

Fleet Street News



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Message from the Vice-President

Hello Fellow SGFMA Members,
The New Year is upon us and I am looking forward to another wonderful year with SGFMA.

We had several training classes last year thanks to the coordination of Jimmy Brown. We started out 2017 with another training class on electrical circuits by Bryan Blackwelder from GM. Bryan has had this class for us on several different occasions and at different sites to maximize the number of technicians that are able to attend. We will be having an EVAP class on February 28th from 9am-3:00pm in Rock Hill, SC at the City of Rock Hill Operations Center. Contact Jimmy Brown at jbrown@greenwoodsc.gov if you have any suggestions on topics for future training.

The annual SGFMA conference was held Sept. 11th- 14th 2016 at the Myrtle Beach Sheraton and Convention Center. It was a

wonderful time with training classes, networking and fellowship. We also had the convention center full of vendors showing off their newest and best products. For anyone involved with a Governmental Fleet that has never been to one of these conferences, you are really missing out.

This organization is filled with a very diverse group of people that have been involved with fleet organizations for many years.

We have members from upper management, shop foremen, technicians, service advisors, procurement and any other facet of a fleet operation that

are more than willing to share the knowledge that they have gained through the years. I have personally contacted other members that I have met through SGFMA with questions and have never been disappoint-



2016 Conference Attendees visiting the Gulf Select booth.

ed with their help. We have such a diverse group that if the person you ask doesn't have

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2017 SGFMA Annual Conference & Equipment Show

When: October 8—11, 2017

Where: Embassy Suites & North Charleston Convention Center
North Charleston, SC

To Register Online or To Download a Registration Form
[Click Here](#)

Welcome New Members



Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Association is rolling out the red carpet to welcome our newest members since the last newsletter. More and more organizations and vendors have come to appreciate the benefits of networking with other fleet professionals through the medium of this excellent organization. Please welcome our newest fleet members. If we miss someone, just let us know, and we will include you in a future newsletter.

***Our members
are the fuel
that power
our
organization!***

City of Conover, NC

Keith Lynch
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Cooper Motor Company

Lynn Cooper
Don Black



Time for Membership Renewal

Invoices were mailed in late January for membership renewals. If you would like to renew online, just click the button on the left. If you have already paid...THANK YOU!!

Do you have other employees that you would like to add to our email list? If so, email their name(s) and email addresses to khyatt@sumtercountysc.org or if you need to make any changes to your membership info throughout the year.

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**Embassy Suites & North
Charleston Convention
Center**

the answer; they usually have a suggestion on someone that will be able to help you.

The 2017 Conference will be the 25th anniversary of our organization and it is looking to be the biggest and best yet. We have scheduled the conference for Oct. 8th- 11th at the Embassy Suites and Convention Center in North Charleston, SC.

We are in the process of contacting potential speakers and making other arrangements to

make sure this will be a conference to remember and enjoyed by all. I can tell you that we are planning a dinner cruise in Charleston Harbor that will be included in your registration. We are going to need everyone that is planning on going to register early to make sure we have enough spots reserved on the boat.

If your organization works on a Fiscal Year instead of a Calendar Year, you can still go ahead and register now and send in your payment when your Fiscal

Year starts. The main thing is we need an early head count.

See you at The 2017 SGFMA Conference,

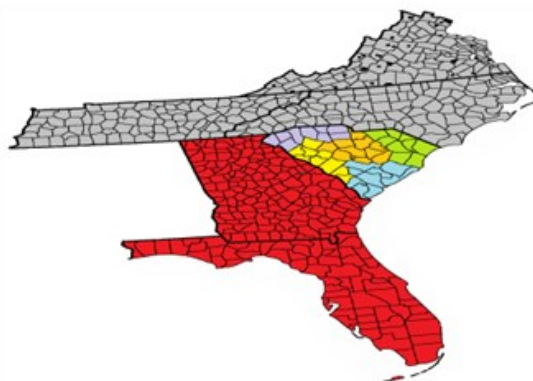
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Vice President, SGFMA

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Region 6	All counties in Georgia and Florida
Region 7	All counties in North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee





**John Formica,
"Ex-Disney Guy"**

"John will be speaking at our Opening Session of the 25th SGFMA Annual Meeting on Monday, October 9, 2017."

2017 SGFMA Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker

John, the "Ex Disney-Guy", is a highly sought after internationally known speaker, business consultant and author of the top selling book, *"Making the Customer Experience Magical Now!-How to Succeed in Business and Beat Out Your Competition Today"*.

Recently featured in the Virgin Atlantic In-flight Magazine while completing two successful speaking tours in Australia and named "Australia's Best Customer Experience Coach" by the Melbourne Herald Star, appeared on the NBC Morning Show, FOX, Univision, numerous business journals and Ra-

dio, John has inspired audiences with over 2,500 keynotes and seminars throughout the U.S. and all across the globe.

Prior to speaking, John acquired over 25 plus years of experience in top management positions with service industry leaders including Walt Disney World Resort®, Hyatt and Hilton Hotels and Sunrise Senior Living.

During his 10 years at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, FL, John was selected to manage their top luxury resort properties during Disney's Resort Division expansion from

4 to 16 hotels and lead his teams to achieve the highest guest satisfaction ratings among all Disney World Resort Hotels.

Today, John is "America's Customer Experience Coach" and leading authority on tourism, hospitality and service industries alike. He has successfully coached hundreds of small businesses and tourism communities to build customer loyalty for life, increase visitors, attract more customers and create "Whistle While You Work" Team Environments.

John will be speaking at our Opening Session of the 25th SGFMA Annual Meeting on Monday, October 9, 2017. John's wealth of knowledge and "Disney Insider" experience has earned a reputation for his exciting high energy, enthusiastic and no-nonsense approach to create a "Magical" customer and employee experience for any organization. Whether you are a governmental employee or exhibitor at the Annual Meeting, you will not want to miss starting your day with this "Magical" experience.

A promotional graphic for John Formica's keynote presentation. It features a blue background with a glowing, golden, swirling trail of light on the left side, resembling a magic wand's path. In the foreground, there is a portrait of John Formica, smiling and wearing glasses and a suit. To the right of the portrait, the text reads: "Secrets to Creating a DISNEY-LIKE Culture & Empire in Any Business!" followed by "JOHN FORMICA, 'Ex-Disney Guy'" in a smaller font.

2016 SGFMA Annual Meeting & Equipment Show



2016 SGFMA Annual Meeting & Equipment Show—Exhibit Hall



2016 SGFMA Annual Meeting & Equipment Show—Exhibit Hall



2016 SGFMA Annual Meeting & Equipment Show—Golf Tournament



2016 SGFMA Annual Meeting & Equipment Show - Corn Hole Tournament



2016 SGFMA Annual Meeting - Workshops & Speakers



2016 SGFMA Annual Meeting - Awards



President Garland Veasey presenting The Kostos' Family the 2016 President's Award in memory of Mark Kostos



President Garland Veasey presenting The Lucas' Family the 2016 President's Award in memory of Judy Lucas



2016 SCHORLARSHIP AWARDS

Danielle Nicole Corbin
(Daughter of member Daniel Corbin)
Town of Summerville

Shelby L. Holliday
(Daughter of member Barry Holliday)
Sumter County

Allen Gene Jordan, III
(Son of member Gene Jordan)
City of Rock Hill

Brooke Lucas
(Daughter of member Judy Lucas)
SC Forestry

Other Awards

2016 Jan Smoak Award for Quality Fleet Management

City of North Charleston

Lifetime Member Award
Marty Burr—City of Rock Hill

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SGFMA Mission Statement

Our Mission Statement is:

- *To foster and promote the advancement of the fleet profession through membership, association, and assistance to fellow fleet managers.*
- *To provide an open forum for the exchange of ideas, experience, and information related to the fleet management profession.*
- *To develop and promote improved standards and methods for the good management of fleet operations and assets.*
- *To seek the improvement of laws and regulations pertaining to fleet administration.*
- *Provide the exchange of information on procurement, maintenance, operation, and disposition of fleet equipment.*
- *Promote the professional, social, and personal interaction between members of the fleet management profession.*
- *To promote improved intergovernmental profession.*

All our board members are actively working to achieve each of these goals to promote our profession as a top quality Fleet Manager Association. We are also working hard to keep our association dues, training, and conference expenses to the lowest possible cost to make it affordable for your education, training, and conference expenses to the lowest possible cost to make it affordable for your education and training needs.

Garland Veasey
President, SGFMA

