



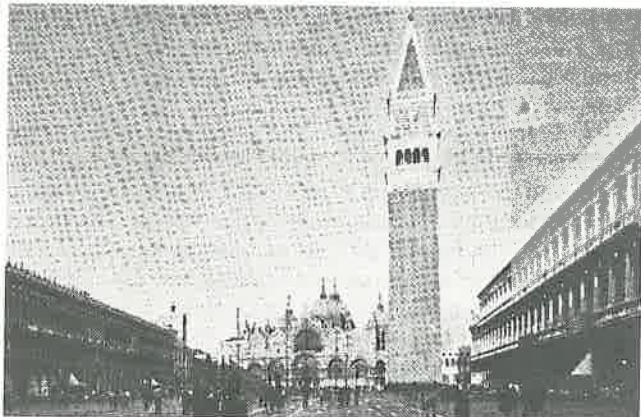
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Venice Prepares for 52nd IBTTA Annual Meeting



Hope you'll be here this month to take in the incredible sights of Renaissance Venice, as IBTTA convention-goers count down to take-off for the 52nd Annual Meeting. At left is an unusual view of San Marco Square, with the famous Cathedral and the Bell Tower in the background.



At right, the rich tapestry of Venice's Main Street-the Grand Canal-with bobbing boats carrying happy tourists and mundane commerce on its busy surface. The meeting runs September 23 to 26.

New 17-Mile Tollway To Be Built in Illinois

"The enabling legislation authorizing a new seventeen mile north-south tollroad in central DuPage County has been signed by Governor James R. Thompson," said Gayle M. Franzen, Executive Director of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority last month.

"We are very pleased for the Authority to be able once again to contribute to the development of a major new transportation corridor in the Chicago Metropolitan Area," said Franzen.

The seventeen mile project will cost approximately \$286 million. The new road will begin at the south end of Illinois Route 53 (I-90) at Army Trail Road and run south, paralleling Route 53.

It will curve around the southeast corner of the Morton Arboretum, merge with the East-West Tollroad for a mile and then turn south until it connects with, and terminates at, the I-55/Joliet Road Interchange.

The Illinois road will become the second toll road currently under construction in the U.S.A. The Dallas North Tollway Extension is the only pay-as-you-go route now being built, although segments of new toll lanes in the Houston area are now in the design stage, under the jurisdiction of the Harris County (Texas) Toll Authority.

Record Number of North Americans Now Expected at Venice Convention

IBTTA President Roger Ginocchio, encouraged by registration figures that showed more North Americans likely to attend the 52nd Annual Meeting in Venice this month than attended the 43rd Annual Meeting in 1975 in Paris, declared that all systems were go for the gathering that begins September 23.

While total attendance at Venice is not expected to reach the 511 delegates who were on hand in Paris nine years ago, the U.S. and Canadian delegations are formidable for 1984, an election year in both countries, Ginocchio noted.

One reason might be the continuing favorable exchange rate between U.S. and European currencies. Another is recognition that Venice, while probably the highest-cost tourist city in Italy, still ranks below Oslo, Norway and London, England among European urban locations.

"But the prime reason is Venice's magnificent scenery, its history and its ambience at the very height of the summer season," Ginocchio pointed out. "Weather is still in the seventies Fahrenheit, the beaches are still inviting, and the program promised by our Italian hosts will be exciting and stimulating."

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Westgate Bridge Carries 50 Millionth Vehicle

The Westgate Bridge in the suburbs of Melbourne, Australia celebrated its 5th birthday on November 15, 1983, according to an article in World Highways newsletter. A month later the 50 millionth vehicle crossed the bridge. The driver received a new car from the Victoria Ministry of Transport. The Westgate Bridge is a 2.6 kilometers-long cable stayed structure that has eight traffic lanes.

Membership Changes

Lake Champlain Bridge Commission has moved its offices to 40 George Street, P.O. Box 1509, Burlington, Vermont 05402. Two new Commissioners are *Floyd Handy* of St. Albans, VT and *George A. Schiavone* of Shelburne, VT... *John Smolley, Jr.* has been advanced from Deputy Administrator to Administrative Director of the *Oklahoma Turnpike Authority*... *The Turnpike Authority of Kentucky* has moved to Room 257, Capitol Annex, Frankford, KY 40601, but the telephone number remains (502) 564-2390... *Jean Muller* and *Gene Figg* have bought out their French engineering firm partner and now each own 50% of *Figg and Muller Engineers, Inc.*, in Tallahassee, FL... *Edward H. Krueger*, *Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc.*, has a new address at 1309 East Algonquin Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60196; (312) 576-7000.

Spanish Road Traffic Down, Revenues Up

The Seville-Cadiz toll road operated by *Betica de Autopistas* suffered a 7 percent decrease in traffic in 1983, due to effects of a recession which hit this sector of the country in particular. However, a toll rate increase produced revenues of 736 million pesetas (about \$4.5 million U.S.), an increase of 18 percent over 1982. Traffic on the Cadiz Bridge, also operated by *Betica*, went up 14 percent to 5.7 million vehicles in 1983.

Jimmy Allen, Texas, Dies at 78

TOLLWAYS has learned that *James G. Allen*, former Secretary-Treasurer of the Texas Turnpike Authority, died on July 15, 1984, at 78 years of age in Valley Mills, Texas, of a heart attack. Allen joined the Authority in 1954. He was elected Secretary-Treasurer in 1958 and served for 15 years until his retirement in 1973. He served on IBTTA's Board of Directors from 1960 to 1963.

Bridge Course Offered

"Highway Bridges: Inspecting, Rating and Upgrading" is the title of a two-day course offered by the Continuing Engineering Education division of George Washington University on November 28-29, 1984. The course is taught by *Abba Lichtenstein*, President of IBTTA Associate Member *A.G. Lichtenstein and Associates*. The course will focus on inspection and evaluation of existing bridges and repair and rehabilitation of structurally inadequate and geometrically obsolete bridges. The cost of the course is \$625. For more information call toll free (800) 424-9773.

Officials of Three IBTTA Bridges Mark Recognition of Seaway Trail



The Seaway Trail extending from Massena, New York to the Pennsylvania line along the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario has been designated as a national recreation trail by the United States Department of Interior.

Above are left to right: *Richard McCarthy*, CM, St. Lawrence Seaway Authority; *Robert J. Hammill, Jr.*, Assistant to the Manager, the Seaway International Bridge Corporation Ltd.; *Lauren C. Beaver*, Niagara Falls Bridge Commission; *Russell Wilcox*, Executive Director, Thousand Islands Bridge Authority and *Vincent Dee*, Chairman, Thousand Islands Bridge Authority and President of Seaway Trail, Inc.

IBTTA Calendar

MAINTENANCE—Fall Conference, Hyatt Regency Woodfield, Schaumburg, IL, October 14-16, 1984.

1985 WORKSHOP—Inter-Continental Hotel, New Orleans, LA, April 14-16, 1985.

OPERATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS—Joint Committee Meeting, Hotel Sheraton Plaza, Tempe, AZ, May 5-8, 1985.

53rd ANNUAL MEETING—Westin Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, October 13-16, 1985.

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