



## Today's Events

**Monday, July 12**

**Registration**

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Breakfast Buffet**

7:00 am - 8:15 am

**Internet Café**

7:30 am - 5:00 pm

**Exhibitors' Trade Show**

7:30 am - 3:15 pm

**Guest Hospitality Suite**

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Opening Session**

8:15 am - 9:45 am

**Break**

9:45 am - 10:15 am

**Opening Session (cont.)**

10:15 am - 11:45 am

**Lunch**

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

**AGC Caucus Meeting**

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

**Session One**

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

**Break**

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

**Session Two**

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

**State Dinner Night**

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## WASHTO 2010 opens with reception at Bismarck State Energy Center

A crowd of more than 400 WASHTO delegates, vendors and guests from 18 states attended the opening night's Ice Breaker Reception at the Bismarck State College National Energy Center of Excellence. Guests sampled a variety of hors d'oeuvres while taking in the spectacular view of the Missouri River to kick off this year's WASHTO event.

This year's conference in Bismarck will feature topics revolving around the energy industry in North Dakota and the transportation system that supports it. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the nearby Coal

Creek Station power plant, along with Blue Flint Ethanol and Falkirk Mine.

Additionally, attendees will hear from Keynote Speaker, Malcom Chapman, who will present, *Report from the Future*. Attendees will also have a variety of technical sessions to attend throughout the three days.

During your stay here, experience all that North Dakota and Bismarck has to offer. WASHTO team members are available to answer questions to make your experience here in North Dakota a great one.



Francis Ziegler, NDDOT Director, welcomes delegates and guests to WASHTO 2010 at the Ice Breaker Reception Sunday evening.



## Welcome from Paula Hammond, WASHTO President

What a year of challenges and opportunities it has been: delivery and progress on the projects funded by the Recovery Act, limited progress on the next federal transportation bill, increased focus and understanding on climate change and livability, and an economy that threatens adequate transportation funding levels.

Each of our states, in partnership with our contractors and others, are underway or have completed Recovery Act projects which created or sustained thousands of jobs, and improved our assets, safety, mobility and economic vitality. At the same time we were reminded how important it is for all of us to communicate about the outcomes and benefits of our work to the public and elected officials, as we watched growing criticism of the Recovery Act.

In 2009, Will Kempton suggested "engagement" was the operative word for WASHTO's activities. In the last year WASHTO leadership and Standing Committees were

reorganized, and the process of upgrading the WASHTO website ensued, and external relationships were strengthened, so that western interests are considered more fully in federal issues relating to transportation.

I believe that "implementation" is the operative word for WASHTO's 2010 activities. We formally expressed our views to USDOT Secretary Ray LaHood, and to the Western Governors Association. Several of our members testified before Congressional committees. Our reorganized Standing Committees are engaging more with the Board. Many of our members hold leadership positions on AASHTO committees, and ensure that the needs and issues that impact western states have a voice. With leadership from Texas DOT, our website has continued to improve and provide useful information to members and stakeholders.

The coming year will again hold

many challenges and opportunities. I know that our incoming leadership team and our members will lead WASHTO to even higher

levels of engagement in national issues. Together with our private sector partners, we will continue to improve mobility, safety, and economic vitality. I have enjoyed my year as President of WASHTO and look forward to our Region's continued strength and leadership in transportation issues of Western and National Economic importance.

I am confident that the 2010 WASHTO annual meeting "Driving Energy Independence" will be a great experience and will set the stage for great accomplishments.

Paula Hammond  
WASHTO President



Paula Hammond

## Hawktree called...and WASHTO Golfers answered

WASHTO attendees kicked-off WASHTO 2010 at the majestic Hawktree Golf Club on Sunday. The weather was fair, golfing tough, and friendship abound. A total of 40 golfers competed for the bragging rights as follows: **Longest Drive - Hole #2** - Ken Bohuslav, *Michael Baker Jr.*; **Closest to the Pin - Hole #3** - Richard Miller, *Parsons*; **Longest Putt - Hole #18** - Jim Porter, *JUB Engineers Inc.*; **Low Individual Gross** - William Ferris, *Stantec*; **Low Individual Net** - Steven Simmons, *TX DOT*; **High Individual Gross** - Hunter Collins, *PLC Constr.*;

**High Individual Net** - Joe Garvey, *Agile Assets Inc.*; **Low Team Gross**: Ken Bohuslav, *Michael Baker Jr.*; R. M. McKemie, *Ergon Asphalt & Emulions Inc.*; Amadeo Saenz Jr. and Steven Simmons, *TX DOT*; **High Team Net** - Kathy Mejasich, *Intl. Road Federation*; Tom Pinder, *Acrow Bridge*; Josh Venters, *Tencate*.

Winners may pick up their prizes at the registration table. Thanks to all the golfers for participating and making it a fun-filled day.



Golfers enjoy a beautiful afternoon at Hawktree Golf Club.



## NDDOT invests in tow plow to help maintain state highways in winter

You may have heard (or maybe not), that North Dakota has some pretty harsh winters. Maintaining the state highways in the winter can be a challenge for some, but for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) Maintenance Division it's a little easier with the help of a new type of snow plow called the tow plow.

The tow plow was purchased in January for use on the interstate system in the Fargo area on the eastern side of the state, and is the first tow plow in North Dakota.

The tow plow is a trailer-mounted plow, which is pulled and operated by a snowplow truck. The combination of the front truck plow along with the tow plow can clear a path approximately 24-feet wide in one pass. The tow plow can operate in multiple lanes and is equipped with steering axles which swings the trailer from behind the truck to the right into an adjacent lane. The NDDOT's tow plow features a 2,000 gallon anti-ice tank and a spray bar.

To get a first-hand look at the tow plow and other plowing equipment, along with our Maintenance Division Support System Program (MDSS), register for the Maintenance Tour taking place on Tuesday. You will also have the opportunity to hear about some of the major changes in our plow truck package over the past year including the benefits of the REPTO (rear mount power take off).



NDDOT's tow plow at work.

Other technical tours:

- Coal Creek Station Energy Tour
- Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center
- Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site Tour

More information on the technical tours can be found on the events page in the program. Pre-registration is required and can be done at the registration desk.

## *Cruise the majestic Missouri River on the Lewis and Clark Riverboat*



The Lewis and Clark Riverboat continues the proud tradition of the great river steamers that have traveled the Missouri River from St. Louis to the trading posts of the great northwest since the 1830s. Travel the river of Lewis and Clark, Sakakawea, Custer and Sitting Bull in elegance and comfort on the last 150-passenger vessel on the upper Missouri. The riverboat has been a well-respected tourist attraction in the Bismarck-Mandan area for 17 years.

Enjoy a relaxing dinner or watch the sunset aboard the riverboat. Reservations can be made by calling (701) 255-4233. More information can be found at [www.lewisandclarkriverboat.com](http://www.lewisandclarkriverboat.com)

Did you know that North Dakota is one of the top oil producing states in the nation?





## Locally-Owned Restaurant Guide for Bismarck/Mandan

### **Pirogue Grille:**

Located at 121 N. 4th Street in downtown Bismarck, the Pirogue Grille offers a cozy and quaint dining experience. Menu items include seasonal and local foods such as bison medallions and Dakota Farms fillet of beef. Pirogue Grille has a full bar and extensive wine list to compliment your dining experience. Open in the evening Tuesday - Saturday. Reservations can be made by calling 701-223-3770. For more information visit: [www.piroguegrille.com](http://www.piroguegrille.com)



### **The Bistro - An American Café:**

The Bistro, as it's known locally, is located at 1103 E. Front Ave. The Bistro is one of the area's finest restaurants known for its regional Italian cuisine and modern dishes, cooked over red oak on an open grill. Open for lunch and dinner Monday - Saturday. Make your reservations by calling 701-224-8800. Read more about The Bistro and menu items at [www.bistro1100.com](http://www.bistro1100.com)

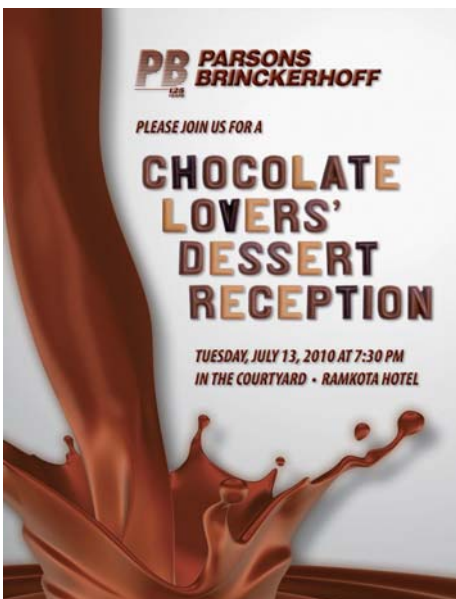
### **The Pier:**

Enjoy a casual dining experience at The Pier, located at Southport Marina, on the Missouri River. The Pier provides a beautiful, water-front dining experience where you can sit on the large outdoor patio and watch the boats pull in. Menu items range from burgers and fries to angus beef sirloin and walleye. Open for dinner Monday - Sunday. Reservations can be made by calling 701-221-0860. For more information visit: [www.thepieratsouthport.com](http://www.thepieratsouthport.com)



### **Fiesta Villa:**

For Mexican cuisine, treat yourself to Fiesta Villa. Located at 411 E. Main Ave. in downtown Bismarck, Fiesta Villa occupies the historic Northern Pacific train depot and is known for their famous margaritas and authentic Mexican food. Fiesta Villa is open Monday - Sunday for lunch and dinner. Call 701-222-8075 for reservations. For more information visit: [www.fiestavillarestaurant.com](http://www.fiestavillarestaurant.com)



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