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EDITOR'S
CORNER

Unfortunately, I don't have anything insightful to say at the moment (unlike past Newsletters). So, instead, I thought that I'd regale you with some of my favorite transportation jokes.

Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?

Why are there flotation devices under plane seats instead of parachutes?

Why is it that when you transport something by car, it's called a *shipment*, but when you transport something by ship, it's called *cargo*?

TSS NEWS AND
NOTES

Dissertation Prize
Winners

This years Dissertation Prize winners have been announced. First Prize was awarded to Tassio Carvalho from Princeton University. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Christopher Caplice, Kerry Malone and Eric Verhoff.

Congratulations!

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Election Results

The results are in! Our new Vice President is Marius Solomon and our new Council Members are Julien Bramel and "Jay" Jayakrishnan. The Section extends its sincerest thanks to all of the candidates.

Meeting Notice

You know that
indestructible
"black box" on
planes, why can't
they make the
whole plane out of
the same substance?

The next business
meeting of the TSS
will be held on
Monday May 5 in
the Towne Room
from 6:15pm to
7:15pm. See you
there.

Why do we drive on
parkways and park
on driveways?

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Time is flying by! This is a common enough complaint, especially in our community where it is usually accompanied by a sigh to suggest how many more things we would like to do only if we had the time, that one rarely fully realizes its meaning.

One stops and takes notice, however, when someone special, someone close passes away. We recently suffered such a loss when Dr. Robert Herman left us. Indeed, the entire scientific community has lost one of its most distinguished members. We, however, lost more than that. Dr. Herman was a founding father of the profession and of our journal. He was also one of our most open and inquisitive minds. Others, who knew him better, will offer more appropriate eulogies. I regret that I had only a few, brief occasions to personally appreciate his sharp intellectual individuality and warm, engaging personality. We shall miss him.

The passage of time also brings along happier occasions and, if you'll forgive this bout of self-congratulatory prose, I believe the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Centre for Research on Transportation in Montreal is such an occasion. On behalf of the TSS, I offer the CRT our congratulations and best wishes for many more years to come. On behalf of all my colleagues at the CRT, I thank all of you, members of TSS, who joined your efforts to ours in years past and joined us in this year's celebrations.

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The clocks are ticking, Meanwhile, the Section is moving along due to the combined efforts of many of you. At the next INFORMS meeting in San Diego, the Transportation Science Section will have again an impressive presence. We express our gratitude to the many of you who organized sessions, to our colleagues who chair the special interest groups and are pivotal for this activities, and especially to R. Jayakrishnan who did again a terrific coordination job. [H. Mahmassani](#) is in charge of our sessions for the Dallas meeting (Fall 1997), and [B. Gendron](#) for the one in Montreal (Spring 1998). Any volunteers for Fall 1998 in Seattle?

Many other activities are going on while the clocks are ticking: a membership drive coordinated by C. Barnhart, a new Logistics Network being designed, a larger Society with the TSS as a main component being discussed. All of this issues and more will be discussed at the TSS business meeting on Monday night in San Diego. I'm looking forward to meeting you at that occasion.

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