



MAINTENANCE & TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

Welcome

Mr. Brent Hilton, Director of Maintenance for Maverick Transportation, LLC and Chairman of the Maintenance and Technology Council of the Arkansas Trucking Association called the 78th meeting of the Arkansas Trucking Association's Maintenance and Technology Council to order at 11:00a.m. Chairman Hilton reminded everyone that this is their council and encouraged everyone's involvement and hoped that everyone in attendance took away some benefit for their time invested.

Housekeeping

Chairman Hilton pointed out some housekeeping measures which included:

- Emergency Exits.
- This is an Informal Meeting format; feel free to use the facilities as needed.
- Out of courtesy to others, please turn off your cell phones and pagers or put on silent, if you need to make a call, please step out of the room.
- Robert's Rules of Order, as revised will govern our proceedings.
- There is a sign in sheet on each table, please make sure that you all sign the sheet.

Safety message

Chairman Hilton, in the tradition of our first Chairman Mr. Carl Tapp stated: We like to begin each meeting with a short safety message. Today's message is about Severe Weather. As we are in our Primary Severe Weather Season, there are questions we must ask ourselves: Do you have a Warning System in place for your Technicians, to notify them when Severe Weather is approaching? Do you have a safe place for them to retreat to in case of a direct hit? Most cases of Severe Weather happen at night when office people are at home and our technicians are hard at work in our shops. Usually no one is left around the office to notify the shop what's going on unless someone happens to be watching TV and calls them. I hope this short message will trigger some thoughts and actions and who knows, it may save someone's life.

Introductions

Chairman Hilton suggested we start our introductions by going around the room and having each person stand and give their name and affiliation.

Reading of the minutes of the last meeting dated

Chairman Hilton informed everyone that the minutes from our last meeting have been published on our web site and asked for a motion from the floor to waive the reading of those minutes and approve them as written. The motion was granted, seconded, unopposed, and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Past Chairman Mike Jeffress provided a Tag Update.

New Business/Old Business

Old business brought up for discussion.

None.

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None.

Chairman Hilton reminded everyone of a couple of upcoming events. The 2012 Arkansas Trucking Association Annual Business Conference & Vendor Showcase which will be held May 16th thru 18th at the Embassy Suites Hotel & Convention Center in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The 2012 Arkansas Trucking Championships which will be held June 7th thru 9th at the John Q. Hammons Convention Center in Rogers, Arkansas. The Technician Training Fair and Championship which will be held on Thursday June 7th and Friday June 8th respectively. Registration forms for these events, including Sponsorship and Hotel can be found at arkansastrucking.com. You may also call the ATA office at 501-372-3462 should you have any questions.

Chairman Hilton informed everyone that after lunch we would hear a presentation from Rob Nissen with SAF Holland on Fifth Wheel Maintenance and Operation. Chairman Hilton then extended a thank you to Total Lubricants USA, Inc. for presenting at our January Meeting.

Dismissal

In light of the fact that there was no further business Chairman Hilton suggested that we adjourn the business portion of our meeting and asked for a motion from the floor to do so. The motion was granted, seconded, unopposed, and passed unanimously.

Presentation

Chairman Hilton introduced Rob Nissen with SAF Holland. Rob graduated in 1976 from the University of Toledo with a BS degree in Business/Organizational Administration. Rob spent 21 years on the fleet side in vehicle maintenance with three major fleets. He has been with SAF Holland for 19 years, as a regional, and national Service Manager. He works with field training, equipment specifications, and warranty on the full product line including fifth wheels, landing gear, axles, and Truck/Trailer suspensions, both Mechanical and Air. Rob is very blessed with his wife and one Giant Schnauzer and resides on the Great Lake Shoreline of Lake Michigan, in Holland, MI. Chairman Hilton asked everyone to please join him in welcoming Rob Nissen.

Questions & Answers

Q. Which fifth wheel has the B Lock?

A. Rob Nissen of SAF Holland: The 3500.

Meeting adjourned.