



# THE WHEEL

## The Transportation Club of Houston Newsletter



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### **Upcoming TCH Events - AROUND THE CORNER!**

The **TCH JANUARY LUNCHEON** will be at **The Houston Club at 811 Rusk Avenue** on Tuesday January 19. Our speaker will be Harris County **Judge Ed Emmett** - a repeat speaker who always has 'the real deal' on information involving our industry and our county. This venue and speaker are both sure to be pleasers!

### **Lunch Sponsor: TBA**

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The **SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT AND AWARDS DINNER** will be held on April 27 at Tour 18. 94 Players were at the Fall outing and there were winners and fun aplenty. More info is on the TCH web page and course information is at [www.tour18golf.com](http://www.tour18golf.com). Plan now to be a player or a sponsor or both.

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### **TCH Event Recap**

The **TCH CHRISTMAS PARTY** was held on Thursday, December 10 at the beautifully restored 1940 Air Terminal Museum. There was a wonderful band, gift exchange, and lots of gifts brought for donations to kids. Photos are online at [www.transclubhou.org](http://www.transclubhou.org) and venue information is at [www.1940airterminal.org](http://www.1940airterminal.org). A historic club in a historic location - a great duo for the future!

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### **2nd Annual Harris County International Trade & Transportation Conference**

**January 24-26, 2010 at The Hilton of the Americas**

Welcome to the Second Annual Harris County International Trade & Transportation Conference. The Texas Gulf Coast is destined to become "gateway to North America." And, Harris County, the third largest county in the United States, and surrounding counties, must take steps now to fulfill that destiny. The Port of Houston and other Texas ports will need efficient transportation and adequate infrastructure to meet the growing demands. In addition to building infrastructure and improving the overall transportation network, our region must build relationships with current and future trading partners. The first year's conference focused on our neighbor and economic partner, Mexico. The 2010 conference will highlight Brazil, a country destined for the top tier among global economies and a natural trading partner with Harris County.

If you have a specific interest in trade with Brazil, the future of our region, or a general interest in international transportation and logistics, this conference is for you.

We welcome your full participation.

*- Harris County Judge Ed Emmett*

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### **From the Editor**

#### **WE'VE SEEN THIS BEFORE**

It is common to see a new year as a new beginning, and in some ways, it is. And always, we need not wait for a calendar to change for us to start doing better things, and stop doing worse things.

We have all seen a new year before, and we have seen tough times before. Whether it is government regulations, economic woes, or political disasters, our nation has faced these - and more - and prospered throughout our country's

short history. Overcoming obstacles comes from not giving up.

It has been said that, "We learn from history that we do not learn from history." It is time to break this cycle. Let us study enough history to not repeat all of our mistakes, whether it be not planning for the future in our business or personal lives, or being apathetic about the issues at hand.

TCH has a proud history of enduring. Through wartimes, through good times, the club presses on to be part of the future. We hope that our stability somehow carries over to inspire you to do the same. We welcome your input -whether a message, an idea, or some other involvement. When we work together, the success is sure. Cool.

Danny [danny@clarkfreight.com](mailto:danny@clarkfreight.com)  
"What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun."  
Ecclesiastes 1:9



### TCH Expands Online Presence

Ever a leader, TCH is now on two social networking sites, in addition to the TCH web page. If you're on these sites, you know what to do. And if you're not, consider giving it a try. It's no cost and expands your contacts and your world.



LinkedIn - <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=2063844>



Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=89851069610&ref=ts>

### Down the Highway - Trucking News

Sixty-year old flatbed carrier Arrow Trucking (Tulsa, OK) shut down abruptly on December 22. With over a thousand drivers stranded across the

country with a cab full of personal gear and no way home, an amazing grass roots effort took over.

Using an impromptu Facebook page, trucking group OOIDA ([www.ooida.com](http://www.ooida.com)) began to connect stranded truckers with willing helpers. The page was only a part of the 24 hour-a-day efforts, which included personal visits and hundreds of phone calls, that went on straight through Christmas and New Years holidays. Money was wired, rides were given, and homes were opened up to those in need.

It might seem that if an American corporation stranded a thousand factory workers with no way home, the federal government would send in busses and planes for resolution. Not so with truckers, so the peer-to-peer efforts were the only help. "Get it done" is how truckers live, in the face of what often seems to be insurmountable odds.

In addition, many drivers had their last week's check bounce, and will be owed two more weeks of pay - so they were impacted in more than one way.

### New Members for December

Who will bring the next new member?  
Welcome to the club!

### TCH Member January Birthdays

- 1/01 John Kendall Houston Maritime Museum
- 1/01 Kenneth Garrison Tri Star Freight Systems
- 1/02 Jan Spreen Edna Rice, Exec Recruiter, Inc
- 1/02 Shristi Shrestha Korn/Ferry Futurestep
- 1/04 Patrick Maher Gulf Winds Intl Inc
- 1/05 Robert Ante R W Smith & Co Inc
- 1/08 Jerry James Lodestar Logistics
- 1/10 Jorge Canavati Port Authority of San Antonio
- 1/16 Kerry Symons DGM Training Institute
- 1/17 F Doyle Martin Marko Transp
- 1/17 Peter Van Etten Cedar Crossing Transload Service
- 1/17 Ernest Bezdek Port of Beaumont
- 1/17 Brian Wilcox Texas Freight Services
- 1/20 James Ruberti AIT Worldwide Logistics
- 1/24 Blanca Duivenvoorde ConocoPhillips Co
- 1/30 Jesse Radvansky Enterprise Transportation Co

### Welfare Report

With a heavy heart I must report that **Truman Griffin** passed away Saturday December 26. Truman retired from Champion Paper and served as The Transportation Club of Houston president in 1970-1971. Truman was counted as a dear friend to many, many TCH members and industry friends and will be missed by everyone who knew him. Our prayers and condolences go out to his family. –

Funeral services were held on Wednesday December 30th at University Baptist Church in Houston. *Russell Powell, TCH Exec Sec*

Please send in other member info for *The Wheel*.

### NTW Houston 2010

The May 2010 is no longer “next year” – it is not very far away! On May 16 thru 22 we will celebrate the valuable contribution of the transportation industry with another year of industry-wide, city-wide events for NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK.

Houston has won the TCI award for NTW two years in a row, thanks to great multi-club participation. This year, the NTW Houston chair is TCI President Denny Tam (DJ Railcar Services). TCH has made plans for another year of NTW celebration and encourages all clubs to do the same. **Your company, and you as an individual** can get involved. To see the great series of events being lined up see [www.ntwhouston.org](http://www.ntwhouston.org).

### 1940's Air Terminal Museum Report

Visit our friends at the 1940's Air Terminal, to see the restored main terminal. TCH is a lifetime member of the museum and will hold more events there. Check their web page for special events & airplane giveaways: [www.1940airterminal.org](http://www.1940airterminal.org).



### Houston Maritime Museum Report

TCH is also a member of the Houston Maritime Museum, at 2204 Dorrington. You can learn about the industry that helped to build our region, and you can also rent a room to host an event for your company. More information is online at [www.houstonmaritimemuseum.org](http://www.houstonmaritimemuseum.org).



### TCI Scholarship Winner Travis “Barrett” Black

TCI awarded many scholarships at the annual conference in Chattanooga this year. One of the winners is Alabama native Travis “Barrett” Black, who is finishing up his bachelor’s degree from Commerce and Business Administration in December 2009. TCH Past President Danny Schnautz is Barrett’s mentor. We welcome Barrett to our industry.

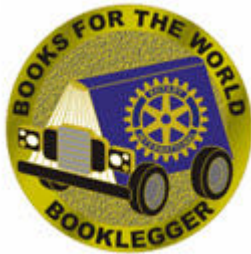
You can reach him at [black.barrett@gmail.com](mailto:black.barrett@gmail.com) with ideas, encouragement, or to get a resume’.

### Rotary Books For the World

TCH supports this worthy charity which distributes discarded textbooks throughout the world.

Rotary International has over eight years of success and growth in this project. Transportation partners are needed for trucking, rail service, ocean transport, warehousing, and shipping container donations. Current partners include BNSF, MSC Lines, Maersk, Exel Logistics, Flexi-Van Leasing, and Clark Freight Lines. Cash donations are also accepted. Full information is available at [www.rotarybooksfortheworld.org](http://www.rotarybooksfortheworld.org)





'mail-out' meeting reminder card, a golf outing, a luncheon, a seminar, or the web page (various ads). Look on the web page or email the club office or editor for information.

*-Upcoming luncheon sponsors-*

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***Transportation Clubs International Membership***

The Transportation Club of Houston is a proud member of The Transportation Clubs International.

TCI Officers include:

- Dennis Tam, President
- Mac Leonard, Chairman of the Board
- Lynn Donovan - VP Business
- Lory Tauber Don - VP Marketing
- Anita Bene - Secretary
- Katie Dejonge - Treasurer & Executive Director
- Danny Schnautz -VP Mid Central US

The fall conference is being planned for 2010. Keep reading for details as they are released.

[www.transportationclubsinternational.com](http://www.transportationclubsinternational.com)



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***Moderation***

*"Going beyond is as bad as falling short."*

*Chinese Proverb*

*"It is good to grasp the one and not let go of the other. The man who fears God will avoid all extremes."*

*Ecclesiastes 7:18*

***Get the Most from Your Membership***

***From our Members***

If you have a story about the industry, history of the club or transportation, or other info to share with our members, please send it to the club office or editor. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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***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."

***Profiles in Transportation***

For many years THE WHEEL has featured "Profiles in Transportation," a look at the people in our industry. These short columns give an insight into the personalities behind the action. If you would like to be part of this column, contact the editor at [danny@clarkfreight.com](mailto:danny@clarkfreight.com).

***Member Leads***

If you have a contact who is a prospective member of TCH, let the club office know! Share the good word of TCH! After all ---

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***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

Being a member of TCH is good, and being part of what makes things happen is even better! You can develop lifetime business associations and develop your leadership skills through your participation in TCH; it happens just that way every year! Look over the committee list and pick one that you can help on; it all starts there. Your interest is a beginning of more success.

COMMITTEE LISTING

- Attendance/Membership
- Program & Social Event Committee
- Communications/Publicity
- Advertising/Sponsorship
- Education
- Golf
- Constitution/By-Laws/Parliamentary Proced.
- Legislation
- Reception and Photography
- Member Recognition (aka Welfare & Awards)
- Nomination
- Committee and Board Recruiting
- Audit Committee

Check out more online at [www.transclubhou.org](http://www.transclubhou.org)

**TCH ITINERARY FOR 2009-2010**

2009:

- 9-01 September Luncheon at Sullivan’s with John Gaynord of TXDOT (Dir of Transp)
- 10-06 October Luncheon at Grotto with Jeff Tippit of LaPorte PD Motor Carrier Div
- 10-09 Sam Houston Port Cruise with Dinner
- 10-19 Fall Golf Outing at Tour 18 with Dinner
- 11-03 November Luncheon at Grotto Ristorante with Joe Nichols, Jr.
- 12-10 Christmas social at 1940 Air Terminal Museum

2010:

- 1-19 January Luncheon with Ed Emmett at Houston Club, 811 Rusk Avenue
- 2-02 February Luncheon with Jim Kniestedt of KCS RR
- 3-02 March Luncheon with Steve Clark of ARUP
- 4-06 April Luncheon - Marvin Wells of PTR A
- 4-27 Spring Golf Outing at Tour 18

TBA Other events with fun and benefit for all  
 TBA Past Presidents’ Luncheon  
 5-16 thru 22 NTW 2010

**Jobs and Workers Available**

Look online at [www.transclubhou.org](http://www.transclubhou.org) for available jobs and also resume’ listings. You will find it in the right hand menu bar under EMPLOYMENT.

Current listings include:

**Senior Buyer (Transportation)** , Tenaris  
 AND MORE!!! Look online!



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