



ALABAMA UTILITY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

**TIM AYERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OCTOBER 2019**

2019 AUCA Award Winners:

Contractor of the Year: John Plott Company Inc.



Legislator of the Year:

State Senator Dan Roberts



Associate Member of the Year:

Ryan McClendon - J. Smith Lanier & Co.



News & Notes:

**ALABAMA UTILITY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
2020 LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The list of Officers and Directors below reflects the members elected to serve on the 2020 Leadership Team at the October 17, 2019 General Meeting in Montgomery.

OFFICERS

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Upcoming Events:

We are finalizing the dates and details for Lunch Meetings in Birmingham, Dothan, Huntsville, Mobile, and Tuscaloosa. Be on the lookout for email updates.

6th Annual "Construction Law Summit"

December 5, 2019

**Hyatt Regency Wynfrey Hotel
Birmingham, AL**

For questions regarding conference registration, contact

BEACON PROGRAMS

at (205) 887 - 3000 or beacon.programs@aol.com

AUCA Board of Directors Meeting

December 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Montgomery, AL

***AUCA 2020 Spring General Meeting,
Golf Tournament and Shrimp & Crawfish Boil***

May 7, 2020

**Arrowhead Country Club
Montgomery, AL**





Introduction to Equipment Operations - Craft Grant Training Opportunity

CEFA (Construction Education Foundation of Alabama) has been awarded a grant funded by the Alabama Craft Training Board to greatly offset the cost of training for Intro to Equipment Operation classes. This class is for a beginner operator or current operator wanting to get the opportunity for more seat time on equipment. There will be six (6) sessions of the Equipment Operations class for this grant cycle. Each class offered the student upon successful completion will receive IVES certification on each piece of equipment to include Wallet card. The student will also receive a CEFA certificate and NCCER Transcript for completion of the modules taught in regards to Equipment Operations.

The following is a list of equipment that will be included in the training:

Mini Excavator
All-Terrain Forklift
Skid steer
Backhoe / Loader
Scissor Lift
Aerial Lift

November 2019 Class Schedule is as follows:

(Each class is limited to 12 students)

Cost per student: \$500.00 / \$250.00 for Veteran

NCCER Training on Orientation to the Trade, Heavy Equipment Safety,

Identification of Heavy Equipment and Basic Operational Techniques

November 4th – November 7th Time: 4:00pm to 9:00pm

November 11th – November 14th Time: 4:00pm to 9:00pm

16 hours of seat time training on Mini Excavator / Skidsteer

November 18th - November 22nd - 7:00am to 4:00pm daily
 (Students are required to attend class 4hrs each day this week for seat time training)

If interested in training please stop by our office located at:

6700 Oporto-Madrid Blvd., Birmingham, Alabama 35206

Applications are accepted Monday – Friday @ 9:30am or 1:30pm

Questions?? Contact CEFA (205) 956-0146 or Email: Mitzi Lowe @ mlowe@cefatradetraining.com

General Meeting & Sporting Clay Shoot Recap:

Thanks to the incredible support by AUCA members for making our 2019 Fall General Meeting, PAC Raffle, and Sporting Clay Shoot a tremendous success.

Gold Sponsors:



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Refreshment Sponsor:

Drinks & Snacks During Sporting Clay Shoot
Courtesy of **National Trench Safety**

AUCA PAC Fundraising Raffle Winners

\$1,000 Cash Prize Winner:

Robert Slaughter - Slaughter Construction Company

\$500 Cash Prize Winner:

Richard Murphree - Southern Pipe & Supply



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1st Place Team - Tractor & Equipment Company



Tractor & Equipment Company Team
Each Team Member Received \$100 and a 1st Place Trophy

2nd Place Team - Knapheide



Knapheide Truck Equipment Team
Each Team Member Received \$75 and a Trophy

3rd Place Team - NTS



National Trench Safety Team
Each Team Member Received \$50 and a Trophy



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Clean Water Construction Coalition Report

From Bob Briant, Jr. - Chairman CWCC

PRESIDENT TRUMP SIGNS CWCC SUPPORTED BILL PROVIDING FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY TO ADVANCE PRESSING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

After passage in the Senate and House last month, last week President Trump signed the bill authored by New Jersey Senator Cory Booker (D) that may help communities across the country push priority water infrastructure projects into construction. The bill dubbed the "The Water Infrastructure Funding Transfer Act" gives states facing public health crises (including lead in drinking water) the flexibility to make a one-time transfer of the federal funds in their Clean Water State Revolving Fund to their Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

States are now able to make a one-time transfer of up to \$100 million in federal funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. This would be at the sole discretion of the State. This bill was stimulated initially by communication between the Office of Senator Booker, the NJDEP and the UTCA of NJ noting the lack of flexibility when one side of the SRF is flush with funding and the other is not. Future lobby efforts will focus on creating this flexibility permanently with funding going back and forth between Clean Water and Drinking Water SRFs in a given state so that less money is sitting on the sidelines and not going towards active construction. Fluidity between the two programs is helpful but we know what is truly needed is more funding, which remains our top priority.

CLEAN WATER FUNDING BILL UP FOR ACTION

We were notified that a markup of H.R. 1497, the "Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019" will be Tuesday, October 29th in the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. The bill is bipartisan and we are hopeful that the bill will move and to the Floor soon thereafter.



Fleet Safety:

Provided by Josh Broaddus @ J. Smith Lanier & Company

Halloween – Avoid Frightening Results While Driving

Halloween can be a scary time – whether watching those goose-bump inducing movies on the television or opening the door to the ghosts & goblins hoping for a hand-out of candy.

But driving on the roads around Halloween can be just as scary. Consider the following statistics:

- 41 million children will trick-or-treat this year in the U.S.
- Children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year.
- 63% of children don't carry a flashlight while they are trick-or-treating.
- 70% of parents don't accompany their children trick-or-treating.
- 82% of parents don't use reflective tape or other visibility aids on their child's costume.
- In 2018, 7,450 pedestrians died in traffic or non-traffic incidents. (Non-traffic incidents include those occurring on driveways, in parking lots or on private property.)
- Over 70% of pedestrians being struck by vehicles on Halloween occurred away from an intersection or crosswalk.
- 86% of adults bring alcohol to a Halloween party.
- Over 50% of motor vehicle deaths on Halloween involve alcohol.
- 23% of pedestrian fatalities on Halloween night included a drunk driver.

(Sources: census.gov, wallethub.com, State Farm, usatoday.com, safekids.org, NSC & cnn.com)

As a driver:

- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween.
- Don't drive around with interior lights on, van doors open or children riding on pick-up truck tailgates.
- Don't be distracted - All the colorful Halloween distractions can easily divert your attention. That's why it's important to keep your cell phone away, turn your music down or off, and leave your hands on the steering wheel.
- Don't text and drive - You may have a few Halloween activities you're trying to coordinate, but all the pedestrians on the street make it even more crucial to keep your cell phone away so you can stay focused on the road.
- Obey all street signs and signals, and drive slowly in neighborhoods and residential areas.
- Don't drink alcohol at any Holiday event. If you do - then call a cab, a sober friend or family member, or just stay where you are.



Fleet Safety:

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As a pedestrian:

- DO be visible at all times. You may think a driver sees you, but it's possible that they can't. Wear brightly colored clothing and carry a flashlight after dark.
- DO use designated sidewalks and crosswalks. If there isn't a sidewalk available, walk facing on-coming traffic and keep as far away from the road as possible.
- DON'T drink alcohol before walking around. You want to be fully aware of your surroundings so you can get to and from your destination safely.

Let the Halloween screeches, squeals, and wails come from creepy ghouls, ghosts, and witches, not from a car's breaks, skidding tires, or from the victims involved in a drunk driving accident.



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SOLELY TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE THE
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