with clients, coordinating with project leaders on budget, schedule, and resource issues, and marketing of our capabilities to SCDOT, local counties, and municipalities.

B.S. in Civil Engineering. P.E. required; preferably SC. Must have ability to secure SC P.E. registration. The successful candidate will have a minimum of 10 years comprehensive transportation experience and excellent technical and project management credentials with transportation projects of considerable size and complexity. Highly effective leadership skills and excellent verbal and written communications skills are essential.

If interested contact Jenny Nyberg at jennynyberg@thenovogroup.com

2007 SC Highway Safety Conference  
Jae Mattox

The 2007 SC Highway Safety Conference will be held on September 11-13 in Charleston. The conference will provide you the opportunity to meet other highway safety advocates, address challenges facing your state and community, and return home prepared to make a difference and improve quality of life. The conference is sponsored by the SC Department of Public Safety and SCDOT. If interested, please email Terecia Wilson at wilsonTW@scdot.org.

WELCOME NEW SCSITE MEMBERS!

Dan Dennis, Dennis Corporation
Amanda Hawkins, The LPA Group
Charlene Cassidy, PB America
Jennifer Oswalt, SCDOT Traffic
Joey Rhoades, SCDOT Traffic
2008 Southern District Meeting to be Hosted by the SC Section in Charleston  

Jeff Davis

Members of the SC Section are energetically preparing to host the 56th annual District 5 ITE meeting in Charleston from March 30 through April 2, 2008. The meeting will be held at the Francis Marion Hotel in historic downtown Charleston. A technical program is being coordinated under the theme “ITE Mega-Issues: Trekking through the S.O.U.T.H” (Safety, Outreach & Leadership, Unique and Innovative Design, Transportation Workforce Development, and Highway Capacity & Operations). Social activities will include a golf outing at Patriots Point Links on Charleston Harbor, a great spouses program, and perennial conference favorite – the ADB Monday evening event, which will be a Carolina beach party at The Citadel Beach house on Isle of Palms. SC ITE members serving on the Local Arrangements Committee are listed below. Please contact any of these colleagues to get involved with planning and make your plans to join in the fun as we host what is sure to be a memorable Dist. 5 meeting in the Palmetto State.

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Jeff Davis, PhD, PE  
The Citadel
Support Our Section
By Getting Involved!!

Our next Southern District Annual Meeting planning session will be held prior to our section luncheon on September 26 at 9:45am at Caesar’s Restaurant in Greenville, SC.
SCSITE Members Attend Annual Meeting  

The 2007 ITE Annual Meeting and Exhibit was held in Pittsburgh, PA. Nearly 2000 transportation professionals from around the world were in attendance. Of the 2000, the South Carolina section had several members attend including Gaye Sprague, Howard Chapman, Colin Kinton, Lance Estep, John Gardner, Hesha Gamble, and Jae Mattox.

Jae Mattox Takes Stage  

Jae H. Mattox III, Secretary / Treasurer of the SC Section, presented a paper he authored at the annual meeting in Pittsburgh. The paper, entitled “Development and Evaluation of a Speed-Activated Sign to Reduce Speeds in Work Zones” was based on a SCDOT funded research project led by Dr. Wayne Sarasua of Clemson University. The paper is scheduled to be published this fall in the Transportation Research Record, Journal of the Transportation Research Board (TRB).
Dipak Patel appointed Deputy State Highway Engineer

Dipak Patel

Dipak began his career at South Carolina Department Of Transportation in September of 1988 in Traffic Engineering where he served 18 years. In 2006 he was appointed Deputy State Highway Engineer for Safety and Emergency Management.

Dipak’s new responsibilities are Highway and employee safety, and Emergency Management. He is to champion the development and implementation of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan as mandated by the passage of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and will be responsible for coordinating all SCDOT emergency support functions related to transportation at the South Carolina Emergency Management Division.

Dipak received his Higher National Diploma in Civil Engineering in 1984 and his Post Graduate Diploma in Traffic and Transportation Engineering in 1987 from the University of Central England (formerly Birmingham Polytechnic). Dipak is a registered professional engineer in the state of South Carolina.

Dipak has had an opportunity to work on a variety of traffic engineering and highway design projects at the SCDOT. He was instrumental in the study and design selection of the first Single Point Urban Diamond interchange in South Carolina on I-85 at SC 14 and was the team leader in the statewide interstate speed study. He has chaired and served on several technical committees.

Dipak was a driving force in the promoting and use of Synchro (traffic engineering software) within the SCDOT by developing and teaching a hands-on workshop on the software to all the district offices and interested partners from the private and public sectors.

Dipak has co-authored three papers: “Evaluating Operational Differences between Tight Diamond and Urban Diamond Interchange Configurations in South Carolina” “A New Funding Source for SCDOT” and “State of South Carolina Truck Network: Administrative Evaluation and Needs Assessment”.

Dipak is an active member of the national and local Institute of Transportation Engineers. He serves as the Technical Chair for the local chapter and is the State Representative to the national meetings. He also represents ITE on the South Carolina Council of Engineers and Surveying Board.

Dipak was born in Tanzania East Africa. He grew up in Tanzania and immigrated to England for his education. Dipak reads and writes Swahili, and speaks Kuchi, Gujarati and Hindi. He is married to Nina Patel of Northampton England. They have two sons Amish (24) and Dylan (10) and live in Lexington. Dipak is very dedicated to his children and takes a very active role in their lives. He coaches his younger son’s soccer team and is a mentor for the older son in his major in “Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management”.

"Although my passion is traffic engineering, I am enjoying my new opportunities in safety and am finding excitement as I become more involved in such a dynamic field."
Andrew Nichols Returns to West Virginia to Pursue New Endeavors Andrew Nichols

Dr. Andrew Nichols, P.E. joined the University of South Carolina as an assistant professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering in 2004. Dr. Nichols taught courses on transportation engineering and highway design and served as the ITE student chapter advisor. As a member of SCSITE, he helped establish the section’s website and was a member of the first place team at the annual golf tournament for the past two years (he can pick good teams). His 2007 team made up of Joey Rhoades, Jae Mattox, and Alan Davis stunned fellow competitors and spectators from around the world with their tournament record 10 under par finish (not including the handicap). In 2006, Dr. Nichols began consulting with Dennis Corporation in Columbia, S.C., coordinating most of their traffic engineering work.

Dr. Nichols is returning to his home state of West Virginia where he will serve as an assistant professor at Marshall University in Huntington, W.V., approximately 45 miles from his hometown of Point Pleasant. The engineering program at Marshall University is in its infancy with plans to graduate its first student in 2009. Dr. Nichols will be conducting research with the Appalachian Transportation Institute, a University Transportation Center located at Marshall University. He will continue his work with Dennis Corporation in West Virginia, operating the company’s first division office outside of Columbia.

Hesha N. Gamble, PE, Vice President of the SC Section, was recently promoted to Infrastructure Engineer for Greenville County. Mrs. Gamble was formerly the Greenville County Traffic Engineer. In her new position, she will oversee the Engineering/Maintenance Division, which includes the maintenance of 6000+ County-maintained roads. If you are interested in the now vacant traffic engineer position, please contact Hesha at 864-467-4612.

Hesha was also selected by the ITE Transportation Consultants Council to receive a Young Professionals Scholarship to attend the 2007 ITE Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh. The award consists of travel reimbursement up to $1000 for expenses to attend the Annual meeting and recognition at the meeting, in the ITE Journal and in the Transportation Consultants Newsletter.
Larry Meisner Leads Kimley-Horn’s New Office in the Low Country  
Kirk Jernigan

Raleigh, NC — Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., a full-service consulting engineering firm, is pleased to announce the opening of an office at 710 Boundary Street, Suite 1-D, in Beaufort, SC.

Larry Meisner, P.E., AICP, a senior transportation engineer and planner, leads the office after devoting most of his 32-year career serving clients from the firm’s Raleigh headquarters.

Kimley-Horn opened the Beaufort office to pursue business opportunities and to offer a more convenient location for serving existing clients in the Low Country of South Carolina.

“I’m impressed with both the quality of life and the professional opportunities in Beaufort and South Carolina,” Larry said. “I’ve enjoyed working in this area for many years, and now have the opportunity to live and work here as well.”

Larry has been active providing transportation, environmental, and planning services as well as managing projects in the Beaufort and Charleston areas. Some of his recent projects include traffic studies for The Navy Yard at Noisette traditional urban development in North Charleston and the US 21/SC 802 connector on Lady’s Island in Beaufort County; a transportation analysis of Johnnie Dodds Boulevard in Mount Pleasant; and a traffic impact study for Berkeley County.

An engineer with Kimley-Horn since 1975, Larry has a bachelor’s degree in Industrial Engineering from Georgia Tech and a Master of Regional Planning from UNC Chapel Hill. He is a registered engineer in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Mississippi, and is a certified planner. During his career, Larry has contributed his skills as both an engineer and a planner to many of Kimley-Horn’s planning and design projects. His specialties include transportation planning, environmental studies, and traffic services for land development.

The engineering, planning, and environmental consulting firm of Kimley-Horn was founded in 1967 by transportation planners and traffic engineers in Raleigh, NC. Today, Kimley-Horn is a full-service consulting firm with 2,500 employees nationwide, offering comprehensive services in airports/aviation, environmental sciences, forensic engineering, intelligent transportation systems, land development, transit, transportation, urban planning/landscape architecture, water resources, and wireless communications. Kimley-Horn’s clients have access to a versatile staff of professional civil, transportation, and structural engineers; planners; landscape architects; and environmental scientists. The firm is owned and operated by practicing professionals.

For additional information, please contact Larry at either (843) 379-1580 or larry.meisner@kimley-horn.com.

Larry Meisner, PE
Kimley-Horn and Assoc.

“I’m impressed with both the quality of life and the professional opportunities in Beaufort and South Carolina,” Larry said. “I’ve enjoyed working in this area for many years, and now have the opportunity to live and work here as well.”
So-Called Retirements

Dick Jenkins
Jae Mattox and Dick Jenkins

Richard (Dick) Jenkins began his career with the SCDOT on May 18, 1975 in Traffic Engineering after serving our county in the Navy for three years as an Engineering Officer on the aircraft carrier Forrestal. He is a native of Columbia, attended A.C. Flora High School and graduated from USC with a degree in Transportation Engineering. Dick worked his way up through the ranks in Traffic Engineering and in 1992 he was promoted to Assistant Director of Traffic Engineering, the position he held until his retirement on December 1, 2006. On, December 18, he returned to SCDOT Traffic Engineering in another position as State Traffic Management Engineer with responsibilities that include Emergency Traffic Management and its coordination with the S.C. Highway Patrol and the S.C. Emergency Management Division, Hurricane Evacuation Traffic Routes and lane reversal operations, Legal Liaison regarding highway engineering safety matters, expert witness testimony for SCDOT and Engineering Risk Management as it relates to engineering lawsuits and claims.

Mr. Jenkins has been a member of the S.C. chapter of ITE since 1975 and served a number of years as joint social chair with fellow member, Don Turner. He also received award recognition from the chapter regarding his efforts in establishing the Highway Safety Engineering Program. He and his wife Cicely, a registered nurse, have two daughters and three delightful grandchildren. They are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Dick enjoys the beach at Garden City and restoring Mustangs, Fords and Lincolns when free time presents itself.

Don Turner
Jae Mattox and Don Turner

Don Turner began his career in SCDOT Traffic Engineering on September 13, 1971 as a civil engineer trainee. In 1977 he was promoted to District Traffic Engineer for District 5 in Florence. Six years later, Don took a break from traffic when he accepted a position as the District Maintenance Engineer for District 5. Another five years passed and he found himself back in Columbia at headquarters as the Traffic Operations Engineer for the lower state. In 1992, Don was promoted to Assistant Director of Traffic Engineering, a position he held until his so called retirement on June 16, 2006. Following his retirement, he took a part time position in Traffic Engineering and spent most of the year working on the soon to be released Traffic Engineering Manual, compiling signs and practices unique to South Carolina. Mr. Turner returned to full service in July as the State Traffic Safety and Design Engineer.

Mr. Turner has been actively involved with ITE since 1971. Don ran an unsuccessful campaign for Secretary Treasurer of SCITE, losing in a close battle to an unknown engineer from Charleston, Rick Day. Devastated, Don never ran for public office again, instead dedicating his time and efforts to making SCITE meetings a more sociable event. In 2002, Don teamed with Mike Ridgeway and Byron Hood to organize the SCITE Scholarship Golf Tournament, helping to raise money for scholarships for Engineering students with an interest in transportation engineering. The tournament has been a great success and a lot of fun for the participants.
Clemson Student Chapter Remains on Top
Wayne Sarasua

The Clemson University ITE student chapter had another banner academic year. During the last year, the Chapter provided opportunities for members in professional development, technical research, fund-raising, service and social activities. Clemson Student Chapter ITE members had the opportunity to interact with professionals at the Chapter meetings, the South Carolina ITE Section meetings, the 2007 ITE Annual Southern District Meeting, the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 2007 Annual Meeting, and through a series of Chapter field trips.

The year began last August when the Clemson chapter was awarded the International ITE Outstanding Student Chapter for 2006. The fall semester was very busy. The Chapter participated in numerous service project including an Adopt-A-River canoe trip, a fundraiser for the Pendleton Community Center, and Helping Hands. Two chapter members (Candice Hein and Marco Friend) did additional hurricane Katrina disaster relief during the 2006 fall break. During the 2005 fall break, the Chapter sent 12 students to assist the city of Gulfport, MS by repairing road signs and signals as well as passing out food, and toys in the hurricane devastated neighborhoods.

This last January, 18 members of the Clemson ITE Student Chapter attended the 86th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board held in Washington D.C. Clemson Student Chapter members made a strong showing in presenting fourteen papers at the conference, setting a record for the most presentations in Chapter history. On Monday night, several Chapter members attended the ITE student member orientation held at ITE Headquarters. This meeting allowed students to meet and talk with the leaders of International ITE as well as hear speeches about their career paths and suggestions for the future leaders in transportation. Clemson had the largest student contingent of any University to attend the orientation.

In March, three Chapter members (Candice Hein, Yongchang Ma, and Yan Zhou) participated in a transportation challenge at the ASCE Carolina’s Conference held at Georgia Tech. Clemson took first place in this competition. In April, the Clemson Chapter ended a very successful school year with the attendance of 10 students at the Southern District ITE annual meeting in Knoxville Tennessee. Three Clemson professors also attended. Three Chapter members represented the state of South Carolina in the "William H. Temple Challenge"--aka the traffic bowl. The students were MS students Stuart Day and Marco Friend and Ph.D. Student Yongchang Ma. In the first round qualifiers, South Carolina (Clemson) eliminated Georgia (3 Georgia Tech students) and Virginia (3 Virginia Tech students) to advance to the finals. In the two other qualifying matches, Alabama eliminated North Carolina and Tennessee, and Mississippi eliminated Kentucky. Louisiana did not send a team. In the finals, South Carolina represented entirely by Clemson defended their 2006 title by beating Alabama and Mississippi. The 3 Clemson students did super. At the awards banquet on Tuesday night Clemson took home the Southern District Best Student Chapter award for the 4th straight year (and 6th time in the last 7 years). Also, Clemson Ph.D. Candidate Ryan Fries was the Runner-up for the Best Student Paper award.

Clemson ITE would like to thank SCSITE for their continued support. This was the third year in a row that SCSITE contributed $500 to the Chapter to help offset travel expenses to the SDITE Annual Meeting.
SCSITE Transportation Engineering Studies Scholarships

Gaye Sprague

Each year, the South Carolina Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers offers two or more scholarships to promote the advancement of the transportation engineering profession through educational financial assistance. Scholarship funds may be applied only to tuition and other related expenses, and the program is intended to aid students who have shown an interest in the field of transportation engineering.

This year three scholarships will be awarded—the Gilbert H. Rowe Scholarship, the Stafford-Clark Scholarship, and an unnamed scholarship. Thanks to all of those who sponsored and participated in the golf tournament this spring, the scholarships will be in the amount of $750 each. The recipients will be honored at SCSITE’s Annual Christmas Social in December with a certificate of recognition and a check.

A scholarship candidate must be enrolled in an undergraduate accredited civil or transportation engineering program within the state of South Carolina and be a member of or have applied for membership in the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Applications will be posted on our website or can be obtained by emailing Gaye Sprague at gayesprague@cs.com. Completed applications should be submitted to Gaye Sprague at Post Office Box 9192, Greenville, South Carolina 29604 for receipt no later than November 1.
Ryan Fries Awarded Doctoral Degree from Clemson with Focus in ITS  

Ryan Fries, a past treasurer of the Clemson University Student Chapter, completed his doctorate this past May with a focus on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). He is currently working as a postdoctoral fellow at Clemson, where he is developing an ITS architecture for the Clemson University campus and conducting traffic simulation research to improve mobility and safety.

Ryan was an active member of Clemson’s student chapter as he participated in the hurricane Katrina relief trip and has attended the past three southern district meetings, participating in the traffic bowl in 2006. Ryan is looking forward to attending the meeting in Charleston next year as a new member of the South Carolina section.

Berry Mattox Joins Dennis Corporation as Traffic Engineering Manager  

Mr. Berry Mattox, a 2006 Graduate of The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, will be joining Dennis Corporation’s traffic division in December of 2007 as Traffic Engineering Manager. Mr. Mattox is currently earning his Master’s degree in Transportation Systems from the Georgia Institute of Technology. His research interests include traffic operations, safety, and sustainable transportation. His Master’s thesis topic is Design Guidelines for Safe and Aesthetic Roadside Treatments in Urban Areas. Berry has also conducted transportation research for the Texas Department of Transportation at the University of Texas at Austin’s Center for Transportation Research.

Mr. Mattox was recognized as the recipient of the 2005 South Carolina ITE Gilbert Rowe Scholarship for Transportation Studies.

Dennis Corporation is a South Carolina licensed civil engineering, survey, and construction management firm specializing in many fields of civil engineering. Dennis Corporation’s specific areas of expertise include transportation engineering, survey, construction management, civil infrastructure, traffic engineering and construction inspection and testing. Visit us on the web at www.denniscorporation.com
Mike Richards Designs New SCSITE Logos

Jae Mattox

A special thanks goes out to Mike Richards of SCDOT Traffic Engineering for designing new logos for our section. A few of Mike’s designs are shown below. Sometime soon we would like to declare our “official logo” to be used in all correspondence so comments and suggestions are welcome. Mike also designed the logo for the 2008 District 5 Annual Meeting shown on page 5 of this newsletter.
Newsletter Information

“DRIVER” is the official publication of the South Carolina Section Institute of Transportation Engineers, the professional society for transportation engineers in South Carolina. It is affiliated with Southern District 5 ITE, as well as the International ITE.

Any suggestions on format or content are welcome. News on members, the section, or the profession should be submitted to Jae Mattox at mattoxjh@scdot.org.

JOIN SCSITE TODAY!!

Membership forms are available on our website. Return to Jae Mattox at the address below. Dues are $20.00 yearly.

We are on the web!!!!!

www.scs-ite.org

Update your Information on the website. Your username is your last name followed by your first initial and your default password is “traffic”. Make sure you capitalize the first letter of your last name and first initial to login.

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