

ALABAMA UTILITY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

**TIM AYERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OCTOBER 2022**



AUCA President Tim Gilliam from John Plott Company in Tuscaloosa was recognized for his service as AUCA President in 2021 and 2022.



Director's Comments:

AUCA members, guests and volunteers enjoyed the wonderful weather and camaraderie at the AUCA Fall General Meeting & Sporting Clay Shoot on October 13th in Montgomery (a recap and photos of the event can be found on pages 2-13 of the Newsletter).

The event included a delicious steak lunch, and attendees were treated to a stirring rendition of the Star Bangled Banner by special guest Dru Bramblett to open the meeting. The AUCA 2023 Officers and Directors were elected, and awards were then presented for our Legislator of the Year, Associate Member of the Year, and Contractor of the Year. Outgoing AUCA President Tim Gilliam was also recognized for his outstanding leadership of AUCA during the past two years.

Southeastern Conference Football Official Marc Curles entertained the audience as the special guest speaker. Very few attendees went home empty handed thanks to the tremendous door prizes that were given out.

Lastly, the drawing for the PAC Raffle was held. Proceeds from the raffle are directed to the AUCA PAC Fund to help support our continued legislative efforts for improved infrastructure funding, as well as fair and consistent governmental policies that impact business, taxes, and environmental regulations. John Apel from Apel Machine & Supply Co. in Cullman was the \$500 winner and graciously donated the money back to AUCA to help further our cause. I am humbled by John's generosity, as well as the many others that helped make the event a success once again this year.

Also, please don't forget to vote on November 8th!

Tim

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Fall General Meeting & Sporting Clay Shoot Recap:

Thanks to the incredible support by AUCA members for making our 2022 Fall General Meeting, PAC Raffle, and Sporting Clay Shoot another tremendous success.

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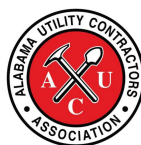
Drinks & Snacks During Sporting Clay Shoot
Courtesy of:



AUCA PAC Fundraising Raffle Winners

\$1,000 Cash Prize Winner:
Mickey Smith - Miller Pipeline

\$500 Cash Prize Winner:
John Apel - Apel Machine & Supply Co.



Fall General Meeting & Sporting Clay Shoot Recap:

2022 AUCA Award Winners:

Contractor of the Year:



**Ronnie Golden
Golden Construction Company**

Associate Member of the Year:

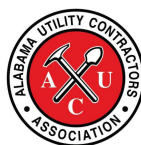


**Larry Logsdon
Wallace Jordan Ratliff & Brandt**

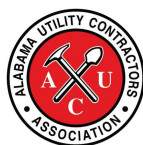
Legislator of the Year:



State Representative and Alabama House Speaker Mac McCutcheon



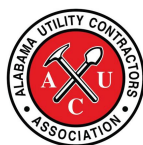
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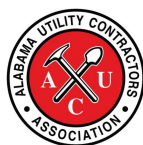
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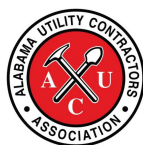
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1st Place Team - Tractor & Equipment Company



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

2nd Place Team AMERICAN Flow Control/Ferguson

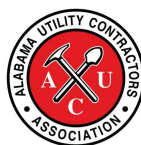


AMERICAN Flow Control/Ferguson Team
Each Team Member Received \$75 and a Trophy

3rd Place Team McFadden Engineering



McFadden Engineering Team
Each Team Member Received \$50 and a Trophy



News & Notes:

***ALABAMA UTILITY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
2023 LEADERSHIP TEAM***

The list of Officers and Directors below reflects the members elected to serve on the 2023 Leadership Team at the October 13, 2022 Fall General Meeting in Montgomery.

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: DOUG BLANKENSHIP, BLANKENSHIP CONTRACTING, INC.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: JAY HOLCOMB, LAMBERT, INC.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: RONNIE GOLDEN, GOLDEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

SECRETARY/TREASURER: ROBBIE BUTLER, CLEARY CONSTRUCTION, INC.

BOARD MEMBERS

RANDY BISHOP, CONSTRUCTION LABOR SERVICES, INC.

ANDRU BRAMBLETT, AFL

BILL CARTER, BILL CARTER CONSULTING, LLC

TIM GILLIAM, JOHN PLOTT COMPANY (IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT)

SHAUN GONZALES, WEAVER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMPANY, INC.

GAVIN JONES, BAMA UTILITY CONTRACTORS, INC.

LARRY LOGSDON, WALLACE, JORDAN, RATLIFF, & BRANDT, LLC

MARK MAYFIELD, MILLER PIPELINE, LLC

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BILL McGOUGH, W.R. MITCHELL CONTRACTOR, INC.

RICHARD MURPHREE, EMPIRE PIPE & SUPPLY

AARON SCHMIDT, SCHMIDT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRUCTION, INC.

CHARLES SMITH, VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY

CHAD TUBBS, FERGUSON WATERWORKS

STEVE WALKER, JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES, INC.



Upcoming Meetings & Events:

***Alabama Utility Management & Technology Workshop
Presented By: The American Water Works Association and
Alabama's Water Environment Association***

Monday, October 31, 2022 & Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Perdido Beach Resort

Orange Beach, AL

[Click Here for Registration & Event Information](#)

AUCA Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Montgomery, AL

***AUCA 2023 Spring General Meeting,
Golf Tournament and Shrimp & Crawfish Boil***

Thursday, April 20, 2023

Arrowhead Country Club

Montgomery, AL



***AUCA 2023 Fall General Meeting
& Sporting Clay Shoot***

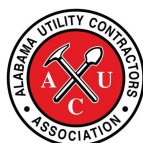
Thursday, October 12, 2023

Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club

Montgomery, AL



AUCA Industry Lunch Meetings
Dates and Locations To Be Announced



Clean Water Construction Coalition Report

From Dan Kennedy - Chairman CWCC & Sante Esposito - Key Advocates

October 2022 Insights

FY23 Appropriation Bills

Congress passed a FY23 Continuing Resolution funding the government until **December 16** to allow more time for enactment of the regular appropriations bills. The House will be in recess from Oct. 1 - Nov. 14; the Senate (subject to change) will be in recess from Oct. 3 - 10 and Oct. 24 - Nov. 8.

As previously reported, On July 20, the House passed a six-bill appropriations bill that included the Interior, Energy, and Transportation Appropriations bills. The House Interior Appropriations Bill provides \$1.752B for the Clean Water SRF, \$1.126B for the Safe Drinking Water SRF and \$72M for WIFIA. On the same day, the Senate Appropriations Committee released its FY23 Interior Appropriations Bill that provides \$1.689B for the Clean Water SRF, \$1.176B for the Safe Drinking Water SRF and \$66.9M for WIFIA.

"Build America, Buy America" title of the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA)

Federal agencies are implementing a key provision included within the "Build America, Buy America" title of the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA). Of interest to the Coalition, pursuant to Section 70914(c) of the Act, EPA may waive Buy America preference where EPA finds that:

- Applying the domestic content procurement preference would be inconsistent with the public interest (a "public interest waiver");
- Types of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of a satisfactory quality (a "nonavailability waiver"); or
- Inclusion of iron, steel, manufactured products, or construction materials produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent (an "unreasonable cost waiver")

The EPA has already approved various [waivers](#) related to these provisions. [See BABA Act waivers open for public comment](#). Feel free to share with Dan Kennedy any challenges you see related to state implementation of these waivers or if your state is seeking a waiver that we may be able to show support for.

"Build Back Better" Infrastructure Components

We will have to wait until after the November election to know better whether there will be another round of additional federal funding focused on infrastructure in the foreseeable future. The "non-controversial" items of interest to the Coalition have been outlined by Sante Esposito.



Fleet Safety:

Provided by Marsh McLennan Agency—Southeast Risk Control Services

Safety Tips for Halloween Driving

Halloween is a special time for our children. Excitement is in the air and there is no shortage of distractions for both drivers and pedestrians. Please take a moment to review these safety tips and have safe and happy Halloween.

1. The Prime Hours

Be especially careful on the roads during the hours of 5pm and 9pm. These are prime trick-or-treating hours and it becomes harder to see when the sun goes down. When the sun does set completely, watch out for kids wearing dark colored costumes. If you have trick-or-treaters of your own consider adding some reflective tape to their costumes so it is easier for drivers to see them.

2. No Cell Phone

Do not use a cell phone or other mobile device while driving. Pull over safely to check voice messages or texts, if necessary. You are 4 times more likely to crash while driving if you are using your [cell phone](#). Your attention always needs be on the road.

3. Alcohol

Do not drink and drive. Drunk driving incidents increase on Halloween. Forty four percent of [casualties on Halloween](#) are caused by drunk driving and NHTSA reports that 41 percent of all people killed in motor vehicle crashes on Halloween night in recent years were in crashes involving drunk driving. If you do plan to drink, assign someone to be the designated driver so you and the trick-or-treaters can stay safe. If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact law enforcement.

4. Communicating

Practice safe driving by communicating with other drivers and pedestrians with your turn signals and hazard lights. Use your turn signal when making turns and turn on your hazards when you are stopping the car to let out your kids. Keep your radio turned down and roll down your windows, so you can hear outside your car.

5. Crossings

Watch for children crossing the street. They do not always cross in designated crossing zones, especially in neighborhoods, and most young pedestrian casualties happen away from intersections. Stay alert for pedestrians who may come out from between parked cars or behind shrubbery. If you see one child, there are likely to be more ready to cross. Use caution when passing cars that are stopped on the street. They may be loading or unloading passengers.



6. Seatbelts

If you are driving children around for trick-or-treating, make sure they are buckled up appropriately in a [child car seat](#) or with a seat belt. Make sure they buckle up each time they enter the car, and check to make sure they are secure before you drive to the next stop.

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7. Parking

Pull over at safe locations to let children exit at the curb and away from traffic. Use your hazard lights to alert other drivers of your car. Try to park in a spot where you will not need to back up. However, if you must, have an adult outside to make sure no children are in the way of your vehicle when you do.

8. Slow Down

Lastly, remember to slow down. Kids are excited on Halloween night and may not be as careful as they should, so it is important to anticipate them around every corner.

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