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EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
2015 NATIONAL LICA
SUMMER MEETING



Register before
June 13, 2015 and \$ave

Arkansas LICA is Growing

Arkansas LICA is officially off and running! This past April they held a Members' Meeting at Riggs CAT Training Center in Little Rock. There were 45 attendees with a good mix of AR LICA members and prospects.

Gwen Brittain, the new Arkansas LICA President, helped organize this very successful event. She gave a brief introduction to LICA. Then she described the variety of national and state benefits for earthmoving contractors. Gwen also gave details on the National LICA Summer Meeting to be held in Little Rock, July 14-19.

Special guest speakers were: Tom Fortner, Bayou Meto Water Management District and Dennis Carman, White River Irrigation District. They gave an overview of the White River/Bayou Meto Irrigation Districts progress and plans, plus an update on the Mississippi River Basin Initiative. They explained that water is one of Arkansas' most valuable resources and its protection and conservation are of paramount importance. Mr. Fortner and Mr. Carman discussed irrigation projects that have been completed and upcoming projects for contractors to consider.

During the LICA Summer Meeting attendees have the opportunity to see the Bayou Meto Water Management project first hand. The optional tour is on Wednesday, July 15. Check out page 5 for more details.

Arkansas LICA has doubled their membership and is continuing to grow. This is exciting for the chapter and the whole association! Join us in Little Rock this July to support Arkansas LICA.



Arkansas LICA Members Meeting at Riggs CAT

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THE LICA NEWS welcomes letters, subject to editing for accuracy and brevity. THE LICA NEWS also welcomes articles relevant to the land improvement industry. Include your name and daytime phone number for verification purposes.

Deadlines are the twenty-first of the month preceding issue date. All unsolicited material must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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President's Message

Greetings fellow members,

As rain has put a damper on the ability to do much besides get muddy, I sit here dreaming of the upcoming National Summer Meeting in Arkansas. It is shaping up to be a good one with something for everyone to do.

For the machinery nut in us there is a trip to the Caterpillar Grader Plant to watch them from fabrication to assembly and then a nice lunch. For the engineer there is a trip to see the Bayou Meto Water Management Project to be constructed for irrigation. As well as some hands on play for the kid in us as we can drive some equipment that is being provided by IMC, Sitech, and Cat. For those with extra money to spend, Dillards is opening just for us with specialized information, informal fashion show, and time to browse the goods. For the spiritually minded group and I don't mean religious here, there is a tour of the Rock Town Distillery, an award winning tour of a producer of various spirits. And on Saturday there is a chance to be theatre critic as you can attend a Neil Simon play in town. It looks like a good time and that isn't even mentioning the fun we have in the meeting itself with time to renew old friendship, make some new ones, dress up as a roaring 20's type on Associates night, and learn some new information. I encourage you to make plans to attend.

With the onset of spring here and the conditions ready for moving dirt, keep in mind safety. As the old saying goes, there is never enough time to do it right but always time to do it over; do it right the first time. Plan out the job, make sure everyone knows their job as well as responsibilities, coordinate movements, and keep everything moving to maximize productivity. There is nothing that causes as much damage to a job as an injury on it. From the injury itself and its effect on the victim to the effect on those still working to the paperwork and possible OSHA investigation its is just so much better to work safely. Take the time to follow safe practices, and keep a work environment that looks to do it safely before fast for in the long run safety pays more than speed.

Steve Anderson

Steve Anderson
LICA President

National Scholarship Winners

Land Improvement Contractors of America supports the pursuit of higher education. The association is happy to assist students to pursue their dreams.

Every year National LICA awards scholarships to students from across the country. Congratulations to this year's recipients.



Logan Hack

Lafayette, IN
Purdue University
Major: Engineering



Cheyenne Liekweg

Rockwell, IA
North Iowa Area
Community College
Major: Business/ac-
counting



Paige Johnson

Madison, SD
Oklahoma Wesleyan
University
Major: Pastoral Min-
istry/Biblical Studies



Bryanna Long

Boone, IA
Des Moines Area
Community College
Major: Radiological
Technician



Kaleb Kregel

Winnebago, MN
Gustavus Adolphus
College
Major: Psychology



Daniel Musselman

West Lafayette, IN
Purdue University
Major: Agribusiness



Kyle Krutis

Scotch Plains, NJ
College Undecided
Major: Engineering



Brooke Rule

Arcade, NY
Genesee Community
College
Major: Forensic Science

TENTATIVE AGENDA

2015 NATIONAL LICA SUMMER MEETING



TUESDAY, JULY 14

10:00 am - 3:00 pm Caterpillar Motor Grader Tour

6:00 pm Executive Committee

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

8:30 am - 3:00 pm Dillard's Private Showing

8:30 am - 3:00 pm Tour Bayou Meto Water Mgmt. Project & Hands-on Equip. Demo.

THURSDAY, JULY 16

8:00 am - 12:00 pm Seminars:TBA

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Rock Town Distillery

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Executive Directors

5:00 pm **Grand Prix Rubber Duck Race Sponsored by IMC Scrapers**

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Roaring 20's Associates' Night

FRIDAY, JULY 17

7:00 am - 7:30 am Devotions

7:00 am - 7:30 am Committee Chairs

7:30 am Opening Breakfast

Committee Meetings

8:45 am - 9:45 am Education/Tech
Legislative
Water Table Mgmt..
Awards

10:00 am - 11:00 am By- Laws
Conservation, Exc.
Ladies & Devotions
Associates

11:15 am - 12:15 pm Convention
Long-Term/
Past Pres.
On-Site Waste
Safety/Insurance

FRIDAY, JULY 17 (CONTINUED)

12:30 pm Lunch

1:45 pm - 2:45 pm Membership Policy

2:45 pm - 3:45 pm Region Meetings

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Budget

5:30 pm - 9:30 pm **Mark Twain Riverboat Sponsored by Case**

SATURDAY, JULY 18

8:00 am - 8:30 am Devotions

9:15 am - 10:30 am Board Meeting

12:00 pm Lunch

1:45 pm - 9:00 pm Afternoon in Hot Springs & Murry's Dinner
Playhouse: Neil Simon's Star Spangled Girl

**EMBASSY SUITES
LITTLE ROCK**

There is a complimentary hot breakfast every morning and a reception with beer and wine every evening.




2015 SUMMER MEETING TOURS

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS



Little Bayou Meto Pump Station

TUESDAY, JULY 14 Caterpillar Motor Grader Plant 10 am - 3:00 pm

The North Little Rock facility manufactured its first motor grader in June 2010 and is now the worldwide source for two motor grader models, the 14M and 16M, and produces six additional models. A lunch will be provided on this tour.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

Tour Bayou Meto Water Mgmt. Project & Hands-On Equip. Demo.

8:30 am - 3 pm

A planned \$320 million irrigation project in the state's rice-rich Grand Prairie region. Project objectives include: protect and conserve the groundwater resources of the basin, minimize flood damage, and protect, restore and enhance waterfowl management resources within. IMC Scrapers, Sitech & Caterpillar are hosting a demonstration for LICA members. You will be able to try a variety of scrapers, dozers and excavators. A lunch is included with this tour.

Dillard's Private Showing

8:30 am - 3 pm

Dillard's department store originated in Little Rock, Arkansas and LICA is invited to a private event. The store will open its doors early for a Private Shopping Experience catered just for your needs. There will be specialist from every department waiting to give advice, tips, and personalized service. There will also be casual modeling of the latest fashions. After, stroll around the shopping malls, get a manicure, or treat yourself to a bowl of Dippin' Dots before traveling back to the hotel.



THURSDAY, JULY 16

Rock Town Distillery

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

USA Today lists Rock Town as one of the 10 Best Southern Distillery Tours.- July 2014 Located in downtown Little Rock, the state's first artisan craft distillery welcomes visitors to learn more about their products via a tour and taste. After the lively tour, which helpfully details the origins of bourbon, vodka, and gin, visitors get the opportunity to sample all of Rock Town's spirits.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Afternoon in Hot Springs &

Murry's Dinner Playhouse: Neil Simon's Star Spangled Girl

1:45 pm - 9 pm

A fun filled afternoon in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Members can go to the Gangster Museum, take a "Duck Tour", visit a wax museum, and shop til they drop in downtown Hot Springs. There are a variety of options for everyone. Murry's Dinner Playhouse is a unique facility that combines a great buffet dinner with professional theatre. Celebrate Independence Day with this happy comedy written by one of America's finest – Neil Simon. The show deals with two earnest young men struggling to put out a "protest" magazine, and the all-American girl who moves in next door and manages to send both of them into a romantic tailspin.



EVENT INFORMATION

2015 NATIONAL LICA SUMMER MEETING



MARK TWAIN RIVERBOAT

Sponsored by Case

Friday, July 17 • Included with Registration



The Mark Twain & Sandbar offer unforgettable views of the Central Arkansas Skyline and the outstanding lighted bridges. Members will dine while enjoying a refreshing river breeze, entertainment, and an unforgettable sunsets for memories that will last a lifetime. Join our captain and crew on board for a unique tour and cruise attraction that is unlike any other you have experienced!

GRAND PRIX RUBBER DUCK RACE

Embassy Suites lobby

Thursday, July 16 • 5:00 pm

Sponsored by IMC Scrapers

LICA members have raced go-karts, pinewood derby cars but now it's time for the mother of all races: rubber ducks! This is the ultimate racing event you will want to be a part of. Grand Prize is a custom made BBQ grill from IMC Scrapers. Rubber ducks can be purchased at registration.



AFTERNOON IN HOT SPRINGS

Saturday, July 18

Optional Tour

The historic downtown of Hot Springs boasts a variety of shopping and activities for your enjoyment. LICA members will be dropped off in the center of it all and have the afternoon to experience this unique town. Below are a few options of things to do in Hot Springs. Check out www.hot springs.org for even more things to do.

The Gangster Museum of America

510 Central Ave. • 501-318-1717 • www.tgmoa.com

Meet the world's most notorious mobsters in this establishment. Starting in the 20's Hot Springs was a hotbed for mobsters including Owen "Owney" Madden, Charles "Lucky" Luciano, and Al Capone. \$15 general admission.



Gangster Museum of America

Maxwell Blade Odditorium & Curiosity Museum

117 Central Ave. • 501-623-6200 • maxwellblade.com

This is one of the newest things to do in town. See many odd and peculiarities from all over. On your self-guided tour you'll see the unexplainable like a two headed turtle! Tickets are \$7.50.

Josephine Tussad Wax & Gambling Museum

250 Central Ave. • 501-623-5836 • hotspringswaxmuseum.com

Once in the wax museum you will travel through time, with celebrities, royalty, presidents and recreations like Da Vinci's "Last Supper." The gambling museum is the newest addition; where you will see a famous escape tunnel used by notorious gangsters.

National Park Aquarium

209 Central Ave. • 501-624-FISH • nationalparkaquarium.org

Come see the beautiful fish swimming in their natural habitat. There are also reptiles and amphibians housed in this fascinating aquarium.

When the afternoon comes to a close we will continue straight to Murry's Playhouse for dinner and the show.

2015 SUMMER MEETING REGISTRATION

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

JULY 14-19, 2015

Company _____
 City _____ State _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Names of Attendees (for Badges)

Name _____
 Name _____
 Name _____
 Name _____

Early Bird Registration

Postmarked before June 13, 2015

Members, Spouses, Associates **\$235**
 Number Attending _____ Total \$ _____
Youth: 13 Years & under (Under 3 Free) **\$225**
 Number Attending _____ Total \$ _____

Registration

Postmarked after June 13, 2015

Members, Spouses, Associates **\$260**
 Number Attending _____ Total \$ _____
Youth: 13 Years & under (Under 3 Free) **\$250**
 Number Attending _____ Total \$ _____

Registration includes: Associates' Night, Friday breakfast, lunch & Riverboat; Saturday lunch.

Optional Tours

Tues. July 14

Caterpillar Motor Grader No. Attending _____
 Cost \$ 40 per person Total \$ _____

Weds. July 15

Dillard's Private Showing No. Attending _____
 Cost \$ 25 per person Total \$ _____

Water Mgmt. Project/Demo. No. Attending _____
 Cost \$ 40 per person Total \$ _____

Thurs. July 16

Rock Town Distillery No. Attending _____
 Cost \$ 20 per person Total \$ _____

Sat. July 18

Hot Springs/Dinner Theatre No. Attending _____
 Cost \$ 65 per person Total \$ _____

Tour Total **\$ _____**

Convention total **\$ _____**

(tours plus convention registration)

HOTEL INFORMATION:
Embassy Suites Little Rock
 11301 Financial Centre Pkwy. Little Rock, AR 72211

\$127/night (plus taxes)
Call: 501-312-9000
Group Name: Land Improvement Contractors
Reserve by: June 13, 2015

Registration Policy: Only individuals registered and wearing badges may attend Summer Meeting events. All must register to attend conventions, programs or functions. No registration will be processed without payment. Registration fee deadlines will be strictly enforced.

Refund Policy: For cancellations received prior to June 21, 2015 a \$30.00 charge will be deducted from the original amount paid. No registration payment will be refunded after June 21, 2015 unless there has been an emergency.

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National LICA Benefits

A LICA membership entitles contractors to many benefits with a competitive edge.

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Service Supply Catalog

LICA Contractor Safety Mgmt.. Plan

The LICA Portal

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Protection Program.**

LICA Hotel Savings Card

Petrocon Commodities Program

OCS Equipment Financing

LICA Universal Premium Fuel Program

Trimble Coupon

Case Discount Program

Cleanfire New Member Discount

LICA Healthy Benefits

ADP Payroll Services

**LegalShield:Identity Theft, Business &
Personal Protection**

LICA Hearing Program

National LICA Surety Bonding Program