



MAINTENANCE & TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

August 28, 2018

11:00 AM

Embassy Suites, Ambassador Ballroom

11301 Financial Centre Parkway, Little Rock, AR 72211

CALL TO ORDER

ATA MTC Vice Chairman
Heath Wilson
Service Manager
Maverick Transportation

HOUSEKEEPING

SAFETY MESSAGE

5 safety tips to think about in the shop.

1. Rushed training—Take the time to train personnel properly. Slowing down the training process can be more beneficial to your company and personnel's safety.
2. Lack of Communication—Have monthly meetings to talk about things in your shop area. Things that the employees see that need correction. If need be—twice monthly.
3. Clutter—Keeping the work area clear of clutter and debris is number one to preventing slips, trips, and falls.
4. Talking down safety—Never talk down safety, as this leads to potential problems.
5. Using too much force---Never try to do a job that is too much for one person. If you need help lifting an object, by all means ask for help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last month we held our 15th Annual Technician Championship. Thank you to everyone who made that event possible. Our Grand Champions Eric Rusk of McKee Foods and JD Flippo of Tyson Foods will represent Arkansas at the SuperTech competition next month in Orlando.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1. **ATA Razorback Tailgate**
September 1
Fayetteville, AR
2. **American Trucking Associations TMC Fall Meeting & National Technician Skills Competitions**
September 16-20
Orlando World Center Marriott
Orlando, FL
3. **ATA-PAC Bowling Tournament**
September 20
Dust Bowl Lanes & Lounge
Little Rock, AR

4. **CVSA Annual Conference & Exhibition**
September 23-27
Kansas City, MO
5. **4th Quarter Maintenance & Technology Council Meeting**
October 16
Embassy Suites & JQH Convention Center
Rogers, AR

Save the Date

6. **Skills USA**
April 8 – 10, 2019
Hot Springs Convention Center
Hot Springs, AR
7. **Arkansas Trucking Association Annual Business Conference & Vendor Showcase**
May 15 - 17, 2019
Little Rock Marriott & Statehouse Convention Center
Little Rock, AR
8. **Arkansas Trucking Championship**
July 11 - 13, 2019
Embassy Suites & JQH Convention Center
Rogers, AR

ATA MTC TECHNICIAN CURRICULUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Update

This committee is bringing together our industry with the education community in efforts to address industry workforce needs by researching and developing educational curriculum guidelines for secondary and postsecondary school systems in Arkansas with the assistance of industry and education experts.

Since its inception in June of 2016, we have visited 6 schools and hosted the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Workforce Education Excellence.

Technician Scholarship Update

In 2017, this Council established the Carl Tapp Memorial Scholarship Fund and 7 companies provided donations totaling \$15,000. We awarded two high school seniors \$7,500 each to pursue training for a career in medium/heavy duty truck technology. We presented the graduates checks during the Technician Championship Awards Banquet last month. Their families were in attendance, and they were able to experience the breadth and professionalism of our industry. Both recipients will begin studying at Northwest Technical Institute this fall. The donations we raised to provide these scholarships have the potential to impact the lives of these two aspiring technicians and introduce them to the best our profession has to offer. We wish them long, successful careers in the trucking industry.

This year, we have received a total of \$11,950 in donations from 4 companies and 2 individuals. If you are interested in donating, the form is in your packets as well as online at www.arkansastrucking.com.

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If you are interested in volunteering for this committee or subcommittees, please contact ATA at 501-372-3462 or email Sarah Sheets at sarahsheets@arkansastrucking.com

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Vice Chairman - Heath Wilson, Service Manager, Maverick Transportation

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INTRODUCTIONS

READING OF THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN BUSINESS MEETING

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