



# Winter Newsletter

## President's Message:

I would like to extend a holiday wish to all NH Public Works Association members. It is hard to believe that 2010 is rapidly coming to a close. For all of us, this time of year is the transition from our summer operations to winter activities but things never slow down in the Public Works world.

It has been a good year for the Public Works community. The New England Chapter of American Public Works Association hosted the 2010 Annual Congress in Boston. This gave a great opportunity for many New England vendors and projects to be seen by professionals from around the world. The Association had a good annual meeting on October 28, 2010. We had presentations on single stream recycling, a hydro-power project, porous pavements and management and planning. We had approximately thirty-five folks attend. At the meeting, we also held association elections. I would like to congratulate and welcome the following new or returning board members:

- Contractor Representative – **Brian Vincent**, Nobis Engineering
- Education Representative – **Kathryn Myers**, UNH Technology Transfer Center
- Supplier Representative – **Catherine Schoenenberger**, Stay Safe Traffic Products
- Director at large – **Bruce Temple**, Public Works Director, City of Claremont

In November, the Association sponsored several technical sessions: Bridge Scour Compliance, Overweight Truck Permitting, and Climate Adaptation Planning, at the Local Government Center annual conference. The Association also shared a booth with New Hampshire Public Works Standards and Training Council on the exhibition floor.

Looking ahead into 2011, the Association will be having its **Winter Technical meeting on February 10, 2011 at the Local Government Center in Concord, NH**. Topics under consideration include Use of Social Media in Public Works and in Project Planning/Management, Stream Crossing Rules and what it means to the Public Works Community, and Public Relations: Marketing your Public Works Department. So save the date.

If you have an idea for a session, are interested in speaking or know an interesting project, please contact any of the directors. The Board is also reaching out to our

professional organization in the State to coordinate activities. I encourage everyone to get involved, it makes our profession stronger. See you on the road.

Sincerely,  
*Kürt Blomquist*  
President, NHPWA  
Public Works Director, Keene

## NHPWA Board Members

- President:** Kürt Blomquist, P.E., Keene (2009-2011)
- Vice President:** Jennifer Perry, P.E., Exeter (2009-2011)
- Secretary/Treasurer:** Allan Bolduc, Meredith (2009-2011)
- Supplier Rep:** Catherine Schoenenberger, Stay Safe Traffic Products (2010-2011)
- Consultant Rep:** Robert Prud'homme, Kleinfelder/SEA Consultants (2009-2011)
- Contractor Rep:** Brian Vincent, Nobis Engineering Inc. (2010-2013)
- Education Rep:** Kathryn Myers, UNH Technology Transfer Ctr. (2010-2013)
- Past President:** Dave Lent, P.E., Retired (Appointed)
- NE APWA Rep:** Carl Quiram, P.E., Goffstown (Appointed)
- NHDOT Rep:** Nancy Mayville, P.E., Planning & Community Assistance (Appointed)
- Board Member:** Scott Kinmond, Moultonborough (2009-2012)
- Board Member:** Bruce Temple, Claremont (2010-2013)
- Board Member:** Jim Terrell, Walpole (2008-2011)

*If you're interested in volunteering, contact [kblomquist@ci.keene.nh.us](mailto:kblomquist@ci.keene.nh.us)*

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## Welcome New Board Member: Scott Kinmond



Scott D. Kinmond is the Highway/Road Agent (Elected), Director of Public Works for the Town of Moultonborough.

As Public Works Director, Scott is responsible for maintenance of town highways (77 centerline miles), plus winter maintenance of private roadways (167 centerline miles), facilities & grounds, maintenance / sexton of town cemeteries, care of trees, town fleet maintenance and the waste management facility.

Scott is a member of the American Public Works Association, NH Road Agents Association, NH Chiefs of Police Association and serves as President on the Board of Directors for the Child Advocacy Center for Carroll County.

Scott is a graduate of Kingswood Regional High School in Wolfeboro, NH, a graduate of the NE Police Command Institute, and has taken numerous courses in management, law enforcement and emergency management. In addition, Scott is a University of New Hampshire Master Roads Scholar, which requires 100 hours of training for municipal infrastructure management issues.

Scott retired in September 2009, as the Police Chief for the Town of Moultonborough, NH. His Law Enforcement Career spanned 24 years, 11 as Police Chief for a total of 20 years with the Town of Moultonborough, and four years as a Deputy Sheriff in Carroll County. Scott also served for 12 years as a Fire Captain with the Ossipee Corner Fire Department, and nine years as a Fire Precinct Commissioner. During his tenure with both Police and Fire, Scott served as the Town Assistant Emergency Management Director.

Scott enjoys the Maine Coast, his children's athletic activities and hunting. He is married to his wife Anne, and has two teenage daughters Kayla and Meghan.

Welcome to the Board Scott!

## A Message from the APWA President

What a spectacular year! As my term as President draws to a close, I feel an enormous sense of pride at what we as a Chapter have accomplished in the past 12 months.

I would be remiss if I did not highlight the success of the 2010 Congress. It was an event that will definitely be remembered for years to come. The teamwork displayed by all involved was second to none. Everyone, from sponsors to volunteers, put forth their best effort and it was clearly evident in the final product. From the start of the mayor's reception overlooking Boston's night-lit skyline, to the cannon salute of the Chapter dinner at the historic Constitution, to the culmination of the week at the closing ceremonies, our Chapter was undoubtedly the shining star. I can confidently say that we truly put on the *best show in public works*.

Further evidence of our accomplishments this year is seen through our recent accolades. Congratulations are certainly in order to everyone who received awards this past year. **Our Top Ten Award recipient was Carl Quiram**, Tom DeMaio was given the Distinguished Service Award, Lexington received the Public Works Facility Award and we as a Chapter were honored with the prestigious PACE Award. Moreover, our Chapter boasts over 25 new national appointments. This is unquestionably a testament to the capable members that make up the solid foundation that this Chapter is built on.

It is my hope that we can all continue our loyal support of the Chapter with our ongoing educational workshops. In the current economic climate that we are all experiencing, the workshops are undoubtedly a value for the benefits that we reap from them. They are worthwhile events that we should all take the utmost advantage of.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Town of Natick for allowing me to contribute so much time to the Chapter. They have enabled me to continue to advance in the field of public works and devote significant energy to promoting continued progress in our field. I would also like to thank my family who has supported me not only for the duration of this term, but throughout my years of service to our profession.

In closing, my sincere gratitude goes out to each one of you who has demonstrated vital leadership, given of their time to serve as a much-needed volunteer, or helped me in other ways and lent a hand this year. We would not have enjoyed the successes of the Chapter during this busy year nearly as much without your invaluable help. I have the utmost confidence that you will show the same kindness to incoming President Mike Mancini of Hartford, Connecticut as I turn the reins over to him.

Thank you all again for supporting me during this remarkable year. All the best as we move forward to 2011!

Best regards,  
Tom Collins  
APWA President



# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 2010 Ken Ward Memorial Snow Plow Rally

Submitted by: Catherine Schoenenberger, Stay Safe Traffic Products, Inc.

The 5th Annual Ken Ward Memorial Snow Plow Rally Competition took place at the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds on September 22, 2010. **From a field of 20 teams, both the 2010 Municipal and State Titles went to the team from the Town of Weare: Benjamin Knapp and Jeff Lewis.**

Knapp and Lewis went on to represent New Hampshire at the New England Regional Snow Plow Roadeo finals in Fitchburg, MA. The team from the Town of New London, Eric Allen and Bob Harrington, finished in second place, a position they have earned in three out of the five years of this competition!

We missed Mike Walton (Town of Goffstown) this year at the Dana Wright Memorial Backhoe Competition; but in his absence the team from NORTrax stepped in with equipment and judges so the “show could go on”. Although the competition did take on a slightly different flare, it remained one of the most popular events of the day. **Dave Thompson from the Town of Campton prevailed as the 2010 Backhoe Champion;** redeeming himself from a painful loss last year, where he lost by just one point!

Thank you to all of the competitors, and congratulations to all of the winners. We hope to see you at the 2011 Rally, September 21st. Mark your Calendars!

*Ken Ward Memorial Snow Plow Rally Competition is sponsored by NH Public Work Association and the NH Local Government Center. Our complete appreciation to the numerous Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsors for allowing this event to remain free to all who attend and for keeping Ken Ward's mission alive.*



*A display of the t-shirts given out at all five of the Ken Ward Snow Plow Rally events.*



*From left to right: Carl Quiram, NHPWA Board member/Plow Rally Volunteer and winners of the 2010 Municipal and State title for the Plow Rally: Benjamin Knapp and Jess Lewis, Town of Weare.*

## Email Listserv Created for NHPWA Members

*Kathryn Myers, UNH T<sup>2</sup> Ctr. Program Manager & NHPWA Board Rep.*

Dear New Hampshire Public Works Association members,

This is a reminder that you are subscribed to an email listserv for NHPWA members only. Use this listserv to send email to other NHPWA members or to the Board of Directors with questions regarding membership/dues etc. The Board will also use this listserv as a way to communicate with members with any special announcements.

*The fee to use this list is included in your annual membership dues. Any member who does not pay their annual membership fee to NHPWA, will be removed.*

Enjoy using the list!

Any questions, please contact: Kathryn Myers, k.myers@unh.edu

# New Hampshire Construction Career Days 2010

Submitted By: Catherine Schoenenberger, Stay Safe Traffic Products Inc.

New Hampshire's second Construction Career Days (NH-CCD) event took place on September 23rd and September 24th in Hopkinton, New Hampshire.



*A group of students from Pinkerton Academy, Derry NH, who attended Construction Career Days 2010.*

With 660 students attending, NH-CCD was another great success. Catherine Schoenenberger, chairs the NH-CCD Steering Committee. "We're hoping to change the reputation of the transportation and construction industries. From the DPW crews and the private bridge contractors, to the electricians, plumbers, welders and carpenters, we need to entice and encourage this next generation to take a serious look at these professions. NH-CCD is just one of the ways in which we can provide such insight and education."

Next year's NH-CCD event is already in the works. In September, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), through the *On the Job Training Program* at New Hampshire's Department of Transportation (NHDOT), granted NH-CCD \$31,900. **New Hampshire was one of only two states nationwide to receive a grant specifically for Construction Career Days** (the other is Hawaii)! Having been 100% privately funded in the first two NH-CCD events, this grant will undoubtedly increase participation of the Granite State high school students. Schoenenberger is looking forward to working closely with FHWA and NHDOT officials to ensure the funds are spent in accordance to their award.

*\*\*The New Hampshire Construction Career Day events are organized and sponsored by members of Granite State Chapter #218 of the National Association of Women in Construction, NH Public Works Association, NH Road Agents Association, NH Department of Education, NH Department of Labor, NH Department of Transportation, The Associated Builders and Contractors, Manchester Community College, as well as many other public and private entities.*

Construction Career Day events are workforce development tools which introduce high school students to the transportation construction industry and support the pipeline that will provide the professionals of tomorrow. The CCD events have successfully promoted the transportation construction industry and the careers it offers.

- There will be 1 million new jobs in the construction industry by 2016
- The construction industry employs more than 7.7 million people in the US
- The average age of workers in the skilled trades nationwide is 48
- Baby boomers (born 1945-1950) will start retiring in 2010-2015

Since 1999, 400,000 students have participated in CCD events. At the core, CCD events promote hands on activities, safety, diversity, partnerships and teamwork, continuous improvement and follow-up for all of the students participating.

For more information on how you can get involved in the New Hampshire event, please visit the website: <http://sites.google.com/site/constructioncareerdaysnh/> or contact Catherine Schoenenberger at [staysafetraffic@aol.com](mailto:staysafetraffic@aol.com).



*CCD students observing a backhoe operation and safety demo.*

# NH Public Works Memorial Reaches the Design Phase

*Submitted by: Jim Rivers, Public Works Memorial Committee*



*NH Public Works Memorial design submission.*

After months of organizational meetings that included discussions of time-lines, site planning, specifications, the application process and fundraising, among other topics, the memorial to New Hampshire public workers killed while performing their public works duties is finally starting to take shape.

The project, created through the passage of legislation in 2009, and signed into law by Governor John Lynch, is now moving into the design stage in anticipation of making the conceptual design announcement in December 2010.

The committee began the process by looking for a high school senior, or a current college student, who may have had an interest in architectural design. Any student interested in participating in the project was asked to submit a proposal of their idea to the committee by November 1. The student whose idea is selected will not only be given the opportunity to work on the project with the committee in “fine-tuning” the final design, but will also receive a \$1,200 scholarship toward their education. The committee met in early November to review the designs that had been submitted.

“We were extremely happy with the quality of the designs that we received,” said Carl Quiram, the committee chair and public works director for the town of Goffstown. “Each of the applicants put a tremendous amount of thought, time and effort into presenting a very well thought-out design for our memorial. The committee faces a tough decision in the next couple of weeks,” he added.

During the second week of December the three finalists will make a presentation to the committee and answer any questions before the final selection is made. The site selected for the memorial is located at the New Hampshire Department of Transportation grounds on Hazen Drive in Concord.

“The next step on the process is to ramp up our fundraising efforts,” said Quiram. “Sometimes it is difficult for people to make a donation to a project of this nature until we actually have a conceptual design that they can look at. We expect to have that final design before the month is out and we now need to raise the necessary funds to make this most worthwhile memorial a reality.” he concluded.

*Tax deductible donations may be sent to: The Public Works Memorial Fund, c/o Lyle Knowlton, Commissioner's Office, NHDOT, PO Box 483, Concord, NH 03302-0483.*



*NH Public Works Memorial design submission.*

## NHPWA Treasurer's Report:

*Info. Submitted by Allan Bolduc, NHPWA Secretary/Treasurer*

The New Hampshire Public Works Association currently has \$9,112.50 in its Operating Account. Membership dues fund this account to support the Association's programs and activities.

Between July 2010 and October 2010 the NHPWA has financially supported the following programs: New Hampshire Public Works Memorial, Ken Ward Memorial Snow Plow Rally, and New Hampshire Construction Career Days. The NHPWA also plans to award one \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving college students who is pursuing a career in public works!

Thank you to our loyal NHPWA members!



# 60TH Annual Engineers Week Awards Banquet & Exhibition

Thursday, February 17, 2010 at the Radisson Hotel, Manchester, New Hampshire

Save the date! Registration opens in January!

## PRELIMINARY AGENDA



**Educational Sessions [seating is limited]**

**1:00pm Dr. Nancy Kinner - "Oil in the Gulf"**

**2:15pm Peter Brooks - Infra-red Thermal Imaging in Engineering & Forensics**

**3:30pm Cheryl Killam - ADA Compliance on Your Engineering Projects**

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**Cost: \$45.00 per person**

**Student rate: \$25.00 per person**

**Exhibition & Awards Banquet**

**4:00 pm Exhibit set-up**

**5:00 pm Exhibits open**

**5:30 pm Social hour**

**(Cash bar & Hors d'Oeuvres)**

**7:00 pm Dinner**

**8:00 pm Presentation of Awards/Speaker**

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**Cost: \$47.00 per person**

**Student rate: \$30.00 per person**

National Engineers Week (E-Week) is celebrated around the country every year in February to commemorate the birth of engineering, beginning with the first US engineer and President, George Washington. In New Hampshire, the highlight of this weeklong celebration is the Annual Awards Banquet and Engineering Trade Show that is held at the Radisson Hotel - Center of NH in Manchester. On behalf of the New Hampshire Society of Professional Engineers (NHSPE) and the New Hampshire Joint Engineering Societies (NHJES), we would like to invite you to join us for a series of afternoon educational sessions followed by a casual evening with friends and colleagues to celebrate our profession and to participate in awards for scholarships, Engineer of the Year and Young Engineer of the Year.

In celebrating 60-years of National Engineers Week, we are also offering an afternoon of educational sessions with some very special guest speakers for a total of 3 Professional Development Hours (PDHs) for our Engineering Professionals.

Our Key-Note speaker this year is "NH's favorite story teller", Mr. John Clayton, renowned Union Leader columnist and author of the "In The City" series and his latest release "Remembering Manchester".

If you should have questions about the event or wish to sponsor and/or participate in the Trade Show event, please contact Craig Bailey, P.E. or Roch Larochelle, P.E. by email at [ctbailey@bailey-associates.com](mailto:ctbailey@bailey-associates.com) or [rlarochelle@cmaengineers.com](mailto:rlarochelle@cmaengineers.com) respectively.

For More information on National Engineers Week and the National Engineers Week Foundation, visit <http://www.eweek.org/Home.aspx>. The National Engineers Week Foundation is housed with the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), 1420 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22134. NSPE is the Foundation Secretariat and initiated National Engineers Week in 1951. The New Hampshire Society of Professional Engineers (NHPSE) is the State Society of NSPE.

## Women in Construction Week 2011

*Submitted by: Catherine Schoenenberger, Stay Safe Traffic Products Inc.*

The National Association of Women in Construction recognizes March 7 - 11, 2011 as Women in Construction (WIC) week. Granite State Chapter #218 of NAWIC will be sponsoring various events to promote NAWIC's core purpose: To enhance the success of women in the construction industry. Governor Lynch has been asked to issue another Proclamation from the Granite State as well. It's a week to bring attention and appreciation to women who work within the building trades and on our State/Country's infrastructure...on bridges, roads and utility poles. The non-traditional is becoming the new-traditional career choice for women in NH.

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Mark  
These  
Dates:

## Calendar

- February 10 - NHPWA Winter Technical Sessions, Concord
- February 17 - 60th Annual Engineers Week Awards Banquet & Exhibition, Manchester
- March 7-11 - Women in Construction Week, Granite State Chapter #218
- March 9 - NH Construction Career Days 2011 VIP Kick-off Night
  - March 11 - NHPWA Board Meeting, Concord
    - April 4-8 - Workzone Awareness Week
- April 15 - UNH T<sup>2</sup> Sponsored Road Managers Meeting, Moultonborough
  - May 15-20 - Public Works Week
- July 13 - UNH T<sup>2</sup> Sponsored Road Managers Meeting, Enfield

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**Individual Membership: \$25.00**

**Group Membership: \$100.00** (up to 5 people)

**\*Membership term expires June 30, 2011.**

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