

Speakers on Toll Collection



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Assecar Group Analyzes Fatalities On French Motorways

L'ASSECAR (Association pour la Securite sur Autoroutes) (French Association for security on motorways) has just published the results of a survey giving the main causes of fatalities on motorways:

- 1- Tiredness—drowsiness 20 to 30% (according to age).
- 2- Under-inflated tires—10 to 16%.
- 3- Adverse weather conditions—13 to 14%.
- 4- Driving errors, involving security-distance or faulty maneuvers—10 to 13%.
- 5- Loss of control because of excessive speed—7 to 10%.
- 6- Pedestrian presence—6 to 12%.

Speed-limit violations only took the 5th position, but actually increased the severity of accidents caused by other reasons. Excessive drinking does not appear on the list of accident causes.

Rene Heckenroth Succeeds Millier at ASF in France

Rene HECKENROTH now heads A.S.F. (Autoroutes du Sud de la France), succeeding Jean MILLIER, who is now in charge of the French toll roads association: A.S.F.A. (Association des Societes Francaises d'Auto-routes); Heckenroth is also the President of ACOBA (Autoroute de la Cote Basque).

During his career, HECKENROTH served as Prefect for the following Departments: Aude, Indre, and Prefect of Police of Marseille. He was General Manager of the "Office National des Anciens Combattants" and Senior member of the Council of State.

He is an "Officier de la Legion d'Honneur", "Officier du Merite" and holder of the Croix de Guerre.

George Mucci Retires as Commander Of New Jersey Turnpike Police Unit

New Jersey Turnpike Police unit Captain George F. Mucci has retired after five years as Commander of Troop D and nearly 34 years in the New Jersey State Police. Troop D is the unit patrolling the New Jersey Turnpike.

Mucci spent 12 years on the Turnpike, rising to the top post in 1980. He had been vice chairman of IBTTA's Operations Committee and chairman of its Safety and Security Subcommittee until this year. Earlier, the Captain had been a major organizer and booster of the subcommittee, now a key contributing group on this busy Committee.

Public Opposition to Tolls A Myth, IBTTA Tells NTPAW

The last four times the motoring public had the chance to vote for or against tolls, support for them was overwhelming, Executive Director John J. Hassett told a meeting of the National Transportation Public Affairs Workshop last month. This demonstrates, he said, that public opposition to tolls is a myth, and that if properly presented and documented, with benefits as well as possible disadvantages fully explained, a toll road project can win widespread endorsement.

He referred to public opinion polls in Indiana, Ohio and Virginia, which clearly showed the motorists' preference for the ease and comfort of toll road driving, and to the 1982 referendum in Harris County, Texas, which strongly authorized a \$900 million bond issue to build the Hardy Street Tollway while at the same time turning down a public transit project in the same corridor.

Hassett told the group of State good roads promoters that they should assure politicians that they need not fear public opprobrium if they got behind toll highway building projects in the future, because tax funds will remain scarce and toll financing may be needed to construct needed facilities, especially in suburban areas.

Delaware Memorial Bridge Featured in IRF Publication

The history of the Delaware Memorial Bridge is traced in a feature story in a recent issue of *World Highways*, published by the International Road Federation. The first of the two bridges was opened to traffic in 1951, built by the State of Delaware under a legislative agreement with New Jersey, according to the article.

Rapid traffic growth led to the construction of a parallel twin bridge in 1963. With each span 1,123 meters in length, the Delaware Memorial Bridge is the longest twin suspension bridge in the world. In 1956 the bridge was designated part of Interstate 95, which runs the breadth of the United States from the Canadian border in Maine to Florida.

The Delaware River and Bay Authority, an IBTTA Active member, was formed as an agency of both states to operate the bridge and the Cape May-Lewes Ferry. William J. Miller, Jr., a past president of IBTTA and a member of the IRF board of directors, has served as Executive Director of the Authority since its formation.