FROM THE PRESIDENT

As an organization, we can all be very proud of ADED's growth and accomplishments during the past 14 years. Having said this, I hasten to add that if we are to grow further and have impact on the issues facing our field, we must not dwell on this rich past, but vigorously embrace the future with all its pitfalls and opportunities.

It is my job as President to lead the organization into these unchartered waters. I welcome this opportunity and expect to be held responsible for how well that I serve you. However, no organization or leader can succeed without an active, involved membership. This involvement can take many forms - serving on committees, presenting at the annual conference, or agreeing to stand for office if asked. Your involvement is welcomed and expected.

As we grab for the future, we must also reaffirm what we really are. We all, myself included, often become very smug about how well we evaluate brain-injured drivers or how completely we write up quad van equip-

With the above in mind I implore those of you in our organization who have a driver education background to share your expertise with others of us in ADED. I would really like to see more articles from you in this newsletter. You recently received a call for papers for our upcoming conference in New Orleans. Please respond in a positive manner to this call and "educate" us in August.

One of my goals this year is to increase membership services. One of the most tangible of these services is this newsletter. Throughout this year an attempt is being made to put resources toward upgrading it. This issue represents the beginning of this endeavor. Let me or the editor know how we are doing.

Yours in traffic safety,
Charles W. Puckett, BS, MBA
1991 ADED President
SAY NO TO BIGGER TRUCKS

The trucking industry is changing tactics. It has been reported that the American Trucking Association will no longer be asking Congress to allow double and triple trailer combination trucks nationwide. Instead, they plan to ask Congress to allow individual states to establish special permits that would let trucks exceed federal weight and length restrictions.

As pointed out in the September/October 1990 issue of MOTORIST, bigger trucks mean greater risks. "Turnpike doubles are so unwieldy that on many roads it is virtually impossible to keep them within legal traveling lanes," they wrote. "Triple-combination trucks are more than three times likely to roll over than a standard five-axle tractor-semi-trailer. Bigger and heavier trucks roaming unrestricted on the nation's highways would almost certainly increase the number of accidents involving big trucks."

If you agree that Congress should not allow greater use of such vehicles, write or call your Congressman and Senators to let them know. The important thing is to let those who represent you in Washington, D.C. know that you support safer highways, not bigger trucks.

A GRADED LICENSE FOR SPECIAL OLDER DRIVERS

TRB Special Report 218: "Transportation in an Aging Society" includes a recommendation that motor vehicle agencies consider using a graded or progressively restrictive licensing system rather than an "all or nothing" licensing system for elderly drivers.

Guidelines for states to use in developing and implementing such a licensing system for older drivers are presented. The guidelines focus on identification of who should be a candidate for graded licenses, implementation procedures for initiating or expanding a graded license program, conditions rather than restrictions for issuance of graded licenses, and evaluation of how effective such a program would be in helping older drivers safely maintain mobility.

FROM THE EDITOR

ADED is an interesting organization to belong to. I have been a member for five years and am looking forward to serving the membership as Publications Chairperson. I would like to thank those individuals who have contributed to this newsletter and I look forward to more contributions in the future. The "Prose For Profit" feature encourages members to submit articles for publication in the newsletter. A member may submit an article to the Editorial Review Board. Upon acceptance of the article for publication, the author will receive $25.00.

The Editorial Review Board includes Clinton Matney, Program Specialist, Driver Evaluation and Vehicle Modification Program of Kentucky Vocational Rehabilitation; and Jill Moon, Manager of the OT Department and Coordinator of Driver Education at Immanuel Medical Center in Omaha, NE. I'm looking forward to working with these individuals in providing the membership with articles of interest, and I look forward to hearing from the membership.

Sincerely,
Sue Henderson
REGIONAL CHAPTERS

Midwest Chapter:

The Midwest Chapter of ADED will soon be in full swing. States included in this region are Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri and Minnesota. President Jerry Bouman, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Vice President Henry McMorris, Chicago, Illinois; and Secretary Sue Henderson, South Bend, Indiana; will be meeting in early 1991 to set a course for this new regional chapter.

Florida Chapter:

Shortly after the 1990 ADED Conference the Florida ADED Chapter became reality. This Chapter is currently in the process of electing their board members. For further information about this Chapter contact Fredda Levenson at 407/439-8094 (wk).

REMEMBER WHEN ........

The initial meeting of ADED was held August 25-26, 1977 in Detroit, Michigan. The 1977 president was Jerry Bouman of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Dave Kramer of the University of Wisconsin—Stout was Treasurer; and Dorothy Beard of Texas was Secretary.

1981 was an interesting year for officers. Brick Mason of Memphis, TN was President, but did not serve full term. Don Hensson, President-Elect from the University of Michigan began his presidency a little early. Fred Merrill was Treasurer. Alma Pittner Memphis, TN began as Secretary but also chose not to complete her full term. Virginia Anderson completed the term. Don Smith, Michigan State University was President in 1985; Treasurer was Charles Puckett of Columbus, OH; and Secretary was Sue Green of Magee Rehabilitation Center in Philadelphia, PA.

In 1980, ADED had 163 members. The 5th Conference was held at Texas A&M University in September 1981. The 10th Conference was held in Phoenix, AZ in September 1986.
GM BEGINS PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED PROGRAM

Beginning January 2, 1991, General Motors Corp will launch a new consumer program, entitled "The General Motors Mobility Program for Physically Challenged" via a press release and print advertising. The program has been developed to give physically challenged consumers a greater incentive to consider purchasing GM products. Elements of the program are:

Up to $1000 reimbursements of adaptive equipment costs applicable on any new and unused eligible Buick purchased on or after January 2, 1991.

A toll free telephone number to a GM Mobility Assistance Center which will provide listings of area mobility equipment dealers, driver assessment facilities, funding sources, and other helpful information will be operational after January 2, 1991. 1-800-323-9935

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS ADAPTIVE DEVICES STANDARDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Status of Task Groups:

A. HAND CONTROLS

The recommended practice on hand controls J1903 was revised in August 1990 and should be available soon from the SAE office. An RFP has been written for accessory controls and is waiting for funding.

B. WHEELCHAIR RESTRAINTS

The SAE draft document continues to be the version worked on by the International Standards Organization (ISO) on wheelchair restraints. There are 10 areas of research which need to be done to progress this work - Australia, England, and USA are all contributing in this area. The next ISO wheelchair restraint meeting will be in Winnipeg, Canada on June 14th & 15th, 1991.

C. POWERED CONTROLS

Draft documents for reduced effort braking and back-up system, and testing procedures are complete. Servo Systems will be tackled next.

D. VAN STRUCTURES

Work is progressing slowly but surely on this informational report. Dropped floors were worked on during this meeting.

E. WHEELCHAIR Lifts

Draft #7 may be the final draft for this recommended practice. UVA Rec have offered to test the test procedure.

F. FUNDING

For the past two years there has been no funding, so work in progress is voluntary by committee members. We all hope this is only a temporary situation.

"I'm awarding you an honorary license. It doesn't entitle you to drive, but it avoids the stigma of failure."
Those of you who came to the ADED Conference in Toronto in 1983 may remember that we organized our "rodeo" that year so ADED members could attend. This week we had our first planning meeting for our 13th Annual Car Rodeo and Rally For Disabled Drivers. The chairman is a graduate of our Driver Ed Program; a fellow with athetoid cerebral palsy who I've known since I was a teenaged camp counsellor! Two others on the organizing committee are also program graduates ... the rest are members of service clubs, trucking organizations, etc.

The car rodeo is designed to demonstrate the contestant’s ability to maneuver his/her vehicle through a series of stiff, competitive events: parallel parking, figure eight (some years backwards), straight line test, etc.

The car rally is a team event with driver and navigator. The rally marshall plans a course through beautiful rolling countryside north of Toronto ... perhaps 110 miles long, and chock full of clues. Somewhere along the rally is a lunch break at a provincial park, for hot dogs, hamburgers, and a well deserved rest!

After the day’s events, there is a benefit dinner and dance, where trophies and prizes are awarded to the top three finalists in each event. A good time is had by all!

MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBER--Ray Frick, Finance Chairperson South Bend, IN

Ray and his wife Pat are lifelong residents of the South Bend area. They live on 6 acres about 10 miles south of South Bend. Ray served in the Air Force and was stationed in Morocco. He received BPE (Bachelor of Physical Education) and MPE (Master’s of Physical Education) degrees from Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN.

Ray has owned Frick’s Driver Education School from 1960-1973. He is currently a Driver Rehabilitation Specialist at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. Ray's hobbies involve motor vehicles. He has belonged to the Michiana Corvette Club for over 25 years. He owns two corvettes—a 1954 and a 1982 Collector Series. You can find Ray driving these vehicles in local parades and at auto shows in the Midwest. He also collects Special Interest Trucks. Ray owns 1935 and 1955 Chevy trucks. And when he’s not in these collector vehicles, you can find Ray playing with his 1938 John Deere tractor, or just plain antique toys, which he also collects.

Ray and Pat opened their barn last fall for a 10 year celebration for Memorial Hospital’s Michiana Rehabilitation Institute. The celebration took the form of a square dance where approximately 100 people took part. (Now you can see why they need 6 acres!)

On behalf of the ADED membership, I’d like to thank Ray for his contribution to the organization in serving as the Finance Chairperson.
NOTEWORTHY....

Texas Institute for Rehabilitation and Research received a new evaluator van in December 1990. The van is equipped with mechanical, servo controls, breakthrough vehicle controls and more.

Lauren M. Eschette, LOTR is now the Director of the OT Department at the Rehab Hospital of Baton Rouge. She has submitted a proposal and will be formally implementing a Driver Assessment and Rehabilitation program which will include the use of the Digidrive Computerized Driving System for Low Functioning Individuals. Ms. Eschette has also presented at the Governor's Conference in Baton Rouge, LA in October '90 on "Driving with a Disability."

Lois E. Menkin, OTR has introduced the Porto/Giare Clinic to the predriving assessment procedure at Rehabilitation Specialists in Hawthorne, NJ.

Kelly Glenn has joined the Kentucky Driver Evaluation Program in Louisville as a Driver Education/Evaluation Specialist.

ADTSEA (American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association) Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX August 11-14. Kelly Glenn is the Special Populations Chairperson. If you are interested in presenting a paper at this conference, contact Kelly at 502/458-2574.


INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

6th International Conference on Mobility and Transport for Elderly and Disabled Persons

May 31-June 3, 1992

Organized by the French National Institute for Transport and Safety Research (INRETS), in cooperation with Jean Monnet University of Saint-Etienne and Claude Bernard University of Lyons, under the auspices of TRB, and supported by several European organizations. Papers on the following topics are invited: aging, situational handicap; needs and travel behavior of elderly and handicapped persons; role and use of new information and communication technologies; planning, funding and marketing of transport services and tools; multimodal travel and transport chain continuity; travel safety; problems and solutions economically, socially and culturally suitable for different regions of the world; public and private vehicles and transport system; and harmonization of funding and administrative arrangements for mobility. Submit title typed in capital letters; author's full name, affiliation, and country, no more than three key words; abstract of the paper (no more than 35 lines); and completed identification form by December 15, 1990.

Contact Nicole Teillac, 6th COMOTRED Secretariat, INRETS 109 Salvador - Case 24, 69675 Bron Cedex, France (Telephone 33 72 36 23 00, 33 72 37 84 24, or 33 72 37 68 37).
Bon Jour,
Let me done tol' you dat it's time to brush up on your Nu Awlins, so you don't sound like a camera shootin', Hawaiian print shirt, black socks and pedal pushers tourist. Just three lessons from Dr. Mike's Nu Awlins Linguistic Institute and you can be bringin' people to make groceries with the best of 'em.

But seriously folks for all the learnin' and fun that is legal to cram into one week, meet us at ADED next year as we pass a good time on the river. The fe-do-do will be held at the Marriott on Canal Street (just that should be worth the price of the ticket).

And the food there is an experience all its own. If the menu says "hot", believe 'em. Don't plan to eat boring food, there's nothing but good taste in Nu Awlins. The Pope was quoted as saying that if there was any better food "God would have kept it for Himself!"

August is known as a hot month in the South, but wait till we get there, they ain't seen nothin' yet.

Now for your first test from Dr. Mike's Nu Awlins Linguistic Institute, define:

1) Neutral Ground 2) Erster Puboy 3) ADED

New Orleans is the place to be. August 25-28
Contact Mike Shipp for Information and Directions
Center for Rehab Science · P.O. Box 3185 · Ruston, LA · 71272

ADED In
New Orleans '91
Louisiana Tech University is very pleased and excited to have the opportunity to host the 1991 ADED Conference in one of the most fascinating cities in the world - New Orleans.

The three pre-conference workshop offerings will include basics for beginner or those starting programs; traffic safety and in-car issues; and the elderly driver. The general conference will include a variety of topics of general interest and an exhibit of the latest adaptive equipment and assessment technology.

And what about New Orleans? This is a city where a delicious blend of culture give her a flavor all her own, and is a favorite of visitors from all over.

At the city's numerous restaurants you can sample Louisiana's world-renowned regional cuisine: French cafe' au lait and beignets, spicy home-style cajun cooking, authentic creole cuisine, and fresh Gulf seafood.

New Orleans boasts many historical homes and buildings open to the public, as well as the oldest continuously operating streetcar line in North America. You can also visit the Audubon Park and Zoo, the Louisiana Nature and Science Center, the Louisiana Superdome, the New Orleans Museum of Art, and the new Aquarium of the Americas.

For shopping, you can't beat the boutiques, antique and craft stores, and art galleries of the historic French Quarter. On the waterfront are the French Market and Jackson Brewery, a turn-of-the-century brewhouse renovated to house specialty shops, food and entertainment.

New Orleans night life sparkles with street musicians and jazz clubs, including the famous Preservation Hall.

So, make your plans now to attend the 1991 Conference in New Orleans. WE'LL SEE YA'LL THERE!

Mike Shipp
1991 Conference Host and President-Elect

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**Fellow ADED Members...**

If you and I were to exchange a dollar bill, what have we gained?

Nothing!

But....

If you and I were to exchange ideas, thoughts and experiences, then what have we both gained?

A great deal!

Renew your ADED membership and join with us NOW so that we can all gain a great deal! We need you to help us all to grow - you, me, we!

P.S. Remember, it is less than an 11 cents a day investment, which is a small amount for all.