

Arkansas Trucking Association Maintenance & Technology Council Meeting 08/12/08

Welcome

I'd like to call the 48th 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.

Unfortunately our Chairman Ed Szarmach was called away for a meeting.

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

Slip/Fall accidents are the most common work related injury

35% of all work related accidents are classified as falls

Slip/Fall injuries represent over 65% of all work days lost

The average work days an employee is off the job is 38 per accident

Clean up those greasy, oily, or muddy floors.

Clean and organize the clutter. (Tools, air hoses, drop light cords, jacks, core parts, and the like should not be left in aisle ways.)

Never use a "make-shift" ladder in place of a real ladder. (note: chairs, boxes, barrels, etc. should **never** be used as substitutes for a true sturdy ladder)

Take extra care when climbing up to high places.

Take extra care when reaching out your arms or overextending your reach, especially on a ladder.

Introductions

Before we begin with introductions, we would like to thank our top technicians of the state and their companies that were here at the last meeting. We received a lot of valuable information from the panel that will benefit the Championship next year.

Today we have some special guests that I would like to recognize.

Dave Siler - Detroit Diesel

Barry Lonsdale - Terra Industries

Terry Ross - Love's Truck Stops

Alan Smith - Brenntag

Dave Polak- EZ Fuel & Tank Solutions

You will be hearing more from them later in our SCR Urea Panel Discussion.

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Do we have any other guests today?

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

I am Kenneth Calhoun of Truck Centers of Arkansas your Vice Chairman.

Reading of the minutes of the last meeting dated

The minutes from our last meeting in Little Rock were published on the web site. Do I hear a motion to waive the reading of those minutes and approve them as published? Is there a second? All those in favor say aye. Opposed? Motion made to approve Minutes as posted on web site was made by Brent Hilton and Carl Tapp 2nd motion carried.

Reports of Standing Committees

Mr. Brent Hilton will now give us report on the TMC Fall Meeting coming up next month:

The Technology & Maintenance Council (TMC) invites you to join us for our 2008 Fall Meeting, Sept, 15-18, at the Renaissance Nashville Hotel and Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn.

In addition to a strong slate of educational sessions for equipment professionals, TMC's Fall Meeting includes a host of added features not ordinarily included in our traditional schedule. The theme of TMC's 2008 Fall Meeting - Fleet Solutions through Adaptive Intelligence - centers around the environmental, economic and regulatory challenges that our industry faces today and in the coming years. In addition, TMC is holding North America's fourth annual National Technician Skills Competition September 15-17. The event called TMC SuperTech2008 will feature professional commercial vehicle technicians competing for top honors and valuable prizes as they demonstrate their diagnostic abilities through a series of 10 skills stations. Organized by TMC's Professional Technician Development Committee (PTOC), TMC SuperTech2008 will start Monday afternoon and conclude Tuesday evening. Awards will be given to the top three technicians and skills station winners during Wednesday's Awards Luncheon. All meeting attendees are welcome during the hands-on skills portion of the contest, so stop by and see what TMC SuperTech2008 is all about.

In conjunction with TMC SuperTech2008, the Council is offering the PTIX: Technician Training Fair. The Fair will offer hands-on training sessions in areas such as cooling system maintenance; diesel particulate filter maintenance; tire inflation and monitoring system maintenance, starting systems, fasteners, lubricants and much more. These sessions are being organized by TMC's PTOC, which has been launched to increase technician training opportunities and involvement within the Council. The fair will be held Wednesday, Sept. 17.

For details visit TMC's website: <http://tmc.truckline.com>. On behalf of TMC's Board of Directors, I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and join us at TMC's 2008 Fall Meeting. We look forward to seeing you in Nashville.

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K Calhoun - We had our post championship committee meeting via conference call. I want to thank everyone that participated on the call. We had a good discussion on the past championship and we decided to observe how TMC conducts its training fair to see if we can incorporate a similar program into our contest next year.

The annual inspection exploratory committee is still waiting on the document from Steve Keppler of CVSA for evaluation. It is however important to note that CVSA is starting to market their Gold Check Mark program in our area.

Chairman's discussion

If there is anyone that is interested in becoming a presenter at future meetings please see Sarah Sheets or Tim Wilson, our Secretary, or me and we will make those arrangements.

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 new business, it is time for us to put together our 2009 calendar. Historically we have met on the second Tuesday of each month with the exception of February and September when TMC meets and December due to the holidays. In addition we have alternated between Northwest Arkansas and Little Rock for the meeting location.

At this time I would like to open the floor for discussion starting with the meeting days on the second Tuesday.

Carl Tapp brought up that we once meet on the Third Thursday and moved to the second Tuesday in an effort to assist ATA in control expenses; however with this move we have seen membership decline for two reasons, first we conflict with West Tennessee state Maintenance Council and Secondly the Associate membership that travel to the state find it difficult to make Tuesday meetings. Sara explained that the logistic of having a joint lunch worked part of the time, but not all the time, therefore she was OK with moving the meeting dates, however we where locked into the second Tuesday for the remainder of 2008 because of contracts that they had negotiated with the hotels. Kenneth asks for a motion to be made to move to the Third Thursday of the month.

Carl Tapp made a motion to move our meetings to the Third Thursday for the calendar year of 2009, motion was 2nd by Mike Jeffress, and Motion passed.

Is there any discussion regarding the months we skip? There was nothing raised in regards to months we currently skip.

Is there any discussion regarding the alternating locations? Would we want to add a location?

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Mike Jeffress suggested that we should consider different locations for meetings in 2009; as an example should we consider meeting twice a year at different locations within the state in an effort to build on membership participation. Carl Tapp suggested we consider meeting in the Fort Smith area first to see what participation we would get then consider other locations later. Dean Green suggested that we set up two meetings in the Fort Smith area and allow his committee to contact the Fleets and Associate member in that area in an effort to build attendance. Gary Hunt with ABF offered assistance to the Membership Committee and Planning team of those two specific meetings.

There was no formal motion made but the general consensus was that we will have 3 meetings in LR, 3 Meetings in Springdale and 2 Meetings in Fort Smith with the annual meeting being held in the designated area of the ATA Annual conference for the 2009 calendar. Sara Sheets reminded everyone that the annual meeting and the June Skills competition meeting was established already. Kenneth Calhoun added that the Annual meeting this year needed to have more substance to attract membership rather than a simple officer election. The officer group will develop this segment and work with ATA staff on its applicability to the overall meeting.

Is there any old business we need to address today? None rose.

Is there any new business from the council at this time? None rose.

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. Please enjoy your lunch our Panel Discussion will follow shortly.

Motion was moved by Brent Hilton seconded by Carl Tapp to adjourn the meeting, Motion passed.

Presentation on 2010 Emission While Improving Competitiveness

Kenneth opened the meeting with reading the Bio of each presenter. (See 2010 Bios').

Questions and Answers from the floor on the presentation.

Question: Safety concern: MSDS sheets, nothing was really mentioned in the presentation regarding handling of the product and such, will there be new training requirements for drivers and or Service personal?

Answer: No such hazards have been identified at this time, this product is a non-hazardous material, and therefore they do not see any additional requirements from FMCSA or OSHA. The concern is the temperature storage maintenance.

Question: What happens if the unit runs out of SCR due to accidental tank puncture or driver failure to fill tank?

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Answer: EPA is not mandating shut down of the unit if it is to run out of SCR at this time. However there will be notification alarms and lights and a reduction of power may be experienced. With accidental spills contact your local Spill Prevention personal.

Question: How will diagnostic of the system be performed by the Technician?

Answer: The use of OBD goes into effect in 2010; the OBD (On Board Diagnostic) will consist of sensor that can tell the efficiency of the system, each OEM will have Diagnostic fault trees to follow for proper troubleshooting.

Question: How will a fleet determine the size of tank one should spec to optimize fueling?

Answer: There is no regulation on the size of the tank currently. Each OEM will provide options for the customer to determine what quantity they wish to carry for the driver.

Question: During the presentation there was comments made about not having the fuel dispenser on the fuel inland rather having an additional fuel inland that the driver would have to move to. How are the Truck stops going to address this because most are drastically undersized now, and cause major delays while waiting to purchase required fuel today?

Answer: The Truck stops will be able to have the product dispensed on the current fuel inland, the issue today is UL Ratings. Currently no UL rating exists for the dispensing devises and there is concern that this will not be obtained until second half of 2009. With this said it is important to point out that fuel stops today have Flex Fuel dispensers that have not yet been issued a UL rating, therefore they do not see this as a major concern. The concern however should be on what type of tanks the Truck Stops have in the ground currently. This product is not compatible with standard double wall Steel, which was clearly pointed out in the presentation.

Question: If an Independent wishes to sell this product, and is able to get set up as a Dealer/Distributor, How will communication of who carries the product be communicated to the public?

Answer: There is a group developing a Web site that will have all Dealerships/Distributors and their locations, this Web site can be accessed by the general public therefore telling them where they can obtain said product. Communication of the Web site name will be made through the trade magazines once completed.

There where no other questions. Thank you to each presenter for their time and travel.

Meeting Adjourned