



MAINTENANCE & TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2012

Little Rock, AR

Chairman Randy Porter of McKee Foods Transportation opened with a welcome and self-introductions. This is the 82nd meeting of the ATA MTC.

Housekeeping , notes exits and bathrooms

Safety Message ---Winter driving, experience level of drivers, be aware!!!

Meeting Minutes posted on Website - Motion to accept meeting minutes from last meeting passed.

Thanks to Mike Murdock, MHC Kenworth, for the informative presentation in August.

Announcements:

2013 Annual Business Conference and Vendor Showcase

Date: May 8-10, 2013

Location: The Peabody, Little Rock, AR

2013 Arkansas Trucking Championship

Date: May 30 – June 1, 2013

Location: John Q. Hammons Convention Center, Rogers, AR

Technician Training Fair

Date: May 30, 2013

Lunch

Discussion revolved around the following topics:

- DPF systems
- 200,000 miles clean DPF, then EGR valve, pitting and hanging up. Breakage on filters.
- Driver training was thought to be initial problem but it is not.
- Can fleets get together to discuss with Vendors ?
- DEF, seemed better at first but then problems arise.
- Moisture in the air tanks causing corrosion.
- Coolers stopping up and failing.
- Sensors
- Vendors---Brand X--- stop leak, causing more problems than fixes for EGR Cooler
- Turbo's

- Can we get Brand X to talk to us as a group to help explain what to do to prevent the failures.
- Distilled Water vs. tap water.
- Has TMC discussed any of these issues .
- Can Duke get some manufacturers of Engines come talk to us regarding all of these issues.
- Larry Rambeaux is going to email Chairman of the S12 group to see if anything is has been done on the TMC side.
- Large discussion of fuel, contaminants, and DEF quality. Make sure the DEF is certified with a Seal of Approval.
- Age of DEF affects it. Sunlight does as well.
- Tires---General Discussion
- CNG--- with additional weight of up to 2000 lbs, can we haul 2000lbs over standard weight limitations.
- You can ask for a certificate of analysis from your fuel jobber if you want to make sure of the quality of fuel.
- Do not use alcohol based products in your fuel.
- Bio Diesel needs to be certified BQ9000 certified.
- Training for the future, we welcome suggestions.
- Oil analysis... who does it and does it work ?

Meeting Adjourned.

