



GRITS Daily - Here's What's Cookin'



News brief of the 2013 GRITS Annual Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

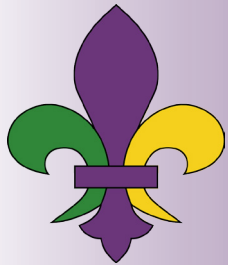
Sessions Highlight

Visit the 41st floor following breakfast for another morning of learning and take advantage of the opportunity to earn more Professional Development Hours. Listen to a panel of ITS professionals and engage in discussions. A Communications session will be available along with a Transit Workshop and Surge Protection Workshop during the first portion of the morning. After the morning break, classes will resume. Concurrent sessions include ITS Project Implementation, Traffic Operations, and Special Event Management. Classes will conclude at noon to allow for afternoon activities.

Carlton Dufrechou



Carlton Dufrechou with the GNEOC will address attendees during this morning's breakfast hour.



Submit a completed Exhibitor Raffle sheet to the registration desk for a chance to win a Yeti Cooler! Winner will be announced Wednesday morning.

Afternoon Activities

Golf Tournament

A four-man scramble will begin at noon at the English Turn Golf and Country Club. Transportation to and from the location will be provided. Lunch will also be provided to players.

Technical Tour

The technical tour will consist of a streetcar ride down Canal St., a tour of the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) management facility, and a tour of the Regional Transportation Management Center (RTMC). Transportation will be provided, and lunch will be included for participants.

Put your game face on! Support GRITS U!



Don't forget to wear your collegiate apparel tomorrow to support the kickoff of GRITS U, and round out this year's conference!

Tuesday's Weather Forecast



High 88°
Low 76°

chance of isolated thunderstorms



Chris Hilyer and Scott Belcher

Congratulations!

Following Scott Belcher's address to attendees during Monday's lunch, he presented the 2013 True GRIT award to Chris Hilyer. The True GRIT award recognizes individuals for outstanding leadership or service in promotion of the GRITS chapter or ITS throughout the region.

Additionally, Subasish Das was awarded First Place Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Extracurricular Activities, and Written Essay supporting the mission and goals of the GRITS chapter.



Subasish Das and Scott Belcher

ATTENDEES ENJOY MONDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Attendees were treated to a fun filled Monday evening with local specialties thanks to sponsors, InLine and Delcan. Following a day of learning, attendees enjoyed a Hurricane Party sponsored by InLine in the Exhibit Hall. The Hurricane is a cocktail made famous in New Orleans and a favorite of many locals. Afterwards, Delcan sponsored an evening out at famed ACME Oyster House in the French Quarter. Attendees dined on cajun fare, such as red beans and rice, jambalaya, raw oysters, shrimp, fish, and refreshments.



Explore the Big Easy!

Dinner is on your own tonight, so take advantage of the opportunity and explore all that New Orleans has to offer! With the hotel located in the heart of the French Quarter, enjoy a little sightseeing, try dinner at the Bourbon House, sing karaoke at The Cat's Meow, visit Pat O' Briens, or venture off for beignets at famed Cafe Du' Monde. Try your luck at Harrah's Casino, or visit Howlin' Wolf for some live music. All are within walking distance of the hotel.