

CROAA *Advisor*.....

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ACCA's 80th Annual Convention is an Educational Opportunity You Don't Want to Miss!

The ACCA Annual Convention will be Aug. 18-21 at the Perdido Beach Resort. Certified Revenue Officers will have the opportunity to earn up to 20 hours of continuing education. The Resort is overbooked, but other rooms are available at the Phoenix. This year, we will have all new speakers discussing various aspects of our jobs from titling manufactured homes to tax abatements. We will also elect new officers. For more information about CROAA's agenda, as well as the conference agenda as a whole, just turn the page.

In October 2006, Kevin and I called a board meeting to discuss our goals for CROAA. During the past two years, many of those goals were accomplished, including increased CROAA membership, a new CROAA pamphlet, and better communication between CROAA and state legislators.

Although work on Business License reform was unsuccessful at passing a bill, we were able to establish the ground work for future use. Along with the Association of County Commissions of Alabama and other groups, CROAA was able to voice its concerns about legislation that could have removed sales tax from groceries.

Since joining CROAA in October 1997,

it has always been my goal to one day serve as president of this organization. I thank you for that opportunity and feel that CROAA has grown over the past two years.

I would like to personally thank **Kevin Caputo, Brenda Meads** and **Patricia Ross**. Each of these individuals gave up hours of their time to make CROAA a better organization. I'm not sure if you know this, but Kevin has served more time in elected CROAA office than anyone. I know that Kevin will take CROAA to the next level, and you should be proud to have such a dedicated president.

Kirk Keith
President, Tuscaloosa County

CROAA ELECTIVE

How to Safely Perform Revenue Field Work

July 9-11 at the Shelby County Community Service Building

This course provides information regarding best practices when involved with potentially hazardous field work.

Registration is \$195. Register online at www.coned.jsu.edu or call 800-634-7199.

Membership Has Its Privileges...

As a member of the County Revenue Officers of Alabama, membership has its privileges! And, one of the benefits of membership is this newsletter, which will be published quarterly and jam-packed with information we think will be useful to you. CROAA is a statewide organization of professionals just like you. Through the Association, you will be provided educational opportunities to further your skills as a leader in your profession, all the while making important contacts that can prove most useful in the future.

Not a member of CROAA? If you would like to learn more about CROAA, log on to www.acca-online.org and look for CROAA in the Affiliates section.

Not sure if your membership dues are up-to-date? Please e-mail **Jennifer Datcher** at jdatcher@acca-online.org.

Membership dues are \$10 annually. Make checks payable to County Revenue Officers Association of Alabama and mail with completed form, which can be found online, to:

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What's so special about ACCA's 80th Annual Convention?

The Association staff has designed the 80th Annual Convention to make the week-long experience something special for each member.

Not only will there be interesting vendors to captivate you on Tuesday, Aug. 19, but there are also plenty of educational sessions to give you exciting ideas to take back to your counties.

The registration desk will be open on Tuesday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. inside the Exhibit Hall. Be sure to pick up your registration packets for last-minute details about the week. **CROAA's first educational session will be on Tuesday from 1-5 p.m.:**

- ➔ *Titling of Manufactured Homes* with Mike Gamble from the Alabama Department of Revenue;
- ➔ *Preparing for the Next Legislative Session* with ACCA Assistant Executive Director Sonny Brasfield; and
- ➔ *Revenue and Economic Forecasting* with Kelly Butler with the Legislative Fiscal Office.

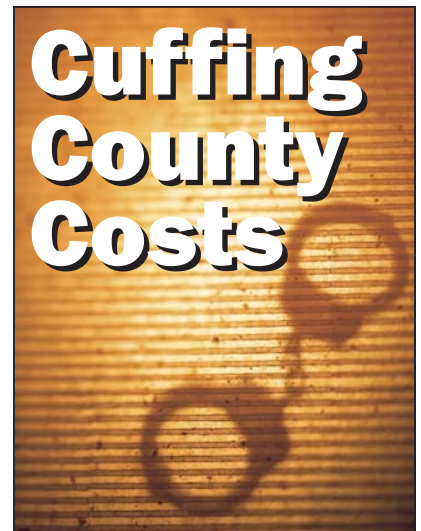
On Wednesday, Aug. 20, you might want to check out the hot topics during the Opening General Session. Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb will be on hand to discuss *Juvenile Justice Reform and Community Corrections*. To see what Alabama's District Attorneys are doing to fight the growing meth problem in our state, check out *ZEROMETH*. And, join State Finance Director Jim Main for a report of the Alabama Department of Finance. Following the County Agents Kitchen Lunch, be sure to catch one of the Concurrent Sessions.

- ➔ *Saving Money on Juvenile Justice* with Morgan County Judge Shelly waters and Morgan County Commission Chairman John Glasscock;
- ➔ *Removing Sales Tax on Food* with Kimble Forrester with Alabama ARISE;
- ➔ *It's a Thick Book – Constitutional Reform Video*; to name a few.

Thursday, Aug. 21, will begin with another CROAA educational session from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

- ➔ *Business Session*;
- ➔ *Tax Abatements* with Angela Till from the Alabama Department of Revenue; and
- ➔ *Current Issues Regarding Sales and Use Taxes* with Attorney Jeff Patterson.

ACCA's Business Session, following the Affiliate Reports and ACCA Annual Report, will include the reports of the Resolutions and Nominating Committees prior to the district caucuses. And, don't forget the **President's Banquet at 6:30 p.m.** followed by the **Presidential Inaugural Dance** featuring The Sweet Young 'Uns.



80th ANNUAL Convention

Aug. 19 - 21, 2008 • Perdido Beach Resort • Orange Beach, Ala. • TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, August 18

12 p.m.

Golf Tournament Lunch

1 p.m.

Golf Tournament Shotgun Start
Soldiers Creek Golf Course in Elberta, AL

1 - 7 p.m.

Fishing Expedition
Reel Surprise Charter Docks

Tuesday, August 19

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Affiliate Membership Meetings
ACEA - 10 a.m.; ACAA - 11 a.m.;
AAND - 3 p.m.; AAEM - 4 p.m.

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Exhibit Showcase

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

12 - 1 p.m.

Strolling Lunch in the Exhibit Hall

1 - 5 p.m.

CROAA Educational Session

- Titling of Manufactured Homes, *Mike Gamble, ADOR*
- Preparing for the Next Legislative Session, *Sonny Brasfield, ACCA*
- Revenue and Economic Forecasting, *Kelly Butler, Legislative Fiscal Office*

1 - 2 p.m.

ACCA Board of Directors Meeting

2 - 3 p.m.

ACCA Workers Compensation and Liability
Insurance Fund Meeting

5 - 6:30 p.m.

Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall

Wednesday, August 20

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Convention Breakfast
Nominating Committee Meeting
Resolutions Committee Meeting

8 - 11:30 a.m.

Registration Desk Open

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Opening General Session

- Juvenile Justice Reform and Community Corrections, *Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb*
- Montgomery County Drug Court Program, *Judge Tracy McCooy*
- ZEROMETH Program, *Etowah County District Attorney Jimmie Harp, and Greg Davis, president, d groupe*
- NACo Update, *Don Stapley, NACo President-Elect*
- Alabama Department of Finance, *Jim Main, State Finance Director*

12 - 1:15 p.m.

County Agents Kitchen Lunch

1:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

- Saving Money on Juvenile Justice, *Morgan County Judge Shelly Waters, Morgan County Commission Chairman John Glasscock*
- Removing Sales Tax on Food, *Kimble Forrester, Alabama ARISE*
- Why You Need a Fatality Management Plan, *Cindy Lesinger, ADPH*
- Houston County Toll Road, *Chairman Mark Culver*
- Statewide Interoperability Program, *Chuck Murpb, ADHS*
- It's A Thick Book - Constitutional Reform Video
- Concrete Inverts for Metal Pipes, *Chambers County Engineer Henry Hawkins*

Thursday, August 21

7:45 - 8:45 a.m.

County Agents Kitchen Breakfast

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

CROAA Educational Session

- Business Session
- Tax Abatements, *Angela Till, ADOR*
- Current Issues Regarding Sales and Use Taxes, *Jeff Patterson, Attorney*

8:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Breakout Sessions:

Commissioners

- Wireless Internet for Economic Development, *Danny D'Andre, Alabama Power*
- Rural Economic Development, *Ken Tucker, Marengo County Commission*

- National Incident Management System, *Richard Harvey, Fire Chief, City of Springville*
- How U.S. Communities Can Work for Your County, *Mary Pelfrey, Program Coordinator*

ACEA

- ALDOT Update, *Ed Phillips*
- Use of Recycled Cooking Oil for Bio-Diesel Fuel, *Rob McElroy, Daphne Utilities General Manager*
- Workers Compensation Losses, *Jerry Gill and Connie Wilson, Meadowbrook Insurance*
- Report on Motor Grader Training, *Houston County Engineer Mark Pool*
- Update on New Road and Bridge Funding, *Sonny Brasfield, ACCA*

ACAA

- Examiners Report, *Mike Scroggins*
- Ins and Outs of Property Insurance, *Cindy Mims, Meadowbrook Insurance*
- Update on Bid Law Changes, *Mary Pons, ACCA Staff Attorney*

AAEM and AAND

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- What is Your Persona?, *Buddy Sharpless*
- Examiners Report, *Mike Scroggins*
- DHS Update, *Jim Walker, Director*

10:45 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Spouse Program - A Day at the SPA

12 - 1:15 p.m.

Convention Luncheon Honoring
2007-2008 President Jerold Dean

1:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Afternoon General Session

- Awards Ceremony
- Pros and Cons of Tax Abatements
- Affiliate Reports
- ACCA Annual Report
- ACCA Business Session

6:30 p.m.

President's Banquet Honoring 2008-2009
President-Elect Joe Faulk

8 p.m.

President's Inaugural Dance Featuring *The Sweet Young Uns*

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CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

County or Company Name: _____

Person Completing Form: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

ACCA member registration is **\$185 per person before July 25.** (\$210 per person after July 25.)

Company registration is **\$265 per person before July 25.** (\$290 per person after July 25)

\$_____ Total amount enclosed. **Please do not ask ACCA to bill you.**

List below those you are registering for the convention. Please indicate if each person is a
(C) Commissioner, (CA) Clerk/Administrator, (CE) County Engineer, (ACE) Assistant County Engineer, (EIT)
Engineer in Training, (AAEM) Emergency Management, (CROAA) County Revenue Officer, (AAND) E-911,
(CR) Company Representative, (G) Guest or (S) Spouse.

Please note that cancellations will not be refunded after Friday, Aug. 8, 2008.

Please return completed form and check payable to ACCA by Friday, July 25, to:

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