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President's Message

Congratulations FACERS!

The National Association of County Engineers has chosen FACERS to host the National Convention for NACE in Daytona Beach in 2015. Assisting us in this effort is staff of the Volusia County Ocean Center, Daytona Beach Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau, and the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort (Pyramid Hotel Group). Approximately 500 to 600 attendees from across the U.S. are expected to attend the conference, in addition to more than 100 representatives from other destinations and vendors as well. This opportunity only comes around once every 10 to 15 years. The last conference

we held in 2004 was also a great success. We were able to raise enough funds from that conference to provide \$100,000 in endowments (50/50 match with consultant providers) to four major universities in the State of Florida for deserving engineering students. We have also been operating off the proceeds since that time to continue our efforts as our expenses are higher than our income (membership dues). When we meet in June for our Annual Conference in Orlando, we will provide more information and enlist your support! FACERS continues to provide the best services and opportunities to our members.

A number of us attended the NACE Conference in Kentucky last month as we were also there to pitch (AND WIN) the 2015 National Conference. We beat out Ohio for the event. And let me tell you, Ohio was out in force. They had at least 30 folks there to pitch their state to the NACE Executive Board. But our team headed up by Todd Buckles (FACERS Vol. Co.), Lynn Miles (Daytona Beach Vis. Br.), Lori Hunter (Ocean Center), and Nancy Kemp (Hilton) did an outstanding job with a video presentation and power point Jeopardy game. They were assisted by myself, Gene Calvert, Jonathan Page, and of course sitting on the NACE Executive Board (3 votes!) Ramon Gavarrete, George Webb, and Scott Cottrell. We also made good use of the new FACERS Banners that Carolyn Steves and Amy Blaida with RS&H helped us out by providing an excellent design. You will see the new Banners in Orlando.



Presidential Message (Con[•]t)

We also have been doing well in new memberships. There are a number of new counties that have joined and also new sustaining members. Thank you all for renewing your memberships as well. I believe that we have seen a dip due to the economy but as things are getting normalized, our membership will become much healthier. Of course, we want to commit not to the 80/20 rule but the 100/100 rule where 100 percent of our members are working 100 percent with FA-CERS to make our Counties and Cities perform the best Public Works and Service we can provide. We want to thank you all for your continuing efforts and commitments. There are a number of us on State and National committees and efforts. We should talk more about that in the future so we can involve more of us in legislative and state issues. We need your involvement!

FACERS holds a conference twice a year: at the FAC Annual Conference in June and the FAC Legislative Conference in November. We have an excellent program of technical sessions and a roundtable. I can confidently say that we have some of the best technical sessions around. Our biannual meetings have better technical sessions than some national conferences I have been to! This is a result of commitments from our members, both Active and Sustaining, and also support from FDOT and FHWA. Take a good look at our June Agenda coming up. We offer free PDH's for these presentations and we don't charge for admittance. However, we would appreciate that you consider signing up for the FAC Conference as they assist us with a meeting room and other events at the conference.

Well that's enough for now and we look forward to seeing you in June!





FDOT's Design Expo



Through the work of John Goodknight, FACERS Executive Liaison, we have received an invitation to participate in FDOT's Design Training Expo next month.

There is a brief session on the Local Agency Program that may be of particular interest. Instructions for registration are included at the link below.

For more information on this training visit the website <u>www.dot.state.fl.us/structures/</u> <u>designExpo2012/</u>

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Contact us:

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Website: www.dot.state.fl.us/ structures/designExpo2012/ The Office of Design is pleased to invite you to the 2012 Design Training Expo, at Disney's Coronado Springs Hotel in Lake Buena Vista on June 12-14, 2012. This will be a comprehensive training event with over 100 training offerings for DOT and consultant staff involved in designing projects for the FDOT Work Program.

Hotel Address: 1000 W. Buena Vista Drive Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

Room Rate: \$97.00 Two queen beds or one king-size bed

Disney Group Reservations (407) 939-4686



JUNE'S SOCIAL NIGHT!

Amy Blaida, FACERS Social Director, has been working hard on planning another FACERS Social Night during the Annual Conference in June. These Thursday night gatherings have become one of the highlights of every conference. These events provide a wonderful opportunity for members to build personal relationships with other members throughout the state. This is the only time in the 2 1/2 day conference we get a chance to meet socially outside the normal conference meeting schedule. Once you attend one of these Social Nights, you will not want to miss another one!

June's FACERS Social Night, Thursday, June 21st, will be held at Frankie Farrell's Irish Pub & Grille which is located in the Lake Buena Vista Resort Village. Owned and operated by a former Dublin pub owner, he has re-created some of the elements that make the great pubs of Ireland truly unique. Sporting real Irish pub spirit and décor, Frankie Farrell's is a gathering place where friendly bartenders and servers will make you feel at home. Come enjoy the art of conversation and darts, or sit back, relax, and listen to live music nightly. With 32 taps dispensing such great beers as Guinness, Mangers, Boddingtons, Bass and more, coupled with great traditional Irish and American fare, enjoy the best of Ireland while in Orlando.

Because Frankie Farrell's Irish Pub & Grille is located just across I-4 from the conference site, it will be very easy to get there and back. Remember that a good time will be held by all!!!!

Please remember if you plan to attend the Social Night, to RSVP to Amy Blaida at amy.blaida@rsandh.com.

Remember a good time will be had by all!!!

JUNE 2011 SOCIAL NIGHT







ATTENTION SUSTAINING MEMBERS!

If you are a Sustaining Member of the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents (FACERS), your company logo can be inserted on the FACERS website!!

Please send your logo to Jaime Carreon at the Florida Transportation Technology Transfer Center (T2) so that it can be posted (<u>jacarreon@ufl.edu</u>).

FACERS is on

facebook.

Now is the time to join Facebook because it is official: FACERS has a FACEBOOK page!!!

Here is the link or you can click on the "facebook" image above:

https://www.facebook.com/FACERS.ORG

The FACERS Board has agreed to utilize social media as an additional form of communication with its members. FACERS encourages the use of social media technologies to enhance communication, collaboration, and information exchange in support of the FACERS' mission.

Come "Like" us on Facebook and be part of the conversation!

BILL & CAROLYN STEVES

We would like to take the time to express our gratitude and appreciation to some of our longstanding Sustaining Members, Bill and Carolyn Steves. After years of hard work and dedication, and service to both RS&H and FACERS, the Steves have decided to slow down the pace just a bit and move in permanently to their beautiful home in Tennessee. Don't worry, you will see their smiling faces at the upcoming June meeting in Orlando. Carolyn Steves has been serving on the FACERS Board as the Sustaining Board Member over the past years; while Bill Steves has been officially in charge of submitting the correct information so that our PE's receive all of their CEU's for both the FACERS Annual Meeting and the FACERS Legislative Meeting on an annual basis. A very big **THANK YOU** goes out from the FACERS group to Bill and Carolyn Steves. You will be missed in more ways than one. We wish you all the happiness in the world!!! Below is a sneak peak of their home where they will be enjoying some

peace and quiet in the years to come. P.S. They are now accepting reservations for

the holidays.





In this issue of FACERS News, again we bring you a sign that raises more questions than answers.

Keep an eye out and send us a picture of a sign you feel somehow just did not quite hit the nail on the head.

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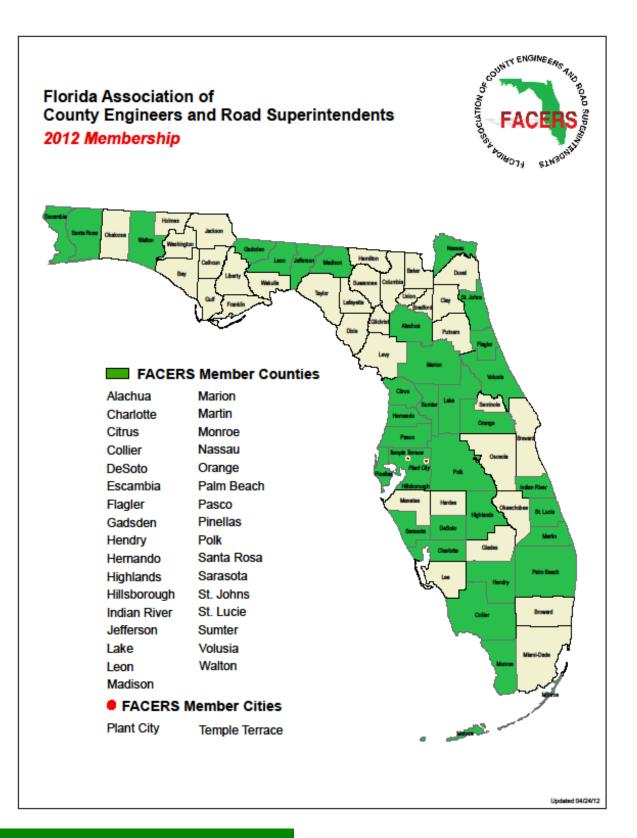


First, this signs tells me all big trucks are restricted to the residential roads !!!!

Second, I hope this is outside the Evelyn Wood Speed Reading Center or at a traffic signal with at least a 3 minute cycle length.

How many words do you think you could you read at 70 mph ?????

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



T²/CCT Upcoming Workshops

For more information contact the Florida Transportation Technology Transfer Center, 2100 NE Waldo Road, Gainesville, FL. (352)392-2371 (352) 846-3596 (CTQP/ACI) (352) 392-3224 (Fax) Web site *www.t2ctt.ce.ufl.edu*

Advanced Maintenance of Traffic

Jun 6 – 8, 2012 Temple Terrace Jun 13 – 15, 2012 Gainesville Jun 27 – 29, 2012 Cape Coral Jun 27 – 29, 2012 Tallahassee Jul 18 – 20, 2012 Orlando Jul 26 – 27, 2012 N. Miami Beach Aug 8 – 10, 2012 Temple Terrace Aug 29 – 31, 2012 Cape Coral

Advanced Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher

May 17, 2012 Pompano Beach Jun 5, 2012 Temple Terrace Jun 12, 2012 Gainesville Jun 26, 2012 Cape Coral Jun 26, 2012 Tallahassee Jul 17, 2012 Orlando Jul 18, 2012 N. Miami Beach Aug 7, 2012 Temple Terrace Aug 28, 2012 Cape Coral

Asphalt Paving Level 1

May 22, 2012 Fort Myers Jun 12, 2012 Tampa Jul 10, 2012 Orlando Aug 14, 2012 Tampa

Asphalt Paving Level 2

May 23 – 25, 2012 Fort Myers Jun 13 – 15, 2012 Tampa Aug 15 – 17, 2012 Tampa

Asphalt Plant Level 1

May 15 – 17, 2012 Gainesville Jul 18 – 20, 2012 Gainesville

Concrete Batch Plant Operator

Aug 7, 2012 Chipley

T²/CCT Workshops (Con[•]t)

Earthwork Construction Inspection Level 1

Jun 5 – 6, 2012 Orlando Jul 17 – 18, 2012 Gainesville Aug 21 – 22, 2012 Davie

Earthwork Construction Inspection Level 2

Jun 7 – 8, 2012 Orlando Jul 19 – 20, 2012 Gainesville Aug 23 – 24, 2012 Davie

FDOT Concrete Field Inspector Specification

May 7 – 9, 2012 Temple Terrace Jun 18 – 20, 2012 Davie

Final Estimates Level 1

Jul 11, 2012 Gainesville Jul 25, 2012 Lakeland

Final Estimates Level 2

Jul 12 – 13, 2012 Davie Jul 26 – 27, 2012 Lakeland

Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic

May 2 – 3, 2012 Punta Gorda May 2 – 3, 2012 Temple Terrace May 16 – 17, 2012 Crestview May 23 – 24, 2012 Gainesville May 23 – 24, 2012 Orlando Jun 12 – 13, 2012 N. Miami Beach Jun 13 – 14, 2012 Cape Coral Jul 18 – 19, 2012 Temple Terrace Jul 25 – 26, 2012 Gainesville Jul 25 – 26, 2012 Punta Gorda Aug 15 – 16, 2012 Cape Coral Aug 15 – 16, 2012 Orlando Aug 29 – 30, 2012 N. Miami Beach

T²/CCT Workshops (Con[•]t)

Intermediate Maintenance of Traffic - Refresher

May 22, 2012 Gainesville May 22, 2012 Orlando Jun 12, 2012 Cape Coral Jun 20, 2012 N. Miami Beach Jul 17, 2012 Temple Terrace Jul 24, 2012 Gainesville Jul 24, 2012 Punta Gorda Aug 14, 2012 Cape Coral Aug 14, 2012 Orlando Aug 15, 2012 N. Miami Beach

Limerock Bearing Ratio (LBR) Technician

Jun 25 – 26, 2012 Gainesville

Nuclear Density Gauge Safety and HazMat

Jun 4, 2012 Orlando Jul 16, 2012 Gainesville December 3, 2012 Gainesville

Pile Driving Inspection

Jun 4 – 6, 2012 Gainesville Aug 1 – 3, 2012 Orlando October 9 – 11, 2012 Gainesville November 28 – 30, 2012 Gainesville

Pilot/Escort Flagging

Jun 7, 2012 Gainesville Jun 21, 2012 Orlando Jul 12, 2012 Fort Myers Jul 12, 2012 Gainesville Aug 2, 2012 Gainesville Aug 17, 2012 Orlando

Jun 7, 2012 Gainesville

Pilot/Escort Flagging Refresher

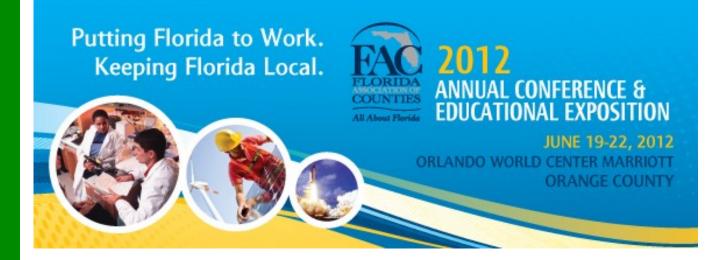
Qualified Aggregate Sampler

Quality Control Manager

Jun 21 – 22, 2012 Davie

Jun 27, 2012 Gainesville

ALL ROADS LEAD TO ORLANDO :::::



Mark yourself "Out of the Office" June 20th thru the 22th. That's when you will be in Orlando at the FACERS 2012 Annual Conference which will be held in conjunction with the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Annual Conference & Educational Exposition.

The Florida Association of Counties web site is open for registration so go to <u>www.fl-</u> <u>counties.com/</u> for information and to register for this conference

Jonathan Page is worked very hard to put together a 2½ day conference packed full of educational and informative material. For all you PEs out there, there will be PDHs available that qualify for your continuing educational requirements.

See Ya in Orlando!





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Daytona Beach Wins Bid to Host Nat'l Association of County Engineers

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – (April 5, 2012) – The National Association of County Engineers has selected Daytona Beach as the host city for its Annual Meeting and
 Management & Technical Conference in 2015. The group's board of directors voted to select Daytona Beach at its Board of Officers Business Session on April 4.

- R "This was truly a team effort to bring NACE to Daytona Beach," explained Lynn Miles, CMP, sales manager for the Daytona Beach Area Convention and Visitors
 E Bureau. She adds, "Along with our partners at the Ocean Center and the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort, as well as the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents, we are proud to bring this highly sought after meeting group to the Daytona Beach area."
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Approximately 500 attendees from across the U.S. are expected to attend the conference, in addition to more than 100 representatives from other destinations and vendors. The number of room nights this meeting will provide is 1,600, with 360 rooms on peak nights. The total economic impact NACE will bring is estimated at \$480,000.

Representatives from the Daytona Beach Area CVB, the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents, the Ocean Center and Hilton Daytona Beach Resort were all present for the formal bid presentation to NACE at its Board of Officers meeting in Lexington, Kentucky, on Sunday, April 1. The Daytona Beach area's bid team included Todd Buckles (FACERS), Lori Hunter (Ocean Center) and Nancy Kemp (Hilton). This was the second bid presentation from the Daytona Beach area. Last year the Daytona Beach area bid to host NACE 2014 which ultimately went to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. "Our competition was tough, but the outcome was a big success. Without the great teamwork of all involved, this would have never been a possibility. This is very exciting news of the entire Daytona Beach area," Miles said.

About NACE

Founded in 1956, the National Association of County Engineers represents a membership of 1,900 county engineers and county road officials. The objectives of NACE include: advancing county engineering and management by producing a forum for the exchange of ideas and information aimed at improving service to the public; fostering and stimulating the growth of individual state organizations of county engineers and county road officials; improving relations and the spirit of cooperation among county engineers and other agencies; and monitoring national legislation affecting county transportation/public works departments and providing NACE's legislative opinions. For more information about NACE, go to www.countyegnineers.org.

About the Daytona Beach Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

The Daytona Beach Area Convention and Visitors Bureau is a not-for-profit corporation charged with marketing the Daytona Beach area as a year-round business and leisure vaca-tion destination. To learn more about the Daytona Beach Area CVB's sales and marketing initiatives, visit <u>www.daytonabeachcvb.org</u> or call 386-255-0415.

Our FACERS Members and the Daytona Beach Area CVB traveled to Lexington Kentucky last month. They put the hard sell on the NACE leadership, worked tirelessly did not rest and ended the conference by winning the NACE National Conference for 2015.

JOB WELL DONE

After our travelers get some well deserved rest, we will all need to get to work and start the process of pulling off the NACE 2015 Conference. To bring this off, we all need to lend a hand and do our part.

With the profits FACERS received from hosting the NACE 2004 Conference, we were able to fund, with help from our friends, scholarships at four state universities. We have at least 4 more state universities where we need to fund scholarships.

FACERS AGENDA

June 20 – 22, 2012

Orlando World Center Marriott/ Orange County, FL

<u>Wednesday</u>	
8:30 am – 9:30 am	LAP Procedures Update (Duane Brautigam, FDOT)
9:45 am – 10:45 am	Integration of Solid Waste Conversion Technologies with Public Works (Paul Hauck, CDM Smith)
11:00 am –12:00 pm	Exhibit Hall/Networking Opportunities***
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	FDOT Safety Outreach and Work Initiatives for Smaller Counties (Lora Hollingsworth, FDOT)
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm	Presentation Do's and Don'ts (Nina Barker, T2)
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Every Day Counts Initiative (Martin Knopp, FHWA)
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Round Table Discussion – Public Works Construction Issues
<u>Thursday</u>	
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Managing Maintenance in Volusia County using a CMM System (Judy Grim, Volusia County)
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Advantages of Utilizing Warm Mix Asphalt (Jim Musselman, FDOT, & Jim Warren, ACAF)
10:30 am –11:30 am	Answering "What if?": A different approach to building an Arterial Roadway (Jim Harriott, Sarasota County)
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	FAC Luncheon or Lunch on your own
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Pavement Management - Agency vs. Contractor (Matt LaChance, VHB, & Bob Siffert, Asphalt Paving Systems)
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Design-Build Methodology: A City of Tampa Case Study (Robert Garland, Greeley and Hansen)
3:15 pm – 3:45 pm	Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act – Refresher (Frank Rudd, FES & FICE Executive Director)
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Round Table Discussion – Public Works Legal Issues
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	FACERS Social
<u>Friday</u>	
9:00 am – 11:30 am	FACERS Board of Directors & General Membership Meeting