

FLEET LINE

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FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL
FLEET ADMINISTRATORS, INC.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new members to our organization, and to compliment continuing members on their increased participation, as was evident at our Spring meeting.

Our Fall meeting will include the election of new officers. Please come prepared to make your selection from this talented group of professionals. As the replacement cost for units in our fleets continues to increase and their designs become more sophisticated, so is our challenge in controlling the cost of operation. Together we can meet the challenge, and the sharing of our knowledge is perhaps the most enjoyable and cost-effective approach.

Looking forward to seeing you in October - and best of luck on your FY '87-'88 budget.

Sincerely,

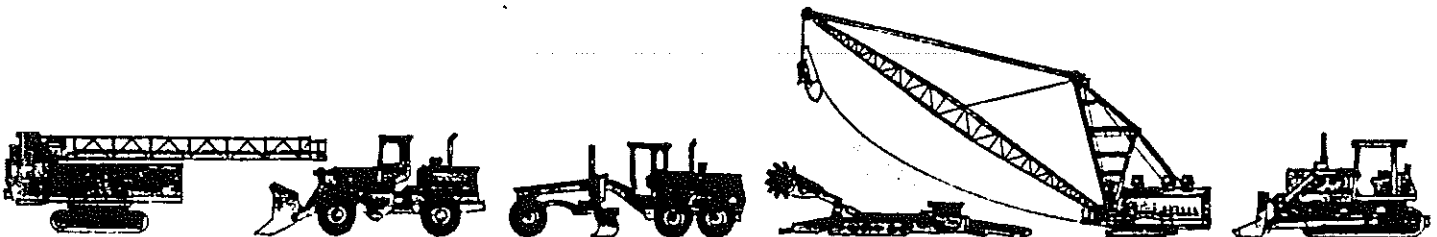
Milton R. Reid
President

GEORGE BAY'S SWAN SONG

After 23½ years of service in Jacksonville's government, George will enter into retirement in June of 1988. Leaving his post as Equipment Supervisor will apparently be something he looks forward to. George is anticipating the time he'll be able to devote to his family and to travelling. He's planning to try his hand at gardening - even if he has to spray paint both his thumbs green to make the stuff grow!

George said that he's enjoyed every minute of his association with FAGFA, and he's gotten more out of it than he has gotten from any other organization. George has given a lot to FAGFA in return. He was at the very first meeting, making him a charter member. He has been an ardent supporter through thick and thin, serving several terms as our Secretary/Treasurer.

George plans to attend the meeting this October and wants to reassure the FAGFA that retirement will not dampen his enthusiasm for the association.



At 3:27 PM, the organization business meeting was conducted. The following items were addressed:

- a. Milton Reid, City of Gainesville, observed that the minutes from the October meeting were not available, and the membership voted to proceed without them.
- b. John Neal, Pinellas County, read the Treasurer's report. Kurt Miller, Pinellas County, moved to accept, Greg Schmidt, City of Melbourne, seconded, and the motion was carried by the general membership.
- c. Gary Giragosian, City of Boca Raton, moved to explore options for another meeting place, Al Cake, City of Deerfield Beach, seconded, and the motion was carried by the general membership.
- d. An organizational name change was discussed at length. John Neal, Pinellas County, indicated that a name change would cost approximately 25% of the organization's funds. Wally Brinkman, City of Hollywood, moved to not change the organization name, John Neal, Pinellas County, seconded, and the motion was carried by the general membership.
- e. Discussion ensued regarding the development of a membership package including a brochure detailing the organization's history and purpose, and a membership certificate. The concept of an annual or a one--time membership certificate was then considered. Gary Giragosian, City of Boca Raton moved that the Secretary/Treasurer investigate the development of an annual certificate, and it was seconded by Al Biermann, City of Coral Springs. After further discussion, Mr. Giragosian modified his motion to state that certificates be issued to members in good standing each year at a cost not to exceed \$200.00. This motion was again seconded by Mr. Biermann, and was carried by the general membership.
- f. The length of the general membership meetings was addressed by Milton Reid, City of Gainesville. He indicated that the meeting agenda should reflect the planned length of the meeting, and suggested lengthening the rap session from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM on the second meeting day.
- g. C.S. McKay, Hillsborough County, offered to bring plans for Hillsborough County's new paint and body shop to the Friday meeting.
- h. The value of the regional meetings was discussed at length. Greg Schmidt, City of Melbourne, indicated that he had encountered difficulty in encouraging mechanic participation in the regional meetings. Milton Reid, City of Gainesville, stipulated that the focus of the regional meetings should be kept at a technical level. The morale building aspects of mechanic participation in the regional meetings was discussed.

- i. Greg Schmidt moved to end the business meeting, an unknown individual seconded, and the motion was carried by the general membership.

Angel Ramos, City of Gainesville, initiated discussion on total cost bidding.

A video presentation on Bar Coding for inventory was conducted by Dan Burek, Sarasota County. After the presentation, Mr. Burek fielded questions and headed a discussion on bar coding, and its applicability to the fleet management discipline.

The meeting adjourned for the day at approximately 5:15 PM.

DAY 2 FRIDAY, 24 APRIL

The meeting was called to order by Milton Reid, City of Gainesville, at 8:33 AM.

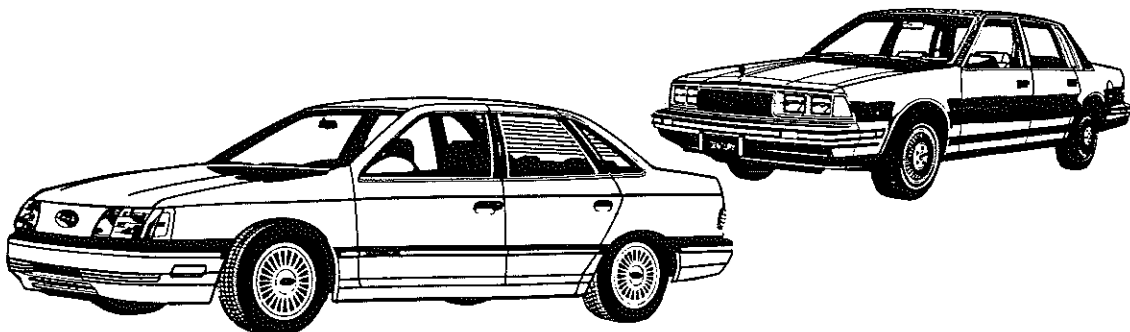
The first order of business was a presentation by Dan Burek, Sarasota County, on the promotion and selling of fleet management to top management. The presentation included slides depicting vehicle overloading and accident damage. A discussion on this topic ensued after the presentation.

At 9:39 AM, a presentation on hydraulic systems was made by Mr. Dan Cox, Vice President of Sales for the Altec Corporation.

At 10:30, Mr. Stephen Carroll, Purchasing Director of Pinellas County, made a presentation on developments in public purchasing, and how purchasing departments and fleet management organizations can work together. Mr. Carroll entertained questions from the membership following the presentation.

Charles Swarens, City of Tampa, suggested sending a letter to the management of the Hilton Inn Florida Center regarding inconsistencies in billing rates.

The general membership meeting adjourned at approximately 12:20 PM.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PRIVATIZATION - If you want to obtain some free information about why public services should not go private, you need only write to the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees for their informative booklet. Their address is:

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FAGFA LOGO - The newly adopted FAGFA logo is proudly displayed on the cover of our newsletter. The logo was selected from several examples by the general membership at the Spring GM Meeting. The bulldozer and the sedan represents the spectrum of vehicle types and the sun rising is symbolic of our Sunshine State, which is itself rising to prominence in this nation.

WHAT'S HAPPENING - If you know of some event or development that may be of interest to our membership, take the opportunity to share it. All you have to do is write or call the Fleet Line editor, Vern Tucker, and give him the news. It will appear in the next Fleet Line under this column. Transfers, retirements, job openings, technical information, and management techniques are the types of information we want. Speak up and reach out to the membership. Be an active part of what's happening!

BAR CODING - If you've looked at our next meeting's agenda, you'll see that there's a one-hour presentation on bar coding. These machine readable series of dark bars separated by light spaces represent information in a machine readable format. You've seen them being processed every time you've stood at the supermarket check-out counter and watched the clerk pass your groceries over the optical reader. By allowing faster and more accurate data processing (one error in 3.8 million transactions), your parts inventory and repair order processing demands can be significantly reduced. With costs ranging from \$1,000. to \$5,000. (it can go higher), you might find the conversion to bar coding is an inexpensive way to streamline your operation. Be at the October meeting and get the data first-hand from Pete Paquette of JP Systems.

MANAGEMENT - Management is a great deal more than a collection of techniques. It is a process, an outlook, a way of looking at the world. Successful managers continuously readjust their way of looking at their organizations, their products, and their customers. Management, to the successful manager, is a way of life.

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FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FLEET ADMINISTRATORS
PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 1987 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Hilton Inn Florida Center
7400 International Drive
Orlando, Florida

Magnolia Room

15 & 16 October 1987

THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 1987

- 8:30 am - 8:55 am Registration
- 8:55 am - 9:00 am Opening Remarks
- 9:00 am - 10:30 am Rap Session
- 10:30 am - 10:45 am Break
- 10:45 am - 11:30 am John Neal's presentation on "Capital Budgeting for Fleet Administrators."
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Rap Session
- 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm State-of-the-art bar coding applications for fleet management, by Pete Paquette of JP Systems.
- 3:30 pm - 3:45 pm Break
- 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm Business Meeting and election of new officers.

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FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1987

- 8:30 am - 9:30 am Rap Session
- 9:30 am - 10:30 am An overview of the Equipment Maintenance Council's (EMC) activities and future plans, by Jack Mears, Executive Director of the EMC.
- 10:30 am - 10:45 am Break
- 10:45 am - 11:45 am Representatives of John Deere, Ford, and Coastal Power will provide tips for spec'ing and maintaining heavy equipment components.

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