

Arkansas Trucking Association  
Maintenance & Technology Council Meeting  
10/14/08

**Welcome**

Kenneth Calhoun: I'd like to call this the 49<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Arkansas Trucking Association's Maintenance and Technology Council to order. This is your council. We encourage your involvement and hope everyone takes away some benefit for your time invested. Our Chairman Ed Szarmach is on vacation this week.

**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.
- Participation is encouraged but please be recognized then stand and state your name.
- Robert's Rules of Order, as revised will govern our proceedings.

**Safety message**

In the tradition established by Mr. Carl Tapp we have a safety message today. Once again hunting season is upon us and today we have a short video on hunter safety.

**Introductions**

Before we begin with introductions, we would like to thank our Presenters from the SCR Panel last meeting and Truck Centers of Arkansas for underwriting a portion of that meeting.

**Today we are pleased to have**

Larry Adkins Project Manager-Trailing Vehicles, FedEx Freight, Larry is our presenter today and will be talking to us about Sustainability.

**We would like to extend special thanks to**

Pat McNamara National Account Manager from SAF/Holland who has his exhibition trailer to show us out in the parking lot. I encourage everyone to stop by after our meeting. SAF/Holland has been kind enough to underwrite a portion of today's meeting.

Do we have any guests today?

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

I am Kenneth Calhoun with Truck Centers of Arkansas, your M&TC Vice Chairman.

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from our last meeting are published on the Arkansas Trucking Association web site. Is there a motion from the floor to accept those minutes as published? Is there a second? All those in favor say aye. Opposed?

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**Reports of Standing Committees**

Mr. Brent Hilton could not be here today but asked us to deliver the following report on the TMC SuperTech2008 in Nashville.

Mike Jeffress will recap the activity of the Towing Committee and deliver the TAG report. Mike presented an MTC RP on how to file a complaint with the Arkansas Towing & Recovery Board. He reviewed the procedures for filing complaints and using the complaint form. Mike asked for comments or feedback on his proposed R.P. Carl Tapp made a motion to pass the Recommended Practice, the motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike also mentioned that the Arkansas State Police requested a document from the AR-MTC to help develop rules for the towing rotation listing. The document was produced and the draft is pending review by Lane Kidd.

Mike also stated that there is an appointment process for sitting on the State Towing Board. He recommended that the MTC "Past Chair" should sit on this Board to represent the AR-MTC members.

Claudio Garcia – On how TMC conducts its training fair to see if we can incorporate a similar program into our next year contest.

Claudio explained how the training fair is organized and set-up at TMC and he recommended that the MTC Championship Committee look into the possibility of holding our own training fair for the technicians.

As for the Annual Inspection Committee, Mike Jeffress and I met with Paul Tamburelli and Dennis Paul of Check Mark Vehicle Safety Services during the TMC Fall Meeting. These gentlemen are preparing a presentation for delivery to a joint meeting of M&TC Officers the ATA Board and the Safety Council Officers.

Dean Green Chairman of the Membership Committee would like to update us.

Dean asked for additional members to join the committees. Dean announced that he is also looking for other areas in the state to hold the monthly MTC meetings to help increase membership and participation.

The 2009 MTC meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Everyone was asked to RSVP early as this is how we determine how much food is to be purchased. Everyone was asked to attend the November meeting and to bring a guest with them.

**Chairman's discussion**

We are starting to fill our 2009 slots and have some timely and important topics lined up for you. If anyone here today is interested in presenting or underwriting one of our remaining 2009 meetings please see Sarah Sheets or me and we will make those arrangements.

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We are fortunate today to have several guests. If you are interested in joining our council I encourage you to speak with Sarah Sheets, Dean Green Chairman of the membership Committee or me.

**New Business/Old Business**

Under the heading of old business, we have now published our 2009 calendar. It is posted on the Maintenance & Technology Council page of the Arkansas Trucking Association web site.

Is there any other old business we need to address? **There was No old business discussed.**

Is there any other new business?

**Carl Desens made a motion to have photos taken at the meetings to be used for brochures. The photographer will be asked to take photos at each meeting. Carl Tapp volunteered the use of his camera; Carl Desens volunteered to take photos along with Russell Hoerman effectively covering both the Little Rock and Northwest Arkansas meetings.**

**Mike Jeffress asked what would be the direction of the training program. He also wanted to know if there would be a committee responsible for and manage the training. He also asked for supplier members to participate in the training.**

**What are the benefits of the training?**

**Duke Fancher – It's tough to justify the Championship for a technician to be absent multiple days.**

**Eric Bengé – I see a huge benefit due to networking that is brought back. I also see improvement from test preparation. Possibly need to split up into multiple days & have multiple events over several days.**

**Space constraints are very problematic due to all the events - maybe split into 2 events over 2 months apart to help justify the cost & days off from work. Possibly move to using 2 locations – maybe 1 in N.W. A.R., and one in Little Rock.**

**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 those in favor say aye.

**Meeting Adjourned**