



## MAINTENANCE & TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

### REPORT FOR ANNUAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 1:00 PM

Statehouse Convention Center, Wally Allen Ballroom D  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Presented by James Berry, McKee Foods Transportation

The Maintenance & Technology Council serves the interests of its members in the areas of equipment operations, maintenance and technology management.

The Council meets quarterly in various locations.

Topics we've covered since last year include

- Battery 101
- Issues and Solutions for Diesel Fuel
- Predictive Maintenance
- Equipment Designed by and for Technicians
- Benefits of APUs
- Be Pro Be Proud Update from the State Chamber
- Past Chairman, Kenneth Calhoun of Altec is currently serving as American Trucking Associations TMC chairman and shared the TMC platform for 2019/2020 goals.

Our MTC Technician Curriculum Advisory Committee exists to address industry workforce needs by researching and developing educational curriculum guidelines for school systems in Arkansas with the assistance of industry and education experts.

- Since its creation in June of 2016, we have held 6 site-visits at postsecondary schools and provided feedback for improvement and steps toward NATEF accreditation.

The MTC Carl Tapp Memorial Technician Scholarship Fund, created in 2017, announced its second recipients earlier this month. \$7,500 will go to two students,

- Ryan McKnight of West Fork High School
- Clint VanPoucke of Elkins High School

To date we have raised \$42,800 for the scholarship fund.

In July, we held the 9<sup>th</sup> Technician Training Fair in conjunction with the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Technician Championship.

- The Championship consists of two competitions: truck and trailer. Mike Alvey of Tyson and myself chaired these competitions, with support from many of you.
- 55 technicians representing 15 companies competed in the Truck and Trailer Technician Championship.
- Grand Champions, JD Flippo of Tyson Foods and Eric Rusk of McKee Foods Transportation represented Arkansas at the American Trucking Associations TMC SuperTech National competition in Orlando, FL.
- The Team Award went to McKee Foods Transportation.
- Other companies with individuals receiving 1<sup>st</sup> place honors were
  - Doggett Freightliner of Arkansas
  - FedEx Freight
  - Summit Truck Group
  - TravelCenters of America
  - USA Truck
  - W&B Service Co.

This year's Technician Championship and Training Fair will be held July 11 and 12. I encourage you to send your technicians to this event – it's a great experience and perfect opportunity to show our pride for the industry's best technicians and honor them for their achievements.

This concludes my term as Maintenance & Technology Council Chair and (insert any brief personal remarks).

Elections have been held for ATA MTC officers for 2019-2020. At this time, I would like to recognize our incoming council officers:

Secretary	Ross Hoover, Summit Truck Group
Vice Chairman	David Burks, Battery Outfitters
Chairman	Heath Wilson, Maverick Transportation, LLC

ATA MTC hosts Executive Forum 4 - Technology Panel  
Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 10:30 AM  
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