



HCCA Office Moved to New Manassas City Location

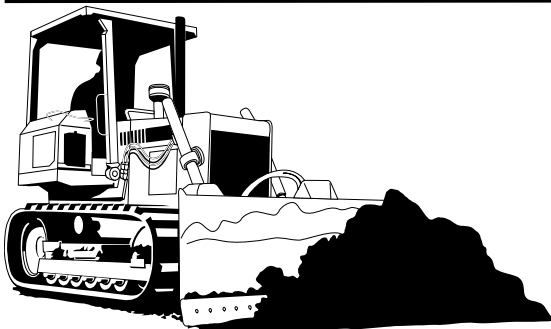
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FIRST TRAINING CLASS HELD AT NEW HCCA FACILITY

The HCCA moved into its new offices on March 1, 2010. Anyone who has ever moved a home or office knows that even the best organized move is an exercise in controlled chaos. Movers, furniture delivery, electricians, telephone installers, computer technicians, and a seemingly endless list of concurrently-happening events is what characterized the HCCA move.



Getting back “on-line” and in business was one clear objective, and every effort was made to achieve that end by March 3-4. However, we also knew that starting bright and early on March 8th we would be hosting our first-ever training class at the new facility, — the joint HCCA/National Safety Council OSHA-510 training class.

Rarely offered, but of key importance in the program of becoming certified to teach other OSHA programs, the 510 class drew sixteen students from as far away as Richmond, Maryland and Pennsylvania. There were no HCCA member in this class.

The students (and instructor John Sewell) demonstrated considerable patience as we worked our way through finding a way to cool down the classroom, arrange the room for the maximum creature comfort, develop a logistical pattern for feeding larger groups and numerous other little considerations that we took for granted with the larger classes were hosted at area hotels or member firm training rooms.



Luckily, everybody survived and seemed to not only enjoy the facility but gained a valuable learning experience from the class. The second class in this “series” the OSHA-500 (yes, 500 follows 510 — go figure) is required to become a certified OSHA trainer. We will be hosting that class on April 5-8, 2010.

We encourage all members to visit our new offices, look over our training facilities and other areas as we are making these available to members (for a nominal fee) when you need a bigger room or a private office.

TAKIN' OUR SHOW ON THE ROAD

HCCA ATTENDS KING GEORGE MIDDLE SCHOOL CAREER FAIR



King George, Virginia is a thriving community positioned at the gateway to the middle peninsula.

King George Middle School is the home of the Mighty Foxes.

March 9th, 2010 was the Career Day for the Mighty Foxes attended by every 7th and 8th grader. By invitation from Mr. Henry Askew, school counselor, "the only man in Virginia who does not own a cell phone", the HCCA displayed its persuasive career oriented construction doctrine and convinced many of the attendees to stay in school and begin their construction careers higher than the man with the shovel in the ditch.

The young adults were inquisitive, polite and interested in what all of the exhibitors had to say. The most direct question I had to field all day came from a young lady who said "How much money do you make?" It is never too early to cast the seeds of education and information to undecided young men and women.

The choices will be made later in their life but hopefully they will recall some of the individuals they met at the 2010 Career Day function.



King George Middle School



RENEWED EMPHASIS BEING PLACED ON HCCA ACADEMY TRAINING PROGRAMS

Tough economic conditions, serious winter weather, and relocation of our offices have taken a toll on the HCCA ambitious plans for expanding our training programs. While we have seen some sporadic interest in Work Zone Traffic Control (which we take as a sign that some companies see work opportunities on the horizon) for the most part we have not had sufficient enrollment to offer classes as planned. This is certainly not unique to HCCA. None of the joint HCCA-IEC (Independent Electrical Contractors) classes that were planned for February and March were held because the IEC (which was taking care of registration) was unable to secure sufficient enrollment to make the classes economically viable.

We did have a very promising showing in our joint effort with the Chesapeake Region of the National Safety Council for the hosting of the rarely-offered OSHA-510, which is the required prerequisite to OSHA-500 which certified students to teach other OSHA classes. We believe that this is a good indication that serious training efforts in our industry have only been on hold rather than come to an end. We will be hosting the OSHA-500 class in April.

We are continuing our work with the NCCCO and those of our members that are able to make crane equipment available to offer the written and practical crane operator exams, but weather has proven itself to be a formidable enemy to those plans as well. We hope to redouble our efforts once warmer weather arrives in the hopes of getting out practical training classes back on track. We also want to put a full-court-press on forklift operator training, crane signalman certification, and basic rigging.

We lost a few members who were important players in the engineering environment, and this put a crimp in one phase of our management training offerings—blueprint reading, take off, and soils engineering. Notwithstanding, we will be turning our attention to the management curriculum in a serious way during the spring and summer with the hopes of getting that portion of our training program underway later this year.

Finally, we would very much like to hear from our members as to any specific types of training that you feel would be important to you, and that we are not offering at the present time,.

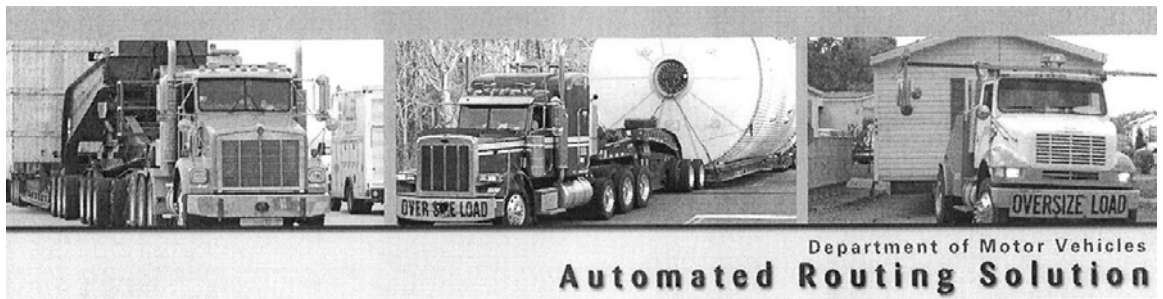
VIRGINIA DMV TO IMPLEMENT AUTOMATED ROUTING SOLUTION ON MARCH 31, 2010

On March 31, DMV will implement an Automated Routing Solution (ARS) to allow their Hauling Permit Office to more quickly and efficiently to approve hauling permits for oversize and overweight vehicles traveling throughout the Commonwealth. This automated program is a problem VUHCC has been working to solve for over 18 months.

The current process for obtaining hauling permits is quite laborious with many manual processes. ARS will automate their current process for issuing hauling permits and drastically reduce the permit issuance turnaround time. Most standard permits will be issued in minutes, not days, while most complex permits will be issued in days, not weeks.

ARS will also provide customers with the ability to submit hauling permit applications electronically, self-issue certain types of hauling permits, and receive a majority of hauling permits in one day or less without our assistance. Automation will also improve the accuracy of routes and provide more consistent permit language. This will allow the hauling permit work center to re-allocate staff to concentrate on issuing more complicated superload permits and further reduce turnaround times and improve customer service.

For training classes see the attachment, and for more info contact Ken Jennings, Director Motor Carrier Services at DMV. (804) 367-7031. **HCCA is currently trying to make arrangements for a speaker as well as training sessions in Northern Virginia.**



Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles to Implement Automated Routing Solution on March 31, 2010

To better serve you, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is implementing an Automated Routing Solution (ARS) March 31, 2010 to more quickly and efficiently approve hauling permits for oversize and overweight vehicles traveling throughout the Commonwealth.

What does this mean for you?

DMV will automate the current process for issuing hauling permits and reduce the permit issuance turnaround time from 10 working days to three working days for most permits. You will also have the ability to submit hauling permit applications electronically, self-issue certain types of hauling permits, and receive a majority of hauling permits in one day or less without DMV assistance. The new system will also improve the accuracy of routes and provide more consistent permit language.

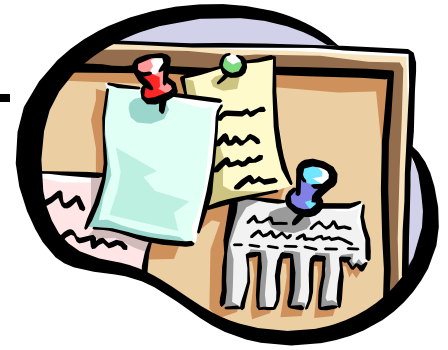
The ARS route analysis process will check the continuity of your route, all horizontal and vertical clearances along the route, and all temporary restrictions (construction or otherwise) in effect during the extent of the permit. For overweight vehicles, the ARS will perform an actual live load analysis of every structure your permit vehicle will cross over.

Training on the Automated Routing Solution

Once the ARS is implemented, this will be the only option for online routing and permitting through the Virginia DMV.

To assist customers with learning the new system, DMV is offering live training classes to all hauling permit customers. There is no cost for the classes; however reservations are required.

Association Bulletin Board



HCCA is still accepting applications for the **2010 Sidney R. Johnston Memorial Scholarship Trust**.

Please remember that the scholarships are only available to high school seniors who have a direct relationship to an HCCA member firm.

The application forms and all of the detailed instructions are available on the web site, www.hcca.net.

Applications for the scholarships must be postmarked by March 22, 2010.

HCCA Going Green

In an effort to do our part in preserving the environment, HCCA will take the "next step" towards the Green Revolution where the monthly newsletter is concerned. Over the past year we have been steadily reducing the number of printed copies of the newsletter in favor of distribution in electronic fashion via e-mail. Beginning with the April Newsletter we are going to reduce the physical print and distribution even further by eliminating "hard copies" to those members who have an email address that we use for other correspondence. We will only print and send hard copies to government officials, other associations and retired industry members where we cannot verify the existence of an email. In addition to the reduction of paper and postage costs, this action significantly reduced the amount of manual labor that is required for printing, folding, sealing, posting and often time the literal transportation of the document to the Post Office. If there is some compelling reason why you absolutely must receive the Newsletter in hard copy fashion please contact the office and let us know. Otherwise, starting next month you can look to see the HCCA Newsletter ("Dig It!") in your email inbox. Of course, the current and all of the past Newsletters from 2004 to today are available on the web site.

New Members

Brothers Paving & Concrete Corporation

9469 Hawkins Drive
Manassas, VA 20109
(703) 393-1927 Fax: (703) 393-1928
Voting Member: Paul Battista
Alternate: Shawn Boyce
Asphalt and Concrete Contractor

Sagres Construction Corporation.

5420 Oakwood Road
Alexandria, VA 22193
(703) 924-7220 Fax: (703) 924-5145
Voting Member: Dejan Dragecevac
Alternate: Manuel Sousa
General Contractor—VA, MD, DC

Seeger Faughnan Mendicino, P.C.

21355 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 110
Dulles, VA 20166
(571) 434-7590 Fax: (571) 434-9006
Voting Member: Fred A. Mendicino
Law firm specializing in the representation of contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and sureties in all facets of the construction industry.

HCCA 2010 Membership Directory

The 2010 Membership Directory was sent to the printers on Monday, March 8, 2010. This year's book will be a spiral-bound edition featuring a much expanded member information and buyers guide than in past years. Unless other arrangements have been made to receive multiple copies, we plan to distribute two copies to each member firm. Of course you can request most copies, but unless we hear to the contrary two is what we will provide you.

News You Can Use

Safety News Corner

HCCA Member Web Pages: Member web pages have been updated to match 2010 directory information. Unlike the book, web site can be updated as needed. Most firms have not provided pictures for their page. New page design under development to free up more space to display pictures on individual pages as well as "Supporting Members" logos and links on the home page.

New HCCA Office: We are holding an **OPEN HOUSE** on Friday, April 16, 2010 2:00-5:00pm. Come and tour your Association's new offices and enjoy some networking and light refreshments.

Training Emphasis for 2010: NCCCO Crane Operator Written and Practical Testing. Fork Lift Operator Certification. Crane Signalman Training. Basic Rigging. Joint classes with IEC. Joint classes with Chesapeake Region-NSC. OSHA-510 and OSHA-500 Train-the-Trainer Classes. Management Curriculum: Conversational Spanish for Construction Managers. Basic Project Management. Topics in Human Resource Management. Basic safety for office management. Increased use of "Lunch-and-Learn" format.

HCCA Green Newsletter: We currently print and distribute over 150 copies of the monthly newsletter – "Dig It!" This number is a reduction from 500 copies produced and distributed only a year ago. Every member with an email on file with HCCA now receives the newsletter electronically. Starting with April edition, we will primarily send hard copy documents to government officials, other associations, and retired industry members where we do not have an email address on file. Every issue of Dig It! from 2004 to today is on the web site.

Lunch and Learn Session: EFFECTIVE FLEET MANAGEMENT SEMINAR. Presented and Sponsored by RITCHIE BROTHERS AUCTIONEERS. HCCA Office, April 20, 2010, 11:00AM – 1:00PM. No Cost. Lunch included.

Web Ticket Entry (WTE) Training: A No-Cost Training Experience. Presented by Blair Stewart, *Virginia Utility Protection Service*. HCCA Office. April 13, 2010. 1:00pm – 3:00pm

In keeping with HCCA tradition, the March 16th dinner meeting was dedicated to dispensing the **2010 Safety Awards and the Safe Employee Award**.

The April issue of this Newsletter will include all of the details and pictures taken at that event, but for now here is a listing of the winners in the various categories.

Category A: Highway Construction

Shirley Contracting Company

Category B: Excavation/Clearing/Grading

American Infrastructure

Goldin & Stafford, LLC

Category C: Paving Operations

Atlantic Contracting & Materials Co., Inc.

Virginia Concrete Company—Vulcan Materials

Category D: Blasting Operations

PRK Drilling & Blasting, Inc.

Category E: Plant Operations

Americast—Ashland

Americast—Harrisonburg

Americast—Waynesboro

Category F

Trucking Operations—Under 26,000

Duffield Hauling, Inc.

PRK Drilling & Blasting, Inc.

Shirley Contracting Company

S. W. Rodgers Company, Inc.

Superior Paving Corporation

Category F

Trucking Operations—Over 26,000

Columbia Gas

Duffield Hauling, Inc.

Shirley Contracting Company

S. W. Rodgers Company, Inc.

Superior Trucking

Safe Employees

Chris Griffith, Superior Paving

Cecil Summerfield, S. W. Rodgers Company

Frank Lam, Duffield Hauling

Calendar of Events (Dates, Locations, & Times Subject To Change)

April	May	June
<p>4/13—VUPS WTE Training, HCCA Office</p> <p>4/16—HCCA Open House</p> <p>4/20—Lunch-and-Learn, HCCA Office, Effective Fleet Management</p> <p>4/20—Northern Virginia Chapter Dinner Meeting, Evergreen Country Club</p> <p>4/20-22—Underground Damage Prevention Conference, Virginia Beach</p>	<p>5/14—Ditch Diggers Open, Shenandoah Valley Golf Club, Front Royal, VA</p> <p>5/18—Northern Virginia Chapter Dinner Meeting, Evergreen Country Club</p> <p>TBD—Fredericksburg Chapter Membership Dinner Meeting</p>	<p>6/26—HCCA Motorcycle Rally</p>



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