



ALABAMA UTILITY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

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Director's Comments:



Jo Bonner was the guest speaker at our recent General Meeting in Montgomery. Mr. Bonner covered a number of topics, but made a point to emphasize that there is absolute "strength in numbers."

As members of AUCA, you are part of a group that can collectively work together to make a difference in many areas including: increased investment in infrastructure funding; workforce development, safety and training initiatives; and limiting the burdensome governmental regulations imposed on the construction industry and other small businesses throughout our country.

Thanks to all of you that continue to believe in AUCA, and that actively come together to give us our strength.

Tim

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AUCA General Meeting & Golf Tournament:

Corporate Sponsors:



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We appreciate the many sponsor companies, volunteers, and participants that graciously made this event possible.

Thanks for your continued support of AUCA!

AUCA General Meeting & Golf Tournament:

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Special Golf Prize:

Putting Contest on Practice Green
Sponsored by Foley Products Company
YETI Cooler



Lain Cheney (left) of Ferguson Waterworks defeated D.J. McAuley of Southern Light in a "Putt-Off" to claim the YETI Cooler presented by Stan Wiggins from Foley Products.

Door & Player Prize Items:

Alagasco
SouthernLINC Wireless
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John Deere Financial
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National Trench Safety
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AUCA General Meeting & Golf Tournament:

Team Golf Prize Winners:

1st Place Team:

Knapheide

Mike Price
Pete Mackey
Chesley Gunn
Bryan Lipham

Each team member received \$100 cash and a 1st place trophy



2nd Place Team:

Howell, LLC

Frankie Howell
Danny Tatum
Trey Howell
Gene Cody

Each team member received \$75 cash and a 2nd place trophy

3rd Place Team:

Ferguson Waterworks - Mobile

Lain Cheney
Bret Busby
Bill McGough
Brian Alberson

Each team member received \$50 cash and a 3rd place trophy



AUCA General Meeting & Golf Tournament:

Individual Golf Prize Winners:



Longest Drive:
Ty Patterson
AMERICAN Ductile Iron Pipe Team
Received \$50 Prize



Longest Putt:
Chesley Gunn
Knapheide Team
Received \$50 Prize

Longest Putt:
Hunter Keith
Enterprise Fleet Management Team
Received \$50 Prize

Event Photos:



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Upcoming Events:

May 10-11, 2016

**Washington, D.C. Fly-In &
Clean Water Construction Coalition Reception**

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Coalition Working Meeting 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

400 New Jersey Avenue, NW

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Coalition Reception 12:00 Noon

Rayburn Building HOB 2103

AUCA Quarterly Lunch Meetings

We are finalizing the dates and details for the 2nd Quarter local lunch meetings. Speakers and topics will cover a wrap-up of the 2016 Alabama Legislative Session.

Be on the lookout for updates.

October 13, 2016

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



**Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club
Montgomery, AL**

Mark your calendars today!



News & Notes:

Davis-Bacon Wage Survey - Deadline Extended to May 31, 2016

The deadline for submitting information for the Alabama Building and Heavy Construction "Davis-Bacon Wage Survey" has been extended from February 29, 2016 to May 31, 2016. After considering the information submitted to date in Alabama, the United States Department of Labor - Wage and Hour Division (WHD) has determined that providing additional time to submit data would promote the overall quality of wage rates. Consequently, WHD is extending the deadline for submission of data for an additional 90 days. WHD will not extend the deadline again, so it is imperative that Contractors take the time to complete the survey process.

Data must be postmarked by May 31, 2016 to be included in this survey.

Information regarding the Davis-Bacon survey program, as well as support for completing forms is available at the website:

<http://www.dol.gov/whd/programs/dbra/Survey/surveys.htm>

Data may also be submitted using the electronic WD-10 Form, which is available at the website:

<http://www.dol.gov/whd/programs/dbra/wd-10.htm>

2016 AUCA Membership Dues Renewal

If your company has failed to submit your 2016 membership dues renewal, you will now be considered delinquent, and may be removed from the AUCA membership roster per the Bylaws and discretion of the AUCA Board of Directors.

Should you have any questions, or wish to reinstate your membership, please contact the AUCA office at (205) 582-9436.



News & Notes:

AUCA 2016 Membership Directory

AUCA will publish a printed membership directory in 2016. This will be an additional resource to offer our members, and contain valuable industry information. If your company has not yet sent in your membership renewal, please remit no later than April 30th in order to guarantee your company's listing in the directory.

We will be following-up with all member companies to ensure that we have the correct contact information for your company before the directory is printed.

We will also have several advertising opportunities within the directory to showcase your company. We hope that you will consider placing an ad in the directory to help make it a more valuable resource to our members. The premier spots are limited, and may sell out quickly.

Below is the Membership Directory advertising rate sheet:

- Back Outside Cover - Full Color - *SOLD***
- Front Inside Cover - Full Color - *PENDING***
- Back Inside Cover - Full Color - \$1,000**
- Tab Pages - Full Color - \$750**
- Full Page (5" x 8") - Black & White - \$500**
- Half Page (5" x 3.5") - Black & White - \$250**

Please contact the AUCA office if your company would like to purchase a Directory Advertisement



Alabama Legislative News:

The 2016 Alabama Legislative Session is rapidly drawing to a close. By the time this newsletter goes out, there will only be two legislative days remaining. Much focus remains on the behavior of Governor Robert Bentley, and efforts have intensified for a possible impeachment. This situation will continue to dominate headlines long after the session has ended.

Through the first 28 days, there were 573 bills introduced in the House, and 431 in the Senate. One of the most controversial bills has been SB287, pertaining to the proposed financing and construction of \$800 Million for 4 new Mega-Prisons in our state. This bill has faced stiff opposition from many groups, including the Design and Construction Industry, due to the proposed allowance of "Alternative Project Delivery Methods" to be utilized on these Prison projects.

After multiple Public Hearings, SB287 passed the Senate and moved over to the House where another Public Hearing was held. On the final legislative day of the month, the bill passed the House after nearly 9 hours of debate. However, the passage was with an Amendment that would require a report to be given to the 2017 Legislature before the bond issue and Prison projects could move forward. The Senate must now decide whether to concur with the House Amendment, or if the bill goes to a conference committee. The final two days will still hold much excitement as it pertains to the bill.

SB180, the bill that would establish the "Alabama Transportation Safety Fund" to designate any revenues received from the proposed Gas Tax specifically for Road and Bridge Infrastructure Improvements passed the House and was sent to the Governor for his signature. However, HB394, the Gas Tax Bill has not been able to find its way onto the House Special Order Calendar and appears to have run out of time to be considered before the close of the 2016 Session.

Remember to check our weekly "Legislative Pipeline" email report for continuous Legislative updates

Health & Safety:

Provided by Josh Broaddus @ J. Smith Lanier & Company

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Thousands have died in car crashes involving cell phone use. Although many distractions exist while driving, cell phones are a top distraction because so many drivers use them for long periods of time each day. Everyone has seen a driver distracted by a cell phone, but when you are the one who is distracted, you often don't realize that driver is you.

With some state laws focusing on handheld bans and car-makers putting hands-free technology in vehicles, it's no wonder people are confused. However, while many drivers honestly believe they are making the safe choice by using a hands-free device, it's just not true. Your brain remains distracted by the conversation.

The National Safety Council observes April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month to draw attention to this epidemic. NSC wants empower you to put safety first and Take Back Your Drive.

The following are all examples of common distractions when driving:

- Texting
- Using a cell phone or smartphone
- Eating and drinking
- Talking to passengers
- Grooming
- Reading, including maps
- Using a navigation system
- Watching a video
- Adjusting a radio, CD player, or MP3 player

Key Facts and Statistics

- In 2014, 3,179 people were killed, and 431,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers. (CTIA)
- At any given daylight moment across America, approximately 660,000 drivers are using cell phones or manipulating electronic devices while driving, a number that has held steady since 2010. (NOPUS)
- Five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. When traveling at 55mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded. (VTTI)





AUCA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

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Johnson & Associates, Inc. is a Huntsville, Alabama based civil engineering firm that has provided professional land surveying and civil engineering services since 1986.

The diverse resources of our company include a variety of civil engineering services that are provided for both public and private sector; either separately, or in an integrated fashion depending on our clients needs. Our commitment to clients is to produce high-quality engineering consulting, land surveying, construction engineering, project management, and design documents on time and within budget. Effective communication enables our team to identify the project specific needs of our clients so their objectives can be accomplished in a timely and efficient manner.



Our state-of-the-art technology enables the J&A team to provide a solution to almost any surveying or engineering requirement in an efficient manner. Our proven project management procedures ensure our clients professional consulting services in a cost-conscious manner. The J&A goal – Save our clients time and money. We accomplish this goal with innovative, efficient designs and solid project management.

At Johnson & Associates, we believe if “a client leaves our office, they should always look forward to coming back.” We look forward to increasing our long list of satisfied clients by assisting in all your civil engineering and land surveying needs.

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SOLELY TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE THE
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