

Iowa LTAP Mission

To foster a safe, efficient, and environmentally sound transportation system by improving skills and knowledge of local transportation providers through training, technical assistance, and technology transfer, thus improving the quality of life for Iowans.

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2006 snow "roadeo" winners

Nearly 80 people competed in the Iowa Snow Roadeo in Cedar Rapids, October 26, 2006. This was a new venue with new courses.

Participants in the truck and motor grader competitions took a written exam, inspected a vehicle for defects, and then drove a snow plow truck or motor grader through an obstacle course. In addition to the truck and motor grader divisions, participants could also enter a new loader competition, which included driving only.

Teams from central Iowa swept the truck and motor grader competitions, but smaller jurisdictions held their own in the loader competition.

Snow plow truck competition

Twenty-three teams of two demonstrated their skill in the truck division. In first place were John Trunnel and Kevin Decker, City of

Des Moines. In second place were Jeff Anderson and Jeff Sherman, City of Des Moines. And in third place were Keith Warne and Kevin Buttrey, City of Des Moines.

Motor grader competition

Fifteen drivers competed in the motor grader division. Caryl Vanderkam, City of Des Moines, took first place. Gary Rank, City of West Des Moines, won second (last year he placed first). Steve Todd, City of Des Moines, placed third.

Loader competition

Seventeen drivers tested their skills on the new loader course. Josh Reynolds, City of West Des Moines, placed first. Doug Klett, Keokuk County, took second. Marv Manternach, Jones County, and Don Wallace, City of Bettendorf, tied for third.

Congratulations to all who competed. ■



2006 motor grader winners (from left to right): 3rd place Steve Todd, 2nd place Gary Rank, and 1st place Caryl Vanderkamp.



2006 loader winners (from left to right): 1st place Josh Reynolds, 2nd place Doug Klett, and 3rd place Don Wallace. Marv Manternach, not pictured, also tied for 3rd place.



2006 snow plow truck winners (2-person teams from left to right): 3rd place Keith Warne and Kevin Buttrey, 1st place John Trunnel and Kevin Decker, and 2nd place Jeff Anderson and Jeff Sherman.

All 2006 snow roadeo photos provided by Jon Meeks, City of Davenport.