



MAINTENANCE & TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2015

Fort Smith, AR

CALL TO ORDER

Ron Gillen of CalArk International, ATA MTC Chairman, called the 103rd meeting of the Arkansas Trucking Association Maintenance and Technology Council to order.

HOUSEKEEPING

Point out housekeeping measures:

- Emergency exits
- Informal meeting format; please step out if needed.
- Out of courtesy to others, please turn off your cell phones or put them on silent.
- Roberts Rules of Order governed the proceedings.

SAFETY MESSAGE

All batteries generate explosive hydrogen gas. Keep sparks, flames and cigarettes away from batteries at all times. Do not connect or disconnect "live" circuits. To avoid creating sparks, always turn charging and testing equipment off before attaching or removing clamps. Always disconnect grounded cable first and connect it last to prevent dangerous sparks. Perform all work in a well ventilated area. Never lean directly over a battery while boosting, testing or charging it. Protect your eyes! Batteries contain corrosive sulfuric acid that can destroy clothing and burn the skin. Neutralize acid spills with a paste made of baking soda and water or large quantities of water. Be careful!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Arkansas Trucking Championship

The event held in June was a great success with almost 200 total competitors. 67 technicians represented 12 companies, and 129 drivers represented 17 companies. Please find enclosed list of award recipients.

2. American Trucking Association's TMC Fall Meeting & National Technician Skills Competition

September 21-25

Walt Disney Swan & Dolphin Resort, Orlando, FL

Please find enclosed brochure.

3. ATA-PAC Golf Tournament, Silent Auction and After Par-Tee

September 24

RidgePointe Country Club, Jonesboro, AR

Please find enclosed information.

4. NATMI Seminars

Please find enclosed flyer that lists each seminar. Detailed information can be found by visiting the Arkansas Trucking Association website at www.arkansastrucking.com and clicking on Calendar of Events.

5. American Trucking Association's Safety & Human Resources Conference

It will be held **November 2-4** at the Marriott Little Rock and State House Convention Center.

Please visit the Arkansas Trucking Association website for more details.

2016 SAVE THE DATES

6. Arkansas Trucking Association Annual Business Conference

May 18-20, 2016

Little Rock, AR

7. Arkansas Trucking Championship

July 14-16, 2016

Rogers, AR

SIGN IN PLEASE

Please be sure to sign-in so that we may account for your attendance.

READING OF THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes from our last meeting have been published on our web site. Do I have a motion to waive the reading of those minutes and approve them as written? Motion made and carried

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Old business? None to report. New business? None to report.

INTRODUCTIONS

I would like to now start our introductions by going around the room and having each person stand and give your name and affiliation please.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING

If there is no further business, I would like to adjourn the business meeting. Do I have a motion to adjourn? Motion made and carried.

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PRESENTERS ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Thank you to Battery Outfitters and Purkeys Fleet Electrics for helping to underwrite today's meeting and for bringing us their expertise.

David Waller: Battery 101
Different types of batteries in the market. One size doesn't fit all.

Larry Rambeaux: Batteries are one part of a total system.
Whatever choice you make, maintenance is the key.

First we will hear from David Waller. He has 26 years of experience in the battery business, all with Battery Outfitters, and currently serves as Director of Sales. Battery Outfitters proudly serves the trucking industry with quality brands including Pro-Series, Trojan, and Odyssey batteries for a variety of applications including starting and cycling. As battery specialists, Battery Outfitters is in the unique position to provide the best battery for each individual application.

For over twenty years, Larry Rambeaux, Service Engineer at Purkeys Fleet Electric, has dedicated his professional life to improving electrical performance in the heavy duty trucking industry. A very skilled and highly trained individual, Larry also shares his knowledge with his clients and many industry organizations. For the past six years, Larry has been a member of TMC and has been Secretary for the S1 Study Group and meeting mechanic. Outside of his regular work schedule, Larry devotes his time to conducting electrical skills contests for the past 9 years as Chairman of the Electrical Station at SuperTech. Larry is an active member with the Arkansas Maintenance Council, has one son and, in his spare time, loves to work on his 1970 Chevelle.

PRESENTATIONS/GROUP DISCUSSION

MEETING ADJOURNED