

Arkansas Trucking Association  
Maintenance & Technology Council  
Meeting Minutes  
1/21/2010

**Welcome**

Mr. Kenneth Calhoun, Vice President Operations/Customer Relations for Truck Centers of Arkansas and Chairman of the Maintenance and Technology Council of the Arkansas Trucking Association called the 60th meeting of the Arkansas Trucking Association Maintenance and Technology Council to order at 11am. Mr. Calhoun told everyone that this is your council. We encourage your involvement and hope everyone takes away some benefit for your time invested. There were 42 in attendance.

**Housekeeping**

Mr. Calhoun then made housekeeping announcements.

- Emergency exits were pointed out.
- Informal meeting format, feel free to use the facilities as needed.
- 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 and your company's name.
- Robert's Rules of Order, as revised will govern our proceedings.
- Please make sure that you all sign in on the sheets provided at each table.

**Safety Message**

Mr. Calhoun presented a safety message to the Council.

- In the tradition started by our first Chairman Mr. Carl Tapp we like to begin each meeting with a short Safety Message. This month we have a short video. A video was shown of how accidents can occur if texting while driving.

**Introductions**

Mr. Calhoun thanked Mr. Dannie Hughes and the folks from Fontaine Fifth Wheel North America for their presentation and for underwriting a portion of our November meeting.

Our meeting today is being underwritten in part by Reyco Granning Suspensions. A little later we will be hearing from Mr. Steven Denny, their National Sales Manager, and his presentation will illustrate the differences between the 3 common trailer air-ride slider suspensions available today. It will show that the design of the suspension is an important consideration for optimal tire life.

If we could now start our self introductions I am Kenneth Calhoun with Truck Centers of Arkansas, your Chairman.

Chairman Calhoun pointed out that we had guest in the room. Adam Arrington with Truck Centers of Arkansas introduced his guest, Mr. Glenn Long with R.H. Sheppard Power Steering Company out of Plano, TX.

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

The minutes from our last meeting have been published on our website. Do I have a motion from the floor to waive the reading of those minutes and approve them as written? Art Davis with Bridgestone/Bandag Tire Solutions made a motion to receive the minutes as written. Is there a second? Tim Wilson with P.A.M. Transport seconded the motion. All those in favor say aye. All were in favor. Opposed? None Opposed.

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**Reports of Standing Committees**

Chairman Mr. Calhoun asked Mr. Brent Hilton, Director of Maintenance of Maverick Transportation, LLC, to give us an update on TMC as well as the TAG report at this time.

TMC Update:

Dear Trucking Industry Professionals:

The Technology & Maintenance Council (TMC) invites you to join us for our 2010 Annual Meeting and Transportation Technology Exhibition, February 9-12, at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Florida.

In addition to a strong slate of educational sessions, 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 2010 Annual Meeting- Maintenance in Transition- focuses on the changing nature of equipment of traditional business relationships between equipment users, manufacturers and service providers. Several of our educational sessions will address the evolution of truck technology, as explained in detail in the brochure on your table.

I invite you to join us for this industry wide celebration of technology improvement and innovation. During the week, there will be more than 100 industry task force meetings to resolve issues critical to your fleet, as well as a broad offering of technically oriented educational sessions. TMC's Annual Meeting and Transportation Technology Exhibition remains the premier event for fleet management and offers a comprehensive array of information that is vital to the growth of success of your company.

TMC's kickoff luncheon speaker on Tuesday will be Jim Hebe, Senior Vice President of North American Sales and Operations for Navistar Inc. Mr. Hebe will be prepared to discuss the trends that are shaping our industry today and the ramifications of these events on our business. He will also answer any questions that you may have for him.

We will also have a guest speaker at the Town Meeting on Tuesday evening. Tommy Hodges, 2010 ATA Chairman will tell us about his experience in trucking along with what he feels trucking holds for the upcoming year. This year's Silver Spark Plug Awards will be presented during Tuesday evening's Town Meeting.

The educational sessions that will be presented at the meeting will be, Implementing Kaizen and HIKE to Improve Fleet and OEM Operations, Fostering Effective Fleet/Service Provider Communication, Electrical Requirements for On-Highway Vehicles: 2010 and Beyond, Common Mistakes in Tire and Wheel Maintenance, Fleet Experiences with EPA 2007 Compliant Diesel Engines: A 300,000 Mile Assessment, In-Cab Safety Devices and Their Implications for Data Retention, Liability and Legal Responsibility, New Stopping Distance Regulations and Their Effect on Vehicle Specifications, Installation and Repair of Trailer Aerodynamic Devices, The Great Antifreeze Debate: Universal vs. Proprietary Engine Coolants, Sustainability Strategies for Fleet Operations and more. You will find a description of each of these sessions in the brochure on your table.

Your success depends on keeping current in the fast-changing world of technology and maintenance. Stay in touch with the times . stick with TMC!

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**Chairman's Discussion**

In May, during the annual business meeting our presentation will focus on servicing Diesel Particulate Filters as a part of your preventive maintenance program. I would like to ask a couple of questions of you on this subject? How many of you are currently operating EPA07 equipment with DPFs? How many of you have determined your maintenance interval? How many of you plan to do so in order to prevent expensive failures on the road? Would there be any interest among the fleets in developing a procedure for determining what that interval should be specific to the way your fleet operates? A motion was cast by Carl Tapp of P.A.M. Transport to form a Task Force to Determine Diesel Particulate Filter Maintenance Intervals. Bruce Purkey of Purkey's Fleet Electric seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Task Force  
Determining Diesel Particulate Filter Maintenance Intervals

**Purpose and Scope:**

It is the objective of this task force to create a guide that will allow an individual fleet operator to evaluate the relevant factors required to make an intelligent decision in setting a preventive maintenance schedule specific to their operation. This will enable the fleet to better control costs associated with this equipment by avoiding road failures, tow bills, and unnecessary down time.

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 all heavy duty diesel engines manufactured for use in the United States were required to meet a new round of emission standards. The one part of the equipment that became standard for every manufacturer was the Diesel Particulate Filter. Although the methods employed and the materials used differ somewhat between these units one constant is that they all require periodic maintenance. During the normal function of their operation they will reach a point when they become loaded with ash and can no longer perform as required to meet the emission standards.

There are many factors that can and will have an impact on the amount of time or miles that will be accumulated before this threshold is reached. Application, duty cycle, idle time, number of regenerations performed, oil consumption, and type of oil used all have an impact on this interval. In addition the individual manufacturers use different accumulators to activate any warning devices to alert the driver that it is time for service.

**Chairman's Discussion Cont.**

We are starting to fill the 2010 calendar spots for presenters. If you are interested in booking one of those dates or if there is a topic that you would like to see us cover next year please let us know.

For those of you who are guests today, if you are interested in joining the Council I encourage you to speak with Sarah Sheets, Tim Wilson, Brent Hilton or myself.

**New Business/Old Business**

Is there any old business today? none

As for new business I would like to remind everyone that there would be a Tech Championship meeting immediately following today's presentation.

You will find Sponsorship Forms on your table, the Technician Championship depends on monetary donations to continue the success it has achieved. Please consider sponsorship for 2010 and put into your budget if possible.

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Is there any other new business?

Bruce Purkey with Purkey's Electrical Consulting Inc. brought up the idea of a Newsletter for Maintenance & Technology Council of Arkansas. Bruce showed everyone a few slides with examples of this from the North Carolina Trucking Association. Bruce Purkey volunteered to form a committee to research this idea and will report back to the council his findings.

If there is no further new business, I would like to ask for a motion to adjourn the business portion of our meeting at this time. Greg Campbell of Arkansas Trailer made the motion to adjourn. Is there a second? Adam Arrington of Truck Centers of Arkansas seconded the motion. All in favor say aye. All aye and no one opposed.

**Business meeting adjourned.**

Please help yourselves to lunch and we will begin Steven's presentation as you are finishing. We all ate. We had chicken, beef, creamed potatoes, green beans, salad and for desert we had pecan, apple and chocolate pie. Mmm Mm!

The link on the ATA-M&TC web-site has the presentation that was given by Mr. Steven Denny, National Sales Manager, of Reyco Granning Suspensions. To contact Mr. Denny for more information:

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**Meeting Adjourned.**