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CITY OF MUSCLE SHOALS
Hit RECORDING
CAPITAL of the World

MUSCLE SHOALS 
 **GOT THE SWAMPERS**



News brief of the 2017 GRITS Annual Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

LIVE ON STAGE



COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
AASHTO BOOKSTORE OPS GUIDE
USDOT SHRP2 RELIABILITY

SHOW
STARTS AT
9:00 A.M.
SINGING
RIVER

We are becoming increasingly aware of how important it is to develop our workforce for a connected vehicle future. The ITS workforce is evolving. During the TSM&O panel discussion, it was said that operations is not exclusive, all are welcome. Today's students will be tomorrow's transportation professionals, and the workforce will need new knowledge, skills, and abilities.



Be sure to visit the Tuscumbia and Sheffield rooms for a look into GRITS U. View research posters developed by students from major universities in the region, and check out UAB's driving simulator.

Congratulations to the 2017 Scholarship Recipients. We were fortunate to have three of the five recipients present during the meeting.

Evening Out

Get ready for a foot stomping good time at **Cleve's Cave** a.k.a Rattlesnake Saloon tonight (6:00 - 9:00 p.m.). Buses will begin loading in front of the hotel lobby at 5:15 p.m.

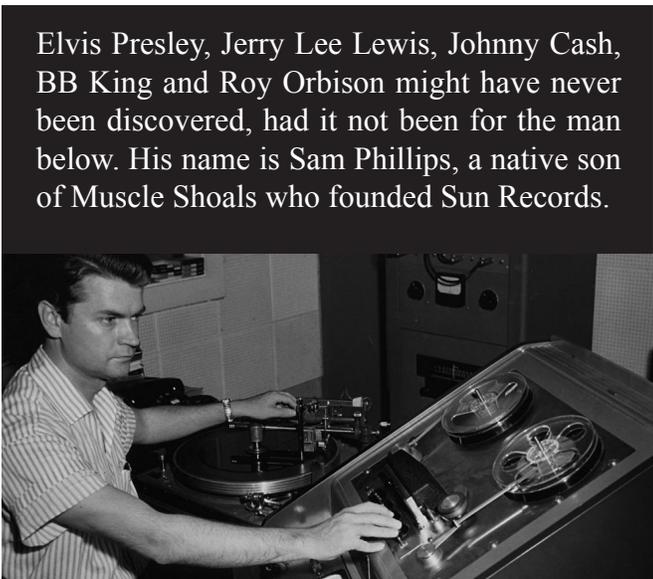


Remember to download the GRITS app while you are here to make the most of your experience. Many have already expressed how helpful it's been to have while getting around! Be sure to turn on push notifications, so you'll get schedule updates in real time.

Tonight's low will be a cool 58 °

WEDNESDAY'S WEATHER

83 | 57 sunny skies all day



Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, BB King and Roy Orbison might have never been discovered, had it not been for the man below. His name is Sam Phillips, a native son of Muscle Shoals who founded Sun Records.



John Cooper, ALDOT, opens up the meeting with a welcome address.

What a fantastic day of learning! Here are some snippets from the first full day. Today's speakers were streamed live on the Gulf Region ITS Facebook page. Fortunately, if you missed anything or want to rewatch at your leisure, it's available on demand. Leave comments, so the GRITS chapter can continue to improve future annual meetings.



"Technology has benefits in communities of all sizes." - Jeff Lindley, ITE



"We need to make sure laws and regulations are in place before these vehicles (CAV) are in place." - David St. Amant, ITSA



"Capacity is one tool in the toolbox." - Scott Marler, Iowa DOT



Tech Talk with Exhibitors