

Arkansas Trucking Association  
Maintenance & Technology Council Meeting  
10/8/2009

**Welcome**

Mr. Kenneth Calhoun, Vice President Operations/Customer Relations for Truck Centers of Arkansas and Chairman of the Maintenance and Technology Council of the Arkansas Trucking Association called the 58th meeting of the ATA-M&TC to order. This is your council. We encourage your involvement and hope everyone takes away some benefit for your time invested.

**Housekeeping**

- Chairman Kenneth Calhoun asks for self introductions and had everyone stand and state their name and their company's name.
- Robert's Rules of Order, as revised will govern our proceedings.

**Safety message**

In the tradition started by our first Chairman Mr. Carl Tapp we like to begin each meeting with a short Safety Message.

This past week I learned of a fatality accident involving a fall from a ladder.

Ladder safety begins with selecting the right ladder for the job and includes inspection, setup, proper climbing or standing, proper use, care, and storage. This combination of safe equipment and its safe use can eliminate most ladder accidents.

Always check a ladder before using it. Inspect wood ladders for cracks or splits. Inspect metal and fiberglass ladders for bends and breaks. Never use a damaged ladder. Tag it "Defective" and report it to your supervisor.

When setting up a ladder, make sure it's straight and sitting firmly on the ground or floor. If one foot sits lower, build up the surface with firm material, don't set it on boxes, bricks or other unstable bases. Lean the ladder against something solid, but not against a glass surface. Make sure the ladder is placed at a safe angle, with the base away from the wall or edge of the upper level about one foot for every four feet of vertical height. Keep ladders away from doorways or walkways, unless barriers can protect them.

Keep the steps and rungs of the ladder free of grease, paint, mud or other slippery material. And remember to clean debris off your shoes before climbing. Always face the ladder when climbing up or down, using both hands to keep a good grip on the rails or rungs. Never carry heavy or bulky loads up a ladder. Climb up yourself first, and then pull up the material with a rope or bucket.

Many ladder accidents occur because of slipping or skidding. You can prevent these accidents by equipping the ladder with non-slip safety feet, blocking its base or tying it to a sound, permanent structure.

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Over reaching is probably the most common cause of falls from ladders. A good rule is to always keep your belt buckle inside the rails of a ladder. Don't try to move a ladder while you're on it by rocking, jogging or pushing it away from the supporting wall.

When you've finished the job, properly store the ladder so it won't be exposed to excessive heat or dampness and will be in good condition for the next time.

**Introductions**

I would like to thank Jim Phelan Sales Manager for Ventech USA for our August presentation.

Our demonstration and meetings today are made possible by the folks at Bendix and I would like to especially thank Robert Mayes for his efforts getting this put together.

I do see that we have some guests today. I hope that you will consider joining one or both of our councils.

**Reading of the minutes of the last meeting dated**

The minutes from our last meeting held in Little Rock have been published on our web site. Do I have a motion from the floor to waive the reading of those minutes and approve them as written? Motion was made by James Berry with McKee Foods Is there a second? Second motion was made by Kurt Swisher with Arvin Meritor. All those in favor say aye. All for. Opposed? None Opposed.

**Reports of Standing Committees**

Since today is a joint meeting of both the Maintenance & Technology Council as well as the Safety Management Council in the interest of time we are suspending the Standing committee reports.

**Chairman's Discussion**

We are starting to fill the 2010 calendar spots for presenters. If you are interested in booking one of those dates or if there is a topic that you would like to see us cover next year please let us know.

For those of you who are guests today, if you are interested in joining our council I encourage you to speak with Sarah Sheets, Tim Wilson, Brent Hilton or me.

**New Business/Old Business**

Is there any old business we need to address today? There was none.

Is there any new business from the council at this time? There was none.

**Dismissal**

If not, I would like to ask for a motion to adjourn the business portion of our meeting at this time. A Motion was made by Brent Hilton with Maverick Transportation, LLC that

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we adjourn the meeting. Is there a second? The motion was seconded by Rick Preston with ABF. All in favor say aye. All in Favor and 0 Opposed.

Mr. Calhoun then turned the meeting over to the Chairman of the Safety Management Council, Mr. Curt Valkovic.

After Safety Management Council business meeting adjourned, we broke for lunch and driving demonstration.