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About the Cover . . .

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, by the time this article is in print I will be a Past President and you will have a new President. This year has really gone fast and I don't know where to start. The Executive Board has been very busy these last few months with several tasks on their plate. One of them was the printing in-house of the course manuals. This has to be one of the larger challenges for our staff. They have really done an excellent job of keeping up with demand and still performing their other duties.

We have also chosen a contractor to review our course material and to get it updated in a timely manner. This will be another example of your Board doing what they can to help make our courses the best in public safety.

Our membership drive will have been in full swing when you read this, so make sure you take advantage of the possibility to win the 3-night 4-day cruise that will be awarded to one lucky winner for getting new members in IMSA.

The Certification Committee also has a new face to chair the Signs and Markings Committee. I thank Terry Thompson of the Southwest Section for taking on that responsibility and look forward to working with him on this committee.



Speaking of the Certification Committee, some of you might not know about your Certification Chair. Lenny Hulme was in an ATV accident while racing this past June. He missed a turn and flew over his handlebars, which resulted in cracking his helmet and suffering a compression of his T-9 vertebrae. We all hope he continues to have a great recovery.

This past June, I and other IMSA members who are representatives to the National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices met in Overland Park, Kansas. This is the same site of our 2006 International Conference. The NCUTCD works with the Federal Highway Administration on updates of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). IMSA members are very involved in many different areas of public safety and continue to give their time to help promote this organization.

One last subject, the American Public Works Association will be having their 2006 International meeting at the Kansas City Convention Center in Kansas City, Missouri, this September 10th to the 13th. So, if you get the chance to go you will see the newest equipment on the market today. Make sure you stop by the IMSA booth and say hi to Sharon Earl of the International office and myself. Look forward to seeing you there.

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