

# 2008 National Transportation Week POSTER CONTEST



Two South Carolina fifth-grade students won first and second place in a national poster contest as part of National Transportation Week. In total, 13 states participated in the Student Poster Contest generating over 1500 student art submissions.

The first place national winner was Sean Connor of Whittaker Elementary School in Orangeburg. Mitch Garrett, of Fork Shoals School in Greenville, was national second place winner.

There were only three national winners in the contest sponsored by the US Department of Transportation, the Institute of Transportation Engineers and the Engineering Society of Detroit. Local sponsors included the American Public Works Association, the Auto Alliance, the SC Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Division Administration South Carolina Division and the South Carolina Alliance to Fix Our Roads (SC FOR).

Across South Carolina, there were more than 1100 entries from students participating in the poster contest. In a ceremony held in Columbia on May 15, the first prize winner received a \$200 savings bond to the student and \$500 award to the student's school. The second prize winner received a \$100 savings bond to the student and \$200 award to the student's school.

The theme of this year's poster contest was, "One Nation On The Move."

Held on May 11-17, 2008, National Transportation Week provides an opportunity for the transportation community to join together for greater awareness about the importance of transportation. National Transportation Week also focuses on making youth aware of transportation-related careers. DTJ



First Place:  
Sean Connor, Orangeburg, SC



Second Place:  
Mitch Garrett, Pelzer, SC



The First Place National Winner in the Transportation Week "One Nation On The Move" poster contest is 5th grader Sean Connor (front, center holding plaque) of Whittaker Elementary School in Orangeburg. The award was presented to him in Columbia on May 15. Shown from left are: John Connor (his father), Harolyn Conner (his mother), Ashton Conner (his brother), Jae Mattox of the South Carolina section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, Sean Connor, SCDOT Deputy Secretary of Finance and Administration Debra Rountree, SC Division Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration Bob Lee, SC Alliance to Fix Our Roads Executive Director Debbie Bass, SCDOT Deputy Secretary For Engineering Tony Chapman and FHWA Office of Professional and Corporate Development Associate Administrator Joe Toole.



The Second Place National Winner in the Transportation Week "One Nation On The Move" poster contest is 5th grader Mitch Garrett, center, Fork Shoals School in Greenville. The award was presented to him in Columbia on May 15. Presenting the award to him are Jae Mattox of the South Carolina section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, left, and FHWA Office of Professional and Corporate Development Associate Administrator Joe Toole.



Third Place:  
Steven Pitts, Bloomfield Hills, MI