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## From the President's Desk...

Greetings,

I hope everyone had a safe and a restful summer. I would like to start by welcoming all of our new members to the SGFMA family. You will find this organization is the perfect fit for you and your technicians .Our training staff has worked very hard this year to provide classes at little or no cost to you.

This years conference staff is finalizing the finishing touches on the 16th annual meeting. It will be held at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center on October 19 - 22, 2008. To receive the special room rate for the conference, you must make your reservation at the hotel by September 15, 2008. I have looked over the list of exhibitors and classes offered and believe this will be one of the strongest conferences you attend. To receive the latest information on the conference visit our Web site at [www.sgfma.org](http://www.sgfma.org).

I would like to thank everyone for the hard work that has been put forth this year. The association has been blessed by your dedication. This year has truly been a learning experience that will make this association one of the best. I look forward to seeing everyone at one of the upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Edgar Heustess, President

## Membership...

The Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Association is excited about the growth in membership taking place in our association. SGFMA membership is spreading in South Carolina and all across the southeast. To date, we have members from SC, Georgia and North Carolina and much interest from other states including Virginia, Florida and Tennessee. We are a strong and dedicated association with much more room for growth and we are planning for an exciting future.

In April the Board members held a Telephone Membership Drive calling and mailing membership packets to prospective members in the Southeast. If you know of someone that should know about SGFMA and what we have to offer, please send their name and agency mailing information to : Deidre Pornovet's e-mail address : [deidre@greatergreenville.com](mailto:deidre@greatergreenville.com) or call her at 864.467.4340.

## *Training...*

Our thanks to those who supported and attended the 2 Certified Ford Crown Victoria training classes. These classes were 2 days each and cover the Ford Crown Victoria from nose to tail. The feed back for this class has been very positive. Our thanks to Mr. Gary Stern of Ford Motor Company, the City of Columbia's Maintenance Complex and the City of Rock Hill's Maintenance Complex for the use of their facility and for their hospitality.

SGFMA in conjunction with Performance Friction Brakes, held a training class for Fleet Managers at PFC's Corporate Headquarters in Clover, SC, on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 AM till 4PM. The itinerary included a plant tour, ride and drive, and classroom training by the leading experts in the friction industry.

SGFMA with special assistance from State Fleet Management is offering a 1 day training session on HYBRID VEHICLE SAFETY & SERVICE TRAINING. This class will be held September 24, 2008 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Registration Fee is \$75.00 per technician and training will be at the SC Department of Transportation Equipment Depot in Columbia. Some of the systems covered will be brakes, high and low voltage electrical, scan tool, services, and gas engines. Come and learn current GM, Ford, Toyota, and Honda hybrids. For this training class information please go to [sgfma.org](http://sgfma.org) or contact Ms. Elease Portee at 803-737-1605 or [eportee@gs.sc.gov](mailto:eportee@gs.sc.gov)

More training is in the works. Please check [sgfma.org](http://sgfma.org) regularly for updated information.

If you are interested in participating in other training classes such as this, please contact Ken Goetz at 843-832-0078, or by email at [kgoetz@dorchestercounty.net](mailto:kgoetz@dorchestercounty.net) You can also visit our website at [sgfma.org](http://sgfma.org)

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## *Honors and Awards...*

### **JAN SMOAK**

#### **2007 SOUTHEAST GOVERNMENTAL FLEET MANAGERS ASSOCIATION**

#### **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP**

Mr. Jan Smoak retired from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in June 2007 after serving 18 years as Director of Support Services, Bureau of Business Management. Fleet operations and management was a part of his responsibilities for the entire time and his interest and dedication to this area were demonstrated consistently. Jan placed great effort in improving and achieving a high level of efficiency and professionalism for the fleet operations of this agency. He recognized early on the importance of exchanging ideas and proven concepts with others and was an early member of the South Carolina Fleet Managers Association. Jan's contributions to the association and its members are huge. Particularly noteworthy was his freely sharing the comprehensive motor vehicle management procedures manual that he developed for this agency. Further, he recognized the short comings of the state's SCemis system and worked with an agency information technology specialist to develop and implement a "no cost" robust fleet management system. This system has undergone extensive improvements and expansion in its seven year life. From its inception, Jan desired to share this valuable resource with other association members. As a result, this detailed management system is benefiting not only this agency, but also other state agencies as well as county, municipalities, and regional transit authorities throughout the entire state. Jan's forward thinking led him in conceiving and achieving the state's first governmental E-85 alternative fuel refueling station. Again, he planned from the beginning to make this facility available to all governmental fleet vehicles, not limiting it to the sole needs of this agency. Jan's distinguished accomplishments have been recognized by the association by his receiving the President's and Bill Nix award on multiple occasions. He also has served as the association's president, conference chairman, and other elected positions. In summary, Mr. Jan Smoak has distinguished himself as a long term tireless supporter of the Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Association. His undeniable contributions have directly led to the association's significant growth in both membership and professionalism. Therefore, it is only fitting for the association to affirm Mr. Smoak's loyalty and superior accomplishments by awarding him with a lifetime membership.

(Awarded October 30, 2007)

## *Honors and Awards (continued)...*

**RON MCLEAN**  
2007 SOUTHEAST GOVERNMENTAL FLEET MANAGERS ASSOCIATION  
**LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP**

Ron McLean began working for the South Carolina Department of Corrections in 1984 in the Construction and Maintenance section. Being a master plumber, he soon became the Branch Chief in plumbing. In 1994 he became Division Director of Transportation. In 1997, Construction and Maintenance and Transportation were combined and Ron was appointed Division Director of this Division. He held that position until 2001 when the Division was again divided. He maintained his position as Director of Transportation until his retirement in 2006.

As an outside interest, Ron has been **very** active for a number of years in Salkehatchie Summer Service. This is a voluntary ministry involving youth, college students and adult community leaders. Participants are directly involved in upgrading housing for needy families and offering these same people reasons for hope.

Ron has worked tirelessly for the Fleet Managers Association for a number of years, beginning as a volunteer and fulfilling several elected positions, most recently as president. During his tenure as president, he worked aggressively to build the reputation of the Association and to attract new members.

For his tireless and dedicated service to the organization, Ron has been selected to receive a Lifetime Membership to the Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Association. (Awarded March 27, 2008)

Be sure to check the SGFMA website, [www.sgfma.org](http://www.sgfma.org), for information about SGFMA awards and scholarships. Each year the Association presents several awards in each of the categories listed below:

The Bill Nix Award: Recognizes an agency for their innovative practices or cost savings.

The Darrell E. Floyd Scholarship Award: Recognizes outstanding students who are pursuing higher education at an accredited institution.

All award information and forms are available on the SGFMA website. If internet access is not available at your department, you may contact the Awards Committee Chairperson, Sheila James, by phone at 843-740-1667 ext. 140 and she will be happy to forward all of the information to you. Please fax all applications to 803-708-2026.

We're looking forward to a really great conference this year. Hope to see all of you there!!!

*---The most successful men in the end are those whose success is the result of steady accretion... It is the man who carefully advances step by step, with his mind becoming wider and wider - and progressively better able to grasp any theme or situation - persevering in what he knows to be practical, and concentrating his thought upon it, who is bound to succeed in the greatest degree.*

 Alexander Graham Bell

## *Tentative 2008 Annual Meeting Workshop Schedule...*

<b>DATE/TIME</b>	<b>WORKSHOP A</b>	<b>WORKSHOP B</b>	<b>WORKSHOP C</b>
<b>Sunday October 19th 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>PLUG-IN HYBRID COALITION</b>		
<b>Monday October 20th 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>BUSINESS BREAKFAST</b>		
<b>Monday October 20th 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>GLENDA DOLES INVEST IN YOURSELF</b>		
<b>Monday October 20th 10:30 a.m. - 3:p.m.</b>	<b>VENDOR EXHIBITS</b>		
<b>Monday October 20th 3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.</b>	<b>GENERAL MOTORS</b>		
<b>Tuesday October 21st 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>BIG THREE</b>		
<b>Tuesday October 21st 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.</b>	<b>FORD MOTOR COMPANY</b>		
<b>Tuesday October 21st 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</b>		
<b>Tuesday October 21st 1:40 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.</b>	<b>CITY/COUNTY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS</b>	<b>STATE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS</b>	<b>RTA ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS</b>
<b>Tuesday October 21st 2:50 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.</b>	<b>FOUNDATION BRAKES</b>	<b>MANAGEMENT INFO FORTHCOMING</b>	
<b>Tuesday October 21st 4:00 p.m. - 5:05 p.m.</b>	<b>FOUNDATION BRAKES CONTINUED</b>	<b>MANAGEMENT INFO FORTHCOMING</b>	
<b>Wednesday October 22nd 8:30 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.</b>	<b>FIRE APPARATUS MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TOOLS</b>	<b>MANAGEMENT INFO FORTHCOMING</b>
<b>Wednesday October 22nd 10:00 a.m. - until</b>	<b>QUINTIN CHAVIS CLOSING REMARKS /DOOR PRIZES</b>		

*Thank you Exhibitors...*

AC Delco	Heavy Duty Lift & Equipment	Sign It Quick
Adams Equipment Company	Heil Environmental	Smith Turf & Irrigation
Alamo Industries	Hydrotex	Southeast Biodiesel
Altec Industries	Interstate Equipment Co.	Southeastern Petroleum Systems
Alumne Mfg., Inc.	Interstate Transportation Equipment	Southern Truck Equipment Sales
American LaFrance	James River Equipment	Southwestern Petroleum Corp.
Amick Equipment	Laprade Government Sale	Sparrow & Kennedy Tractor Co.
Atlantic Clean Fuel	Lee Transportation Equipment, Inc.	Transportation & Logistics Consult Inc.
Barker Products/BP Lifts	Light-n-Up	Twin States Equipment, Inc.
Boztech Industries	Lodal South, Inc.	United Energy Distributors
Burns Automotive	Mack Truck Sales of Charlotte	Velvet Touch/Wellman Products Group
Butler Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep	Mansfield Oil Company	Vic Bailey Ford Inc.
Campbell-Brown, Inc.	Mantek	Volvo and GMC Truck Center
Carolina Environmental Systems	McNeilus Street Smart Parts	Warren Truck Equipment, Inc.
Carolina Industrial Equipment	Mears Motor Leasing	Whelen Engineering Co
Carolina Rim & Wheel	NAPA Auto Parts	
Carolina Trailers & Equipment, LLC	NAPA Business Solutions	
Christopher Trucks	National Bus Sales & Leasing, Inc.	
Chrysler, LLC	Nu-Life Environmental	
Columbia Freightliner	O.D.B. Company	
Cummins Atlantic	Palmetto Bus Sales	
Dick Smith Ford	Palmetto Distributors	
Dixie Lawn Service, Inc.	Performance Friction Brakes	
Federal Signal Corp.	Plug In Hybrid Coalition	
Fireline, Inc.	Public Works Equipment & Supply	
Ford Motor Company	R. C. Tronics, Inc.	
FQS Inc.	S.E.W.E. Company	
Fuelmaster/Syn-Tech Systems	SC State Employees Association	
General Motors	SCDHEC UST	
Global Electric Motorcars	Schaeffer Specialized Lubricant	
Godwin Mfg., Inc.	SGFMA	
Hagan Kennington Oil Company	Sherwin Industries	



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