

Celebrating Our Past, Present, and Future

by Jerry Gaines, CASE Past President

A review of the past 50 years of history, as it applies to the California Association for Safety Education (CASE), shows commitment and dedication by many traffic safety educators. Numerous pioneers put forth much effort to establish and improve driver instruction programs and to play key roles in the organization and development of CASE.

In the early 1950's, two driver education teachers, Robert Fraser of the Bay Area and Gordon Stanton of the Los Angeles area, corresponded to discuss the possibility of a statewide driver education association. On June 5, 1953, a small group of driver instruction advocates (Lynwood Lyons, Earl Green, Fred Gugat, Alan Probst, Ed Wier, Martin Jack, Dick Kaywood, Cecil Zaun, Frank Webber, and William Feathers) met at the home of Marshall Crawshaw, who had established the first complete driver instruction course with behind-the-wheel instruction at University High School in Los Angeles. The next day a larger meeting was held and the California Driver Education Association (CALDEA) was established. The *CALDEA Calendar* appeared with Robert Fraser at its first editor.

The first CALDEA conference was held in Yosemite with 30 members in attendance. There the first constitution was established, and Assemblyman Earl W. Stanley, State Senator Randolph Collier, Cecil Zaun and M. Eugene Mushlitz were commended for their work in achieving state legislation enabling driver instruction to be a part of the state's high school course offerings. Starting with Marshall Crawshaw, some 38 traffic safety educators have served as president of CALDEA/CASE.

From these beginning years, CALDEA/CASE grew into a viable organization with over 500 members. In the golden years (1953-1962), CALDEA was active with several chapters set up throughout the state. Many workshops were held to meet teacher needs. Dues were \$2.00 per year for the first four years, going up to \$3.00 per year in 1959.

In the challenge years (1962-1974), CALDEA became CASE (reflecting a desire to focus on total K-12 traffic safety education). And in the "crunch" years (1974-2001), CASE was busy trying to maintain—and after the loss of state reimbursement for driver training in 1990—trying to restore driver education and driver training in the public schools. CASE worked closely with its affiliate, the California Teachers Association, in both litigation and sponsored legislation to fight for driver instruction in the public schools.

Through our 50 years we have a lot to be thankful and grateful for. We are especially thankful for our board members, members, conference attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors. Thank you for our "past, present, and future" successes.



A Vision for CASE

by John Knippel, CASE President-Elect

The founders of CASE who began our organization 50 years ago were men of vision and dedication. As the incoming president of CASE, I too have a vision for traffic safety education. Together we can make it happen.

Today we are facing the problem of apathy. Programs are being dropped when veteran teachers retire. New young principals and superintendents are unaware of the requirement for Driver Education. They confuse it with Driver Training. They assume one to be the other. Without Driver Training, there is no Driver Education in their minds.

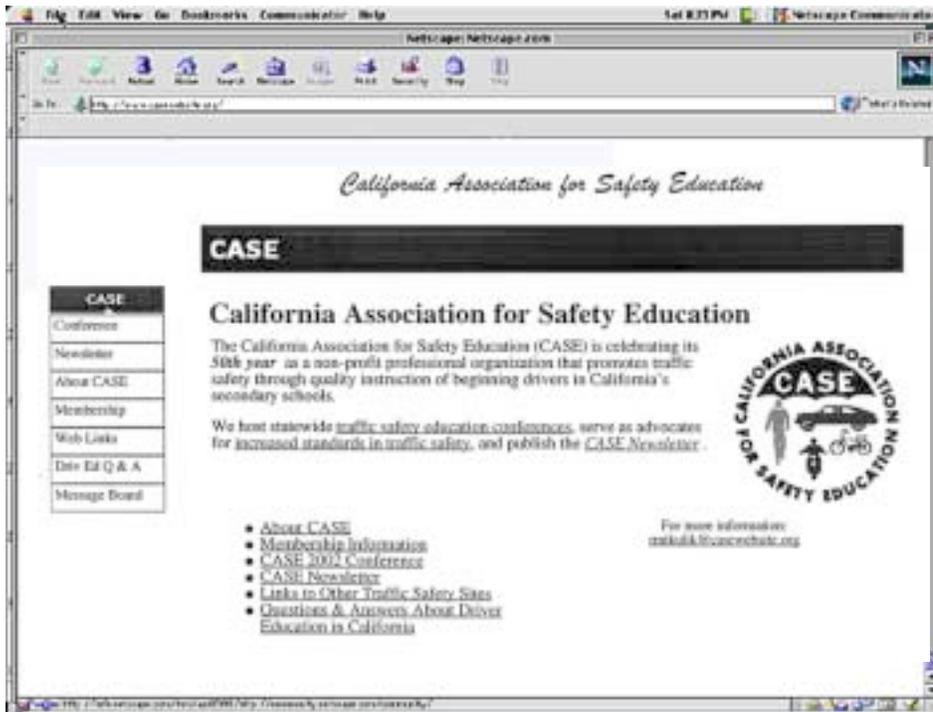
It seems we are in the midst of a Great Driver Education Depression. Everywhere we look teachers are without programs, credentials, rooms, proper equipment, current textbooks, or parent involvement. We need programs to put teachers back to work. We need to stand for what is best for our students and our society. We need better trained drivers. We need to roll up our sleeves and do the dirty work necessary to put our course back in school. We need to make some major changes in the way we have been approaching things.

I have a vision for a new future for driver education. I don't look at the glass half empty and say we cannot do anything because we have lost the reimbursement money. I wish we had not lost it. But if we don't take this bitter fruit and look for the seeds of success within it, then we will fall by the wayside.

Tough times and circumstances have always called ordinary men and women to extraordinary things. Many of our best inventions and government policies have come from desperate times. We have a chance to reevaluate what and how we

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The CASE Website Has a New Look, New Features, and a New Location: www.casewebsite.org



- An archive of *CASE Newsletter* past issues downloadable in Adobe Acrobat pdf format
- *CASE Forum* message board. Ask or respond to questions about driver education/training and related safety topics—or exchange ideas with other traffic safety educators.
- Links to other traffic safety sites on the Internet

CASE Calendar



July 12-15, 2002 - NSSP International Collaborative Teen Conference, Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan. Contact: ADTSEA at 800-896-7703 or on the web at: www.sadd.org

August 4-8, 2002 - 46th Annual ADTSEA Conference, Doubletree Hotel, Overland Park, Kansas. Contact: ADTSEA at 800-896-7703.

Online information: <http://adtsea.iup.edu>

April 25-26, 2003 - 51st Annual CASE Conference, Ramada Resort Hotel, Palm Springs. Check the CASE website in September for details and a registration form: www.casewebsite.org

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Resolution

By the Honorable Betty Karnette, 27th Senatorial District;
and the Honorable Alan Lowenthal, 54th Assembly District;
Relative to Commending the

California Association for Safety Education

WHEREAS, The California Association for Safety Education (formerly known as the California Driver Education Association) was formed in 1953; and

WHEREAS, The California Association for Safety Education grew into a traffic safety education association of over 500 traffic safety educators; and

WHEREAS, The California Association for Safety Education fostered the establishment of the Driver Training Penalty Assessment Fund in 1953, authored by the late California State Senator Earl S. Stanley; and

WHEREAS, The California Association for Safety Education has presented workshops and state conferences on traffic safety education throughout the state during its 50 years of history; and

WHEREAS, The California Association for Safety Education has promoted traffic safety education from kindergarten through high school for the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS, The California Association for Safety Education has worked closely with other key supporters such as the California Teachers Association in efforts being made to restore funding for driver training instruction in California's public high schools; and

WHEREAS, The California Association for Safety Education co-sponsored the California "Brady-Jared" Teen Graduated Driver's License, along with the Automobile Club of Southern California and the California State Automobile Association; and

WHEREAS, The California Association for Safety Education is actively working with other traffic safety organizations such as the California Office of Traffic Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to improve traffic safety education in California's public schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY SENATOR BETTY KARNETTE AND ASSEMBLY MEMBER ALAN LOWENTHAL, That they take great pleasure in commending the California Association for Safety Education for serving professional traffic safety educators for 50 years, and extend their best wishes for its continued success in the future.

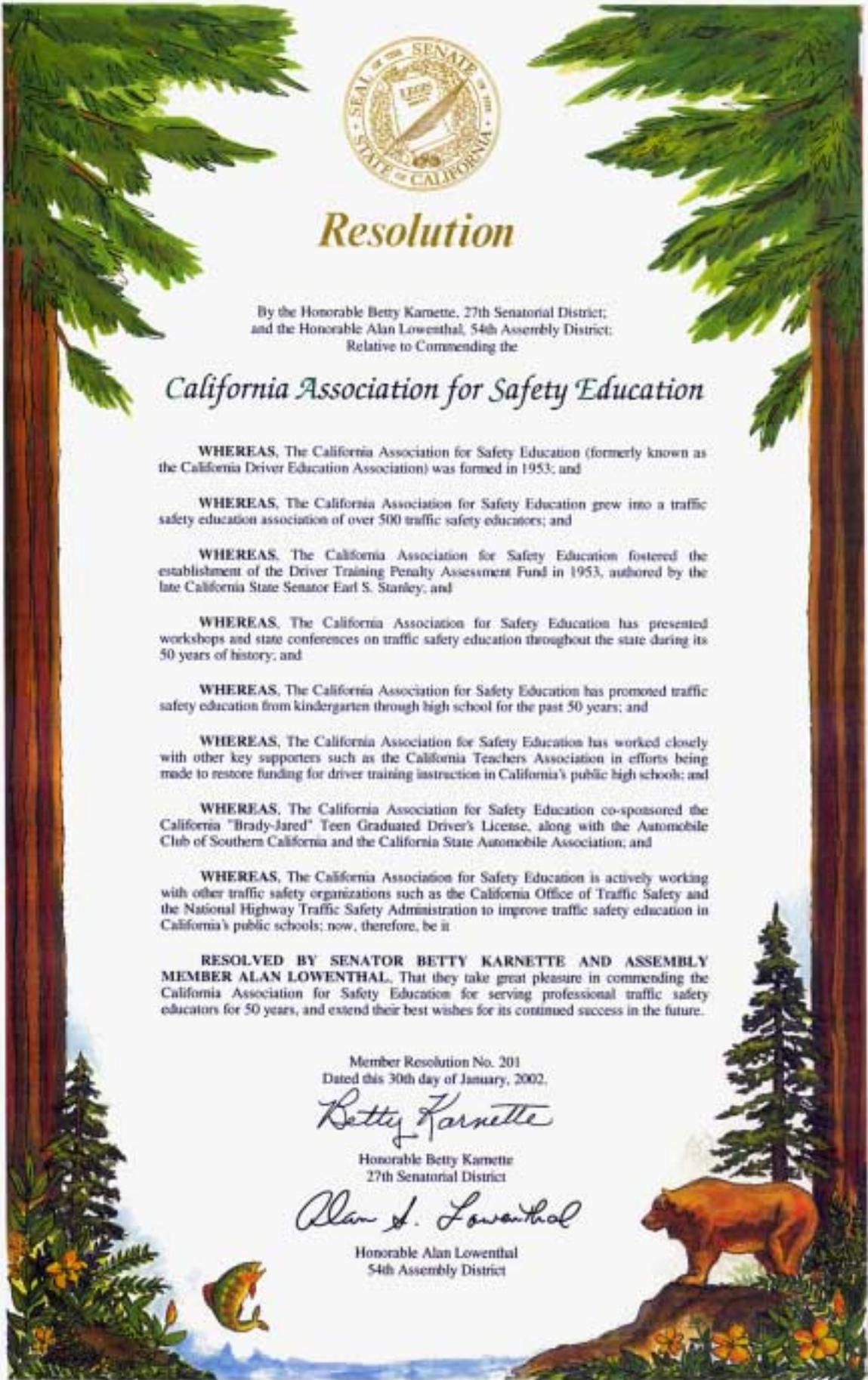
Member Resolution No. 201
Dated this 30th day of January, 2002.

Betty Karnette

Honorable Betty Karnette
27th Senatorial District

Alan S. Lowenthal

Honorable Alan Lowenthal
54th Assembly District





Fiftieth Annual CASE Conference



CSAA's Don Patton & Merry Banks; CASE President Craig Dill; Walter Barta, Alberta Motor Association



CASE Board of Directors Meeting



CASE Presidents from the Past Fifty Years

1953-54	Dr. Marshall Crawshaw
1954-55	Lynwood Lyons
1955-56	Esther Ramacher
1956-57	Leonard S. Buell
1957-58	Richard Boyle
1958-59	Dr. Richard Kaywood
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1960-62	Melvin T. Schroeder
1962-63	Dr. Marland K. Strasser
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1979-80	Ed Darland
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1981-82	Don Marczak
1982-83	Jerry Gaines
1983-84	James Lee
1984-85	Glen Simpson
1985-87	Hayden Dawson
1988-89	Tom Edson
1989-90	Wayne Young
1990-93	Richard Schroer
1993-94	Susan Cleek
1994-96	James Lewis
1996-98	Larry Terrill
1998-00	Jerry Gaines
2000-02	Craig Dill



“Celebrating Our Past, Present, and Future”

Rich Mikulik Receives First Annual Cecil Zaun Award

By Jerry L. Gaines, CASE Past President

On April 6 in Sacramento at the CASE 50th Annual Conference, Rich Mikulik, CASE Newsletter Editor and Membership Director, was presented with the first annual Cecil Zahn Award. The award was established by CASE to recognize a member who has contributed in meritorious ways to traffic safety education. It is named in memory of the late Cecil Zahn, a founder of the organization. Past president Robert Terry was on hand to present the award to Rich.



Rich Mikulik has been serving CASE for many years and in many capacities. As Membership Director, he has maintained the association’s membership database and regularly communicated with CASE members throughout each year. As *CASE Newsletter* Editor, he has obtained numerous traffic safety articles for publication for each of the editions. He has arranged for the printing and mailing of each issue. And when not busy with membership issues, and publishing the newsletter, he has developed an outstanding new Web page for CASE (www.casewebsite.org) and serves as its webmaster. And if these duties are not enough, Rich (along with his wife Helen) has managed the registration process for numerous CASE conferences.

CASE is most fortunate to have had Rich Mikulik serve in key leadership roles for so many years. It is individuals like Rich that have enabled CASE to provide professional services to its members. His role has been most valuable. The late Cecil Zahn would be most proud to know that Rich was the recipient of the first annual memorial award. On behalf of CASE, thanks Rich, for being special in serving the organization for so many years.



Past president Jim Lewis at the Saturday buffet



Captain Ike Iketani, CHP



Plan now to attend the 51st Annual CASE Traffic Safety Conference

April 25-26, 2003
Ramada Hotel Resort
Palm Springs

Verifying Driver Education as a Required Course in the Curriculum

If someone tries to tell you that driver education is not a requirement in the high school curriculum, you can easily look up the Education Code section where it is mandated.

The California Education Code is available on the Internet at the following location: www.leginfo.ca.gov This is the official California Legislative Information website, and you can locate the Education Code by clicking on the "California Law" button on the home page. At the next page, select the "Education Code" checkbox and type "driver education" in the keyword search box. All sections of the Education Code that have references to driver education will then be displayed, and you can browse through each one.

The section that mandates the driver education requirement is Section 51220(j). Following is the text of the law extracted directly from the Internet:

California Education Code Section 51220

The adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, shall offer courses in the following areas of study:

(j) Automobile driver education, designed to develop a knowledge of the provisions of the Vehicle Code and other laws of this state relating to the operation of motor vehicles, a proper acceptance of personal responsibility in traffic, a true appreciation of the causes, seriousness and consequences of traffic accidents, and to develop the knowledge and attitudes necessary for the safe operation of motor vehicles. A course in automobile driver education shall include education in the safe operation of motorcycles.

Another helpful Internet resource containing information about driver education requirements may be found at the California Department of Education's "Driver Education Questions and Answers" webpage located at: www.cde.ca.gov/pr/defaq.html. Here you will find answers to questions such as, "May students be charged for driver education classes?"; "When may driver education be scheduled?"; and "What is required to obtain a driver education teaching certificate?"

OTS Introduces Traffic Safety Web site for kids, teens, and adults: Located at www.otskids.ca.gov, the California Office of Traffic Safety site features an interactive traffic safety game, a traffic safety learning lab, and fun facts that teach the importance of traffic safety.

A Vision for CASE

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teach. We have a chance to blow fresh air on the embers of driver education and fan the flickering light into a blaze that will warm all of education and light the way for reform in all fields of teaching.

I have a vision of great classrooms filled with the energy of young people eager to learn. I see novice drivers doing all sorts of projects that improve their visual skills. I see young people understanding and accepting the maturity level necessary for safe driving. I see teachers energized and engaged in the process of learning and of teaching. I see cross curricular teaching and collaboration as an everyday event. I see parent involvement at an all time high. I see some schools with dynamic funding programs for driver training. I see schools working with the private sector for driver training. I see all of us doing what is best for students, parents, and communities. I see new coalitions formed providing even greater political strength.

We should not ask what CASE can do for us. We should ask what can we do for the sake of our students. Do I know how all this will come about? Not yet. But I do know that to accomplish it, we all need to work together.

I encourage you to volunteer to help CASE in all areas: political, social, educational, financial, advertising, whatever. Help us to form new coalitions, write new texts, teach classes, inform administrators. Make people so jealous of the fun you have teaching Driver Education that they will want to join us.

Finally, let me know what you want to see at the next two conferences. I am a teacher at heart. I know what I want to participate in at conferences. Let me know what *you* want and what you will present. This is *our* organization. Let's do this together. Share the vision with me.

Larry Woodruff Elected to ADTSEA Board

Congratulations to Larry Woodruff, CASE South Region Representative, on his recent election as Southwest Region Board Member of the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association.

CASE Corporate Members

Our Corporate Members are a vital asset to our organization. These companies show their support for traffic safety education by participating at our state conferences and providing financial assistance. We appreciate our special relationship and thank them for their outstanding support.

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Please help us increase our membership!

Our Membership Committee is requesting that each member do his/her part to bring in new members. Please check with the driver education professionals at your school or district to see if they are members of CASE. If not, provide them with the membership application below and discuss the importance of belonging to their professional association.



Make check payable to:
CASE
25 Shelbourne Place
San Mateo, CA 94402

Membership Application (please type or print)

Professional Memberships are **\$40.00**. New memberships are valid for one year from date of receipt.

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School: _____ District _____

County: _____

Phone: School or office () _____ - _____ Evenings: () _____ - _____

Referred by (optional): _____