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Welcome to the 2009 edition of the new troubleshooter newsletter. We hope the new year is finding you and yours well.

Thanks to all the students who attended the conference in November at the Sheraton in Fort Worth, Texas. Thanks also to the moderators and presenters who contributed of their time to make the classes happen.

We are now posting a set of files for you to download the pdfs to keep up with your renewal and other training in order for you to submit that for renewal when the time comes. There is a personal journal, which you need to keep in order to document your attending training. Of course, as always, if you achieve a higher level of certification within the time allotted between renewals, it automatically will renew your lower levels, too.

There has been some talk about whether we should offer the microprocessor class, the electronics class, or the fiber optic training classes in the section. The classes are expensive, and we had little to no response when we surveyed the question. But, there may be good news!

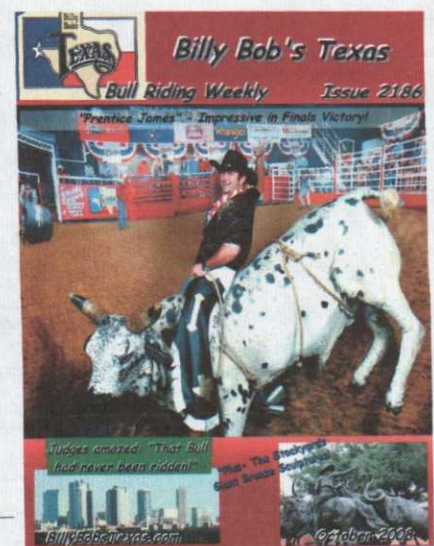
If you hold on until 2010, the Southwestern Section IMSA is hosting the International Conference, and it will be in the Addison/Dallas area. Typically these courses are offered at the IMSA International conferences, so this will be a good opportunity for you to attend this great training here in Texas!

Now hold on to your horses, because we are rapidly approaching the July 2009 conference in Clear Lake, Texas. We are looking forward to returning to the Hilton Clear Lake, just down the street from the Johnson Space Center, and around the bend from Kema water front. We will be offering the regular certification classes, and some exciting technical sessions. We are asking our vendors to come and present some technical sessions

## SECTION CORNER

Congratulations and welcome also to our new Louisiana State Director, Prentice Guilbeaux. No bull!

Prentice has already gotten in and become an active moderator, helping out in Killeen, then moderating in Fort Worth, and is doing a renewal class in Lafayette.





## Vendor Page

The **Wavetronix Smartsensor Advance** is gaining favor in installations where advance detection and accurate gap detection is necessary. The Smartsensor Advance has the ability to detect vehicles at distances up to 500' and internally calculate the estimated time of arrival (ETA) at the stop bar. Other technologies such as loops, in-ground detectors, or video detection have been used for similar applications but this is the only non-intrusive detector that combines a range of 500' with the internal intelligence and continuous vehicle tracking that is ideal for a variety of applications. This means no more placing a second pole further up an approach at your high-speed intersections for accurate detection at long distances. This detector can be used for a variety of applications including (but definitely not limited to):

- High Speed pproach Dilemma Zone Protection
- Accurate Gap Detection for Increased Intersection Efficiency
- Advanced Warning Systems
- Determination of Red-Light Running Probability

For more information please contact Ian Lee at Twincrest Technologies 817-539-200 or [sales@twincresttech.com](mailto:sales@twincresttech.com).

**If you are a vendor and would like to do a presentation on your new product, sign up to be a presenter at a technical session. We technicians don't get as much one on one with you vendors as we used to, so we could use the training. The Vendor ads on our website will be removed soon after this is posted. If you would like to place an ad please contact Lisa at [ljpurdy@suddenlink.net](mailto:ljpurdy@suddenlink.net)**



Part of the students attending Traffic Signals Level I, November 2008 in Fort Worth, Texas.

If you have an article that you want to submit, please email to Ray or Lisa Purdy.

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**DIRECTOR CORNER**

From Belinda Younger-Gurley  
Southwestern Section IMSA Director

2008 is flying by quickly. We are rapidly heading into the fall weather and holiday season and several IMSA events have already occurred this year for the Executive Officers and the Membership at large.

The Southwestern Section held their annual conference in Killeen, Texas this year. A special thanks goes out to Ron Acker, our Immediate Past President, for hosting the event and to Lisa Purdy, Donna Potter (Lisa's Mom), and the rest of the Officers and volunteers for all their time and efforts involved in making the conference a success. Congratulations to our newly elected Executive Board of Officers for the Southwestern Section!

I had the pleasure of Moderating the Traffic Signals Level I class at the Killeen conference in June. It is always interesting to meet others in this industry from the new guys to those with years and years of experience. Thanks to everyone in my class for keeping me on my toes and sharing your own knowledge and experiences. Networking with others and sharing information, experiences, and resources are some of the greatest benefits of IMSA involvement.

As the new Director for the SW section, I also attended the IMSA International conference in Phoenix, Arizona. During the conference, one of the many activities that I participated in was the Board of Director's meeting. Several years have passed since I last attended an International conference. Many changes have taken place and more are coming.

IMSA announced a new two-level certification program, Fiber Optics for Intelligent Transportation Systems. Contact IMSA if you are interested in bringing this certification to your section.

A Governance Task Force was created to assess the operational and structural needs of IMSA and present recommendations for any changes or updates determined. Their recommendations were presented and approved by majority vote at the BOD meeting.

The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee structure will be changing. The Certification Committee as we currently know it will be dissolved. A new Certification process will occur. The voting structure will be changing. The organizational layout of the Sections vs. the International appears to be changing as well. The recommendations were stated to improve the operational structure of IMSA to help expedite the decision, approval, review and update process. The Constitution & By-Laws are being revised to support the upcoming changes.

As everyone knows, Technology in this industry changes rapidly. The overall goal stated is to strengthen and improve the ability for IMSA to create, modify, and deliver the educational needs and certification in a timely manner.

More details will follow once the approved recommendations are finalized and distributed.



Our friend, Past President and Past International Director Billy Swindle accepts his Lifetime membership award from Section President Burt Marlow.

**Congratulations to all newly elected, appointed and returning officers of the Southwestern Section**

Burt Marlow – President 2008-2009

Tracy Nichols – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Craig Spivey – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

David Stallings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

Belinda Younger Gurley – Director

Mark Gorton – Alternate Director

David Dokupil – Texas Director

Bruce Cypert – Oklahoma Director

Ray Purdy – Section Secretary/Treasurer

Warren Farrell – Chief Certification Administrator

The conference in Killeen was a hit! Classes went as scheduled and attendance was great in relation to today's travel expense. My special thanks go out to all moderators and to all that attended the certification classes! Roadway Lighting Level Two was introduced at the conference; Ray Purdy did a tremendous job in moderating the class. There were nine students in attendance. I encourage all that are already certified in Roadway Lighting Level One to make every effort to attend the fall conference at try their hand at this new certification.

I would like to express our thoughts to our past Director Billy Swindle, who had to step down due to illness. Thank You Billy for all of your participation and support for the section during your time in the executive chairs. Enjoy your retirement!

Ron Acker

Immediate Past President



Section officers are sworn in by Warren Farrell, June 2008 in Killeen, Texas



Work Zone Traffic Control class in Killeen, Texas June 2008

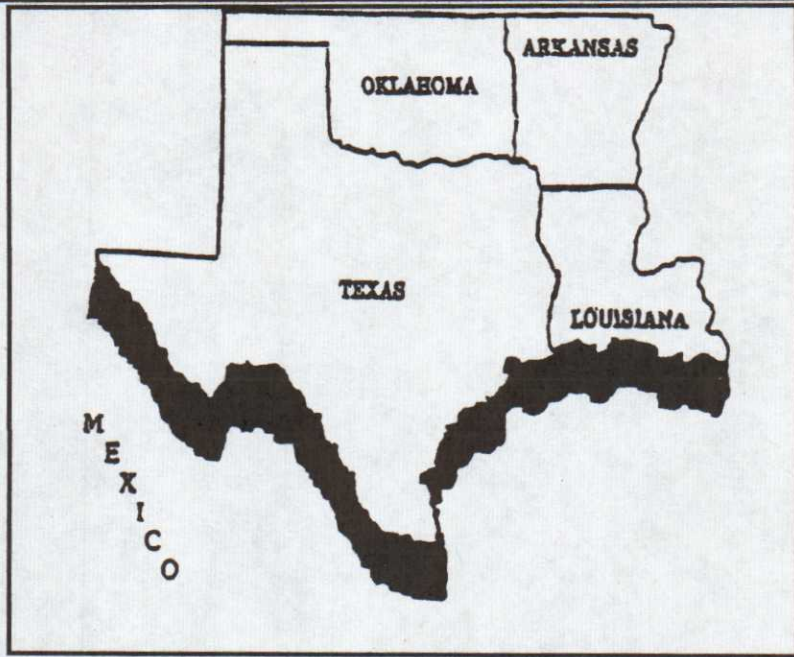


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**If you need a renewal class, please let us know. We have discussed possibly holding a renewal class in the DFW area every couple of months. So if this is something you need and we can get at least 10 people in the class, we will try to put it on.**



Can you say ouch?

