



MAINTENANCE & TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

October 20 2016 - 11:00 AM – Little Rock, AR

CALL TO ORDER

Matt Panning of Tyson Foods, Inc., ATA MTC Chairman, to call the 112th meeting to order.

HOUSEKEEPING

SAFETY MESSAGE

Winter Driving

Although employers cannot control roadway conditions, they can promote safe driving behavior by ensuring workers: recognize the hazards of winter weather driving, for example, driving on snow/ice covered roads; are properly trained for driving in winter weather conditions; and are licensed (as applicable) for the vehicles they operate. For information about driving safely during the winter, visit OSHA's [Safe Winter Driving](#) page.

Employers should set and enforce driver safety policies. Employers should also implement an effective maintenance program for all vehicles and mechanized equipment that workers are required to operate. Crashes can be avoided. Learn more at: [Motor Vehicle Safety](#) (OSHA Safety and Health Topic's Page).

Employers should ensure properly trained workers' inspect the following vehicle systems to determine if they are working properly:

- Brakes: Brakes should provide even and balanced braking. Also check that brake fluid is at the proper level.
- Cooling System: Ensure a proper mixture of 50/50 antifreeze and water in the cooling system at the proper level.
- Electrical System: Check the ignition system and make sure that the battery is fully charged and that the connections are clean. Check that the alternator belt is in good condition with proper tension.
- Engine: Inspect all engine systems.
- Exhaust System: Check exhaust for leaks and that all clamps and hangers are snug.
- Tires: Check for proper tread depth and no signs of damage or uneven wear. Check for proper tire inflation.
- Oil: Check that oil is at proper level.
- Visibility Systems: Inspect all exterior lights, defrosters (windshield and rear window), and wipers. Install winter windshield wipers.
- An emergency kit with the following items is recommended in vehicles:

Cellphone or two-way radio	Emergency flares
Windshield ice scraper	Jumper cables
Snow brush	Snacks
Flashlight with extra batteries	Water
Shovel	Road maps
Tow chain	Blankets, change of clothes
Traction aids (bag of sand or cat litter)	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. TMC SuperTech Recap

- Arkansas Trucking Association sent two technicians to compete in Raleigh, N.C. at the American Trucking Associations' Technology and Maintenance Council's 2016 SuperTech competitions for truck and trailer technicians around the country.

- Technicians from all 50 states gathered at the Raleigh Convention Center to show off their tech skills. This year's SuperTech included a trailer tech competition for the first time and a FutureTech competition challenged future technicians from diesel tech school programs.
- FedEx Freight's Eric Vos, of Boise, Idaho, claimed the Grand Champion title for the second year in a row.
- Truck Centers of Arkansas's Aaron Martin from Springdale, Ark. placed 16th overall after competing in the truck division.
- This was Martin's third time to compete at the national competition. He has worked at Truck Centers of Arkansas for over 5 years.
- Arkansas' trailer technician Richard Holt from Ola, Ark., earned the highest score on the ASE written test and placed first at the trailer alignment station. Holt has worked for Tyson Foods for 5 years.

2. ATA MTC Technician Curriculum Advisory Committee – 2nd Conference Call

DATE: Tuesday, November 1, 2016

TIME: 2:00 PM CST

CALL-IN INFORMATION PROVIDED

3. Arkansas Trucking Association Annual Business Conference

May 3-5, 2017

Rogers, AR

4. Arkansas Trucking Championship

July 13-15, 2017

Rogers, AR

INTRODUCTIONS – attendance of 31

ATA-MTC TECHNICIAN CURRICULUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Update from committee chairman Heath Wilson, Service Manager, Maverick Transportation

Please see enclosure for more detail. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact ATA at 501-372-3462 or email Sarah Sheets at sarahsheets@arkansastrucking.com

OLD/NEW BUSINESS –None

READING OF THE MINUTES APPROVED AS PUBLISHED

BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNED

LUNCHEON

OZARKO TIRE CENTERS, INC. PRESENTATION – TOPICS & CONTACT INFORMATION

- How retreads can bring your overall tire and fuel cost down
- How retreads are environmental friendly
- Show a fleet their investment on casings

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NEXT MEETING

November 17, 2016 - Embassy Suites, Little Rock

Shannon Newton, ATA president, will provide a regulatory/legislative update.

MEETING ADJOURNED