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**All Registration Forms
postmarked before
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All is Set for the LICA Summer Meeting in Peoria!



Nestled along the Illinois River, Peoria, is equal distance from Chicago and St. Louis. Peoria is rare in that it has the thrill of city life, but because it's surrounded by countryside there is still a hometown feel to it. It is the quintessential midwestern city, having won the "All-American City" award three times. LICA members should take in the beautiful views of the river and get caught up in all Peoria has to offer.

This year's summer meeting will be a whirlwind of activity, thanks to Janet Doubet and the members of Illinois LICA. On Tuesday members will hit the ground running with a day trip and tour of the University of Illinois campus and Illinois LICA projects. The next day the ladies can see the quaint town of Manito and its quiet charm. On Thursday if the ladies don't want to stick around for the educational seminars; they have the option to tour Washington Square.

Of course, when LICA members come to Peoria they have to visit Caterpillar! There are two chances for members to experience CAT, first with the optional daytime tour. It includes equipment operation and tours of CAT's facilities. Then again on Friday evening for a hog-roast and a "Live Equipment Demonstration," you don't want to pass up!

A fun filled Saturday afternoon is scheduled at Kartville with go-karts, bumper boats, miniature golf and much more! Then place your bet at LICA's "Casino Night." Members will enjoy a fun evening while they play for a variety of prizes. There are many great options for every LICA member. Don't miss this year's Summer Meeting in Peoria!

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President's Message

It's hard to believe that it's almost time for the summer meeting! It seems like only yesterday we were in Phoenix. The 2010 Summer Meeting in Peoria, Illinois is going to be an exciting one. Illinois LICA has been working hard to assemble exciting tours and the educational seminars promise to be very informative. A late addition to the seminars, Wayne Litwiller, of Illinois LICA, volunteered to host an on-site waste showcase at his facility in Morton, IL. Illinois LICA will use this event as an opportunity to recruit new members and introduce non-LICA members to the benefits of LICA.

I am eager to see the Caterpillar Proving Grounds and the live demonstrations. There are going to be many seminars and committee meetings to attend, which offer the opportunity for all members to learn something new.

I hope to see you all there!

Dirk Riniker

Dirk Riniker
LICA National President

ADMC Update

ADMC will publish the results of the three year Conservation Innovation Grant report on drainage water management. Log on to www.admcoalition.com after June 15, 2010 to read the results of the five-state, twenty site demonstration report on reduced flows and nutrients.

Special Note to the Ladies!

Activities for the children are being planned. Please make sure to list the ages of children so we can make arrangements for them to have fun while the ladies are on tour.



**Get Updates About the
National Summer Meeting 2010**

*Email NLICA@aol.com
Please include your
Name & State*

Membership Drives

LICA continues to grow with successful state-wide Membership Drives. Chapters across the country are working hard hosting member meetings and drives. Just four months into the year we have recorded 81 new members and more coming in each day. Many of our state associates have joined us in promoting LICA and the benefits of a LICA membership. We would like to thank all our associates for their continued support of LICA. Below are just a few photos of many of the state meetings conducted over the past few months.



Illinois LICA

Hosted by: Central Illinois Trucks - Morton, IL



Virginia LICA

Hosted by: Potomac Truck Center - Gainesville, VA



Michigan LICA

Hosted by: Michigan Cat - Saginaw, MI

Region IV Reward

Steve Miller, Region IV Vice President, has offered \$250 cash prize to the state in his region that recruits the most contractor members in the calendar year of 2010. These 5 state chapters are eligible: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin. Good luck to all states! We will keep you posted on the progress!

Region IV Membership total 51 since January 1, 2010:
Missouri 19, Illinois 16, Iowa 9, Wisconsin 4, Minnesota 3.

Missouri LICA



Hosted by: Dean Machinery - Sedalia, MO



Hosted by: Scheib Drainage Products -
St. Joseph, MO

OPTIONAL TOURS



Tuesday, July 13

University of Illinois: 8 am - 5 pm

LICA members will be welcomed at the College of Agricultural Consumer & Environmental Sciences (ACES). Members will see the McFarland Memorial Bell Tower then move on to the Erosion Control Testing Facility, both U of I and ILICA projects. Lunch will be served in the new skybox area of Memorial Stadium. Then following lunch members will be treated to a Formal Japanese Tea Ceremony and/or a tour of the gardens and Arboretum Ponds Project. The Arboretum Ponds Project was the first cooperative projects between U of I and ILICA, and remains the largest in-kind donation received in the history of the University.



Wednesday, July 14

Caterpillar Proving Grounds: 8 am - 5 pm

You will visit the Edwards Demonstration Center; half of our members will operate a wide variety of equipment and the other half will travel to East Peoria and tour the D6, D11 factory and the Morton Parts Depot. Lunch will be served at Edwards and then members will switch activities. At the end of the day a bus will take members who wish to see an optional on-site display at Wayne Litwiller's shop. The other bus will travel back to the hotel.



Ladies Tour: Manito, IL: 9 am - 4 pm

The day will start with a complimentary coffee and danish at the Manito Villiage Square as well as "Manito Bucks" which can be used at any store in town. There are demonstrations throughout the day including live pottery, woodworking and candy-making. Lunch is at Hearthstone at Willett's Winery, who will also provide a tour of the facility and wine tasting.

Thursday, July 15

Ladies Tour: Washington Sq.: 11:30 am - 5 pm

The day begins with lunch at Denharts Bakery. After lunch members may stroll through town to the various quaint shops available. There are several antique, specialty and craft shops, including one of the largest quilting shops around!



Saturday, July 17

Kartville: 1:30 pm - 4 pm

Join us for a fun filled afternoon at Kartville and enjoy its many attractions. Race your fellow members at go-karts or ride the waves on the exciting bumper boats! There is also an ATV track and miniature golf. Snacks are available for purchase at the concession stand.



**National Summer Meeting
Tentative Agenda
Peoria, IL
July 13 - 17, 2010**

Tuesday, July 13

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Registration
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	University of Illinois / ILICA
TBA	Registration
6:00 pm	Executive Committee

Wednesday, July 14

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Registration
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Caterpillar Proving Grounds
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Ladies Tour of Manito, IL
TBA	Registration

Thursday, July 15

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Registration
11:30 am - 5:00 pm	Ladies Tour of Washington Sq.
	Seminars
TBA	Engine Compliance
TBA	Insurance/Safety
TBA	Going Green
TBA	LICA Benefits
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch on your own
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Executive Directors
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Opening Reception

Friday, July 16

7:00 am - 7:30 am	Devotions
7:30 am	Breakfast
	Committee Meetings
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Certification Devotions Legislative Water Table Mgmt.
9:45 am - 10:45 am	By- Laws Conservation, Excavating Ladies Education/Tech
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Convention Long-Term Plan/Past Pres. On-Site Waste Safety/Insurance
12:00 pm	John Deere Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Associates Awards Membership Policy
	Region Meetings
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm	Region 1 Region 2 Region 3 Region 4 Region 6 Region 8
4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Caterpillar Dinner & Live Demonstration at Edwards

Saturday, July 17

7:30 am - 8:00 am	Devotions
8:00 am	Breakfast
9:15 am - 9:45 am	Budget
10:00 am - 11:30 am	Board Meeting
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Kartville
6:00 pm	Casino Night

Friday, July 16: CAT Dinner

As part of your registration, CAT has invited LICA members back for a hog roast and live equipment demonstration.

Saturday, July 17: Casino Night

Pick your game: Craps, Blackjack, Texas Hold'Em and more right inside the hotel! Guests will be given fake money and are able to bid on prizes at the end of the evening. Also included in registration.

Leaders Market LICA in DC

By: John Peterson

On May 6th and 7th, some of your LICA leadership team visited Washington DC to market LICA with agencies and industry organizations that support our objectives. The team consisted of Chairman of the Board, Bruce Barnhart; President, Dirk Riniker; Vice President, Steve Gerten; CEO, Jerry Biuso and Director of Government Relations, John Peterson.

After traveling to Washington on Tuesday, May 5th, their day started at the Longworth House Office Building and the office of Representative Steve King (IA-5th). Rep. King is a former LICA Region IV Vice President who serves on the House Agriculture, Judiciary, and Small Business Committees. The meeting was supposed to be with King's Senior Legislative Assistant Brent Boydston, but out came Rep. King and he stayed and talked with us. He told us about getting started in the contracting business, how he first got interested in politics (and he credited past LICA President and current president of the Land and Water Magazine, Ken Rasch with that), and what his personal priorities were. He also alerted us to something going on with rural water districts that LICA may want to watch. We all very much enjoyed Rep. King taking time to be with us. Brent Boydston joined us and we discussed ConExpo, invited him to attend and be part of our legislative session.



From Left: Jerry Biuso, Dirk Riniker, Representative Steve King of Iowa, Bruce Barnhart, Steve Gerten.



From Left: Bruce Barnhart, Dirk Riniker, NACD CEO, Jeff Eisenberg; Steve Gerten, Jerry Biuso

From the House of Representatives it was off to the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) and a visit with new NACD CEO, Jeff Eisenberg. In addition to introducing ourselves to the new NACD CEO, we discussed how Soil and Water Conservation Districts around the country were involved in the TMDL process, talked about exchanging exhibits at each other's conferences and agreed to look for projects or activities we could work on together. One of Jeff's priorities is more individual district project activity and funding from non-government sources. That should be good news for many LICA members.

Our team then headed to the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). There they met with ASCE's Director of Federal Relations, Caroline Matcheska, and Allison Dickert, who is the driver for ASCE's Infrastructure Report Card work. In addition to discussing the infrastructure grades, we learned about the reauthorization of the highway bill. From ASCE it was on to the Portland Cement Association (PCA) and a visit with David Hubbard, PCA's Vice President for Legislative Affairs.

Here we talked about cap and trade and why it is not going away.

Thursday our LICA team met early, and headed for USDA and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). They met with the National Geotechnical Engineer and NRCS Liaison to LICA, Lyn Gillespie. Michelle Laur, the Acting NRCS Deputy Chief for Science and Technology, joined as well. Our group was interested Michelle's thoughts concerning additional Clean Water Act (CWA) or other legislation and more Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations as a result. Also, what that means for NRCS's field workload. Michele had worked at EPA, and is of the belief that EPA will be regulating agriculture at some point. They have done about all they can with point sources. NRCS would have to work to minimize the effects of additional regulations on their cooperators, farmers and ranchers. She also discussed the shortage of NRCS technical staff in the field. We then had an excellent discussion with Lyn and her ConExpo session on federal contracting.

The rest of Thursday our travelers all went to Capitol Hill and visited their own Congressional Members offices. The Congressional Members and staffs were pleased to see LICA. The Leadership team made great progress in promoting the LICA "brand" in Washington, DC.



From Left: NRCS Acting Deputy Chief for Science & Technology, Michelle Laur; Jerry Biuso, Bruce Barnhart, Steve Gerten, Dirk Riniker.

2010 NATIONAL LICA SUMMER MEETING

Holiday Inn City Centre
Peoria, IL • July 13-17, 2010

REGISTRATION

(Includes: Thursday Opening Reception; Friday breakfast, lunch & dinner; Saturday breakfast, lunch & Casino Night)

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Number Attending _____	Total \$ _____

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TOURS

U of I / ILICA Projects	Number Attending _____
Cost \$45 per person	Total \$ _____
CAT Proving Grounds	Number Attending _____
Cost \$30 per person	Total \$ _____
Ladies Tour Manito	Number Attending _____
Cost \$20 per person	Total \$ _____
Ladies Tour Wash. Sq	Number Attending _____
Cost \$35 per person	Total \$ _____
Kartville	Number Attending _____
Cost \$30 per person	Total \$ _____
TOUR TOTAL	\$ _____

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