

Arkansas Trucking Association  
Maintenance & Technology Council  
Meeting Minutes - 11/19/2009

**Welcome**

I'd like to call the 59th meeting of the Arkansas Trucking Association's Maintenance and Technology Council to order at this time. This is your council. We encourage your involvement and hope everyone takes away some benefit for your time invested today.

**Housekeeping**

- Point out emergency exits.
- Informal Meeting format, feel free to use the facilities as needed and point out location.
- Out of courtesy to others, please turn off or put on silent cell phones, if you need to make a call please step out of the room.
- Participation is encouraged but we ask that you are recognized then stand and state your name and your company's name.
- Robert's Rules of Order, as revised will govern our proceedings.
- Please make sure that you all sign in on the sheets provided at each table.

**Safety message**

In the tradition started by our first Chairman Mr. Carl Tapp we like to begin each meeting with a short Safety Message. I have asked Mr. Art Davis National Fleet Account Executive Bridgestone Bandag Tire Solutions to deliver our Safety Message today.

The Safety message was delivered by Art Davis. Subject was the dangers of cell phone chargers. Art displayed photos of fire damage to a vehicle due to a car charger overheating and causing a fire. Safety message ó do not leave a car charger charging unattended.

**Introductions**

I would like to thank Mr. Robert Mayes and the folks from Bendix for the outstanding job they did for our last meeting. The contents of the presentation, the organization of the demonstration, the facility, the food and the attendance were all first class.

Our meeting today is being underwritten in part by Fontaine Fifth Wheel North America. A little later we will be hearing from Mr. Dannie Hughes. Dannie will be covering the evolution of the fifth wheel, where we came from and how we are going to the next level in coupling innovation.

If we could now start our self introductionsí I am Kenneth Calhoun with Truck Centers of Arkansas, your Chairman.

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

The minutes from our last meeting held in Fayetteville 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? Is there a second? All those in favor say aye. Opposed? Approved.

**Reports of Standing Committees**

Kenneth Calhoun: Mr. Brent Hilton of Maverick Transportation would normally give us an update on TMC at this time however Brent is on vacation this week and asked me to let you know that online registration for TMC's annual meeting which will be held in Tampa Florida February 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> is available on the American Trucking Associations website, [www.truckline.com](http://www.truckline.com)

The Archive Committee has sent several photographs today and has asked for our help in identification of the people in the pictures. Please stop by the table and see if you can help before you leave today.

**Chairman's Discussion**

Kenneth Calhoun: If you have not seen one of these yet, it is our new brochure. I would like to invite each of you to take a few of these to use in recruiting new members to our organization.

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, or me.

**New Business/Old Business**

Is there any old business we need to address today?

Is there any new business from the council at this time?

Carl Tapp brought up old/new business of recognizing all past chair persons. Carl presented Kenneth Calhoun a plaque containing all the names of the past chair persons along with the Chairman's gavel. Each chair person will have his/her name engraved on the plaque at the end of the term in office. The plaque will hang in the office of the sitting chair person.

**Dismissal**

If not, I would like to ask for a motion to adjourn the business portion of our meeting at this time, is there a second? All in favor say aye. Approved.

Please help yourselves to lunch and we will begin Dannie's presentation as you are finishing.

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Presentation will be followed by an exhibit in the Convention Center by Fontaine for those interested.

Presentation and minutes will be posted on the ATA web-site if you seek further information on fifth wheels, please contact Dannie Hughes at 901-604-2354 or [dhughes@fontaineintl.com](mailto:dhughes@fontaineintl.com)

The next meeting will be held January 21 in Springdale. Happy Holidays!

Thank you for your time and travel safely.

Adjourned