

“Better Mousetrap” winners for 2002

CITY, county, and state workers entered 15 “mousetraps” in the second annual “Build a Better Mousetrap” competition held September 11, 2002, during the Iowa Maintenance Training Expo in Ames. Six winners were chosen:

- Enhanced road work sign, Maintenance Crew, Iowa DOT—Sidney
- LED pedestrian signal retrofit, Jim DeWitt, City of Clive
- Underbody wash, Dennis Guillaume, City of Ankeny
- Portable utility box, Maintenance Crew, Iowa DOT—Tipton
- Guardrail cleaner, Maintenance Crew, Iowa DOT—Dyersville
- Anti-ice bar, Maintenance Crew, Iowa DOT—Dyersville

Two other submissions deserve honorable mention:

- Horizontal drill jig, Galen Hammerly and Glenn Jontz, City of Newton
- Water pump transporter, Gary Keller, Lee County

Each winning “mousetrap” will be published in *Technology News*, beginning next issue.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who submitted entries for sharing your good ideas. •

2002 “roadeo” winners

NEARLY 120 people competed in the Iowa Snow Plow and Motor Grader Roadeo in Ames on September 10, 2002, by taking written exams and driving snow plow trucks or motor graders through an obstacle course.

Snow plow truck competition. Forty-four teams of drivers demonstrated their skill in the truck division. First- and third-place teams from the City of Ankeny have won the roadeo in previous years.

Greg Householder and Mark Goins, City of Ankeny, formed the first place team. Combined, they have 36 years experience driving a snow plow.

Bill Bauer and Kevin Decker from the City of Des Moines Public Works Department placed second.

Third place winners Charles Cole and Dennis Gaulke, City of Ankeny, have 13 years of combined experience.

Motor grader division. In the motor grader division, 29 operators competed.

Fred Lampe, Johnson County Secondary Roads Department, placed first.

Scott Lundquist, City of Ames, placed second.

Kary Obman, Sac County Road Department, placed third. •



Snow plow winners, left to right: Charles Cole, Dennis Gaulke, Mark Goins, Greg Householder, Bill Bauer, Kevin Decker.



Motor grader operator winners, left to right: Scott Lundquist, Fred Lampe, Kary Obman