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Greetings and Happy Holidays Fellow SGFMA Members,

This is the time of year we look forward to being with family and loved ones. I know some of us are having to deal with fiscal mid-year or calendar year end reports and are trying to survive with less staff due to needed vacations and time off, but hope all will be able to reflect and enjoy the meaning of the season.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your participation and support in this great and growing organization. I would also like to take this

time to welcome our newest members.

Although we just celebrated another successful year of activities, training, and the 19th annual conference, your Board of Directors are already working hard on the 2012 and 2013 calendar of events. It is exciting to see the dedication, communication, and commitment of this group in working to make the SGFMA the best it can be. With our 20th year anniversary coming up we are looking to make it the most successful and most informative year ever.

Please start planning now to be active in the upcoming year SGFMA events and continue to share our website with other Government Fleet Professionals. We will continue to stay in touch

through these newsletters, email, and your SGFMA website www.sgfma.org. Be sure to include your email address and other contact information when membership renewals that go out next month to help in correspondence. We will also continue to send out surveys from time to time to let us know how we are doing along with reviewing the needs of the organization.

Please contact me or any board member (contact information is on the website) with any ideas, needs, or information in helping to broaden our network and knowledge in the fleet profession.

Again, Thank You for being a member of SGFMA,

Rick Smith

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*The SGFMA Board of Directors
Wishes You and Your Family
a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.*

2011 Annual Meeting a Success

The 19th Annual SGFMA Annual Meeting and Equipment Show, in conjunction with the Carolinas Chapter of NAFA's Annual Meeting was held October 2-5, 2011 in Myrtle Beach, SC,. The joint Annual Meeting – which was attended by more than 380 members and vendors – provided a great networking opportunity for government fleet professionals from throughout the southeast.

Thank you to all the members, speakers and vendors that attended, without each of you we could not succeed in making our meeting a success. A wide variety of important topics and key issues were addressed throughout the conference. For those of you wanting copies of the presentations from the Annual Meeting, they are available at <http://sgfma.org/sgfma.php?incfile=presentations.html>.

Next year's 20th Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 23–26, 2012 at the Myrtle Beach Sheraton and Convention Center. Online registration will begin in February on our website, www.sgfma.org.



Remembering Bob Bonner...

We are deeply saddened to learn of the recent passing of Bob Bonner. Prior to his retirement, Bob worked with The Budget and Control Board - State Fleet Management office as the Operations Program Manager. He was instrumental in the formation of SGFMA and served as our first President.

Robert Edgar Bonner



LEXINGTON - Maj. Robert Edgar "Sonny" Bonner entered into eternal rest on Saturday, January 14th, 2012.

Maj. Bonner was born September 26th, 1942, in Sylacauga, AL, son of Marion Edgar and Irene Bonner. He retired from the United States Army in 1986 and served in Vietnam and Germany. He was a graduate of Auburn University with a B.S. in aviation management and a master's in political science from the University of South Carolina. Maj. Bonner was a founding member of the Phi Gamma Delta chapter at Auburn University.

He is survived by his loving wife, Elva Jo (Bobbitt) Bonner, daughter, Tara Bonner Corley (Adam), son, Todd Bonner (Carin), sister, Sherry Arnold Spires of Mobile, AL, and three grandsons, Collin Corley, Brandon Corley and Robert Gray Bonner. Maj. Bonner was an avid grandfather, hunter, golfer and Auburn University fan.

Honorary pallbearers are: Sam Griswold, George Corley, Max Parrott, Gary Geddens, Lewie Hartley, Lonnie Bowman, Harry Stanley and Richard Shealy.

There will be a service at Mount Horeb United Methodist Church in Lexington, SC, on Thursday the 19th of January at 2:00 p.m. followed by a graveside service with full military honors on Saturday the 21st at 2:00 p.m. in Evergreen Cemetery in Sylacauga, AL. Barr Price Funeral Home and Crematorium, Lexington Chapel, is assisting the family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Vietnam Veterans Association in his name. Online register barr-price.com 803-356-4411

Safety First...Roads & Weather

Rain, snow and wind make driving extremely hazardous. In fact, the adverse weather conditions create double trouble. Congested traffic, winding curves and steep hills make driving difficult enough during normal conditions. But, when we combine these road conditions with wind and wet weather, a whole new set of circumstances are introduced.



We must adjust our driving for these conditions. Keep your distance. Remember, you need a lot more room to stop on slippery roads. Anticipate stops and slow down gradually. Be extra cautious at intersections. When driving on a slippery surface, never slam on your brakes. These sudden stops can throw you into a skid. If your vehicle is not equipped with anti-lock brakes keep steering control and wheels rolling by pumping the brake pedal.

Anti-lock brake systems (ABS) offer many benefits to the driver in hard braking situations. They reduce the possibility of skidding due to wheel lock-up and provide improved steering control. If your vehicle is equipped with anti-lock brakes, just hold the brake pedal down with a firm and constant pressure. The brake pedal may feel hard or may seem to ratchet or pulsate. You may also hear a noise. Do not pump the brake - just hold the brake pedal down with firm pressure and let the ABS work for you. Be ready to push the pedal further if it travels closer to the floor.

Rapid acceleration and too hard braking cause most skids, but a sudden steering movement can also whip your vehicle into a slide. Slow down well ahead of turns and curves. Plan ahead for lane changes and move into them gradually. Be sure to signal your intentions to traffic behind.

If you do go into a skid, follow these rules:

1. Don't hit your brakes or over steer.
2. Take your foot off the gas and steer in the direction the rear of the car is sliding. That is, if the rear of the vehicle slides right, turn your wheels right. If your rear slides left, turn wheels to the left.
3. When you feel the recovery, straighten your wheels and roll on.

The danger of trailer jack knifing is also present on wet roads. What happens is that the speed of trailer surpasses that of the vehicle creating a hinging effect. The trailer whips around with great force, throwing the vehicle out of control.

Routine vehicle maintenance is important throughout the year. However, during inclement weather, we rely on vehicle equipment that we sometimes take for granted. Before each trip, make sure all lights are working properly. Check your windshield wipers, tire pressure, heater defroster, and be sure you are carrying a set of tire chains.

One of the few good feelings about driving in bad weather is knowing that you're in a safe vehicle. Be prepared for the unexpected. Keep your vehicle in top notch condition, increase your following distance and adjust your speed accordingly.

SGFMA 2011 Annual Meeting Highlights



President Oscar Tribble presents Jimmy Brown with the President's Award for 2011.



President Oscar Tribble thanks Elease Portee for her years of service on the SGFMA Board of Directors.



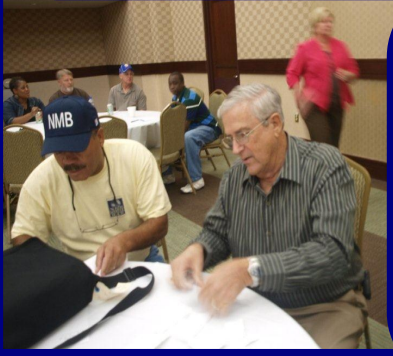
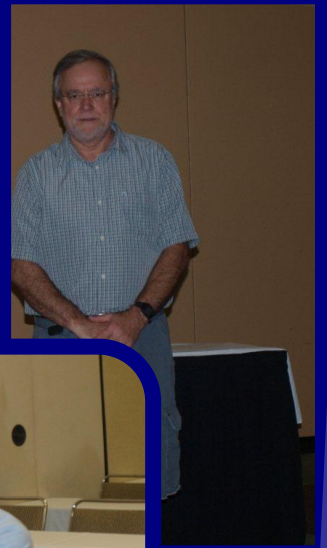
Incoming President Rick Smith presents outgoing President Oscar Tribble with a Thank You plaque.



Jeff McCormack, Scholarship Committee Chair, presents Judy Lucas a check for her daughter Alexis.



Jeff McCormack, Scholarship Committee Chair, presents Karen Hyatt a check for Sherry Posey, Office manager with Sumter County.



Photos by Trixie Harrington



**SGFMA
2012
Officers**



SC State Fleet Management presented awards to SC state agencies at the SGFMA Annual Meeting. Pictured Left to Right: Mike Cupp – Vocational Rehabilitation – Fleet Safety (Most Improved); Amanda Jenkins – Parks Recreation and Tourism – Fleet Safety (Large Agency); Jeff McCormack—SC State Fleet Manager; Vernon Gainey – Office of Regulatory Staff – Fleet Safety (Small Agency); Brigadier General Marie Goff – Adjutant General's Office – Fleet Safety (Medium Agency).

Not pictured: Mike Holston, Facility Supervisor—Aiken County DOT—Outstanding Maintenance Facility.

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REGIONS INCLUDE:

Region 1: Calhoun, Clarendon, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Richland, Sumter

Region 2: Bamberg, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper, Orangeburg

Region 3: Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Barnwell, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Saluda

Region 4: Anderson, Cherokee, Chester, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, Union, York

Region 5: Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Marlboro, Williamsburg

Region 6: All counties in the states of Georgia and Florida

Region 7: All counties in the states of North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee

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We are on the Web!
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A Committee Chair may be calling you to serve...please say "YES." If you are interested in serving on a particular committee, please contact the appropriate Committee Chair.

Welcome New Members

City of Greenville NC
Angel Maldonado
Larry Davis
Thomas Brown

FQS Bear Equipment, Inc.
Melanie Brown
Frank Troglauer

SC DHEC
Ray Walden



Welcome!

SCFMA GOALS:

- 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.