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The Heartlander

The Spirit of the Heartland - Chapter 41 *May 2003*

Calendar of Events

Chapter 41 Quarterly Meeting

Place Eldora – Pine Lake State Park

Date & Time Friday June 6, 2003

Region 3 Fall Forum

Fall Omaha -- October 10, 2003

International Education Conference

Place Kansas City, Missouri
Hyatt Regency Crown Center

Date June 15 – 19, 2003

Deadlines & Upcoming Events

June 17 – Course Coordinator's Update
Kansas City (see back page)

July 24-25 – SR/WA Certification Course
Council Bluffs

August 18-19 - Course 205, Ames

October 29 - 30 – Course 901 & 902, Cedar Rapids

November – 200 Series Course

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President's Message

President Bernard B. Banker, SR/WA, R/W-RAC

Happy Spring to everyone! It's great to see nature bursting out all over. The fruit trees are in blossom; my lilacs are beginning to bloom and filling my backyard with that wonderful aroma. The birds are chirping and signaling the rebirth of all that is green and grows. Temper that with the familiar yellow color of the dandelions and it's a fabulous time of the year.

Time flies. It's May already and we're only six weeks away from the Conference in K.C. There is still plenty to get done prior to then, but Nancy, Rita and Bob assure me that they're right on top of every little detail…right?

GREAT NEWS!!!!!!! Iowa Chapter 41, "Spirit of the Heartland", has been chosen as the recipient of the 2003 "Newsletter of the Year" in the "under 100 member" category. Nancy Halvorson submitted our chapter and ours was chosen from among five nominations. Although we have a number of contributors, a great big THANK YOU to Shelly Whiteing, editor of "The Heartlander", for her creative and organizational skills that have made this a wonderful vehicle to keep our membership informed. We have asked Shelly to attend the awards luncheon on June 17th to accept the award on behalf of the chapter. She'll even get to sit at a special table at the front of the room.

Speaking of vehicles, our chapter website is up and running on the information highway. I want to thank Vicki Elscott for her efforts in making this a reality. As a token of our thanks, the Chapter Officers voted to present Vicki with an IRWA portfolio, IRWA notepad (thanks to Dan Shiflett's procurement skills in Mobile) and a monetary gift. Vicki had volunteered to set up our site and was quite surprised when we made the presentation. Again, our address is: www.irwa41.org. Visit it often!

Through these same efforts by Vicki and facilitated by Nancy Halvorson, Region Three now has a website. It will have all courses available throughout our region and hopefully we will avoid duplication and be able to offer a wide range of courses every year. All chapter newsletters, chapter reporting forms and committee reports will eventually be posted. Please visit it at: www.irwaregion3.org.

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Reminder: June 6 Chapter Meeting... see page 13

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IOWA'S INNOVATIVE BRIDGE PROJECT RECEIVES AWARD The FHWA honored the Iowa Department of Transportation with the Administrator's Environmental Quality Award for its work on the Iowa River Bridge, a project that demonstrated environmental sensitivity in its planning, design and construction. The Iowa River Bridge is located in the Iowa River Greenbelt, a remaining fragment of old-growth woodland that is home to a rare plant and three endangered species of freshwater mussels. The area is also a roosting and wintering area for bald eagles. Scheduled to open to traffic in 2003, the bridge is part of a 40- mile highway relocation project in the US 20 corridor. Of the $20 million in costs, 15 percent to 20 percent is directly attributed to design and detailing considerations added to accommodate the environmental concerns and site accessibility challenges. With technical and financial support from the FHWA, Iowa DOT used innovative construction techniques to significantly reduce the physical impact on the floor of the Greenbelt Valley. "This project not only addresses important transportation needs, but it presents and protects the surrounding environment as well. It offers all of us an example of how transportation and environmental professionals can collaborate to provide a transportation facility to improve safety, mobility and opportunities for economic development in an environmentally sensitive manner," said FHWA Administrator Mary E. Peters.

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We have a great June meeting scheduled for Pine Lake State Park, near Eldora. Mike LaViolette, with the consulting firm of HNTB, will give a power point presentation on the construction of the Iowa River Bridge which was featured in the November/December, 2002, issue of right of way magazine (this article is reprinted on this page). After the presentation we will "road trip" to the bridge and view it "up close and personal". This segment of U.S. 20 will open in late June so we are getting a special look at an innovative project to minimize environmental impacts. What a great opportunity to bring a guest and show them what IRWA is all about. See Page 13 for special offers and meeting particulars.

Congratulations to Nancy Halvorson. Nancy was elected Region 3 Chairperson at our April meeting in Kansas City. She will be installed at the Thursday banquet, June 19th in Kansas City. I don't have a tux, but I may have to dig out the duds and attend that bash.

Congratulations are also in order for Rita Rasmussen who has been appointed Vice-Chair of the International Local Public Agency Committee.

It is wonderful that we have people from our chapter who are willing to give the time and effort to serve our organization. It speaks well for "The Spirit of the Heartland".

Sometimes we don't have a good handle on the chapter membership and who is working on what from a designation/certification standpoint. Our chapter has made great strides in numbers of new SR/WA's and Certifications in the past few years and one of my goals this year is to continue that trend. I asked Bob Dahlgren, Professional Development Committee (PDC) Chair, to contact International and find out who we currently have as candidates. International indicates that Joe Anderson and Ken Boatright are currently working toward their Appraisal Certifications and Sherry Lewis is working toward her Relocation Certification. SR/WA candidates include Deane Davenport, Jim Diemer, Jana Jones, Sherry Lewis, Bob North, Rita Rasmussen, Rand Richardson, Vicki Reeck, Patti Simons and Jay Walton.

I encourage you folks to contact your PDC in order to assess your progress. You may be closer than you think in achieving these worthwhile goals.

Gee, when I sat down to write this message I felt as though I had writer's block or whatever it's called. I've sure managed to ramble on as the thoughts just keep coming. Enough is enough, right? One more thought and I'll quit.

I look forward to an IRWA-filled June 2003, and I am absolutely positive that everyone who participates in all that's planned will have a very positive, rewarding experience.

In The Spotlight

Brian K. Knights

Please welcome Brian K. Knights, one of Chapter 41's newest members. Brian is employed by Mid American Energy Company as a Right of Way Agent and joined IRWA in December 2002.

Brian has attended Courses 801, 901 and 902 and feels that they have helped "considerably in the transition to Right of Way Services".

Before joining Right of Way Services in December Brian was employed as a Contract Analyst negotiating software contracts for MidAmerican. He graduated from Iowa State University in 1992.

Brian lives in Polk City and enjoys running, hunting, fishing and almost anything that "gets me outdoors".

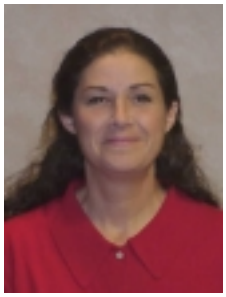
Welcome Brian to Chapter 41.

Would you like to be in an Upcoming Spotlight?

Please email me (*shelly.whiteing@dot.state.ia.us*)

"Smile for the Camera" at our next meeting.

Brenda Martin



One of our most recent Relocation Certified members, Brenda Martin has been an IRWA member for three years. She has served as a co-program chair.

Brenda has been involved in the Right of Way profession for the past five years with the Iowa Department of Transportation. She recently transferred to the Title and Closing section after spending several years as a Relocation Assistance Agent.

Brenda has this to say about her involvement in IRWA. "My involvement in IRWA has been both rewarding and fun. I have attended many classes, a region forum, and a national seminar, and I try to participate in my home chapter meetings and social functions. IRWA provides educational opportunities and networking that I have found to be helpful and useful to my professional career. Taking part in IRWA events has given me the opportunity to meet many people that come from various states and different agencies with lots of different backgrounds and experiences. I find it fascinating to listen to "war stories" from these people and hear how their agencies go about the business of Right of Way."

Brenda's three grown children, two daughters and a son, still manage to keep her busy. Currently she is spending time helping her youngest daughter, Lacey, with wedding preparations as well as a pending graduation from Iowa State University. Her son, Jim, started his own construction business and she gives advice and help when she is able. Her oldest daughter, Billy Jo, is helping (long distance from Texas) with the wedding and graduation plans. In her "spare time" she enjoys taking her two dogs to the lake or a park for long walks.

REGION 3 and INTERNATIONAL

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Region 3 Spring Forum

Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA, R/W-RAC, Region 3 Vice-Chair

REGION 3 CAUCUS

If you are attending the Annual International Conference, be sure to plan to attend the Region Caucus Monday morning at 7:00 before Opening Ceremonies. The location will be announced in your Conference materials when you pick up your registration packet.

IRWA EDUCATIONAL FUND AUCTION

If you have signed up to help, the schedule will be posted on the Chapter website at www.irwa41.org by May 15th so you can confirm your times. If you see a problem, please let me know as soon as possible. Thanks. nancy.halvorson@dot.state.ia.us

REGION REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2003-2004

If you would like to get involved at the Regional level and be a representative on one of the industry committees please let me know. I will be wanting to have these positions filled when I assume the position of Region Chair in June and would like to have the "line-up" all ready to go. You may also serve as an "at-large" member on any of these committees to kind of get your feet wet and get a feel for what's involved. Any questions please let me know.

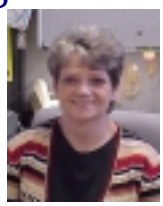
Region 3 Committee Positions

Region 3 is currently looking for someone to serve as the Region Representative on three committees...Environmental, Valuation and Transportation.

If you would like to get more involved at the Region and International level this is a GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

Please contact Nancy, if you are interested.

Congratulations...



Nancy Halvorson

Region 3 Chair

Chapter 41 is proud of you and wishes you much success in the coming year!!

It's Not Too Late to Help

No Sales Experience Necessary...No Right of Way Experience Necessary... Excellent Benefits, Excellent Hours.

Benefits include Camaraderie, a **FREE shirt*** **and** up to **$300**** Registration Reimbursement for Education Conference expenses.

We still need help! Please contact Nancy Halvorson nancy.halvorson@dot.state.ia.us, or 515-239-1359 to sign up.

Hours of Employment: Minimum of 6 hours per person (guests and spouses welcome).

No one will be refused...Members must Register for the Conference.

****Free Shirt for each volunteer***
*****Reimbursed to Chapter 41 Members Only.***

Region 3 Website:

www.irwaregion3.org

Questions or Comments, contact Webmaster

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LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY COMMITTEE (ILPAC)

Rita Rasmussen, Region 3 Representative

The LPA Committee met in Dallas, Texas on March 8, 2003.

General Subjects Discussed:

The purpose of this meeting was to continue the ILPAC objective of building and solidifying a fully functioning and representative Committee team, having at least one ILPAC meeting in addition to the annual meeting at the International Education Conference.

Howard Armstrong provided an IEC update. The IEC has charged all committees with the following 5 mandates: 1) Continuation of Program, 2) Educational/Professional Development, 3) Research and Studies, 4) Outreach, 5) Liaison Committee Representative.

The ILPAC shall address the above as follows:

1) Look at coordinating a future symposium
2) Look at developing a specific IRWA course for designed for locals
3) LPA Committee to develop "best practices"
4) Create mailing lists targeting local members and affiliated associations
5) To provide an active committee Liaison Representative

Murray Armstrong stepping down as the ILPAC Vice Chair. **Rita Rasmussen to be appointed as ILPAC Vice Chair for the remainder of the 2003/2004 year.**

Rita Rasmussen presented ILC update from January 2003 meeting. The LPA Rep's role shall be to provide a link for communication between industry committees and coordinate review of legislation, regulations, and judicial decision. Liaison Committee created subcommittees for:

Communication - providing effective distribution of information through Industry Committees, magazine, website, e-mail.

Regulatory – review of legislative issues, collect information from Industry Committees and pass onto Liaison for appropriate action.

Outreach – Create a centralized place at IRWA HQ for federal agencies to send updates

Program – Coordinate Federal Agency Update, Annual Conference programs, Canadian Federal Agency Update, Association Updates, Specific Industry Seminars.

Congratulations!

Rita Rasmussen
International Local Public Agency Committee **Vice-Chair**

REGION 3 SPRING FORUM HIGHLIGHTS

Region 3 Professional of the Year Candidates: (Left to Right) Bruce Reed, SR/WA (Ch. 5); Judi Sorensen, SR/WA (Ch. 78); Rita Rasmussen (Ch. 41); and Daryl Knobbe (Ch. 37). Absent: Sue Pariseau, SR/WA (Ch. 20) and Robert Larson (Ch. 72)

Region 3 Professional of the Year
Bruce Reed, SR/WA and
Region 3 Chair-Elect Nancy Halvorson

Region 3 Officers: Secretary/Treasurer-Elect Craig Poorker, SR/WA; Vice Chair-Elect Jack Holt, SR/WA; Region Chair-Elect Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA; Outgoing Region Chair Daryl Knobbe

ATTITUDE...

The 92-year old petite, well-poised and proud lady, who is fully dressed each morning by 8:00 with her hair fashionably coiffed and makeup perfectly applied, even though she is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. Her husband of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary.

After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready.

As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on her window. "I love it!" she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room...just wait."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it." she replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged...it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it...

It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away, just for this time in my life."

--Author Unknown

Chapter 41 Website:

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Questions or Comments, contact Webmaster

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WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!!!!

Tim Greenwood, Shelly Whiteing, SR/WA, Vicki Elscott and Bernie Banker, SR/WA

Thank you Vicki Elscott for your assistance in getting our new website up and running...and thank you in advance for volunteering to maintain it. Be sure to check out the site **www.chapter41.org** often. Please contact Vicki at **vicki@ipublishers.com** if you have any questions or comments.

Vicki also developed and will maintain the Region 3 Website at **www.irwaregion3.org**.

Vicki (daughter of Nancy Halvorson) and her husband Brent have graciously offered their assistance with the Youth Program at the International Conference in June. The Chapter voted that it would be appropriate to give Vicki $150, an IRWA Portfolio and Notepad in appreciation for her dedication to IRWA.

Thank you Vicki!

Negotiation Tip

Edward Opstein, SR/WA, MPA

How do you eat an elephant? Answer: One bite at a time. Sometimes, getting agreement on a complex issue is like trying to eat an elephant - you can't get it all at once. When you are in a disagreement with someone and you need agreement, go after a total agreement one step at a time. Identify the items (not "issues") that you agree on and the ones where there is not yet an agreement. Look at the situation in positive ways and then explore how you can resolve each item. No one can solve everything in one easy step, so take it in "bites" and you will succeed.

March Chapter Meeting

(Left to Right) Joe Anderson (Secretary), Vicki Elscott (Visitor/Webmaster), Patti Simons, Sue Albright, Bob Dahlgren, SR/WA, Jim Diemer, Steve Chapman, SR/WA, and Rita Rasmussen

Dan Shiflett, Ken Schwarz and Brian Knights look on as Bernie Banker, SR/WA, presents Bill Stoner with his 40 Years of Service plaque from the DOT (Bill retired in August, 2002).

Steve Chapman, SR/WA, Rita Rasmussen and Amy Walters

Jana Jones and Ed Opstein, SR/WA, look on as Vicki Elscott previews Chapter 41's new website....
check it out at www.irwa41.org

PDC Chair Bob Dahlgren, SR/WA, Presents Steve Chapman, SR/WA, and Brenda Martin
with Relocation Assistance Certification Plaques

2001 Professional of the Year --

Nancy Halvorson, SR/WA

2002 Professional of the Year --

Rita Rasmussen

Member News & Information:

Congratulations

$50 Door Prize Winner

March Meeting

Ken Schwarz

(You could be the winner in June!!!)

Membership News

Chair Timothy Greenwood

NEW MEMBER

Derek P. Reischauer, Graham Land Acquisition Associates

Welcome–

We look forward to your membership.

Certifications

Brenda Martin

Certified in Relocation Assistance

Congratulations, Brenda!

If you would like a Chapter 41 Shirt...Please notify Shelly Whiteing by **May 15**...we will try to have them back by the June Meeting. The cost is **$23**... of course you can still have one for FREE by volunteering to help with the Auction at the International Education Conference in Kansas City.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Steve Chapman, SR/WA, R/W-RAC

First Quarter Report

Income	$ 801.43
Expenses	4,060.61
Net Income	**($3,259.18)**
Current Cash Balance	$20,830.23
Long Term Obligations	2,315.00
Net Balance	**$18,515.23**

YOUR COURSE HISTORY

Is now on the World Wide Web

http://www.irwaonline.org/education/course_history.cfm

You can now access your personal information and make changes. You can also view your course history. If there are courses missing or you would like to include courses prior to 1988 you may contact Annette Gray ataqray@irwaonline.org or 310-538-0233, Extension 138.

DID YOU KNOW?

IRWA provides scholarship assistance **through the SARPA Scholarship program?**

The child of any IRWA member is eligible.

To obtain an application go to http://www.irwaonline.org/forms/ and download the SARPA Application form

Winners are notified at the Annual Educational Conference in June.

International Right of Way Association

"Spirit of the Heartland" - Iowa Chapter 41

Minutes of Business Meeting – March 13, 2002

Tic Toc Restaurant - Boone, Iowa

President Bernie Banker called the meeting to order at 5:04pm. Seventeen members and one guest were in attendance.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the December business meeting were distributed. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report indicated a total net balance of $18,515.23. A motion to approve the report was made, seconded, and approved.

Special Presentation: Bernie Banker made a special presentation to long-time Chapter 41 member Bill Stoner, honoring Bill's 40 years of outstanding service to the Iowa Department of Transportation. Bill retired from the Department in 2002.

Membership Committee: Ken Schwarz introduced a new member to our chapter, Mr. Brian Knights. Brian is a Right of Way Agent with MidAmerican Energy in Des Moines. Other members that recently joined our chapter are Mary Beth Kiner, a Right of Way Agent with the Iowa Department of Transportation in Ames, and Derek Reischauer, a Right of Way Agent with Graham Land Acquisition Associates in Nevada. Welcome, all of you, to *The Spirit of the Heartland Chapter!*

Education Committee: Jana Jones and Amy Walter announced that the following courses are tentatively planned for 2003:

- April - Course 803 (Eminent Domain Law Basics for Right-of-Way)
- May - Course 700 (Introduction to Property Management)
- July 24 & 25 - SR/WA exam preparation course in Council Bluffs
- August - Course 802 (Legal Aspects of Easements)
- September - Course 901 (Engineering Plan Development and Application)
  Course 902 (Property Descriptions)
- November - 200-series course (to be determined)

If anyone is interested in coordinating any of these courses, please contact Jana or Amy. Course coordinators take the course free of charge. To learn more about being a course coordinator, visit the IRWA website at *http://www.irwaonline.org/education/coordinators/* Also, if there are any other courses that our members want to see offered in Iowa, contact Jana or Amy and they will try to make it happen.

Program Committee: Our chapter's next quarterly meeting will be held June 6th (Friday) at Pine Lake State Park near Eldora. The tentative schedule of events includes a morning presentation about the recently constructed U.S. Highway 20 Bridge over the Iowa River Greenbelt in Hardin County. We will also take a guided tour of the site. Later we will return to the park lodge for a catered lunch and chapter business meeting. Patti Simons and Jim Diemer will let us know when the schedule of events is finalized. For more information on this spectacular award-winning bridge project, visit *http://www.iowariverbridge.org/* or, check out the story and pictures on page 11 of the November/December 2002 issue of IRWA's *right of way Magazine.*

As always, if anyone has ideas for the topics or locations of future meetings, please share them with Jim or Patti.

Professional Development Committee: Plaques were presented to our chapter's most recent Professional of the Year award winners: Nancy Halvorson for 2001 and Rita Rasmussen for 2002. Two other members were recognized for recently earning their discipline certifications: Steve Chapman and Brenda Martin, both in Relocation Assistance. Also, it was announced that Ken Boatright is a candidate for certification in Appraisal. Congratulations to all of our award-winners and candidates!

Survey Committee: Dan Shiflett presented a report on recent activities of the International Surveying Committee (ISC). ISC has upcoming meetings in Phoenix in March, and at the Annual Education Conference in Kansas City in June. A motion to provide Dan with $500 of chapter assistance to attend the Phoenix meeting was made, seconded, and approved.

Local Public Agency Committee: Rita recently attended a meeting of the International Local Public Agency Committee in Dallas, and she shared an update with us. Rita is the new Vice-Chair of the International Local Public Agency Committee, as appointed by International Vice-President Gordon McNair. Congratulations, Rita, on earning this high honor!

Newsletter Committee: Our chapter newsletter, *The Heartlander*, has been nominated for International's annual outstanding chapter newsletter award. Kudos to Shelly Whiteing for doing such a great newsletter!

If she has not already, Shelly may be contacting you soon to be a featured member "In the Spotlight". This is a fun feature in the newsletter and a great way to learn more about our members. Please extend a helping hand to Shelly when she calls for you to be "In the Spotlight"!

Committee vacancies: We still have vacancies in some of our chapter's committees, including the Audit Committee. Please contact Bernie if you are interested in serving on a committee. It's a great way to help the chapter, and it's a great avenue for individual professional growth as well.

2003 Region 3 Spring Forum: The Spring Forum will be held April 11th in Kansas City. Our own Nancy Halvorson has been nominated for Region Chair. Chapter Presidents and Directors are eligible to vote, which means each chapter has three votes. Good luck, Nancy!

2003 International Education Conference in Kansas City: Planning for the auction continues. Many volunteers from our chapter will be needed to help with the auction. Volunteering just six hours of your time to help with the auction will earn you $300 towards your conference registration and a nice embroidered polo shirt. Contact Nancy for more information on volunteering. The shirts for the members that have already signed up to help with the auction have arrived. If anyone would like to purchase additional shirts at a price of $23 each, please contact Shelly.

A children's book drive will be held in conjunction with the Annual Education Conference in Kansas City. All attendees are asked to bring a new children's book to the conference.

A motion to provide Bernie, as one of our Chapter Directors, with $1,000 of chapter assistance to attend the Region 3 Spring Forum in April and Annual Education Conference in June, in Kansas City, was made, seconded, and approved.

Budget Reconciliation and Itemization of Deposits: There was discussion about whether or not our chapter should prepare an annual budget. Ideas for improved documentation were discussed as well.

Chapter Website: Vicki Elscott, an independent web designer, has created a website for our chapter. The site can now be viewed at *http://www.irwa41.org* Vicki demonstrated a few of the website's features and talked about ideas for future additions and maintenance. If anyone has feedback or suggestions for the website, please contact Bernie.

On a related subject Bernie distributed a draft of the Quick Reference and Web Guide, which is designed to aid in the navigation of IRWA's International website. The site address is *http://www.irwaonline.org*

Door prize drawing: Ken Schwarz was the winner of the drawing for the $50 door prize. The names of the members attending today's meeting will be included in the drawing for the $1,000 Grand Prize and the "free membership" Second Prize at the banquet in December.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe A. Anderson

JUNE CHAPTER MEETING

Pine Lake State Park - Eldora

Friday, June 6, 2003

8:00 a.m. Business Meeting

9:30 a.m. Mike LaViolette with HNTB

Iowa River Greenbelt Bridge Project *(see page 2)*

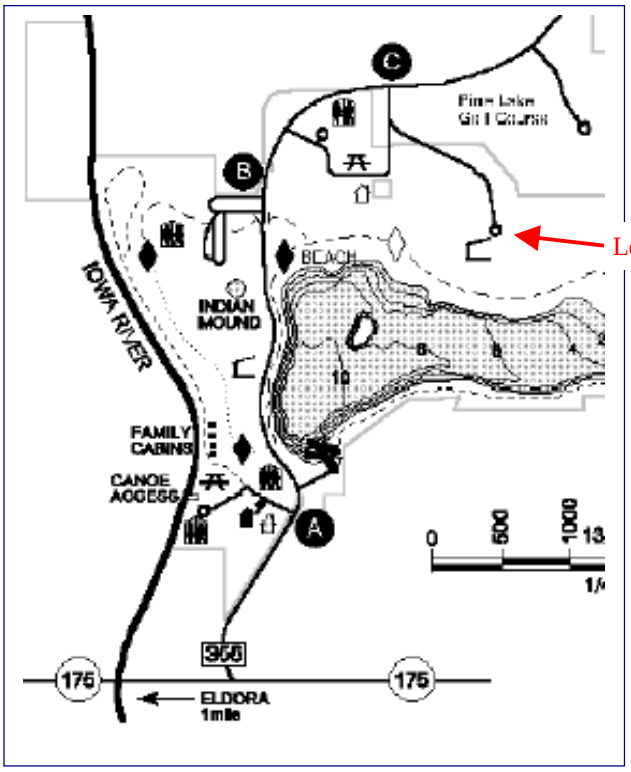
Please **RSVP before May 30**...and state your lunch preference
patricia.simons@dot.state.ia.us, or jpdiemer@midamerican.com
Lunch Menu:
Hamburger *or* Bratwurst
Potato Salad & Layered Lettuce Salad
Baked Beans, Cookie and Drink

($10 registration fee to help offset expenses of lodge and lunch,
*or **bring a guest and each of you pay $5.00**)*
Guests join us for $5.00

Eldora Motels:
Eldora Motel – 1315 23rd Street – 641-858-3312
Village Motel – 2005 Edgington – 641-939-3441

Grundy Center 17 miles east
Americ Inn – 2101 Commerce Street (Hwy 175)
319-824-5272

Iowa Falls 20 miles northwest
Americ Inn – 810 S Oak Street (Hwy 65)
641-648-4600
Super 8 Motel – 839 Oak Street (Hwy 65)
641-648-4618



Directions from Highway 175 (just East of Eldora)
North into Pine Lake State Park (County Road S56)
Right at Entrance C - Horseshoe Picnic Area

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DEADLINE FOR AUGUST ISSUE

July 15, 2003

Your articles and/or suggestions are always welcomed.

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