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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On July 5<sup>th</sup> through July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000 our Section hosted the District IV Conference. I think everyone will agree that it was a successful conference. The hotel did a nice job in setting up the rooms, the food was good and the view was exceptional. The vendor space was sold out, and the technical presentations went well and were well attended. A couple of presenters weren't able to make it but they made arrangements for a substitute.

I had the pleasure of giving out many door prizes and would like to thank our sponsors and vendors for their generosity.

I was a little disappointed that neither Vice Presidential candidate made it to the conference but we did have Steven Gayle representing National ITE participate. Steven gave a little update on what's happening at HQ and brought us up to date about their upcoming move to new quarters.

At the Friday luncheon, each of the District's Section Presidents gave a quick update of the status of their respective Section. It was nice to hear that membership is up in all Sections, attendance at Section meetings is on the rise and participation in Section activities is up. For the most part, all Sections show a healthy balance sheet.

Next year's District IV Conference will be hosted by the Wisconsin Section. It will be held in Wisconsin Dells. This should be a great time to plan a family outing with so many things to do for the kids.

Finally, I want to personally thank everyone listed on the next page for their participation in planning and hosting the Conference. I know that you all spent many hours on this effort and you should all take pride in the fact that your efforts made this conference a success.



Have a nice summer and if you are going to the Nashville meeting, I hope to see you there. If not, please come to our next Section luncheon meeting on September 21 at Maggiano's in downtown Chicago.

Your President

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### **ITE - Illinois Section** Luncheon

#### Please Join Us at Maggiano's!

Date: Thursday, September 21, 2000

Time: Reception at 11:30 A.M. Luncheon promptly at Noon

Speaker: To Be Announced

Topic: To Be Announced

Location: Maggiano's

111 W. Grand Avenue

Chicago, Illinois

\$25 per person Cost: (\$12 for students)







#### WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

Red light running has recently been a topic in the news. For this month's Website of the Month, *ITEMS* is jumping on the bandwagon and providing you with a link on Red Light Running Detection. The website is based in Howard County, Maryland. Featured topics include available technology and methodology, police involvement, legislation, and the future of this method among other links.

Please take a visit at the URL below:

http://www.co.ho.md.us/redltech.htm

#### DISTRICT IV CONFERENCE: 2001

The Wisconsin Section of ITE is hosting the 2001 District 4 Conference on June 20-22, 2001 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Please mark this event on your calendar and consider having the family tag along to Wisconsin's #1 tourist destination.

Stay tuned for more details later this year on this event. Let's have a great showing from NCITE.

#### ITE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 3rd Annual ITE Basketball Tournament is planned for later in the fall. Check upcoming issues of *ITEMS* for more information.

Jeff Young - Activities Group Director Civiltech Engineering, Inc.

Phone: (630) 773-3900



#### THANKS AND PRAISE

Given the recent success of our District IV Conference, we need to acknowledge the hard work of the people that put this conference together. Most of us only saw the people at the conference but much of the work was done over many months prior to the meeting. Many of the individuals listed below have volunteered their time and effort on many occasions for Section activities.

**Bob Grady** took on the role as Conference Chair and put together six different committees to handle the many aspects that go into planning a successful conference.

The six committees and the individuals that served on those committees are listed below.

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Thank you one and all for your hard work!!!





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At the present time we are seeking at least one traffic engineer with 1-3 years of experience and a senior traffic engineer with more than 5 years of experience with a Professional Engineering License in Illinois. We desire self-motivated individuals with high expectations, knowledge and ambition along with an outgoing personality. Successful candidates will have knowledge of basic engineering computer software and excellent writing and oral communication skills. Public sector experience is a plus. For consideration, please submit your resume and salary range, in confidence, to:

#### Neil S. Kenig

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#### SENIOR TRAFFIC ENGINEER

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#### TRANSPORTATION RELATED PRESS RELEASE

# 07/21/2000 - U.S. Transportation Secretary Slater Announces Grant Program for "511" Conversions

Following todays Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) decision to grant the U.S. Department of Transportation's request for a three-digit traveler information telephone number, Transportation Secretary Rodney E. Slater announced a new program proposed by Vice President Gore that would grant states and local jurisdictions start-up funds of up to \$50,000 each to convert their existing numbers to the single number.

At an open meeting today, the FCC designated "511" as the single traffic information telephone number to be made available to states and local jurisdictions across the country.

"The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to supporting state and localities jurisdictions as they convert the roughly 300 existing numbers to 511, " said Secretary Slater. "Through a new Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) grant program and technical assistance from our field staff nationwide, we stand ready to make a smooth transition to the single number."

Secretary Slater called the FCC decision a "visionary, landmark action that will change the way America travels into the 21st century. 511s delivery of traffic information to virtually every American will provide choices in our professional and personal lives that will save lives, time and money."

The grant announcement today followed the FCCs decision on the departments March 8, 1999, petition for a single three-digit telephone number that could be used by states and locals to deliver current traffic information for drivers. Noting the proliferation of traffic information numbers around the country and the creation of new area codes, the department petitioned the FCC last year for the single number.

Millions of dollars already have been invested by the public and private sectors in ITS technology to improve safety and mobility on U.S. highways. The new number provides a simple, means of access to traffic information collected through ITS. Once in place, the new number will help travelers avoid congestion and traffic incidents and save lives, time and money.

Secretary Slater noted his appreciation to individuals and organizations nationwide who supported the

departments petition, particularly John J. Collins, president and chief executive officer of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America; John Horsley, executive director, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; and William W. Millar, president, American Public Transportation Association.

Details of the new grant program are being developed and will be available soon. Information about 511 implementation and conversion, as well as the conversion grant program, is posted and will be updated regularly on the departments ITS web site: <a href="https://www.its.dot.gov">www.its.dot.gov</a>.

For more information about this news release, contact **Virginia Miller** at (202) 366-0660 and refer to news release FHWA 49-00 or visit the DOT Public Affairs Web Site at:

http://www.dot.gov/briefing.htm









# Illinois Section ITE/ASCE CANOE Outing

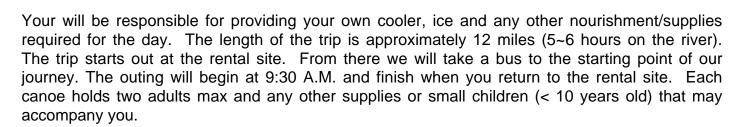
Where: C&M Canoe Rental

Fox River Wedron, IL

When: Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2000

**How Much:** \$25 per person – Includes Canoe Rental with soda & snacks to

start out the trip.



The canoe outing is a joint outing with ASCE. ASCE has done similar outings in the past, which proved to be guite fun and successful.

Please call **Brian Scifers** at (630) 773-3900 **by August 11, 2000** to reserve your canoe. You can still call in up to August 18<sup>th</sup> but canoe rentals cannot be guaranteed (but it should not be a problem).

Directions to the rental site:

Take Interstate 80 West, take Exit 93 (ILL Route 71) and turn right (north), go three miles to Wedron Road and turn left, go two miles to the "C&M Canoe Rental" sign and turn left, at the stop sign turn right, go ~1/4 mile to the Budweiser sign (rental site).

Depending on where you are coming from it will take about 1 1/2 to 2 hours to get to the canoe rental site. Carpooling is always an option also.

So please come out and enjoy a day on the river!

Note: The canoe rental office does not accept credit cards so cash payment is required on the day of the trip.















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# CHANGE THE COURSE OF MIGHTY RIVERS... LEAP BUILDINGS IN A SINGLE BOUND... ALTER THE DEVELOPMENT OF WORLD CIVILIZATION!!

Chicago is hosting the 2001 ITE Annual International meeting, and needs <u>your</u> help to review and evaluate technical paper abstracts. Over 500 abstracts (*not* full papers) will be received this fall, and must be reviewed and ranked for presentation. The goal is to have ~30 reviewers, so that the burden is not too great on any one reviewer. The major effort will take place early this fall, lasting 1-2 months. We may report on the results at the November IL-ITE Meeting.

Topic areas will be: Major Transportation issues, Livable Communities, Transportation Planning, Safety, Systems Management & Operations, Traffic Engineering and Management/Marketing. You can pick the topic area you would like to review.

Just think, your input can be critical to whether that paper on "Stochastic Disaggregate Behavior Demand Modeling" takes precedence over the one on "Queuing Theory Applied to Sequential, Opportunistic Bird Hunters – the Golfers!" In turn, this may influence the next stage of critical transportation research, communications system design, the price of tea in China... the possibilities are endless!

To volunteer, please call or e-mail:

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Or

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## **ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing**

The ITE Illinois Section is hosting a Golf Outing on Friday, September 15, 2000 at 12:45 PM. The event will be held at:

#### Fresh Meadow Golf Course 2144 South Wolf Road Hillside, Illinois

The cost will be \$65.00 per player. Join us for fun, competition and camaraderie. Bring your friends, family members, and clients for this early fall golf event. Prizes will be awarded for the longest drive, closest to the pin, etc. A soda, hot dog, and chips will be provided at the turn.

To sign up, send, e-mail, or fax your reservation to:

#### Joel Christell

Civiltech Engineering, Inc. 500 Park Boulevard, Suite 250 Itasca, Illinois 60143

E-mail: <u>civilone@math.to</u> Fax: (630) 773-3975

Please make check or money order to **ITE Illinois Section**. We need confirmations by Wednesday September 6, 2000.

**ITE Illinois Section Golf Outing** 

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Thank You For Your Interest





#### ITS Forum 2000 - Success Stories

The Wisconsin Section ITE, in conjunction with Marquette University, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, FHWA and ITS Midwest is co-sponsoring the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Forum – "Success Stories".

The event will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> at Marquette University. Program sessions will address challenges associated with planning, deploying, operating and maintaining ITS at regional and national levels. For additional information please contact Todd Szymkowski by telephone at (262) 797-6577 or email at todd.szymkowski@transcore.com.

Name of the Event: ITS Forum 2000 – Success Stories, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional

Intelligent Transportation Systems Forum

**Date:** Wednesday, September 27, 2000

**Location:** Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Sponsors**: Wisconsin Section ITE, Marquette University, Wisconsin

Department of Transportation, FHWA, and ITS Midwest.

Main Topics: Regional and National ITS Success Stories

# of attendees expected: 150

**Registration Fee**: \$35 (\$15 for students)

**Exhibitor / Display Space Fee:** \$200 (includes 1 registration)

Breakfast/Lunch Sponsor: \$250

Break Sponsor: \$200

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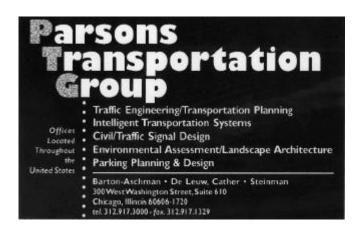
#### ITE ILLINOIS SECTION CALENDAR

August 5 – 9 ITE 2000 Annual Meeting - Nashville, Tennessee

Deadline for advertisements and articles for the **September** issue of *ITEMS* August 31

September 21 ITE - Illinois Section September Luncheon - Maggiano's

Events are always welcome for this calendar, please contact the *ITEMS* Editors.





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