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11TH HOUR NEWS FLASH BEFORE OTA ANNUAL MEETING

- § The OTA Annual Meeting, planned by Dave Templeman, Ross Leighton, and the OTA Program Committee will be an excellent scientific meeting and has brought the largest physician registration turnout ever in spite of the hurricane activity on the East Coast of Florida.
- § The Resident's Basic Fracture Course organized by Jeff Anglen and Kevin Pugh has sold out for meeting registrations and has a waiting list.
- § The OTA staff has been able to place some OTA members in the Westin Diplomat as room cancellations have occurred. There is an unprecedented number of exhibiting company reps coming to the meeting; consequently the hotel has been sold out for over three weeks.
- § The hotel was recently built and the structure meets the building requirements adopted following Hurricane Andrew to withstand 130 mph winds.
- § To date, there has been no damage to the hotel and the electrical power has been functional throughout this unusually active hurricane season.
- § The Advanced Disaster Response Course organized by Chris Born should provide an excellent field training event on Thursday, October 7th. Extra copies of the course books will be available for sale at the OTA meeting.
- § The Basic Science Focus Forum once again has drawn a larger than anticipated audience for the pre-meeting scientific event.
 - § Roy Sanders, President, Greg Zych, Local Host, and Kyle Dickson, Archive Chair, are planning a festive dinner to celebrate OTA founding members, past presidents, and the growth of the Association during its 20 year meeting history.
 - § Golf Shirts, hats and travel mugs with OTA logo will be available for sale at the meeting.
- § OTA committees are actively working on new projects and plans for completion by February 2005.
- § The OTA membership committee has sent out the names of 79 committee-approved applicants for OTA membership.
- § Interaction with AAOS continues to bring some publicity to the OTA through the volunteer efforts of its members.
- § The AAOS 2005 Symposium "Current Strategies in the Evaluation and Comprehensive Treatment of Nonunions and Malunions" has been accepted for the AAOS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Submitted by Michael Baumgaertner, OTA Education Chairman, the symposium is scheduled for Friday, February 25th at 1:00 pm. Panel includes Jeff Anglen, Dave Helfet, Sean Nork, J. Tracy Watson, and Bruce Ziran.
- § Also at the AAOS, a symposium entitled, "What's New in Common Fractures" has been accepted for the 2005 Annual Meeting. William Ricci submitted the application and the panel includes Paul Tornetta, David Ruch, Michael Baumgaertner, and Andrew Schmidt.
- § The Nominating Committee was elected and will be meeting on October 8th at the Westin Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood (Marc Swiontkowski, Chairman, Michael Baumgaertner, Steve Olson, Andrew Schmidt, and Michael Stover).
- § Complications in Orthopaedics, Tibial Shaft Fractures, Edited by William M. Ricci and Series Editor, Jeffrey O. Anglen has been released for sale by AAOS. Contributors are Joseph Borrelli, Jr. and William M. Ricci. If interested in purchasing this book, contact AAOS Customer Service at 800-626-6726. Alan Levine and the AAOS Publications Committee are interested in evaluation comments. Some copies will be available at the OTA meeting in Ft. Lauderdale.

