

Parking Spaces

Quarterly Newsletter Of The Michigan Parking Association

Upcoming Events



MPA Workshop

Thursday, April 24, 2008
Lansing Center, Lansing

MPA Golf Outing

Thursday, July 24, 2008
Timber Ridge Golf Course, Bath

MPA Fall Conference

Wednesday-Friday,
October 1-3, 2008, Traverse City

For more information on events or to register online, visit: www.michigan-parkingassociation.org or feel free to call any MPA Board member. To receive the MPA newsletter, as well as information regarding upcoming conferences and workshops, via e-mail, please send your name and e-mail address to news@michiganparking-association.org.



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President's Parking Space

by Jon Frederick, MPA President



BELATED HAPPY NEW YEAR! Is it spring yet? I know most of you are ready, but I need a few more days of cold and snow to finish out winter. The snowmobiles are looking for a few more miles on them before it is their turn to get parked.

Well, we just wrapped up the latest training session and even though it wasn't quite as well attended as expected, it was fantastic. I want to thank everyone involved to making it a success. Especially the trainers, they did a great job.

The MPA Board is working hard to continue to bring the organization new benefits. One of the newest things we've done is established a scholarship fund. We are now planning to offer a scholarship each year, as long as we can keep the funds intact, to a college student who writes the best parking related comprehensive essay as judged by the MPA Board. The winner will be asked to present at the fall conference. See additional information later in the newsletter. Special thanks goes out to Jeff Timer, our MPA Board Member who spear-headed this.

We are also working on several other thing including creating an audit committee, assigning new duties to a board member as our legislation watch dog and a new membership drive. In addition, the organization recently sent a letter to the Michigan House of Representatives in support of establishing new legislation for Registration Holds. This legislation would not allow a citizen to register his/her vehicle if they owe outstanding parking tickets. A copy of the letter will be posted on our website and is available for those who wish to join us in trying to establish the legislation.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for all our upcoming events. I am certain you won't regret joining us for any of them. I look forward to seeing and talking with you all throughout the year.

Workshop Details

Thursday, April 24

8 am - 4 pm
Lansing Center
333 E. Michigan Avenue,
Lansing, Michigan
For driving directions, go to:
www.lansingcenter.com

Cost

\$85 for members
\$160 for non-members
(\$160 includes the \$75 MPA
membership fee for 2008)

To register

Mail in the form at the bottom of
the page by April 16

Contact Elaine Kellicut at
(517) 483-4239 with questions.

{ MPA Spring Workshop }

Thursday, April 24, Lansing, Michigan

Workshop Agenda

8 am until 9 am	Registration and Breakfast
	Opening Remarks and Welcome by Jon Frederick
9 am until 9:45 am	<i>Booting</i> Chad Collins & Cory Marchasin, PayLock
9:45 am until 10:30 am	<i>Registration Holds</i> Speaker TBD
10:30 am until 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am until 11:45 am	<i>Automated Pay Systems/Cashier</i> Scott Hill, Amano McGann
12:00 pm until 1:30 pm	Lunch and Telephone Break
1:30 pm until 2:30 pm	Shop Talk: TBD
2:30 pm until 2:45 pm	Break
2: 45 until 3:30 pm	<i>Credit Card (IN/OUT) 1-2-3-PARK</i> Brian Lassaline, Wayne County Airport Authority
3:30 until 4:30 pm	<i>PCI Compliance</i> Bill Church, Wayne County Airport Authority

Spring Workshop Registration

Please mail this form, with
payment to:
MPA c/o Elaine M. Kellicut
City of Lansing
Transportation & Parking Office
219 N. Grand Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933

Please make checks payable to
the Michigan Parking Association.

Name _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

City _____

State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

{ IN REVIEW }

2008 Supervisors & Managers Training

Many comments were made at the end of the training day such as... it was a wonderful day of training...very informative...I learned a lot...it was great...I'm so glad I came.

We owe the very successful day to our trainers: Mr. Christopher Kaminski, Safety Manager for Wayne County Airport Authority and Ms. Susan Graham, Labor Relations Manager for the City of Lansing.

Some of you may remember both of the trainers. Both have been speakers at Spring Workshops. Mr. Kaminski was with us 2007 Spring Workshop. Ms. Graham was with us at the 2004 Spring Workshop. We received the same feedback then as we did on February 21, 2008.

Do you know the safety rules for working around asbestos? Do you know why the MSDS is an essential safety tool? Do you know how to understand and use the information provided to stay safe when working with hazardous chemicals? The morning training provided these answers and the participants received certificates for Asbestos Awareness and Hazardous Communications Training. Mr. Kaminski provided the answers to these questions and much more. He is a phenomenal trainer and we really appreciate the opportunities he provided to our membership for the certification in these two areas.

Did you know that there are new proposed Federal Regulations regarding FMLA? What is the employers' obligation with FMLA? Can you ever take disciplinary action relating to attendance if an employee is on FMLA? Ms. Graham provided attendees with an up-date on FMLA and answers to their questions regarding FMLA abuse and other HR related information and questions in the afternoon training session. Sharing some of our challenges and getting answers to help resolve them was priceless.

David may lose name tags. However, when making the menu choices for the spring training, he suggested ice cream sundaes. So, we all enjoyed a perfect ending to a perfect day.....ice cream sundaes!!!



Speaker Christopher Kaminski and MPA President Jon Frederick



MPA Vice President Elaine Kellicut and speaker Susan Graham

International Parking Institute Update

MPA Board Members Mark Erby, Detroit Metro Airport, and Barbara Singleton, Grand Rapids City Parking, attended the IPI (International Parking Institute) Regional & State Association Meeting in Seattle, WA. The goal of the meeting was to identify strategies and tasks to strengthen the State and Regional Associations.

Some of the future goals of IPI are as follows:

- Long range planning
- Membership growth
- Member benefits
- On-line registration/payments
- On-line payment for training
- Video conference training
- PCI compliance
- Officer training
- Expanded officer customer service training
- Job descriptions by positions
- Website enhancements
- Quick Books / Accounting Processes

Some suggested ways IPI can help State and Regional Associations:

- IPI to review State and Regional Associations websites
- IPI to develop certification options similar to other organizations
- "Certificate Program" vs. "A Certification Program"
- Revenue Control Certification
- Maintenance Certification
- Front-Line Training Certification
- Train the Trainer Certification
- Pre-Conference Workshops
- At IPI conferences
- At S/R conferences
- With Related Associations
- Program Certification Concept
- Advisory Panels

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**Michigan Parking Association
2008 MPA Scholarship Program**

This year the Michigan Parking Association is sponsoring a \$1,500.00 student scholarship to be awarded to a student candidate who has written a comprehensive essay on one of several topics chosen this year by the MPA Board of Directors. The Board feels these topics regarding industry issues and their impact are relevant to today's MPA members.

Topic Choices:

- Marketing Strategies to Raise Membership in the MPA
- Cost Reductions While Adding Value to Parking for Customers
- Improvements in Design and Maintenance of Parking Facilities
- Value and Benefits of Controlled Parking at Hospitals and Universities
- Marketing Strategy to Improve on Customer Comfort with Parking Facilities
- The Future in Parking Enforcement Strategies

Eligibility:

- 1.) Currently (Fall Semester 2008) a Full or Part Time Graduate/Undergraduate Student with a Minimum of 6 credit hours
- 2.) Must be currently attending an accredited college or university in Michigan
- 3.) Must have a GPA of 2.5 or above
- 4.) Must be working on a degree in one of the following fields: Engineering, Marketing/Business, Architecture, City Planning, Criminal Justice
- 5.) Extra points credited for current MPA membership or having an immediate family relative as a MPA member.

Rules:

You must submit an essay, no more than 2,500 words plus illustrations, developing a plan for one of the above topics. Your essay will be judged on originality, technical feasibility, short-term and long-term implications, as well as the effectiveness of your writing. The winner will be required to present their essay at the 2008 MPA Fall Conference in Traverse City, Michigan on October 2, 2008. Travel Expenses will be paid.

Submission Deadline: August 1, 2008

For an application, go to www.michiganparkingassociation.org.

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