

# Arkansas Trucking Association Maintenance & Technology Council Meeting 04/10/07

## **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**

As always we will start off with a safety message as each Chairman has done before me. Today I would like to bring forth the concern of Heat Exhaustion, and Heat Stroke. It is that time of year where we will see 100 plus days and the health of our staff is imperative. You can educate your staff of the symptoms by contact your local clinic to arrange a class or by performing your own educational first aid classes. I will briefly touch on how to identify symptoms of each;

Some of the signs of heat stress include; complaints of headaches, dizziness, lightheadedness or fainting, weakness and moist skin, mood changes such as irritability or confusion as well as upset stomach or vomiting. If this should occur move the individual to a cool location, shade or air conditioning. Loosen their clothing and apply cool wet cloths. Have them drink water or electrolyte drinks.

The signs of heat stroke are; dry hot skin with no sweating, mental confusion or loosing consciousness as well as seizures or fits. Pour water on them, fan them or apply cold packs. Contact 911 and get an ambulance on the way as quickly as possible. The OSHA website also lists information related to heat stress.

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## **Introductions**

First we would like to Thank Harvey Brodsky, for his presentation on tire retread technology at our meeting in April. At the last business meeting held in Little Rock in conjunction with the annual conference we elected new officers. They are Kenneth Calhoun Secretary, Ed Szarmach Vice Chairman Mike Jeffress as Past Chairman and me, Carl Desens as Chairman.

Our presenters today are; Carlos Green from SCS Frigette, Kevin Sapp from Webasto, Bill Dawson from Thermo King, and Bret Renhardt of Sun Power Systems. They will be discussing their Auxiliary Power Units and some of the features of them. We had an additional presenter scheduled unfortunately they had to cancel.

Now I would like for us to do self-introductions,

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

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

## **Reports of Special Committees**

Wrecker Towing Committee: Mr. Whittaker is the Chairman of that committee, Randy give us an update please,

Randy reported;

“We have compiled all of the data from the members, ATA, and FleetNet America. We have requested a meeting with the Arkansas State Police thru Lane Kidd and he is setting it up. We will discuss the procedure in how the police rotation towing is handled and suggest a process to improve it and the handling of complaints from trucking companies”.

Membership Committee: Mr. Calhoun is the Chairman of that committee, Kenneth give us an update please,

Kenneth reported;

“The Membership Committee using the list of ATA members that are not regular attendees of the M&TC contact the fleets in the northern half of the state and secured 11 verbal commitments for attendance. We will see how

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that turns out. Prior to our next meeting in Little Rock we will contact those on the list in the Southern sections of the state. Of special note Mr. Dean Green of McKee Foods volunteered to assist our committee during the Annual Business conference. It is also of note the Mr. Green is responsible for over half of the commitments secured. Mr. Green has now been given permanent status as a member of our committee.”

Career Day: Mr. Wilson is the Chairman of that committee, Tim does your committee have anything new to report?

“Not at this time.”

Our Past Chairman Mike Jeffress will now report on the new website:

Mr. Jeffress showcased the new website and showed the various pages including the calendar of events, previous meetings minutes and presentations.

**2007 Technician Skills competition update:** We have 37 truck, 7 trailer and 4 tire technicians entered in the contest that will be taking place on June 22nd.

### **Chairman's discussion**

Calendar of events: June 22 Technicians Championship here at the Holiday Inn convention center. IF there is anyone that is interested in becoming a presenter at future meetings please see Sarah Sheets or me.

### **New Business/Old Business**

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

Darrell Hicks (retired) made note of the passing of Trucker Buddy founder Gary King after a prolonged bout with cancer.

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

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## **Thank Presenter**

We want to thank Carlos Green from SCS Frigette, Kevin Sapp from Webasto, Bill Dawson from Thermo King, and Bret Renhardt of Sun Power Systems. For taking the time to come and present us with information relating to APU's and their benefits.

## **Dismissal**