



# Missouri LICA NEWS

June/July, 2004

## If The State Cost Share Program Impacts Your Business ... Read This!

With the renewal of the 1/10<sup>th</sup> Soil, Water, and State Parks Sales Tax just over the horizon, the Citizens Committee for its renewal has reformed and started its regular meetings.

At the Missouri LICA Special General Membership Meeting held June 19, Brad Kleinsorge and Eddie Gilmore volunteered to co-chair a committee to represent Missouri LICA on that Citizen's Committee and coordinate our members' efforts to support renewal.

This renewal effort will be two-pronged. The first effort will be to convince the 2005 Missouri legislature to pass a bill which would automatically place the issue on the ballot prior to each renewal date. As part of this effort, we will be asking our members to share their success stories with legislators. This may be done through attending House and/or Senate Sub-Committee meetings, testifying before these committees, making phone calls or writing letters. The louder we get ... the better the chance it will pass!

If this bill is not successful next session, the second prong of the renewal effort will be to begin the initiative petition process. Many of you remember standing out in parking lots collecting voters' signatures during the last initiative petition drive. An initiative petition drive is not only grueling in terms of required volunteer time, it can also be expensive. Let's hope we don't have to go this route!

It will be up to the members of all the Citizens' Committees participating associations to get the word out about the successes of this sales tax and the need for its continuation. Can we count on your help?

PLEASE do not rely on someone else to pick up the ball on this issue while you complete your busy workload because, if your business relies on some of the income generated in our industry by this sales tax and it doesn't pass ... you may have more time on your hands than you want or can afford!

So, if your business is impacted by this sales tax, you should call Eddie (573-386-5796), Brad (573-492-6325), or the MLICA state office (573-634-3001) and volunteer to help.

We will probably not need to ask for your volunteer time until the session convenes in January, but we're trying to gather names of people who are willing to help. So, please call today and let us know that this tax is important to you and that we can count on you when we need your voice!



## Ya'll Come!

**Precision Land Forming Demonstration featuring John Deere Tractors and Scrapers with Topcon GPS Control Systems**

Sydenstricker Implement Co. will be conducting a precision land forming demonstration on July 29, 2004, just north of Columbia, MO. LICA contractor members will be sent a personal invitation, so watch your mail for specific directions to the site!

The demonstration will take place on Thursday, July 29 between 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., rain or shine.

Some of the area will be finished prior to the demonstration day and presentations will go on regardless of the weather. John Deere Tractor/Scraper Specialists and Topcon Grading experts will be in attendance for presentations, and to answer questions about the equipment demonstrated.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. In order to have enough food, we will need to know you're coming! So, R.S.V.P. is required by July 25 to Cheri at Sydenstricker Implement Co., Rocheport, MO 573-446-3030, ext. 231.

Please join us for a working demonstration for John Deere's latest innovations in scraper technology and Topcon's GPS control systems.

## Effective July 1, 2004

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has updated its policy concerning dam inspections. The following will be in place beginning July 1, 2004:

*All dams costing \$15,000 or more will be reviewed at the Area Office. If the cost reaches \$20,000, an additional review will be done at the State Office. For each of these projects, a mandatory preconstruction meeting will be required. There will be positive requirements for inspection during construction. Usually this will be for the core trench and the principal spillway.*

*This is likely to affect about 100 DWC-1 practices statewide.*

[Note: This issue was presented at the June 19 Special Membership Meeting and will be addressed again at the Missouri LICA Summer Meeting scheduled for 10:00am; August 7th at Sawyer's Creek in Hannibal, MO. If you would like information concerning this issue before the Missouri LICA Summer Meeting, please contact the Missouri LICA state office at: 573-634-3001 or email at: MLICA@aol.com.]



## A Message From Our President

Well, today is Father's Day. So, happy Father's Day to all fathers!

I always look forward to springtime, but this spring has certainly been a challenge - in this area, anyway. And, from what I've heard from others around the state, we've all had more water than we can stand in a lifetime. Generally speaking, we've all had a good ol' time because we are a tough bunch and are all a glutton for punishment. As Kentucky LICA President Barry Trapp would tell you, "It's no big deal, anyway." There's a story behind that which I'll have to tell all of you some day.

Well, yesterday, June 19, Missouri LICA had a Special Membership Meeting. As most of you've heard, some members in Region IV are disappointed with the National LICA and want to downsize facilities for the National Winter Convention, change the vote in the

Executive Committee meetings, cut costs, phase out Wayne Maresch (National LICA Executive Vice President), and want something in black and white for the Region IV Vice President reimbursement for travel, hotel, etc., along with a description of who should pay for it ... the Region or the state he/she is traveling to. The Missouri LICA members discussed this at the Special Membership Meeting, voted on decisions and Jeff Lance will present these decisions to Region IV at the Summer Meeting in South Dakota.

Well, I guess that's about it. Hope to see you all in Hannibal, August 7th. Keep your powder dry!

Eddie Gilmore

## Have You Called?

As of press time for this newsletter, the Governor is still waiting to sign SB757 which, in part, increases the mileage from 25 to 50 miles for non-conservation related work on the the LIC (Land Improvement Contractor) license plate.

If you have not called the Governor, please do so right away. We don't want this bill to end up sitting on his desk after the August 28 deadline for bill signing. He is waiting to hear from YOU!!

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### June

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Mike Dobson  
12 Wayne Scott  
18 Kerry Dickemann  
19 David Dittmer  
22 Charlie Boyer  
26 John Bowland  
Don Laut  
28 Paul Logan  
29 Dick Rupp  
30 Eldon Brinton

### July

04 Bernie Sohn  
07 Elwin Yoder  
09 Gary Riekhof  
10 Eddie Gilmore  
Buddy Hostetter  
13 Leon Gann, Jr.  
17 Don Pfost  
20 David Jones  
26 Larry Koenigsfeld  
Carl Ferguson  
29 Glen Hill  
30 Hollis Boyer  
31 Milburn Davis

### August

17 Ken Balkenbusch  
29 Mark Hickenbottom  
Karyl Stoehr  
30 Stephen Champlin  
31 Arvel Lee Schneider

## Welcome Aboard!

*We are pleased to welcome the following new members to Missouri LICA:*

### Leon Gann, Jr.; Ashley

6912 NW 348th St.  
Stewartsville, MO 64490  
District: 1 County: Clinton  
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## Updates For Your Directory

**Randy Acker** has renewed his dues. His information is: Randy Acker; Acker Construction, LLC; R.R. #2, Box 75A; Windsor, MO 65360; District: 4 County: Benton; Phone: 660-647-3265; Work Categories: EC,EXG,LL,LS,PD,SP,TW; Equipment: CL,DZ,GR,LD,SC

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## June 19 General Membership Meeting

At the June 19 General Member Meeting, the following action was taken:

1. A motion was made by Roger Limback and seconded by Dennis Brinton to leave the National voting by-laws as they are written. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Nelson Wilson and seconded by Milburn Davis to have the itemized National LICA budget be printed in the NLICA newsletter with salaries and benefits listed as a lump sum, leaving out individuals names. The motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Dennis Brinton and seconded by Roger Limback to adopt Region IV's proposal to have the Convention Committee make up be: two (2) members from each region, for two (2) terms of two (2) years, with odd numbered regions changing in odd years and even numbered regions changing in even years; to not have the Convention Coordinator on the Convention Committee; and to let the Convention Committee decide the particulars of conventions. The motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Roger Limback and seconded by Milburn Davis to let the Executive Board decide all personnel issues and salaries. The motion carried.

## Iowa LICA Field Day July 23 & 24 (8:00am - 5:00pm)



### What's Planned:

- Construction of a two-acre pond
- Several silt retention areas
- Tiling on hillsides and flat lands
- Building of terraces
- Seepage bed using infiltration chambers
- Associates and contractors display of good used equipment for sale
- Demonstrations on site preparation and seeding techniques
- Mock disasters of pipeline explosion, trench cave in and confined area rescue by fire department and rescue squads
- Backhoe rodeo
- Ladies program, shopping, museums, tour of bridges of Madison County
- Food vendors on site

### Area Motels in Osceola:

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|----------------|--------------|------------------------|
| • Americinn    | 641-342-9400 | \$ 79 plus tax         |
| • Best Western | 641-342-2123 | \$ 59 plus tax         |
| • Days Inn     | 641-342-6666 | \$ 63 plus tax         |
| • Super 8      | 641-342-6594 | \$ 50 to \$60 plus tax |

### For More Information:

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|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| • Bill Ohrt     | Field Day Coordinator | 641-394-5062 |
| • Mark Mease    | Project Manager       | 641-765-4765 |
| • Dan Rasmussen | ILICA Exec. Dir.      | 319-334-6095 |

### Directions:

