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OCTOBER 17, 1968 MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE INDIANA SECTION WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:

WHEN:	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1968
WHERE:	ANCHOR INN 1616 N. ARLINGTON AVENUE (North of 16th Street) INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
TIME:	BOARD MEETING 4:30 P.M. CHIP & CLINK TIME 6:00 P.M. DINNER HOUR 7:00 P.M.
PROGRAM:	MR. F. A. KLINE, SR., Office of Traffic Safety "Highway Safety Act of 1966"

This is your opportunity to agitate, aggravate, harangue, cat-call, be obstreperous etc. with the speaker who missed our February meeting. Make your reservations now since we will probably run out of room. MAIL THAT CARD.

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INDIANA SECTION NOTICE

Many of you have already received notice of the Traffic Engineering Conference to be held at Purdue on November 11-15, 1968. The textbook will be a new publication entitled "An Introduction to Highway Transportation Engineering" and the program will deal with all phases of traffic engineering work. "How To Do" will be the watchword of the conference and this will be of infinite help to those who attend. Let's contact those people who need this information (traffic officers, street commissioners, county road supervisors, city civil engineers, etc.) at the earliest moment in order to encourage a large attendance and thereby derive results in the area of a uniform approach to traffic controls throughout our State.

DECEMBER MEETING

The Indiana Section will be having a different type meeting in December than has been our practice in past years. This year we will invite our wives to share in our program which will be presented by Captain Walter Stout of the Richmond Police and will be color slides of the disaster and recovery measures taken during the aftermath of the explosion in Richmond We will have our regular election of officers as part of the evenings procedure and Mr. Fehribach promises other specialities to delight the ladies. Make plans to attend now. Date - December 12, 1968.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Capt. Richard D. Ferguson
108 North 13th Street
Beech Grove, Indiana 46107
(Director of Traffic Safety,
Beech Grove)

WORKSHOP

The Regional I.T.E. - A.A.A. Workshop on Urban Arterial Traffic Improvements has been assigned to Indianapolis and is to be held on April 20-23, 1969. Mr. Noble Sutton is to be the A.A.A. Co-Chairman and Mr. Lloyd Line has been asked to serve as Co-Chairman for I.T.E. Plans for this workshop will begin formulating in October and will continue until the time of the meeting.. If you are called upon to assist in arrangements please be available as the Co-Chairman cannot do all that must be done.

ANNUAL MEETING

Detroit has been selected as the site of the 1973 Annual Meeting and the Indiana Section has pledged our support and assistance in making it a success. We are also interested in having the meeting in Indianapolis as soon as practical and we will make our wishes known and possibly trade with another District for a date in advance of the next District III rotation year of 1980. Your enthusiasm will make this possibility a reality. A Section Committee is to be appointed to promote this project.

DOLLARS AND PENNIES

From New England Chronicle

A preliminary report on a 8-mile stretch of freeway in Detroit concludes that some of the expensive electronic equipment now in use does not justify its own cost in terms of increasing traffic flow.

We are sure that an in depth review of this one-year study will reveal many pertinent matters, but the question it raised is one that has bothered us for a long time.

The development of highly sophisticated procedures, equipment and expertise has brought about two opposing situations which not only prevent better control of traffic, but actually divert dollars and energy away from a much needed basic endeavor.

First, most of those operating in the area of high sophistication have absolutely no idea of day to day operational matters, the problems of dealing with irate citizens and unhappy politicians, questions of budget, personnel problems, and many other down-to-earth real situations. This is not meant so much to be criticism, but rather an appraisal of a condition which does exist.

Second, the market for sophisticated hardware and higher levels of procedures is limited. Public agencies all have limited budgets. Few, if any, have any R & D money or personnel. Salaries, taking into account unions and civil service, are too low to attract adequate maintenance people.

What is needed is for someone - such as the Feds - to put up a sizeable chunk of R & D money to develop inexpensive, easy to maintain and <u>useful</u> traffic control devices and procedures. This means working with both manufacturers and users. It means using the computer as a means to an end, rather than an end in itself. It means applying sophisticated knowledge to solving real problems, rather than continuous analysis.

The key to better transportation is better traffic engineering. Traffic engineering involved multi-discipline and multi-modal considerations, all aimed at the safe, efficient and convenient operation of the transportation system. We need big dollars and lots of sophistication, but the major goal of such effort should be ways and means of spending our pennies better

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DECEMBER 12, 1968 MEETING

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WHEN:	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1968
WHERE:	ANCHOR INN 1616 N. ARLINGTON AVENUE (North of 16th Street) INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
TIME:	BOARD MEETING 5:00 PM HAPPY HOUR 6:30 PM DINNER HOUR 7:30 PM
PROGRAM:	CAPTAIN WALTER STOUT RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT
TOPIC:	SLIDES OF THE RICHMOND EXPLOSION DISASTER

This is Ladies Nite and it will be appreciated if each of you would return the reservation card promptly to give Mr. Fehribach the opportunity to make arrangements for the evening.

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JUST A MOMENT

"Thanks"

It has indeed been a most gratifying experience to serve the Indiana Section as a officer for the past 4 years. The various tasks have been interesting, challenging, rewarding, and sometimes frustrating. But of greatest importance is the fact that service to the profession involves people. People like you have made the various offices in the Indiana Section a pleasure to assume.

But it is not the past that should be recalled as we close out the present year. Rather, it is the future to which we, as responsible professional persons, must rededicate ourselves to achieve the highest goals of sound traffic engineering and highway safety in the communities that we are priveliged to serve. This challenge is the highest calling in our professional careers. The acceptance of this challenge by members of the Indiana Section makes leaving the Section a unique pleasure.

Thanks to all of you for this fine experience.

J.O.

POSITIONS OPEN

OPERATIONS ENGINEER

Two positions with active, diversified City traffic department. Starting salary $8,690 to $11,220, depending on experience Send resume to John P. Cavallero, Jr. Director; Department of Traffic and Parking; 200 Orange Street; New Haven, Connecticut 06510.

ASSISTANT TRAFFIC ENGINEER

Young graduate without experience or non-graduate with experience in traffic engineering. Contact Mr. Arthur G. Wake, Room 209, Municipal Bldg., 401 Broadway, Gary, Indiana. Salary $10,500.