To our members, colleagues, friends, and their families who were affected by Hurricane Katrina and Rita, I am thinking of you daily and pray that everyday gets a bit better. I know I speak on behalf of our entire organization when I say your ADED family stands ready to help in any way we can. If there is anything we can do please let us know by calling any of our board members, our executive office or me and we will marshal resources to help in any way we can. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you rebuild from such a life changing experience.

Despite such a big disruption in our country, I am excited to see how once again our country has come together to help those in need. Chad Strowmatt, past president shared his experiences helping in a medical tent in Houston and it was humbling to know how many people from our respective fields have lent a hand in so many ways. I know there will be needs for many years following this devastation and hope ADED members will be part of helping people rebuild their independence in mobility.

On a happier note our conference this year was magnificent. Many thanks to Kathie Regan and her conference committee for planning an awesome event. Also a big thank you to Mike Shipp and Kitty Carter for a smooth registration process and for attending to every thing that came up.

Our conference would not have been possible without our exhibitors, sponsors and speakers. I appreciate every one of you and the huge contributions you make to this yearly event. I also appreciate our special guests at conference who give us much support, the NMDA Board, the Adaptive Driving Alliance, AOTA representatives, NHTSA representatives, and others from a diverse field. I continue to believe in our greatness coming from our diversity and no where is it more apparent than at conference. One needs only to listen to the session and hallway conversations to know how much we grow from listening to diverse professional and experiential backgrounds.

For those of you who did not attend conference I want you to know that a very deserving president's award went to Katy Greene, Michele Coffey, and Stacey Stevens. Year after year they work with Kathie Reagan to plan and carry out all the details of conference. They are not paid for this huge contribution and the hours that go into planning, promoting, and executing such an event show the real spirit of volunteering for the good of the organization. They are incredible.

There are others who play a large role at conference as well. Our local conference hostesses, Mary Swartz and Sara Gates do a great deal of errand running prior to, during and after the conference which saves ADED $$ in shipping and purchasing fees.

Suzanne Farnan-Maddox is at the conference committee's beck and call and is always cheerful no matter what the task.

Maryfrances Gross is always behind the scenes attending to whatever detail anyone throws her way. In addition she engineers our silent auction. This year the membership voted to use those proceeds to endow the Betty MacDonald scholarship fund. Our conference was dedicated to Betty and I believe she would have been pleased to see the diversity, the energy, and the commitment of our membership in moving this organization forward.

One place that commitment was evident was in the attendance at our membership meeting. Your response to our call for nominations for board positions next year also showed enthusiasm for the work the organization needs to do. Wow....to have 3 very capable individuals running for president elect is evidence that you care about the future of ADED and want to be part of it. Almost every position for election is a competitive one...that is exciting...
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and carries a big message. Our members want to play a part in the future of ADED. Ballots will be mailed soon. Please take the time to reflect on our candidates and the future of ADED. Your vote counts!!

This is a critical time for the organization. During the board meeting the board voted that it is time to look at operations of the organization from an administrative and fiduciary standpoint and strategize for the future. Those meetings are underway. Critical areas we feel need to be addressed include the website, communication with our membership, and the creation of policies that are more clearly understood by all, especially surrounding certification and continuing education. Those initiatives are underway and we appreciate input from the membership. Please feel free to hall, and by talking with all the other attendees. At no other time, have I had the opportunity to meet, talk with, and learn from such a vast group of individuals from such a wide range of backgrounds. All of whom are committed to assisting individuals with disabilities maintain their freedom and mobility. It is always wonderful to have the opportunity to not only meet and work with attendees from ADED, but also from NMEDA, ADA, AOTA, NHTSA, and many others.

This conference is run by all volunteers; however I have never attended an event that seems to run more smoothly. The conference committee and their assistants do a truly remarkable job. Kathy Reagan, Mike Shipp, Katy Greene, Michele Coffey, Suzanne Farnan-Maddox, Mary Frances Gross, and Stacey Stevens hats off to you- you’re amazing! Another new face behind the registration counter was Katy Carter. Thanks for all the help and always with a smile!

I also need to personally thank the local hostesses, Mary Swartz and Sara Gates whose assistance allowed me to download all the pictures I took. Thank you also to Jim Kennedy and Clinton Matney, who took all the pictures and made them into a wonderful slide show that was enjoyed by all at the banquet. Seeing all my ADED friends and meeting new ones is truly the conference highlight.

If you have not attended this conference, I encourage you to join us in Lexington, Kentucky in 2006. You will not be disappointed. If you have not yet become an active member- now’s a great time to start! You will have the opportunity to work with dedicated, diverse, and incredibly informed individuals. Every ADED member has knowledge and experience to share. Get involved, ADED has an extremely proactive board and dedicated committees, there are numerous ways you can help. I have found the experience to be very rewarding, worth every minute, and has helped me grow as a CDRS.

As always, I am always looking for News Brake information. If you have ideas for future articles, new information in the field or in your program, or anything you’d like to share, I’d love to hear from you. I also am in need of people who enjoy writing, proofing, and editing.

I hope you are enjoying the fall season. Here in New Hampshire the leaves are starting to turn, but we have been blessed with warm, sunny days. Be safe.

Staci

Editor’s Note:

First let me offer my thoughts and prayers for all of you who have been personally affected by Hurricane Katrina and Rita. I hope you and your families recover, rebuild, and find hope soon. I have felt so disheartened and useless following these tragedies. It is difficult to see so much pain, despair, and destruction. Feeling so close but so far away from the situation, I wish there was more I could do to assist the areas and people involved. If you know of ways to help from a distance, other than by sending donations of cash and supplies, please let me know.

This issue of the News Brake focuses on the ADED conference, held August 5th-9th in Kansas City, MO. This was my second time visiting Kansas City to attend the ADED conference. Although, I did not get to visit any of the Kansas City sites this year (I don’t think I saw the outside of the conference center- I heard it was hot), my trip was incredible. Great presentations, productive meetings, excellent networking, amazing exhibits, and lots of fun!

Even though this was my 6th time attending the ADED conference, I am still amazed by the incredible educational opportunities at the workshops, exhibit

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ADED Midwest Chapter

Conference News

The Midwest Chapter conference was held on Friday June 10th and Saturday June 11th in Novi Michigan. The Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan was the conference site with Cynthia Burt acting as our host. The annual business meeting was held on June 10th with 22 members in attendance. We want to thank Grisham Driving Aids and Larry Pratt for sponsoring this year conference breaks.

Our presenters were Cynthia Burt OTR/L, CDRS, Bambi L. Anderson OTR/L, and Jeff Gaines. Cynthia’s presentation titled “Driving Into the Ages” discussed the process of aging and complications evoked with various diagnoses. She included discussion on the evaluation process and how to assist with cessation of driving for an elderly client. Her presentation evoked a great deal of discussion among the attendees. Bambi and Jeff presented “Upper Extremity Prosthetics and Driving”. Bambi is a representative of Otto Bock Health Care and Jeff, a double upper extremity amputee, assisted her as a patient model. Their presentation included prosthetic options and therapy ideas to assist with pre and post prosthetic application. Jeff demonstrated how precise the electronic hands can be with activity performance and a video of Jeff driving was viewed. This discussion was very interesting and educational to all attending.

ADED Northeast Chapter Meeting

November 4-5, 2005

At the Radisson Airport Hotel
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Everyone is welcome to attend the ADED Northeast meeting at the New England Traffic and Safety Education Association conference in RI. Two ADED member presentations have been approved for CEUs: Friday - Rosamund Gianutsos, PhD, CDRS on “Vision & Driving Issues for Driver Educators and Rehabilitationists” (3 contact hours-.5 CEUs) and Linda Curry, OTR/L, CDRS from RI - “Professional Collaboration – the OT and the Certified Driving Instructor” (3 contact hours-.5 CEUs). Some of the other topics include: Student Centered Teaching; Driving Instructor Health and Stress; Sleep Deprivation; Driver Education not only for Teens - Innovative Direction for Risk Reduction for today and Tomorrow; Perspectives from the road test examiner.

The conference runs from 9:00 am Friday Nov 4th to 3:00 pm Saturday November 5th. Cost is $155 which includes all program functions, Fri lunch and banquet, Sat breakfast and lunch, and all breaks. The Hotel cost is $95/person (401-739-3000 mention NET-SEA). Partial registrations and non-participation tickets for meals are available also. If anyone would like a registration who did not get one by e-mail from Gail Babirad (ADED NE VP), please call 1-800-987-2753 or e-mail gbabirad@nymcap.rr.com. Thank you and come join us in lovely Rhode Island.

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As the 2005 President Elect of ADED, I am excited to working with the ADED Chapters. This has provided me with an opportunity to become better informed regarding regional and chapter issues, and I continue to welcome input and suggestions from chapters and individual members. This has been a busy year, as several Chapters have initiated efforts to re-establish chapters that have been inactive. At this point, I have still have limited information regarding some of the Chapters. If you have any additional information to provide, please email this to me as soon as possible.

For those Chapters who have not yet provided their 2005 election results, please forward this information so I can update my records and I will ensure that this is included in the next edition of News Brake.

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As gas prices are at their highest levels ever, and everyone is experiencing less money personally as a result, Exxon Mobile is reaping record profits. For example, their profits have increased by almost $8,000,000,000. It’s not just Exxon Mobile, however, as other oil companies profits are up from last year. But that isn’t the worst of it. The House of Representatives has passed a bill that grants financial incentives to these same oil companies. So while all of us struggle with rising prices and less personal money for necessities, the rich continue to get richer and current political wisdom seems to be that our tax dollars should help these people out. How dare they. Who voted for them? Please stop doing that.

Washington Post, April 2005

Seat Belt Use Lower in Pick-ups and Deaths Higher in Crashes

WASHINGTON, D.C.—People who ride in pickup trucks use seat belts less often than passengers in cars, and the consequences are deadlier: A higher percentage of people killed in pickup truck crashes didn’t buckle up compared to those in passenger cars, the government reported May 16, 2005, according to the Detroit News. The agency says more than 80 percent of the people in passenger cars buckled up in 2003, compared to 70 percent of those in pickup trucks. In terms of fatalities: 70 percent of those killed in pick up truck crashes in 2003 did not wear safety belts, compared to 50 percent of the fatalities in cars. Statistics show seat belts reduce the risk of death by 45 percent in passenger cars and up to 60 percent in pickup trucks, SUVs, and minivans.

Automotive Fleet, May 2005

HOV Lanes Linked to Increases in Crashes

DALLAS—High-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes—generally open to vehicles with at least two passengers—have become a fixture on many urban freeways. However, according to recent research, adding HOV lanes may lead to more accidents. In an effort to improve air quality and get more people moving on crowded highways, the HOV lane miles in the U.S. have quadrupled since 1990 to 2,500 miles nationwide. But, according to a study by the Texas Transportation Institute, the rate of accidents involving injuries increased as much as 56 percent for stretches of Texas highway that have HOV lanes adjacent to regular lanes without a concrete barrier separating them. The Texas study relied on before-and-after crash data from highways where HOV lanes were added in the 1990’s.

Similar studies showed accident rates higher by 11 percent in several southern California locations where HOV Lanes were added. Additionally I-770 in Maryland showed an accident rate double of (Continued on next page)
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during a crash test are much like those of a human body.

The latest generation of crash dummies is called Hybrid III. These dummies are highly instrumented and especially good at reporting what happens to the major joints in the human body such as the head and neck, the neck and thorax, and the lumbar region of the back during head-on collisions. The 50th percentile Hybrid III dummy, developed in General Motors’ test facilities, stands 5 feet, 10 inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. The Hybrid III is the worldwide standard for use in frontal crash tests.

Cars.com, February 2005

Test Procedure is Major Hurdle for Crash-Avoidance Technology

WASHINGTON—Devices intended to keep motorists out of crashes supposedly are the next big thing in automotive safety. But they are encountering a big speed bump.

The problem: No one knows for sure how to test the effectiveness of such devices, says Adrian Lund, COO of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, a research group for auto insurers. Crash-avoidance devices warn motorists when their cars drift out of lanes. The technology also signals when an intersection collision is imminent and automatically slows a vehicle if it gets too close to a car in front of it.

The human factor: But safety groups don’t know how to account for human reactions to crash-avoidance devices, Lund says. Drivers may grow annoyed by lane-departure warning systems and turn them off, he suggests. Or they may take curves too confidently at night because they have headlights that aim beams where wheels are turned, he says. Anti-lock brakes looked great under test-track conditions, Lund says. But the technology has not made a measurable difference in safety, he argues. ABS, Lund jokes, “has saved innumerable orange cones” on test tracks.

Automotive News, August 2005

J. D. Powers Announces Results of Initial Quality Study

J. D. Power & Associates recently published results of their Initial Quality Study. This study measured each car model through 135 attributes across 9 categories, and a broad range of quality problems. These results are based on the responses of over 62,000 purchasers who were surveyed 90 days after buying or leasing their new cars. One thing the 2005 study showed is the overall quality of all vehicles studied continues to improve. For example, in 1998, there were 176 problems reported per 100 vehicles while in 2005 there were 118, down from 154 in 2000 and 133 in 2003. Every year since 1998, the number of problems per 100 vehicles has come down. With respect to the vehicles most often sold in our industry in the minivan segment, the Toyota Sienna, Chrysler Town & Country and Dodge Caravan shared top honors for quality. For information on your favorite car, visit JDPower.com and look under their Initial Quality Study.

JDPower.com, June 2005

NHTSA Reports Many Van Tires Improperly Inflated

WASHINGTON, DC—About three-quarters of all 15-passenger vans had at least one tire that was improperly inflated, increasing the likelihood of rollovers among the vehicles, federal regulators said May 26, 2005, according to the Associated Press. An agency research report found that 74 percent of the large vans had a tire that was either under inflated or over inflated by 25 percent or more. In comparison, about 40 percent of passenger cars had an improperly inflated tire, according to the Associated Press.

Automotive May, 2005

Insurance Report Says 36 Percent of Drivers Admit Running Red Lights

LOS ANGELES—According to a report from Farmer’s Insurance, 36 percent of drivers admitted to running red lights last year, according to KNBC News. Seven of the drivers polled admitted to being serial red-light runners, blowing through 20 or more a year. Many argue that it would help by lengthening the yellow light. Prolonging the yellow cut violations by 6 percent in Mesa, AZ. The most recent statistics show the worst state for redlight runners is Arizona.

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Dana Roeling is the Executive Director of the National Equipment Dealers Association. NMEDA is known internationally as an organization committed to ensuring quality and professionalism in the manufacturing and installation of safe and reliable mobility equipment in vehicles for drivers and passengers with disabilities. She has her undergraduate degree from Loyola University and her Masters in Leadership from Nova University. She has been the Executive Director of NMEDA for 4 years. She has helped market NMEDA around the world to dealers and consumers. The membership has grown to over 580 current members. The first year’s modest budget of $50,000 has grown to a current budget of over $617,000. The headquarters is located in Tampa, Florida and NMEDA is proud to own its own building. The staff has grown from 2 to 5. She is proud to work for the association and board members that are all volunteers in the mission of improving transportation options for all people with disabilities and their families. She is currently a member of the The Florida Society of Association Executives, the Association of Education Alliance, and the Florida Society of Association Executives. She sits on the Advisory councils for General Motors, Ford, Daimler Chrysler and Toyota.

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We are definitely at a crossroad in the mobility industry. We must remember that good is the enemy of great and where we go is up to us!

Issues that we are all concerned with today are insurance, global markets, technology, shrinking margins, customer demands, and economic uncertainty.

We must have the courage to change in our businesses. I want you to think for a minute that most companies did not have a website 10 years ago, not only did we not have one, we didn’t even think about it – but most of us have one today.

Think about the fact that those of you that have children at home are experiencing scenarios like this one. My niece sent me a birthday present a few months ago. It was a screen saver for my desktop that she created in her website design class in 2nd grade! These are your future employees, managers and leaders. With so many changes and transformations in our industry, the only way to stay informed is by seeking information.

The ways to do that are by networking, education and industry awareness! It is your key to survival! And, that is why the partnership with ADED and NMEDA are so important.

NMEDA wants to continue our partnership with ADED. We feel strongly that communication and collaboration is essential for both organizations as we move forward in the future. We want to see more CDRS’s around the country so that all NMEDA dealers have easy access to great people and resources. We support you in your efforts to continue this important education. We value your support, because without the input from the CDRS’s and their evaluations, the dealers would have difficulty meeting the needs of the end users. We can’t fulfill the end users needs without the guidance and expertise that they bring. If there is anything we can do to support getting more CDRS’s out in the field, especially in remote locations, please let us know. NMEDA has no place for a certification process for a driver evaluator. That is why our relationship is so important for the end users and to each other.

One thing that NMEDA recognizes is that we have to embrace change courageously. We are action-oriented looking at ways to serve our members better.

The conference for 2006 is being planned to re-energize the membership by bringing in experts from around the country to do the workshops and cover topics such as: Marketing, Sales Strategies, Managing Generations in Today’s Workplace, and more! It will be in Long Beach, CA on February 8-11. Hopefully many of you will be able to join us.

I want to leave you with a SMILE

A smile costs nothing but gives much.

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And none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it.

A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship.

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Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away.

Some people are too tired to give you a smile, give them one of yours, and no one needs a smile so much as the one who has none to give.
Contract Awarded For Traffic Safety Train-the-Trainer Course

Linda McQuistion, Ph.D., PE, CPE

James Whetstone, M.A., (C) OACCPP, RRP, CDRS, has been selected by the ADED RFP Committee to develop the Traffic Safety and Driver Education for the Driver Rehabilitation Specialist course and Train-The-Trainer session. First let me tell you a little (ha ha) about who James is. Then I will tell you something about what he does.

James Whetstone holds a Masters Degree in Counseling Psychology. He is a Certified Psychotherapist (C) (#0161) by the Ontario Association of Consultants, Counselors, Psychometrics and Psychotherapists, (OACCPP), as well as an ADED CDRS. James is a Registered Rehabilitation Professional (RRP) (#03254) by the Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (CARP). He is approved by the Financial Services Commission of Ontario (FSCO) to provide Diagnostic Assessments related to Automobile Anxiety. James was awarded Ontario Certification for Teaching in Driver Education by the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Transportation (MTO). He is designated as a Master Instructor (MI) (23-3-02-02) for the training of Driving Instructors and has been a Signing Authority (SA) for Classes “A-F” licenses. Additionally, James is a licensed Driving Instructor (DI). I’m sorry—did I forget to warn you to take a deep breath before reading this paragraph? There is way more alphabet soup here than you can digest in one sitting. Is this guy impressive or what?

James has served as the President of the Driving School Association of Ontario (DSAO), a member of the Advisory Committee (DEAC) of the Province of Ontario, and as a National Judge for the Canadian Trucking Association (CTA) National Fleet Safety Award Program.

For nearly two decades James served as the Director of the Ontario Safety League. As such, he developed and instructed countless courses for fleet driver training. Courses ranged from Basic to Advanced. There were courses covering topics as diverse as In-Vehicle Training, Fleet Maintenance, Technique of Instruction, Driver Education Classroom and Teacher Preparation, and Vehicle Collision Investigation. Since 1997 James has been the President of Canadian Driver Training Systems Inc. His major thrust is corporate consulting. This includes Fleet Driver Safety Programming, Vehicle Collision Analysis, monitoring of CVOR compliance, Driver Competency and Due Diligence assessments.

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James Kennedy, CDRS, CDI has practiced in the field of Driver Rehabilitation for thirty years. Clients regard him with confidence, accuracy, and admiration for the creative and patient efforts he give towards their ability to drive independently. Jim is devoted to the goal of providing the highest level of personal service to the disabled. He has made many personal sacrifices to achieve this goal, including traveling to other locations to provide service to those without transportation within Georgia and other states, development of equipment outside his workday hours, conversations with vendors and manufacturers to develop solutions/innovations that will afford unique options for access to driving technology for the severely physically challenged client.

Jim has an attitude of compassion for his clients and will exhaust all conceivable (and inconceivable) options to achieve the goal of safe, independent driving. He uses his attributes of creativity, patience, humor and curiosity to achieve this for those who seek his counsel or training. He is committed to working as a team with Occupational Therapists, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors, Rehabilitation Engineers, Vendors, Physical Therapists and Seating Specialists, to achieve the best outcome for his clients.

Jim has helped to advance the field of driver rehabilitation through his leadership activities. He was the ADED Certification Committee Assistant Chairperson in 2003. Starting in 2004 until currently, he is the ADED Certification Committee Chairperson. Jim has won the NMEDA Golden Gear Award for contributions to Adaptive Driving Technology Development and Quality Installation. He provides leadership in the Mobility Equipment Dealers Vendor locations in Georgia and Kentucky.

Education and service has been provided by Jim to the end user, fellow therapists, the State Department of Motor Vehicles, Funding Sources, National Associations (NMEDA, RESNA, ADED), and vendors throughout his career. He is highly skilled and competent with vehicle modifications, client fittings, and Driver Rehabilitation Training and Evaluation. He has trained with DSI, EMC, Anahfield, and Alba High Tech driving systems. He is highly sought after for training and evaluation in this area of Driver Rehabilitation specialty. Over the years, Jim has provided Driver Evaluations and Training in Arizona, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Ohio, Alabama, Kentucky, Maryland, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Virginia, and Georgia.

There are several unique cases that he should be commended for. Jim helped design the custom orthotics that interfaced with the AVEIT “X” and AVEIT “L” for a quadruple amputee. He also designed unique pedal extensions for another client with bilateral lower extremity amputations. Jim does not approach any client without looking at all possibilities, including those that are “out of the box”, until he identifies a solution that best meets his client’s unique needs and leads to independent driving.

Jim is actively involved in collaboration with the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicles Driver Education department. He is respected for his willingness to be a resource when unique situations arise regarding understanding of specific disabilities or driver rehabilitation options. He is also actively involved in product improvement with EMC, Driver Educator’s Training Brake, and development of a system to improve safety for the Driver Evaluator and provide data collection during On The Road Evaluations and Training to improve objectivity and standardization of Driver Evaluations.

Jim’s varied background and experience makes him and exceptional and committed Driver Rehabilitation Specialist that we can all be honored to associate with. Without his contributions to the promotion of serving the mobility needs of our society, many individuals would remain imprisoned by their disabilities. He has a gift of encouraging one to reach down inside and to trust in their capabilities. Jim’s focus is never a frame of reference of “Why Not” but rather of “How”. He is a driving specialist that ADED should be proud to recognize as the standard of a driver rehabilitation specialist who dedicates their daily practice to serving the disabled and empowering others to do the same.

Congratulations Jim- You deserve this high award! Thank you for all your contributions. I know that those who know you will agree with the following statements that were included with your nomination:

“I am in awe of his creativity, problem solving skills, leadership talents, and patience.” “He has had a personal influence on my career.”
Congratulations to John Bussani
Winner of the 2005 ADED Commercial Service Award

John Bussani is the owner of JBussani Inc. and Accessible Vans and Mobility of Bethpage, NH, a joint venture of JBussani, Inc, Monmouth Vans, and Van Conversions Inc. John has been a NMEDA member since 1989 and a 5 star QAP member since the inception of the QAP program. John served as the QAP chairperson and has scheduled and organized the NMEDA training schools. He is an ADA charter member and a member of the Dealer 20 Group. John is an active ADED vendor member and has always assisted with scholarships, donations and workshops. He has even helped with the ADED booth at conferences.

In 1974, he founded the company, JBussani Inc. after working in the automotive industry for several years. While trying to help out a customer with a disability, he found himself learning how to install a set of hand controls he had gotten from Allan Ruprecht of Drive-Master. In the early days he would frequently install adaptive equipment himself in the customer’s garage or driveway. Since this time, he has been instrumental in hiring staff with disabilities and brought his son, Dan into the business as Vice President. After outgrowing their first shop in Freeport, NH, the business moved into Bethpage, NY in 1997. In order to serve a wider area, the company recently opened an additional shop in Mamaroneck, NY. They currently have 22 employees.

John and his company sponsor many other important programs, including wheelchair sports programs and the Nick Katsouonis Memorial 10 K wheelchair race. He was also instrumental in obtaining a Vantage lowered floor minivan for the Long Island Children’s Museum’s display on assistive devices for those with disabilities.

Congratulations John- we appreciate all you do!

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The Adaptive Driving Alliance: A Dealer Group Working For/With You!

Submitted By: Jack Sheehan

The Adaptive Driving Alliance (ADA) has long been a strong supporter of driver evaluators. By continuing to look for opportunities to work together at every level, both the dealers and the evaluators benefit. The ADA already does much to promote and support the evaluators and ADED.

As an example, being a member of ADED is a requirement to be an ADA member. Our dealers actively seek out evaluators. Most will not install driving aids of any type without a CDRS prescription. That commitment has helped expand the presence and awareness of the driver evaluators, especially in the managed care community.

The ADA works hard for its members to build relationships with major worker’s compensation case/cost management companies. We do this to drive business and leads to our members. At times we get actively involved with cases to make sure the management companies’ needs are being met. Recently, a management company called me to request a referral for hand controls. I did not ask a lot of questions and took the case to one of our leading members, who had a location very near the client. His first question was, “Does the client have a prescription from a CDRS?” I called the managed care company and explained the role of the evaluator and how their work protected them and the client. The case manager went back to the insurance company, found there had not been an evaluation and got approval to do one. After much patient work by the evaluator, the prescription was written for the controls and it is in the process of being approved.

Our dealers would like to do this sort of thing every time. A challenge our group faces is that there are geographic areas with shortages of CDRS’s. The ADA would like to go further in its support of the evaluators. To do everything we can, we need your help in getting more good people to be trained and certified. If people are waiting 4, 6 or 8 weeks for evaluation appointments or if people are coming from hours away, we need your help in finding more evaluators. When the network is nationwide, national agencies and insurance companies can be more demanding on their requirements for evaluators.

Finally, we promote the evaluators and the evaluation process on our web site. If you have stories of CDRS successes we would like to post them on the ADA web site (www.adamobility.com). If you know of accidents caused by people who should have been evaluated but were not please let us know. We are especially interested in eye catching, humorous photos of those accidents.

The ADA members appreciate what you do. It is important work and we support it everyday.

Certification Committee News

Thirty-one candidates have taken the CDRS test this year. This is the first year that AMP (Applied Measurements Professionals) has done all screening and verifications of candidates. Test candidates will receive notification and results from AMP within the month. This will allow Certification to remain completely autonomous, removing any conflict of interest. We are also working to improve Certification records and procedures, which will ultimately lead to improved dissemination of information to members. I would like to thank the members of the Certification Committee for all of their effort in improving Certification. These members have invested numerous volunteer hours in test development and course reviews, The dedication of these individuals improves the development of a tool that only increases professionalism throughout the industry. There will be two vacancies opening on this committee for next year. I would like to encourage all members to consider participation. In order to serve on the Committee one must be a CDRS in good standing. If you have an interest or questions regarding the position, please contact Committee Chair James Kennedy CDRS at jame kenne@shepherd.org.
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**FYI to the world**

Submitted by Peter Ruprecht

Should you engage a client, while training, or at anytime, that may have defective or unsafe equipment, what do you do, so the client does not hurt themselves or someone else??

Our lawyer says call the police, in this case they are the responsible party to get the client to get the vehicle repaired, and they will not let the vehicle out on the street to be driven until the repair is completed. True, at least in New Jersey!

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November 16-19, 2005 San Diego, CA The Driving School Association of the Americas (DSAA) International Conference. For more information call 1-800-270-DSAA.


February 7, 2006 Long Beach, CA ADED Train the Trainer Course: Traffic Safety and Driver Education for the Driver Rehabilitation Specialist- see insertion in this edition of the News Brake

February 8, 2006 Long Beach, CA ADED Train the Trainer Course: Application of Vehicle Modifications- see insertion in this edition of the News Brake

February 8-11, 2006 Long Beach, CA National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association Annual Conference. 1-800-833-0427


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