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Midwest Construction Expo & Field Day



Well, another Expo & Field Day is over. As your Executive Director I am going to do what I know I shouldn't do-try to thank the many people that made this a success. I already know I am going to forget someone, but here goes.

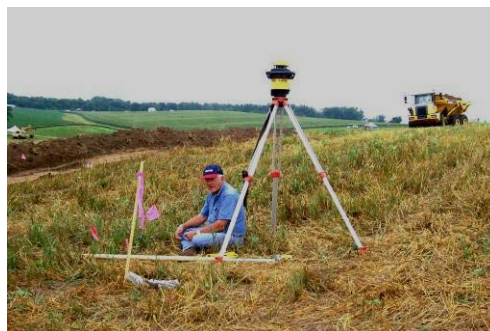
The first is **Bill Ohrt**. Bill has helped with every field day, and I can always count on him to help make decisions and make things happen.

**Russ Peters and Merle Gronwald** seem to get all the jobs no one else likes to do! They put up signs, fences, repair the tile, take care of garbage and whatever else needs to be done.

**Steven Miller** took over the Rain Garden project from start to finish. He had the help of a few others, but for the most part, this was Steve's project.

**Doug Egeland, Rick and Scott Bohle, Mark Erpelding** and others completed the sediment control basin.

**Dan Vorwald** and his crew always come through. Dan was in charge of one of the drainage projects while his crew went to work on Thursday and got the terrace projects under control.



**Randy Liddle** worked on the drainage projects, and I also saw him helping with the rain garden and doing a little terrace work too.

Of course, every project has to have an inspector. **Leonard Drish** (at left) was making sure terraces were coming up to specs!

**Mary Ann Evison, Elaine Todd, Maretta Grattan, Mary Ann Drish** and others "manned" the registration desk. They even signed up new members!

**Dee Liddle** set up the LICA display using the display case, donated by **Steve Neuzil**. It sure looked good.

**Tim Rasmussen** donated the use of one of his backhoes. I had it for over 3 months to get the field day set up. He and his son, Ryan, also helped finish the terraces and did cleanup work. I liked having his camper on site, too. I never missed an afternoon nap with air conditioning!

**Gene Blazek** came in on the last day and took over the second terrace project. Many of us had decided to leave the project for another time, but Gene got it done. He had fun managing the new crew he inherited!

**Reagan Gingerich** sent two sons and another man to help get the show on the road. We couldn't have gotten ready without them. Reagan also supplied fuel to the machines. If I could find me 3 men like Reagan sent us, I would get back into business. They knew what they were doing and were working nonstop. Lynn has done a great job raising those twin boys!

Almost forgot **Tim Recker**. Tim was instrumental in getting the "Big Show" on site. He also worked with "Iowa Farmer Today" on advertisements. Oh I forgot! I think he installed terrace intakes and worked with the tile location demo. Worked him pretty hard!

We can always count on **Tim Wahlert** to come in and help clean up. He did a little extra work on the golf green project for me.

Don't want to forget to thank **Randy and Ellen Althouse**. They drove the people carts all day each day. As far as I know, we didn't have any casualties! Part of the trail was a little thrilling!

**Bruce Barnhart** donated eight radios to keep members in communications.

We even got a lot of work out of **Leo Rieken** and **Larry Greedy**! We worked them pretty hard. Of course, they were smart enough to get into air conditioned machines. Leo had to get me going by asking me how much a porta pottie cost. He wanted me to believe he backed over one! Thanks, I needed that!

Thank you to **Worthin Grattan** for bringing the wagons from Danny Carroll's Punkin Patch to help transport people around the site.

We also thank all the associates for bringing in millions of dollars worth of equipment. Of course, without their donations of equipment and materials, nothing would get done and the show wouldn't happen.

Well, like I said, I probably forgot someone and I apologize. There were many more who helped out that I didn't see. We got all the planned work done: drainage tile installed, waterways built, terrace projects done and the control structure finished. I even got them all seeded. Now all we have to do is wait for Mother Nature to supply us with just the right amount of rain!

The planning for the next Midwest Construction Expo and Field Day has already started. 2013 will be here before we know it. We have to get ready to build that pond that everyone has been waiting for. If everything goes right the pond will be built in 2015. Then we can go to the farm

and sit back and look at all the completed projects and maybe even catch a fish. I know everyone will be proud to have been part of transforming this piece of land into a real showplace of conservation practices.

## **Sign up a new contractor member today and win!**



### **400 or Bust** **2012**



When we arrive at **400 paid up Iowa LICA Contractors**, a new member and their sponsor is eligible to receive one of the following prizes:

<u>New Member</u>		<u>Sponsor will receive:</u>	<u>Value</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	\$750.00	4 year membership	\$800.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	\$500.00	3 year membership	\$600.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	\$250.00	1 year membership	\$200.00

*Rules:*

- 1. Have to be a **new member**. If they have belonged in the last 10 years, they are not considered new in this program.*
- 2. Have to sign up between July 27, 2011 and January 1, 2012*
- 3. Have to have at least 400 fully paid Iowa LICA contractor members. Doesn't include retired members or out of state members with reduced fee. Today we have 386 paid LICA contractors. (have 8 retired or out of state members).*
- 4. Have to be present at drawing to win (New member & sponsor). Drawing will be held during the Awards Banquet at the 2012 Annual Meeting and Convention.*

*Have any questions: Contact Executive Director Dan Rasmussen at: 319-240-2420*

## **Please Join Us!**

**Agri Drain Corp.** is hosting a Statewide LICA Meeting and Open House  
Sunday, October 2, starting at 2 p.m.

LICA Meeting, Tour, Meal, & much more! Agri Drain is expanding again and would like to have contractors from all across Iowa come and see the improvements to their facility near Adair, Iowa. Agri Drain is located just north of Adair.

This meeting is open to **all contractors** not just LICA members. Bring a prospect to the meeting and sign them up for a chance at the membership prize.

## Contractor Registration:

It seems like we go through this about every 4 or 5 years. All contractors in the state of Iowa **have to be registered with the state**. Now, I have always thought that if you didn't hire anyone, that you would be exempt from this. However, I guess I have been wrong. All contractors that do over \$2,000.00 worth of business must be registered. I find it hard to believe that our state still doesn't know who the contractors in the state are. This law has been in effect since 1987! Don't fight them if you have received information asking for registration. Pay the \$50 and go on. If you don't, you will end up paying a penalty. I am working with the legislature to see if we can do something to make this go away. I don't know what you think of it, but I believe it is worthless and just another way to get money out of you. I know what the law is suppose to do, but if you don't have any employees you shouldn't have to register!

## Heavy Road Use Tax Forms (Form 2290)

A member brought this to my attention. If you have been waiting for Form 2290 this year, not to worry. The forms are not ready and will not be due until November.



## LICA District Meetings:

The **Northeast District** meeting will start at 2:45 on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at Randy and Dee Liddle's at 1196 Hilton Ave., Plainfield, Iowa. The meeting will be sponsored by **Kahn Tile Supply, LLC**. This will be a potluck meal. Kahn Tile Supply will furnish the meat and members are asked to bring your choice of salad, vegetable or desert to share. Water, ice tea, and table service will be provided.

Iowa DOT Officer, Neil Suckow, will be doing a walk around pre-trip inspection of the truck & trailer with a loaded machine. He will be there to answer as many questions as possible.

The **Southeast District** meeting will begin at 3 PM on Sunday, September 18, 2011 at the Johnson County Historical Car Museum located at 860 Quarry Road Coralville, Iowa, across from the Marriot Hotel at Exit 242. The meeting and meal is sponsored by **Martin Equipment Co.**



The **Northwest and Southwest LICA District** meeting will be held at **Agri Drain Corp.** on October 2, 2011. This meeting is open to all members across the state. Agri Drain Corp has done some additions to their facility and wants to take this opportunity to let us see it and thank members for all the support they have given to Agri Drain Corp over the years.

Linda Moyna has been informed that members have received **threatening notices** from a company in Chicago about not being in compliance with the DOT and Drug and Alcohol testing. She has also received phone calls from members that they were going to be reported to OSHA if they did not do weekly safety meetings. Once again, great marketing ploy but not true. A member can always call or e-mail Linda if they want to find out where legitimate classes are. If any members receive any threatening calls of this nature, please have call:

**Linda Moyna, LICA Safety Director**  
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