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From the Prez...

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We like new things. Not that antiquity and nostalgia have no place in our hearts, but we also like to unwrap, open up, and plug in.

TCH is not anything new but it is a great example of adaptation and endurance. We have changed with our industry - from horse power to horsepower. Our world has shrunk while TCH was on guard in the transportation industry.

2008 marks more than a new year ahead: it marks another year behind us. We succeeded in our endeavors and learned from our experiences. Hopeless situations of overcapacity were conquered, and the consumer benefited from uninterrupted service by the transportation industry, again. Whatever your role in transportation, you can be proud that you are part of what is right with America - what is working.

The year ahead holds more change for us, and we can be a positive part of the change by sticking with our values, not cutting corners, treating others as we would like to be treated, and humbly serving in our chosen roles.

Cool.

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TCH Event Recap

JANUARY LUNCHEON

BRENNAN'S was the scene for the TCH January luncheon. Our featured speaker, John Conley of National Tank Truck Carriers Association, was unavoidably prevented from attending, so his able replacement was [NTTC Vice President Tom Lynch](#).

Tom is a former tank truck carrier vice president, congressional staffer, and is an attorney. Tom spoke on tank truck roll-overs and hours-of-service, and took questions from the attendees on a variety of topics. Later this month Tom is returning to capital hill as a staffer for US Senator Baucus of Montana. The 60+ attendees heard

valuable information useful to more than tank truckers, but to all who benefit from and interact with trucks or share the roadways with them. *(That means just about everyone!)*

Also at the luncheon, [Aubrey Campbell of the USDOT](#) was present to provide information on the upcoming FREE seminar on March 4 & 5 here in Houston (*see details in this WHEEL and online at www.transclubhou.org*).

Other program highlights were:

Invocation & US pledge by Father Rivers Patout
Education committee update from Past President Ed Schinnie

NTW update from TCH Director Larry Snellings
Recognition of current board and officers in attendance,

As well as Past presidents & students in attendance

JANUARY LUNCHEON SPONSOR:

[ADVANCED AROMATICS](#)

DOOR PRIZE DONORS:

[CLARK FREIGHT LINES](#) -

Rockets & Aeros Tickets

[EURO-HUB INTERNATIONAL](#) -

Brennan's Gift Certificate

Thank you to our sponsors, & congratulations to our winners!

[FALL GOLF OUTING RECAP](#)

The TCH Fall Golf Outing was a resounding success! The all-important wonderful weather was upstaged only by the planning and execution of our golf committee. TCH VP Deborah Butler and member Matt Stoker led the effort to deliver a day of fun to attendees.

GOLF WINNERS: *Congratulations!*

Pink Lady: Brian McAlexander, Chester

Loth, Bill Acosta, Glen McVey

2nd Place: Brian McAlexander, Chester Loth,

Bill Acosta, Glen McVey

1st Place: Brian Wilcox, Ken Smith, David

Coleman, Jesse Cruz

Longest Drive: David Coleman

Closest to Pin: Bill Acosta

GOLF SPONSORS: *Thank You!*

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Southwest Freight

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Chevron Phillips Chemical Co.
Heniff Transportation
Danny & Celessa Schnautz

* Bronze *

Bay Water Trucking
Deborah Butler
Empire Logistics
First Union Rail
GT Express
Hass & Burrell Towing
McLeod Software
Roy Moffitt Customized Heavy Haul
Rush Truck Center
Ed Schinnie
Leo Stupur

been sold at the luncheons since then right up through January. A reorder is not certain at this point. If you are interested in a set, please email the club president or the club office so that we can make a repurchase decision. *See a mugshot online!*

These heavy glass mugs are \$10 each, or a set of 4 for \$30. They make great desk-top holders for mints & pens, in addition to being a great coffee mug.

Mugs will be available for purchase at the February luncheon as well.

Testimonial:

From Mayor Bill White's office "We love the mugs and use them every day!"

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Upcoming TCH Events - AROUND THE CORNER!

The **next TCH luncheon** is at **Brennan's** in Downtown Houston on February 5 at 11:30. The speaker will be **Paul D Burkholder**, Sr Special Agent with the Department of Homeland Security. Topic: "Homeland Security" Details of the luncheon are available online at www.transclubhou.org.

The **MARCH LUNCHEON** will **NOT** be held in order to show support for the DOT Seminar to be held here in Houston on March 4 & 5 (*see additional information, below*). We encourage our members and attendees to attend this FREE seminar which we are fortunate to have right here in Houston!

TCH at the SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK!

Saturday, April 5 will find many TCH members at the park (www.shrp.com) for a fun night for the Connally Breeders' Cup Turf Festival. Arrive as early as 5:30 for a 7:00 start, and the fun lasts til 11:00pm. Cost is \$35 per person, and corporate sponsors are needed:

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| Platinum: | \$250 | Gold: | \$200 |
| Silver: | \$100 | Bronze: | \$50 |

We must have early RSVPs to fill the spots or we must release the venue. TCH will have our own private room with food and fun. See you there!

The **SPRING GOLF OUTING** will be held on March 27, with a 1 pm shotgun start. TCH Vice-President Deborah Butler, Matt Stoker, and the rest of the golf committee have plans are for a beautiful day. TCH will be returning to Longwood for another great event. Plan to sponsor, plan to play!

The **SPRING EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR** has had a change because of the resignation from our industry of the featured speaker. New plans underway.

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TCH Mugs on Sale

Your TCH board purchased some wonderful custom glass TCH-logoed mugs late last Fall and they are almost gone through quick sales.

The first night of availability was the October board meeting and everyone present purchased a mug. At the November board meeting, most did additional purchases to get to a full set! More have

US DOT Hazmat Workshop in Houston

At: Houston, TX MARCH 4 & 5 at Marriott Hotel Hobby Airport (DOT has changed the date & location).

“Whether you are new to hazmat transportation or a seasoned professional, breakout sessions are presented to increase your knowledge for the safe and secure transportation of hazmat. Each seminar begins with a General Session that provides overviews of the Department of Transportation’s Hazardous Materials Program and what to expect during the seminar. The remainder of the two-day seminar consists of Concurrent Breakout Sessions. Sessions are organized and scheduled into three different tracks. You can follow a specific track or you can attend only those sessions that best meet your needs. Each session is offered twice to help you maximize your seminar experience.”

For details, go to:
<http://hazmat.dot.gov/training/training.htm>

NTW 2008

We are proud to announce that **Texas Representative of District 144 Robert Talton is our Honorary Chairman for NTW 2008!**

Representative Talton was a guest speaker at our December luncheon and is indeed a friend of transportation. In addition, the City of Houston is issuing a proclamation for the week. Activities are being planned.

NTW is a national week of recognition as declared by Congress. This special week of recognition originated in Houston in 1953. This year the dates are May 11 - 17 and events across our country will take place that week. The official NTW web site is www.ntweek.org. Each year Transportation Clubs International helps with recognition, as well (www.transportationclubsinternational.com).

Transportation workers include more than truckdrivers, pilots, train engineers, ship captains, and railroad engineers, but also dispatchers, forklift operators, shipping clerks, sales reps, maintenance crews, and so much more.

YOU too can do some good by mentioning to your circle of influence the good that transportation does in our society every day.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK is May 11-17 and help is needed for the school poster/essay contest and other events. All area clubs have been invited to participate in various events. See more info in this newsletter.

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TCH website opens “MEMBERS ONLY” section

Check out your club web page for the new MEMBERS ONLY section, being launched this week. The entry point is at the bottom right corner of the web page (“Members Only”). In it, you will find discounts from vendors that will help you and your business with chiropractor, office supply & printing, and car rental discounts. MORE VENDORS ARE NEEDED! If you know a vendor, or if your company can provide discounted services to TCH members, contact us. More information will be released to TCH members soon via an email from the Executive Secretary.

This issue of “The Wheel” is brought to you by -

Robert Talton,

Candidate for U.S. Congress, TX District 22

The last day to register to vote in the March 4th primary is February 4th.

To get this country moving in the right direction, we should participate in every election opportunity.

Robert Talton understands the needs of the transportation industry.

We appreciate your support.

www.taltonforcongress.com

Paid for by Talton for Congress Committee, Bryan F. Clark, Treasurer, P.O. Box 34492, Houston, TX 77234-4492 (281) 500-6023

2007-2008 TCH Membership Roster at Printer

Your new Club Membership Roster is at the printer and will be in your hands soon. You can still:

1. **Update** your contact information to the club office;
2. **Advertise** in the Wheel or on the web page with an ad;
3. **Advertise** in the online SERVICE DIRECTORY

Details are online and available from the club office or president.

Travel Safely With the DOT

Aubrey Campbell of the USDOT reminds you that there are safer ways to travel! Go to:

<http://safetravel.dot.gov/>

for tips to make your travel easier & less stressful.

WHEEL Wins National TCI Award

At the 2007 TCI conference in Seattle, your TCH newsletter won **2nd place in the nation** for clubs of our size. This continues a tradition of winning for *The Wheel*, including "Best of Show" for 2000 - '01. See www.transportationclubinternational.com.

Also, the Sabine District Traffic Club won 2nd place with their newsletter, "The Equalizer," for clubs in their size category. The SDTC staff and members are great industry members.

A full write-up from TCH Past President Bob Clark's trip to the TCI conference is at TCH online under the INDUSTRY NEWS link.

TCH Mission Statement

"To serve its membership as a premier organization to cultivate relations among professionals in the transportation, distribution, and logistics industries. To achieve this mission, the Transportation Club of Houston endeavors to stimulate public and commercial interest in understanding the transportation industry."

Nominations Being Accepted for 2008-2009 Board

Nominations are being accepted for the 2008-2009 slate of TCH officers and directors. Please contact your club office or President for information.

New Year

Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto man His Son hath given;
While angels sing with tender mirth,
A glad new year to all the earth.

~Martin Luther

"Every good and perfect gift is from above."

James 1:17

Be a Sponsor!

TCH has many sponsorship opportunities - to bring business- earning exposure for your company, and for you. You can sponsor this newsletter, a 'mail-out' meeting reminder card, a golf outing, a luncheon, a seminar, or the web page (note the new banner ads). Look on the web page or email the club office or President for information.

-Upcoming luncheon sponsors include -

Fed Ex: February & April

Clark Freight Lines: June

Happy New Year

from all of us at the

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New Members

- Scott Eubank - CN Worldwide
 - Julianna Cabrera Gonzales - Cabreragroup LLC
 - Larry Jamison - Louisiana Transportation Inc.
 - Kurt Meckfessel - Trinity Rail
 - Yvonne Navarre -Merfish Pipe & Supply
/Mustang Tkg
 - Charles Wood - Truck Transport Inc
- Welcome to the club!*

2007 - 2008 Officers & Directors:

- President: **Danny Schnautz, Clark Freight Lines**
- Vice Prez: **Deborah Butler, Euro Hub Int'l**
- Secretary: **Shristi Shrestha,**
Edna Rice Executive Recruiters
- Treasurer: **Bob Clark, Shell E&P**
- Director: **Jamie Joiner, Baker & Hostetler LLP**
- Director: **Mike Taber, Chevron Phillips Chemical**
- Director: **Larry Snellings, DangerousGoods.com**
- Director: **Robert Morgan, Port of Houston**
- Immediate Past Prez: **Alistair Macnab, Retired**
- Executive Secretary: **Russell Powell,**
Kratochvil, Powell