



# IGWA Newsletter

*The quarterly newsletter of the Indiana Ground Water Association (IGWA)*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

It is now early March and the mild winter weather has allowed us to get some work done without sub-zero temperatures and waist deep snow.

The IGWA board of directors and committee members met on the Saturday of Super Bowl weekend to work out details for upcoming events this year. We are planning a drilling demo for the spring, looked at planning our annual meeting, continuing education topics and updating our website and by-laws. We had 16 people from both ends of the state taking time out of their busy schedules for the Indiana Ground Water Association.

Spring is just around the corner and we will be pricing jobs for the upcoming months. Don't forget the messages from our convention in November, "Market your professionalism" and "Profit is not a four letter word." We are not the well "digger" of years gone by. We are better educated, more customer service oriented, make house calls no matter the obstacles, and prepared to do the job at hand. We have a great deal invested in our equipment, inventory and people. We have good competition to keep our prices in line. We do not need to lower our prices and risk profit just to get the job. We are professionals.

In closing, I am looking forward to seeing everyone at various events during the year. I also want to thank everyone for the comments, suggestions and support in moving our organization forward. We are all learning with continuing education and trying to make it interesting and something that everyone will enjoy and benefit.

Best wishes,

John Baker, Dilden Brothers  
IGWA President 2012

## IGWA 2011 CONVENTION IN REVIEW

Photos courtesy World Wide Drilling Resource, Inc.

The IGWA's 2011 convention and annual membership meeting included our biennial trade show and continuing education for the new Pump Installer's License, IC 25-39. The conference was held November 6-8, 2011 at the University Plaza Hotel in West Lafayette. Everyone had a great time and many spouses were in attendance.

### Highlights of the conference include:

- **Presentation of Lifetime Membership.**

This year's new Lifetime Members are:



Lewis Kettler  
L.M. Kettler, Inc.



Richard Van Gilder  
Van Gilder Well Drilling

Doris Kettler and Martha VanGilder were both in attendance.

- Keith McGrew of McGrew Well Drilling was presented with a Past President's plaque by incoming President, John Baker of Dilden Brothers.
- 80+ groundwater professionals attended this conference, earning their Continuing Education Units (CEUs) needed by December 31, 2012!

*A reminder of the CEUs you need by December 31, 2012:*

- Drilling Contractors that also install pumps must have a total of 6 CEUs per license OR a total of 12 CEUs
- Pump Installers only need 6 CEUs

We hope you had a good time, visited with old friends, and learned something new you didn't already know. Check out the IGWA website for upcoming programs and our calendar insert on page 8 in this issue of our newsletter.

### Scholarship Update

The Scholarship Committee raised \$1,802 with the Silent Auction. To access an application, go to [www.indianagroundwater.org](http://www.indianagroundwater.org) and click on "Scholarship."



More conference photos next page.

## 2011 CONFERENCE IN REVIEW (continued)





## 2011 CONFERENCE IN REVIEW (continued)

### 2011 SPEAKERS

Dave Batdorff, Franklin Electric  
Mark Basch, IDNR - Division of Water  
Monique Riggs, IDNR - Division of Water  
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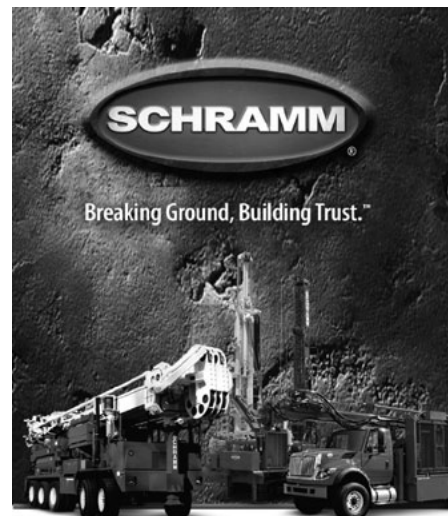
### Past Scholarship Winners Attend IGWA Banquet



Levi Rutledge, 2011 Winner



Derick Shipe, 2010 Winner



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# NEW DOT RULES PROHIBIT CELL PHONE USE

*By Mark Hacker, Hacker Plumbing & Drilling*

On January 3, 2012 the U.S. Department of Transportation enacted a new rule prohibiting the use of hand held cell phones in commercial vehicles. The rule includes drivers on both interstate AND intrastate roads across the country. The rule affects CDL drivers of the following:

1. Combination Vehicles (Group A)
  - Any combination of vehicles with a gross combination weight rating(GCWR) of 26,001 pounds or more OR the vehicle being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds.
2. Heavy Straight Vehicle (Group B)
  - Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 pounds or more.
3. Small Vehicle (Group C)
  - Any vehicle intended for the use of transporting Hazardous Material.
  - Any vehicle designed to haul 16 passengers or more including the driver.
  - Any vehicle equipped with air brakes.

## **"Use of hand-held cell phone" means:**

1. Using at least one hand to hold a mobile telephone to conduct a voice communication.
2. Dialing or answering a mobile telephone by pressing more than a single button.
3. Reaching for a mobile telephone in a manner that requires the driver to maneuver so that he or she is no longer in a seated driving position restrained by a seat belt.

"Hands-free" head sets are allowed to be used as well as "push to talk" devices PROVIDING that the driver does not have to reach for or hold the device while driving. You may NOT use the mobile phone while at a stop light or any temporary stop unless the vehicle is parked safely at the side of the road or in a designated parking area. This rule also does not apply to two-way or CB radios, oddly enough.

HEAVY fines are also part of the new rule. Drivers who violate the new ban will face federal civil penalties of up to \$2,750 for each offense and disqualification for multiple offenses. The "motor carrier," the owner of the vehicle, that allows a driver to violate this rule can face fines of up to \$11,000 for each violation! Oh, and texting? Texting is already prohibited in ANY vehicle being driven on public roads. It has been proven that texting is more dangerous the talking while driving.

How many of you contractors have weighed your truck and trailer while hauling your mini-excavator or skid-steer loader? An existing rule in Indiana states that any combination of truck and trailer that exceeds 26,001 pounds, the driver MUST hold a valid CDL physical exam. I found this out the hard way. Now ALL of my employees, including summer and temporary help, must have a

CDL physical before starting work at my company. Our company physician performs these exams.

My company has taken the stance of "NO CELL PHONE USE IN ANY COMPANY OWNED VEHICLE WHILE DRIVING." And to answer your question — YES, this is hard for me to get used to. I've been known in the past to return customer calls, order material, schedule jobs and inspections, call my wife to tell her I love her, and so on. But I've also caught myself being DISTRACTED from driving safely while doing so. So to answer your other question — YES, I bought one of those fancy "hands-free" gadgets. Yet, I still limit the use of my cell phone even with the head set. It's still too easy to get distracted. Keep your eyes on the road!

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

Source: Department of Transportation, FMCSA

**Q: What is the effective date of the Mobile Telephone rule?**  
The effective date of the rule is January 3, 2012.

**Q: Are wired or wireless earpieces allowed?**  
Yes. Hands-free use of a mobile telephone is allowed using either a wired or wireless earpiece, or the speakerphone function of the mobile telephone. Wireless connection of the mobile telephone to the vehicle for hands-free operation of the telephone, which would allow the use of single-button controls on the steering wheel or dashboard, would also be allowed.

**Q: Are commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers allowed to use push-to-talk mobile communications equipment while driving?**  
Yes, provided the driver does not reach for, dial, or hold the actual mobile telephone in his/her hand while driving and the driver is able to touch the button needed to operate the push-to-talk feature from the normal seated position with the safety belt fastened. Generally, the use of this type of communications equipment does not require drivers to take their eyes off of the forward roadway because the button used to enable the driver to communicate can be operated from the normal seated position with the safety belt fastened. For example, if the mobile phone is mounted in a cradle or similar device near the driver, or there is a remote push-to-talk button near the vehicle controls to allow the driver to communicate without reaching for, dialing, or holding the actual mobile telephone in his/her hands while driving, the equipment may be used.

**Q: Are holders of a commercial driver's license (CDL) subject to the regulation only when driving a CMV, as defined in 49 CFR 383.5, or any vehicle?**  
CDL holders are subject to the Federal rule only when driving a CMV.

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## Hand-Held Cell Phone Ban — Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

**Q: What drivers are covered by the Federal rule: intrastate or interstate? CDL holders? All CMVs?**

This Federal rule covers both, drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce, and also any drivers who operate a vehicle transporting a quantity of hazardous materials requiring placarding under 49 CFR Part 172 or any quantity of a material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 CFR part 73.

If a CMV driver is employed by a State or a political subdivision of a State (e.g. county, city, township, etc.), FMCSA safety regulations do not apply, even if the driver is engaged in interstate transportation. But if a CMV driver employed by a State or a political subdivision of a State is operating a vehicle that requires a CDL, the applicable State traffic laws would govern (e.g., Maryland's prohibition on the use of hand-held phones). The States have 3 years to implement by State law the disqualification provision.

**Q: What is required of the employer in terms of company policy or training?**

The rule does not require motor carriers to establish written policies in terms of company policy or training programs for their drivers. However, employers are prohibited from allowing or requiring their drivers to use hand-held mobile phones. A motor carrier may establish policies or practices that make it clear that the employer does not require or allow hand-held mobile telephone use while driving a CMV in interstate commerce. The carrier is responsible for its drivers' conduct.

**Q: Is dialing a phone number allowed under this rule?**

No. Dialing a mobile telephone while operating a CMV in interstate commerce is prohibited by the rule. A driver can initiate, answer, or terminate a call by touching a single button on a mobile telephone, earpiece, steering wheel, or instrument panel – comparable to using vehicle controls or instrument panel functions, such as the radio or climate control system.

**Q: Can a driver reach for a mobile telephone even if he/she intends to use the hands-free function?**

No. In order to comply with this rule, a driver must have his or her mobile telephone located where the driver is able to initiate, answer, or terminate a call by touching a single button while the driver is in the seated driving position and properly restrained by a seat belt. If the mobile telephone is not close to the driver and operable while the driver is restrained by properly installed and adjusted seat belts, then the driver is considered to be reaching for the mobile phone, which is prohibited by the rule.

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## National Ground Water Awareness Week, March 11-17, 2012

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The 13th edition of National Ground Water Awareness Week will take place March 11-17, 2012, in what has become the premiere annual recognition event focusing on the world's largest source of available fresh water.

- Download logo, advertisement (see ad below), poster, flyer, sample press release and other supporting information from the Web site, [www.ngwa.org](http://www.ngwa.org).
- If your Affiliate State plans to promote Ground Water Awareness Week, contact NGWA Public Awareness Director Cliff Treyens (800 551.7379, x 554), and NGWA will list you as a promotional partner on the Awareness Week web page with a link to your website.
- Contact Cliff Treyens, Public Awareness Director (800-551-7379, x 554) with any additional questions or requests for help.

In 2011, 300+ web and social media sites promoted National Ground Water Awareness Week.

### Time for Your Annual Water Well Checkup

*Just as you seasonally check your furnace or smoke detector batteries, the National Ground Water Association recommends an annual water well checkup.*

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National Ground Water Awareness Week  
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For up-to-the minute Continuing Education Programs OR how to qualify for a program, visit the DNR Division of Water's website at [www.in.gov/dnr/water](http://www.in.gov/dnr/water)

**REMINDERS**

- Have you renewed your license for 2012 with the DNR? It's not too late!
- Have you paid your IGWA Membership Dues for 2012? Not sure? Go to our website at [www.indianagroundwater.org](http://www.indianagroundwater.org) and click on Membership or call the office at 888.443.7336

**SPRING PROJECT**

The IGWA is working on a geothermal drilling demo in late April. Frank Graves of Moss Well Drilling and Keith McGrew of McGrew Well Drilling are co-chairing the event. The tentative location is Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis.

**APRIL 30, 2012**

IGWA Scholarship Application Deadline – for an application go to [www.indianagroundwater.org](http://www.indianagroundwater.org) or call the office at 888.443.7336

**NOVEMBER 10, 2012**

Annual Membership Meeting and Continuing Education  
Camp Camby (located between Indianapolis and Mooresville)

**NOVEMBER 30, 2012**

IGWA Membership Dues Renewal

**DECEMBER 30, 2012**

Drillers license renewal with the DNR. Continuing Education due for  
Drillers and Pump Installers License Renewal