

# Arkansas Trucking Association

## Maintenance & Technology Council Meeting 1/15/09

### Welcome

Ed Szarmach of CalArk, M&TC Chair - call the 51<sup>st</sup> 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.

### 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

With winter here there is some emergency equipment you need to keep in your vehicle in case you get into an accident or get stuck or stalled. A blanket or extra clothes, candle with matches, snacks, beverages (never alcohol), cell phone, a small shovel, flashlight, windshield scraper, tow rope, bag of sand or cat litter for traction and a set of long jumper cables. As far as driving goes concentrate on your speed, other vehicles, and driving.

### Introductions

Before we begin with introductions, we would like to thank our special guests from the last meeting, Alberto Alcalá, Ed Saxman, Tim Tindall and Tim Shick for delivering their presentations on EPA 2010 Engine Emission Strategies.

### **We have some familiar presenters today.**

They will be informing us on the Absorbed Glass Mat (AGM) Batteries, Bruce Purkey of Purkey's Fleet Electric and Carl Tapp of P.A.M. Transport.

Self-introductions.

### 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? Minutes Approved.

### Reports of Standing Committees

Kenneth Calhoun will give us an update on the upcoming Technician Championship and Annual Inspection Committees and Membership Committee.

Membership Committee – the committee met twice to discuss ways to bring in new members. It was decided to pick from different geographical areas of the state and then inviting them to the annual meeting.

Inspection – A course outline, syllabus, & job requirements were requested. Once received, the documents will be brought to the membership for review. After an agreement has been reached on the subject matter the committee will return with more information.

Mike Jeffress of Maverick will give the details on the annual TMC meeting next month in Orlando and on the TAG Committees.

### Chairman's discussion

You should have received a letter from Pam Choate regarding council membership. I would like to ask each of you to reach out to other professionals in our industry to let them know about our council and its

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benefits. I would challenge each of you to invite at least one guest to our meetings as we continue to grow and improve our organization.

If there is anyone that is interested in becoming a presenter at future meetings please see Sarah Sheets, Kenneth Calhoun our Vice Chairman, 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, Ed Szarmach.

### **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?

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.

Thank you to each presenter for their time and travel.

**Meeting Adjourned**