

# VIEWPOINT

## NEWSLETTER

Mid October 2006

### A Little Funny.

A blonde walked into a gas station and said to the manager, "I locked my keys in my car. Do you have a coat hanger or something I can stick through the window to unlock the door?"

"Why sure," said the manager, "we have something that works especially well for that."

A couple minutes later, the manager walked outside to see how the blonde was doing and he heard another voice. "No, no! A little to the left," said the other blonde inside the car.

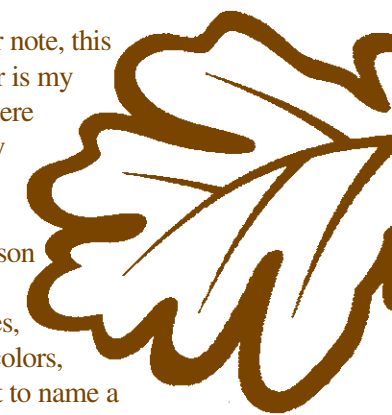
### A MESSAGE From Our President Ray Sabol.

As many of you know, the fourth annual joint convention of our Indiana Cemetery Association (ICA) and the Kentucky Cemetery Association (KCA) was recently held at the Hilton Gardens, in downtown Indianapolis. With the informal survey I took as well as other comments that came my way it was very well received! Many attendees spoke positively about the speakers and the choice of location was mentioned several times with very good comments. For those of you who were not able to attend, you missed out on some very useful information and ideas on how to improve your operations, to say nothing of the opportunity to make new friends and develop partners in the industry. That aspect, I believe, is a part of the convention that is often over-looked. One good idea that would improve or change the way we do business that comes from a fellow attendee will more than pay for your registration. Taking the time to educate oneself is something we all need to do no matter how long we have been in the industry. Hopefully you will join us next year when the convention is held in

Kentucky. At the ICA membership meeting we approved revising the ICA By-Laws. This was mostly an update of language to reflect how we do business today, since changes have been made over the last few years. All members will be receiving a copy from our Executive Director, Casey Miller. In addition, Casey will be mailing an updated list of board members and dates of their terms as officers and/or members of the board.

For the next several months the focus of the ICA board will be on legislative issues. As many of you know we are drafting a bill that addresses four areas of our operations. I am looking to have the first draft completed by the end of this month. Once we have an opportunity to review it we will begin to build an alliance of support as well as selecting an author for our bill.

On a lighter note, this time of year is my favorite. There are so many positives during the autumn season - the cooler temperatures, all the fall colors, football just to name a few. Don't worry about what comes next. It certainly is good and wise to look down



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President's Message Continued

the road with certain aspects of our lives but other times we need to stop, look around and live in the present. From time to time we need to jump off the merry-go-round of our normal routines and responsibilities. Maybe this is the time that you go apple picking take a drive to Turkey Run or any of the things you have wanted to do. Remember, no person lying on their deathbed ever said they wished they had spent more time at the office!

Ray Sabol  
President ICA

# A few snapshots from the ICA/KCA Annual Convention and Summer Maintenance Seminar and Exposition



## International Cemetery and Funeral Association Changes Name to Include "Cremation"

Albuquerque, NM (October 4, 2006) - On October 4, the International Cemetery and Funeral Association Board of Directors voted unanimously to change the name of the association to the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association. The name change will take effect on January 1, 2007.

**Editor's Note:** The ICA would like to sincerely thank Don Remenschneider, Craig Wiseman, Tracy Johnson and John Dick for hosting the summer and fall events.

Make that 6' please!



Don Remenschneider - Concordia Cemetery



Heath Fairfax - Greenlawn Memorial Park, Ft. Wayne



Borg-Warner Trophy



Above: Bronze memorial refinishing demonstration - Matthews International  
Left: Paul Marshall - Matthews  
Below: Randy Wilde - Holland Supply



Carrie Hughes - Star Granite



Bob Ash

