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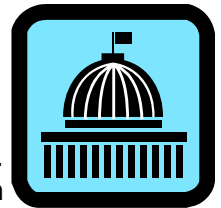
It was good to see so many of you at the Summer Meeting in French Lick.

For those who were there, I think all will agree that the renovation and restoration of the old hotels is magnificent. For those who did not attend, I highly recommend a visit.

I would like to urge everyone who has not already done so to consider making a contribution to the Indiana Aggregate History Book. This is a one-time opportunity to be part of an exciting and long overdue project. We need pledges now, large or small, to insure the completion in a timely manner.

Be sure to send in your sponsorships and get your teams together for the PIE Golf Fundraiser to be held at Eagle Creek Golf Course on September 12th. This is always a great time and is the only funding source for all of the PIE Committee activities.

14th Annual Washington, DC Grassroots Fly-In



June 6-8 marked another Annual Fly-In to Washington, DC. This year 30 persons from Indiana, 13 from Ohio and 6 from Illinois attended the gathering in our nation's capital. Representative John Boehner (R-OH), House Republican Leader and Congressman Jim Jordan (R-OH) addressed the group at The Capital Hill Club breakfast on various issues in the political world. Afterward, each state attended appointments with their congressional delegation. We believe that this was one of our best visits to Washington and it is key to establishing relationships with newly elected representatives such as Brad Ellsworth and Joe Donnelly. If you've never attended the Fly-In, you should plan to next year. It is really worth your time.

BLASTER LICENSE TEST SCHEDULE

The Blaster License exam will be given on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. The following dates are listed below. Call Sue Sigler at DHS (317/233-0208) or email her at ssigler@dhs.in.gov to confirm attendance.

Additional test dates can also be arranged if special need. All testing will be conducted at:

Indiana Government Center South
302 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN

August 3	November 2	December 7
September 21	November 9	December 14
October 5		

IMAA/APAI Summer Meeting

The French Lick Resort was the destination for those attending the Joint Summer Meeting with the Asphalt Pavement Association. 265 members enjoyed meeting industry friends at this newly restored hotel. It was a family affair with kids and grandkids joining the adults for some summer fun.

Governmental Affairs Consultants Laurie Maudlin and Dennis Faulkenberg gave informative updates on "Major Moves." The excellent presentations explained:

- ✦ What "Major Moves" is and how it affects our industry regarding INDOT's goals and accomplishments
- ✦ The programmed expenditures for contracts and what they plan to achieve
- ✦ The long term future of "Major Moves" and maintaining the integrity of the program

State Representative Jerry Denbo was the speaker on Sunday morning. He spoke about the storied history of the French Lick Hotel. He explained how the revitalization came about and the economic impact on the area in the past and the future.

The Donald Ross Golf Course was a challenge for golfers as was the new Casino for those who wanted to try their luck. Sight-seeing in the area included touring the magnificent West Baden Hotel that has been restored to its original splendor. Kids and adults alike enjoyed the swimming pools and many even visited "Holiday World".

Thanks to everyone who had a hand in making this a successful meeting: to those who planned the events, to those who attended and continue to support the Summer Meetings each year.



16th Annual
National Minerals
Education Coalition

This year IMAA and IGS (Indiana Geological Survey) hosted the 16th Annual NMEC Conference in Bloomington. There were approximately 70 attendees and 25 speakers. The theme of the conference was "***Changing Perceptions, One Mine at a Time.***" Speakers presented various programs and ideas for community outreach, educational programs, and good corporate citizenship. Field trips exposed attendees to what minerals are being mined in our state such as aggregates, coal, dimension stone, clay, shale, gypsum, etc.

Several member companies were very supportive of this national conference and we thank them for their support.



IMAA OFFICE ACCEPTING PAYMENTS BY CREDIT CARD FROM MEMBERS

In order to serve the Association members in a more up-to-date and convenient way, we are now able to accept credit card payments from VISA or Mastercard accounts. The first event on the IMAA Calendar when members will be able to use this method of payment will be the September 12th Fundraiser Golf Outing. The promotion for the IMAA Golf Outing is included in this mailing with the August "Source Report". (In addition to credit card payments, we will gladly accept your checks or we can invoice member companies.)

ADVERTISING SCHEDULE



Advertising in The Source Report is available in the April, June and August 2008 issues. The guidelines are listed below:

One 8½"x11" page of your advertising (Double-sided ok)

Call IMAA Office to secure your month on the advertising schedule

Provide 500 advertising inserts to IMAA Office by the first day of scheduled month.

Cost: \$500 (To defray newsletter costs and postage)



Tom Busch, Chairman

Just in case you are not informed about the IMAA Aglime Council, here is what they do:

- May** Aglime Sampling Program Council members submitted aglime samples
- June** Aglime testing – Bowser Morner, Inc. did laboratory analysis of samples
- July** Attended National Assoc. of County Agricultural Agents, Grand Rapids, MI
- August** Will attend/display at Farm Progress Show, Decatur, IL (Aug. 28-30)

The council has broadened its fall harvest media advertising to include:

Websites www.aglime.org (current aglime report, technical bulletins, contact info)
www.agriculture.com (council will run banner ads, links to aglime report)

Publications Indiana Farmer Magazine
(approximately 25,000 Aglime reports as magazine inserts)

Radio Hoosier Ag Today (placement of spot ads on agricultural radio network)

Direct mailings Aglime reports mailed to 150 plus Plant Food services throughout state

As you can see, the Aglime Council is working to increase Aglime awareness and sales. If you have any interest in helping with the Farm Progress Show booth in August, please call Robert @ 317-580-9100 and let him know. The 2007-2008 Aglime Report results are already online at www.aglime.org and will be sent to participating members and fertilizer dealers in August. They will also be inserted in the Indiana Prairie Farmer Magazine for their October issue.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August 21
PIE Committee Meeting
 9:30
 Koinonia Cleanup
 12:30
 Lunch
 1:00
 Committee Meeting



PIE GOLF FUNDRAISER
 September 12
 Eagle Creek Golf Club
 Indianapolis, IN
SIGN UP NOW!

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Jim Smith, Chairman

The TAC met recently at the Summer Meeting in French Lick. During this meeting George Williams was elected as Vice Chairman and Walt Tharp agreed to take over the position of Secretary. As we are coming up on our tenth year anniversary of the ESC, our committee is reviewing the Guiding Principles to decide if any recommendations should be submitted to the ESC Board at the Winter Workshops. A Site Review Team was put together by Howard Pugh to visit Cave Quarries and Mulzer's Abydel site while we were at French Lick. We would like to thank to both of these companies for taking time out of their schedules to give our team a tour of the sites. More Site Review Teams will be put together this year for additional inspections.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

North American Aggregate, Inc.

Cheboygan, MI

**John Kling
President**

**Bob Kling
Sales**

231-627-7982

Indiana Department of Homeland Security

has provided this weblink www.in.gov/dhs/ for the following information:

- Application for Regulated Explosive use – Blaster License
- Application for Regulated Explosive use – Operator License
- Application for Regulated Explosive use – Blaster or Operator License Renewal
- Procedure Guide for Licensing Explosive Use – Operators and Blasters
- 675- IAC 26-1-1:Article 26 – Regulated Explosives – Use and Licensure (Rules)

Write or call the
**Regulated Explosives
 Use Section**
 Sue Sigler
 (317) 233-0208
 302 W. Washington Street
 Room E 239
 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739

13th Annual Teachers' Workshop

Thanks to the efforts and generosity of many member companies, this year 44 teachers attended the IMAA annual workshop at Conner Prairie Living History Museum on June 19-21. They were treated to a wonderful Wednesday evening BBQ at Brandeis Machinery & Supply. We cannot express the magnitude of what this educational outreach program does and the long term goodwill this event has for our industry.

Many thanks to those who continue to support the Teachers' Workshop!

Brandeis Machinery & Supply Co.
Barrett Paving Materials
Engineering Aggregates
Evenson Explosives
Martin Marietta Aggregates
General Drilling, Inc.
Hanson Aggregates
Hydraulic Component Specialists

Irving Materials Inc.
The Levy Company
MacAllister Machinery
Martin Marietta Aggregates
Rogers Group, Inc.
Rudd Equipment Company
Vulcan Materials Company
Stedman Machine Company



Golf Committee

Ken Rush, Chairman

The IMAA Golf Team is off to a very successful start in 2007. Our 12-man team was the going away winner of the Annual 4-State Challenge held in June at the Bridgewater Club in Carmel, IN. This was our 18th tournament with Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio. Tennessee will host the 2008 challenge.

We will travel to Zanesville, Ohio to defend the 2-State crown in September. We currently hold the traveling trophy for both tournaments and I predict we will be in possession of both for many years to come! I would also like to thank Past Chairman Terry W. Smith for his help and advice for a smooth transition.

IMAA Golf Team Victorious !



Pictured above, Robert Jones and Ken Rush are shown accepting the 4-State Golf Challenge trophy from Paul Brogdon. Chairman Ken Rush was pleased to accept the trophy on behalf of IMAA and would only comment that, "it's all about leadership."

CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS TOP-SCREEN DEADLINE NEARS

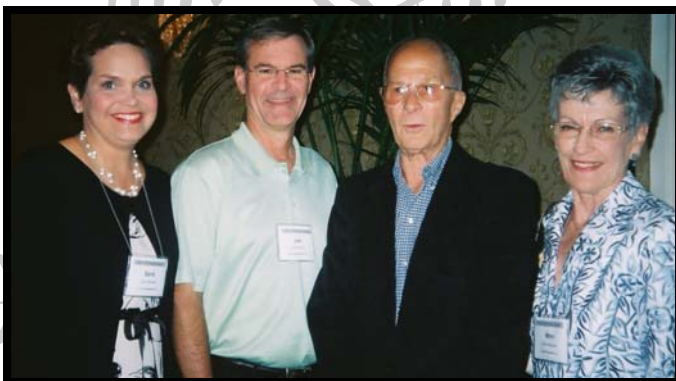
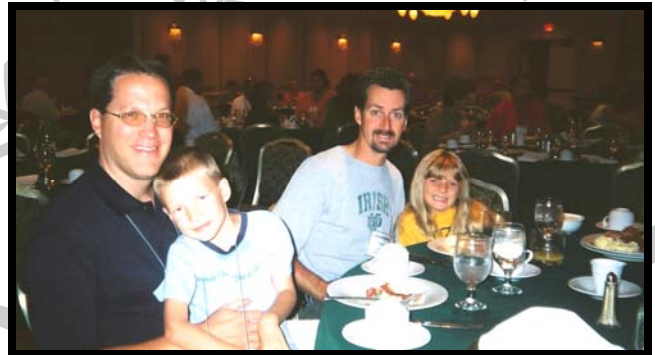
President Bush signed the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards into law last October. The final rule for the Standards went into effect on June 8, 2007, and, among things, required that all facilities possessing or planning to possess "chemicals of interest" to register with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and complete a preliminary screening assessment (Top-screen) to determine the given site's relative risk level.

If you possess any Chemical of Interest at levels exceeding the screening threshold quantity, then you must complete the Top-screen assessment. For example, if you possess or plan to possess ammonium nitrate in quantities beyond the threshold level of 2,000 lbs., then you must complete the assessment.

Companies possessing "chemicals of interest" should note that: "Failure to complete a CSAT Top-screen within the timeframe provided may result in civil penalties, a Department of Homeland Security audit and inspection, or an order to cease operations" (Source: DHS website).

IMAA / APAI SUMMER MEETING

July 20 – 22, 2007



Teachers' Workshop

Rocks and Minerals

in

Modern Society

June 19 -21, 2007

CONNER PRAIRIE LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM

Fishers, Indiana





S-Miner Act Set for Hearing in Washington

As you are probably aware by now, legislation entitled the Supplemental Miner Safety and Health (S-MINER) Act, (H.R. 2768 & H.R. 2769 and S. 1655) has been filed in the US House and Senate. The sponsors in each chamber characterize this legislation as an "improvement" over last year's MINER Act.

The MINER Act breezed through Congress last year although that bill included penalty and emergency notification provisions that were totally inappropriate for the aggregates industry. NSSGA and other national organizations are working hard to oppose this new bill, but unless **everyone** brings pressure on their members of Congress this will surely become law.

The bulk of the S-MINER Act provisions focus on underground coal operations. However, the legislation will also have an enormous impact on our industry. The following items are some of the new provisions:

The minimum civil penalty per violation is changed to \$500 (with a maximum penalty of \$100,000; \$1,000 minimum for S & S and a maximum of \$150,000).

MSHA would no longer have to factor in a company's ability to remain in business if a fine is levied.

A company that wants to contest a penalty would have to prepay the fine into escrow.

You would have to notify MSHA within the abatement time frame when a violation was abated: failure to do so would cause MSHA to issue a withdrawal order until an inspection was made to ensure that the violation was corrected.

Exposure limits for silica would be reduced.

MSHA would have to adopt all NIOSH Recommended Exposure Levels applicable to mining, REL's which presumably include the NIOSH REL of 85 dBA.

Transportation Administration Ups Fiscal 2009 Shortfall For Highway Fund to 'Dramatic' \$4 Billion

The administration announced July 11 that it expects the highway trust fund, which is financed by gas tax revenues, to go insolvent by about \$4 billion in fiscal year 2009-increasing its previous estimate of a \$700 million shortfall in FY 2009. In its mid-session budget review updating data included in the president's February budget proposal, the Office of Management and Budget said that highway trust fund finances "have deteriorated since February, with spending exceeding income in 2007 and 2008 and the highway account going insolvent by approximately \$4 billion in 2009."

John Horsley, executive director of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, said the shortfall could trigger substantial cuts in the federal-aid highway program across the nation.

"The impact of these shortfalls will be dramatic," Horsley said. "If this massive deficit were to be offset by obligation limitation reductions, it would require reducing the distribution of federal funding to the states by as much as \$16.5 billion in FY 2009. It takes four dollars in obligation reductions to save one dollar in spending."

He said that would equate into a cut of federal highway aid from a planned obligation level of \$43.2 billion in FY 2009 to \$26.7 billion. "Clearly, states cannot meet transportation demands in the face of such dramatic cuts," Horsley said.

37 Percent Spending Cut Looms

Stephen E. Sandherr, chief executive officer of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), said the FY 2009 cuts would result in a 37 percent reduction in spending on the nation's infrastructure.

"Neglecting our transportation infrastructure will only make it more difficult for America to compete in the world market," Sandherr said.

If the deficit is not patched, Sandherr, said it is estimated that in 2009, California would lose about \$1.35 billion, Texas would lose about \$1.1 billion, Florida would lose about \$673 million, and New York would lose about \$634 million.

The mid-session review also increased the forecast shortfall to \$9 billion in 2010 and to \$15 billion in 2011, Sandherr said.

"This budget news comes at a critical juncture for the highway program, and federal, state and local governments will all feel the pinch," Sandherr said.



IMAA Calendar

August 2	Plant Operators Meeting	10:00 am Association Office
August 16	Aglime Council Meeting	10:00 am Association Office
August 21	PIE Committee Meeting/Koinonia Cleanup	Piercetown, IN
August 28 - 30	IMAA Aglime Council – Farm Progress Show	Decatur, IL
September 12	PIE Golf Fundraiser	Eagle Creek G.C., Indianapolis, IN
September 23 - 24	2-State Golf Challenge	Zanesville C.C., Zanesville, OH
October 3	PIE Committee Meeting	10:00 am Association Office
October 11	Aglime Council Meeting	10:00 am Association Office
November 26 - 30	CAPP School	Indiana Wesleyan, Indianapolis, IN
November 29	IMAA Board of Directors Meeting	10:00 am Association Office
December 6	IMAA Plant Operators Committee	10:00 am Association Office

Aggregate Industry History Book Begins

In May the IMAA Board of Directors made and passed a significant and important motion. After several years of talking, they decided to begin the process of funding the creation of a book that will document the rich history of Indiana's Aggregate Industry.

The original idea was simply to chronicle the history of our industry and tell stories of the many colorful personalities and changes that have contributed to the success and history of aggregate mining in Indiana.

Under the vision and direction of our writer Victoria Evans, the book will now do more than document our proud historic roots. It will also serve as a textbook covering today's processes and techniques encouraging talented young people to become part of the aggregate industry as engineers, technicians, plant managers, sales and marketing, and in many other areas.

This book will also serve as a marketing tool to educate our neighbors, government leaders, city planners and other important constituents in understanding the pride and dedication of our industry workforce. They need to know how each and every day we strive to accomplish the task of providing essential products to our Indiana economy. The book is not just about our history; **it's about our future.**

As the book is being created, Victoria is also laying the foundation for a related picture book that will serve as a second tool to inform and educate the public on the rich world of aggregate mining. She is also writing articles to be published separately in a variety of journals and media venues as planned promotion for the book.

The cost of this book will be approximately \$100,000 and will be written over the next 2 years. We are in the process of accepting pledges for the project and collecting stories, pictures, historical documents, and other relevant information. Please contact me at the IMAA office for more information on Financial Sponsorship.

Remember, what we write today will become the history of the industry 100 years from now.

Please feel free to give Victoria a call or email to schedule a meeting or interview.

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