

# Arkansas Trucking Association Maintenance & Technology Council Meeting 01/09/07

## **Welcome**

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

## **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 and pagers, if you need to make a call step out of the room**
- **We encourage participation but please be recognized then stand and state your name**
- **Robert's Rules of Order, as revised will govern Proceedings**

## **Safety message**

## **Introductions**

First we would like to Thank Larry Rambaex with Purkey Fleet Electronic, although I was not present at the last meeting, I understand from several that were there that his presentation was very valuable. Thanks again Larry for your support..

Our presenter today is Chuck Roberts Chuck Roberts Executive Director; Industry Relations, (Chuck please stand), after lunch Chuck will give us a presentation on ASE certification and the benefits that your organization could gain by using it. I might also point out that Chuck is First Vice Chairman of the PTDC committee of TMC..

Now I would like for us to do self-introductions so will those at this table lead us off?

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

The minutes were published on the web site after our last meeting in Springdale. May we have a motion to approve those minutes? And a second?

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## **Reports of Standing Committees**

Brent Hilton will give us an update on TMC at this time. Brent TAG, I will give an update on the TAG meeting that is actually going on as I speak, Their meeting was today and I choose to skip that meeting since I have missed the last 4 state council meetings. The following updates are dated 12/31/2006.

## **Reports of Special Committees**

It is time to start planning for our 2007 Technician Skills competition and Carl Desens is this years Chairman of the event. Carl has a meeting schedule immediately following this meeting today, Carl would you please say a few words about the planning session and outline the group on any specific needs you may have.

## **Chairman's discussion**

Calendar of events: March 13<sup>th</sup> will be our First LR meeting and we tentatively have folks from the Bio-Diesel on the schedule, before I finalize this I would like a show of hands to the level of interest the group has to hear more about this subject, or would you prefer we look at something else?

April 10<sup>th</sup> we are looking at having individuals from several of the Technical Colleges present on their programs.

Finally in May we will have our Officer election at the annual ATA conference which I believe is scheduled for Hot Springs AR again, Heather is that correct?

## **New Business**

We have a couple of items under new business today:

Wrecker Companies, (DOT officer that joined us in LR offered to provide us with a list of the companies that are on their call out list for our review).

Heather Griffiths agreed to get the DOT Officer name from Lane that was at the meeting, she will pass it along so that the following team can contact that person and start working with him on the maintenance councils input of those providers. Committee members are Jim Roberts, Brent Hilton and Randy Whittaker.

Maintenance and Technology WEB Page; (need to develop for minutes, also for training classes that industry suppliers can post for fleet use), (Industry Events, such as open houses, new product, Technical Papers and such).

There was no one in the meeting willing to volunteer; Mike Jeffress and Carl Desens offered to ask their IT department for assistance. The member from JB Hunt will be Jeremy Fortune, and Maverick will be Mike Hufnagel. Mike and Jeremy will schedule a conference call with the office group to review their desired out come, then work with ATA staff on development.

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Membership Committee: This never really got off a going like I believe we originally expected it too. (Members needed to focus on contacting both Alliance and Fleet Memberships)

Mike reviewed the need to develop a brochure that would define the benefits of the council, then publish this document and distribute the publication too individuals with in the state. Kenneth Calhoun, Art Davis and Dave Luethy all volunteered to assist in the development of this document.

Career Days: All of us are looking for qualified staff, a suggestion on developing a Power point presentation about the opportunities that are available in the State of AR in the transportation industry is greatly needed. (PowerPoint, members to attend career days and so on)

The following individuals volunteered to work on development of the PowerPoint presentation, Jim Roberts, Eric Bengé, Tim Wilson, Carl Desens, Duke Fancher, Paul Erb, Claudio Garcia.

Awards: Although our Council is young in age, thought should be given toward how recognition is given for services provided. Individuals such as our staff members, past Chairman, and volunteers for our technician competitions are all worthy of some sort of council award. We need your feedback on what we should consider, with this said I am looking for some volunteers that would like to work on such a program.

There was several folks that felt like an award program would be nice, but nobody wanted to assist in development of such a program, therefore the Officer group will need to revisit the direction they want to move this project forward.

In closing Mike Jeffress said he would contact the different committee members to set up initial meetings, where the objective would be to develop the scope and objective of the committees, identify the main contact person that will driver the committee's performance and report back to the council at meeting dates identified.

Is there any other new business from the audience at this time?

If not, I would like to ask for a motion to adjourn the business meeting at this time, is there a second? All in favor? Motion Passed, lets each lunch...

**Thank Presenter**

**Dismissal**

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The Technology and Maintenance Council invites you to join them for the 2007 Annual Meeting and Transportation Technology Exhibition, February 6<sup>th</sup> thru the 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Florida.

In addition to a strong slate of educational sessions for equipment professionals, TMC's Annual Meeting includes trucking's complete technology tradeshow featuring technical experts from our industry's top manufacturers and suppliers.

The theme of TMC's 2007 Annual Meeting – Optimizing Fleet Efficiency – centers around the issues facing equipment users and manufacturers as the trucking industry wrestles with increased operating costs, technological complexity, and evolving emissions standards. Several of our educational sessions will address this topic, as explained in the meeting brochure.

I invite you to join us for this industry-wide celebration of technology improvement and innovation. During the week, there will be numerous industry task force meetings focusing on issues critical to your fleet, as well as a broad offering of technically oriented educational sessions.

In naming just a few of the sessions that will be held are:

Two sessions on Optimizing Fleet Efficiency.

Electrical Idle Reduction Solutions

Universal Coolant

An Advanced Glimpse at 2010 Heavy Duty Emissions Technology.

Torsional Vibrations

Vehicle Command and Control 101

Innovation in Specialty Vehicles

Best Practices for Evaluating Performance of Tires and Tire/Wheel Products.

Best Practices for Spec'ing Cab Insulation

Dock Restraints and their Impact on Trailer Maintenance.

Risk Management in Fleet Maintenance Operations.

Gain and share information with hundreds of your peers at TMC's Shop Talk, a free form discussion on equipment issues. Resolve troubling equipment issues at TMC's Town Meeting and Fleet Operators' Forum. There's simply no other single venue that offers so much information on how to maximize fleet performance and efficiency. It's your one-stop shop for fleet education, supported by the industry's only user-driven best practices. I look forward to seeing you in Tampa in February.