From the President
Summer 1991 ADED Newsletter

I could hardly wait to get home tonight so that I could write this letter and share my excitement with you. Why am I so "pumped up"? Because I have just returned from Kalamazoo, Michigan where I re-discovered my roots. How, you might ask, could a country boy from southern Ohio find his roots up north in Michigan - of all places. I'll tell you how!

I attended the first meeting of the Midwest ADED Chapter. Quite frankly, I initially was not enthused about attending the meeting. I had been traveling quite a bit and my energy level was quite low. The golf course seemed much the better alternative. However, out of a sense of duty, I took off for Michigan.

As soon as I walked into the room I knew that I was exactly where I should be. As the meeting progressed my enthusiasm for ADED and my profession swelled to levels that I had only hours before considered to be impossible.

I, of course, enjoyed seeing all the "old timers" and reminiscing about years of shared experiences. However, what really renewed my energy was interacting with several people who were attending their very first ADED function. I want you to know that we have some very enthusiastic and qualified young people starting or taking over driving programs at major rehabilitation centers. If these individuals are representative, we need not fear for our profession in the coming years. It will be in good hands. We "veterans" must support these "rookies" to insure that their enthusiasm will be maintained.

On a personal level this conference returned me to my professional roots. I trace these to my attendance at the first ADED meeting held across the state in Detroit during the summer of 1977. Many things about this chapter meeting recalled to me the dynamism that was present at that 1977 conference. This seems to sometimes get lost at larger gatherings.

In a larger sense, chapters involving local people and keying on local issues are the roots of ADED. Such units can provide the vitality and nourishment that our international organization requires. If your state is not a part of a chapter, take the initiative to organize one! Contacts gained and information shared cannot help but give your energy level the jumpstart that it needs during that period between ADED conferences. At the same time you will be strengthening ADED.

Having said all this I must make it clear that participating in chapter activities does not excuse you from attending the annual ADED conference and supporting our larger organization. Roots, in and of themselves, cannot produce fruit. The entire plant is needed. The strength and critical mass that ADED provides is crucial if the goals of the chapters are to be realized. The chapters are only subsets-albeit very important subsets-of ADED.

What I am trying to say is that I look forward to, and expect to see you in New Orleans. We need you and I certainly like to think that you need us. BE THERE!!!

Yours in traffic safety,
Charles W. Puckett,
BS, MBA ADED President
Meet Your Boardmember

Bill Hinze is serving in his second year as corporate representative on the ADED Executive Board. He and his wife Elizabeth have two sons; 13 and 16 years old. He is a native of Lincoln, Nebraska and he has lived in California for 9 years.

Bill is a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan where he majored in Sociology and minored in Psychology, Mathematics, and Political Science. His first job related experience with the handicapped population came while he was in college. Bill worked at a state hospital in a community program for Trainable Mentally Handicapped children and adults. He then spent 7 years with a Human Services agency in Omaha, first working with Mentally Handicapped Individuals, then with transportation. This move led him to join the wheelchair lift business. Bill’s journey into the business began with Collins Industries (now Mobiletech) in Hutchinson, KS. He spent 4 years with Ricon, and then 2 years with Target Industries before returning to Ricon. Bill feels that he has benefited by working with people with various disabilities to understand how the individual needs in relation to their vehicle.

Bill and his wife are involved with their sons’ activities which keep them busy. When he gets the chance, he enjoys downhill snow skiing.

Bill has been an effective leader within ADED throughout all of his years of involvement, and the membership appreciates his work.

U.K. Physical Therapist Asks About U.S. Centers

The following letter was received by the Secretariat. Hopefully our members can assist her.

I am a member of ADED in The U.K. and also a member of the U.K. Forum of Driving Assessment Centres. When I am in America for the conference in August, I would also like to take the opportunity to visit centres offering driving assessment and training. I have developed a new assessment centre here at Hunters Moor and am interested to see more established centres. As I am a physiotherapist, I would love to meet physical therapists and occupational therapists involved in driving programmes, particularly therapists working in rehabilitation centres with driving training.

Would ADED members be able to advise me about driving assessment centres that I could write to so that I could arrange visits? I would also be interested to know more about your centre and would welcome some information from you.

I plan to take 10 days after the conference to travel so I will have a limited amount of time, but I would like to make the most of my visit to America. I would be grateful for any advice you can give me.

I look forward to hearing from you and to receive more conference details.

Yours sincerely,

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MIDWEST CHAPTER
The first annual Midwest Chapter meeting was held in Kalamazoo, MI. Under the direction of president Jerry Bouman, the meeting began with a Regional inventory in which all represented programs were asked to update the membership on their personnel and vehicles.

Many informative sessions followed. Bruce Ahnafield, President Ahnafield Corporation, Henry McMorris, Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, and Jerry Bouman, Mary Free Bed Hospital presented on "Vendor, Evaluator and Third Party Payor Relationships." Conrad Kramer, Executive Director of the Specialized Transportation Systems of St. Joseph County (Indiana) spoke about public transportation for the elderly and handicapped as well as how the American Disabilities Act will affect it.

On Saturday, C. Dave Krjeger, Parkview Hospital, gave information on techniques for teaching driver education to the Developmentally Delayed Population. The morning ended with Rick Borucki and Al Bard of the Michigan Secretary of State Office leading a discussion of legal aspects of Driver Licensing.

Several special interest groups were formed at this meeting. These are Standards for wheelchairs (and lock downs), vans, inspections, prescription writing, and evaluation procedures; Legislation and Legal Issues in Driver Licensing; Marketing your Program; Education of the various Disciplines involved in Driver Evaluations; and Cognitive Retraining.

Contact people for these S.I.G.'s are:
Standards: Juergen Babirad Cleveland, Ohio (216) 459-4438
Legislation: Diane Jones Ft. Wayne, Indiana (219) 484-6636 Ext. 4230
Marketing: Charles Puckett Columbus, Ohio (614) 293-3833
Education: Nancy Hanson (313) 424-3907 Southfield, MD.

Cognitive Retraining: Patty Malewitz, Grand Rapids, Michigan (616) 242-0343

Members are to contact the group or groups they are interested in to help develop it. The meeting was very positive since the 35 members in attendance became involved. We look forward to keeping you updated through the newsletter on the progress of each of these groups.

Special thanks goes to the staff at Mary Free Bed Hospital, (Peggy Reed, Patty Malewitz, Greg Brunette and Jerry Bouman) for organizing a fine meeting.

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Concurrent Workshops
Sunday, August 25, 1991
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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"Of all the luck! ... Are you sure it's in four-wheel drive, Saunders?"

"Watch it, Randy! ... She's on your case!"
1991 ADED CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please use one separate form per attendee. Feel free to duplicate this form.

Name__________________________________________

Position________________________________________

Organization_____________________________________

Address________________________________________

City___________________________________________ State__________ Zip________

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[ ] PRE CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS - AUGUST 25, 1991
Please indicate which workshop you wish to attend. Failure to do so will cause a delay in processing your registration and in picking up your materials on-site.

[ ] Starting A Driver Assessment And Education Program
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$20 Per Person (Fee Not Included In Registration)

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Pre-Conference Workshop $__________
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1991 ADED Membership $__________
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RECEIPT WILL BE IN CONFERENCE PACKET

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Remember When? By John Arthur

**ADED Conferences...The Last 15 Years**

August 1991 marks the fifteenth anniversary for the annual ADED Conference. Throughout the years conferences have been held in twelve states and one Canadian Province. The breakdown is:

- Tennessee - 1978
- Indiana - 1985
- Iowa - 1979
- Arizona - 1986
- Minnesota - 1980
- Florida - 1987
- Texas - 1981
- Kentucky - 1988
- Ontario - 1983
- California - 1990
- Pennsylvania - 1984
- Louisiana - 1991

Topics included at the conferences ranged from issues concerning: Teaching Mentally Retarded Clients, Hearing Impaired Clients, Low Vision Instructor Training, Vehicle modification and prescription, setting up programs, Traumatic Brain Injury, Elderly Drivers, insurance and legal issues, cooperation with Motor Vehicle Administration as well as case histories and research findings.

Virtually all areas of the field have been presented and yet there is still so much vital information to be shared and experienced. It is a credit to our organization to be able to provide this yearly conference to bring together the thoughts and strategies of our diverse membership.

**Noteworthy ....**

**Ohio State University**

Ohio recently enacted administrative rules permitting bioptic driving. These rules mandate an extensive evaluation and training process. The Ohio Department of Highway has designated Dod Hall Driver Training, Ohio State University (OSU) Hospitals to develop the protocol for and operate a pilot evaluation/training program to implement the rules. Charles Puckett, Program Manager and David Shackelton, OTR/L, Driver Evaluator/Trainer will be working with the OSU College of Optometry and the Vision Center of Central Ohio to provide and interdisciplinary approach to the effort.

**Wheaton Rehabilitation Center**

Spring was busy at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Center of Wheaton, IL, beginning with 3 day inservice of Digidrive by Scott Bolduc of Division Driving Systems of Capitol Hts, MD. On June 26, Robert Alba of Breakthrough Vehicles presented an inservice to Marianjoy staff on the BTV. Also, Sally Sullivan, driving instructor presented at the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers Annual Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia on MS patients and driving on June 15.

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* Training For The Road Test

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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 notin' yet.

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

1) Neutral Ground 2) Erster Puboy 3) ADED

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