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Your renewal date is: Never

### **From the Desk of the TCH President, Gary L. Stading, Ph.D.**

I would like to speak with you about a topic that is near and dear to my heart - education. I am not necessarily referring to education in the formal sense of the word (although I am a believer in formal education), but rather in the context of lifelong learning. As professionals in the transportation industry, I believe it is important for everyone in the industry to strive for continuous learning and improvement. It is through a passion for a continued understanding for the business that allows us (as an industry, as a country, as a community, and as individuals) to achieve sustained competitive advantage. Education and a passion for lifelong learning can reveal an economical edge over competition that is the difference in winning (in business) that might not otherwise be noticed.

Judge Ed Emmett addressed the TCH last month in the monthly luncheon speaking on the need for transportation constituents to become actively involved in providing input for state, local, and national governmental representatives. This emphasizes a need for transportation professionals to read and stay informed on the local transportation issues. If you are new to the industry and are wondering where to begin, the local transportation clubs (like TCH, ITMA, HTPA, HACA, and others) are an excellent place to start. The monthly transportation club meetings introduce speakers addressing transportation issues each month, and club publications enumerate various issues facing the industry. Local newspapers and industry publications carry regular stories that can help you stay informed facing industry issues.

Houston (and as Judge Emmett indicated – the entire Texas Gulf Coast) is uniquely positioned to take advantage of a multitude of economic developments (like the widening of the Panama Canal). However, in order to take full business advantage of these types of developments, industry professionals need to pursue information on these possibilities. This industry can often be thought of, by those outside of the industry, as old and tired industry relative to newer and sexier technological based industries (like iphones and ipads, etc.) But we know, that nothing is further from the truth. This industry, like many others, has gone and is going high tech at high rate of speed. For example, industry executives (like Jerry Nagel of Rickmers Linie and others) have worked with local, primary and secondary schools to allow students to track ships with satellite communications and GPS locators. The transportation industry is high tech and sexy too!

This industry does have a great many challenges and a great many of opportunities. I would like to encourage each of you and to challenge each of you to be diligent in pursuing information that will help overcome the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities. If you are looking for an introduction to both, the industry challenges and the industry opportunities, then Judge Emmett's transportation conference later this month is an excellent place to begin your lifelong learning endeavor. From that point, we here at TCH, invite each and every one of you to our monthly meetings and to become more involved in our organization where we encourage continuous learning within the industry.

### **Upcoming Club Events**

1/18 - Wednesday - [1st Quarter Networking Social - Big Texas Dance Hall in Spring, TX 6pm-8pm, Food sponsored by Canadian National. Cash bar, free parking, located right off 45/Cypresswood, adjacent to Home depot.](#)

2/7 - Tuesday - [Luncheon, Speaker Clay Ramsey, J.B. Hunt Transport - Topic: Multi-Modal Cooperation, Rails and Trucks working together](#)

3/6 - Tuesday - [Luncheon, Dave Garin, BNSF Railway Vice President, Industrial Products - Topic: Economic Outlook](#)

4/3 - Tuesday - [Luncheon, Speaker TBA](#)

4/19 - Thursday - [Spring Golf Outing](#)

#### **Club News**

**TCH Adopts Anti-Trust Statement** - In response to several requests from member's companies, TCH has adopted the following position statement which should be observed at any TCH event:

#### **ANTITRUST STATEMENT**

As members or participants with The Transportation Club of Houston, we need to be mindful of the constraints of antitrust laws. There shall be no discussions of agreements or concerted actions that may restrain competition. This prohibition includes the exchange of information concerning individual prices, rates, coverages, market

practices, claims settlement practices, or any other competitive aspect of an individual company's operation. Each participant is obligated to speak up immediately for the purpose of preventing any discussion falling outside these bounds.

#### **National Transportation Week**

Please stay tuned to [NTWHouston.org](http://NTWHouston.org) for the latest schedule of events. NTW is May 14-19, 2012. The NTW Houston Chairman for 2012 is TCH Member and Past President, Chris Popjoy. If you have any questions, please contact him directly at (281) 288-8734 or [cpopjoy@transclubhou.org](mailto:cpopjoy@transclubhou.org)

#### **Legislative Corner**

#### **FMCSA ISSUES NEW HOURS OF SERVICE RULES**

By, Steve Broussard

The FMCSA issued new Hours of Service (HOS) rules that become effective February 27, 2012 for some provisions and July 1, 2013 for other provisions.

The new HOS rules are not as restrictive as many thought they would be, because the new rules retained the 11-hour per day daily driving limit. Many thought that the FMCSA would reduce the number of hours by one hour per day. However, the new rule does reduce the number of hours a week that a driver can work to 70 hours in an eight day period, down from 82 hours.

The new rules also limit the "34-hour restart" to only one time in a seven day period. It also requires at least two nights' rest between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

One new and very important rule that carriers, drivers and others need to be familiar with is the definition of "egregious violations", which occur when trucking companies allow drivers to exceed the 11-hour driving limit by 3 hours or more. The penalty for trucking companies could be as high as \$11,000 per occurrence and the driver can be penalized as much as \$2,750.

The following is a link to a summary of the Final HOS rules compared to the Current rules:

[http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/documents/hosfinal/HOS\\_Compare\\_new\\_rule\\_to\\_current.pdf](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/documents/hosfinal/HOS_Compare_new_rule_to_current.pdf)

The new rules are the result of almost a year of negotiations and six public hearings that were held across the country. As with any new rulemaking proceeding, there will be many questions and discussions regarding the impact on the industry.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [steve@broussardlogistics.com](mailto:steve@broussardlogistics.com).

#### **Committee News**

#### **Communications Committee**

We are looking for photos, scrapbooks, wheels, etc. from 1915-today. If you have any items you would be willing to share (we WILL return them), we would like to digitize them for permanent record. Please contact Gary Stading at

[stadingg@uhd.edu](mailto:stadingg@uhd.edu) or (713) 816-2840 to coordinate handling.

### **Golf Committee**

The spring golf outing will be held on Thursday, April 19th at Tour 18 Golf Club. Earlybird registration has begun, and will continue through March 19th. Register early and \$ave! Our golf outings are the sole source of fundraising for the club, so your support is greatly appreciated. For more information, or for sponsorship opportunities, please visit the event calendar at <http://www.transclubhou.org> or contact golf chairmen Frank Files at (281) 825-9199 or Peter VanEtten at (713) 569-8120.

### **Membership**

#### **Welcome New Members!**



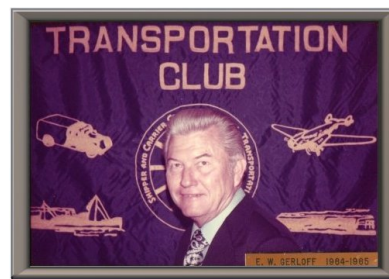
TCH welcomes our 4th corporate member, Trans-Global Solutions. TGS provides third party switching, locomotive leasing, track construction, railcar storage and bulk terminal development services. TGS is currently represented at the club by Mr. William Scott II. Welcome, and THANK YOU for supporting THE Transportation Club of Houston!

### **January Member Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to all!

- 01 - Ernest Bezdek, Port of Beaumont, Member Since 1978
- 02 - Shristi Shrestha, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Member Since 2004
- 04 - Patrick Maher, Gulf Winds Intl Inc., Member Since 2007
- 05 - Robert Ante, R W Smith & Co Inc, Member Since 1979
- 08 - Jerry P James, Lodestar Logistics Corp.
- 13 - Claire Mules, C.D.L. Benefits, Member Since 2009
- 17 - Brian Wilcox, Texas Freight Services, Member Since, 2006
- 17 - F Doyle Martin, Marko Transportation., Member Since 1970
- 17 - Peter Van Etten, Global Security Agency, Member Since 2008
- 18 - Jori Patton U of H Downtown, Member Since 2010
- 19 - Ann Wilson, Biehl & Co. LP, Member Since 2010
- 20 - James Haygood, CSX Transportation (Retired), Member Since 1969
- 20 - James Ruberti, Big Dog Logistics
- 20 - Manuel Tatavak, Member Since 2010
- 24 - Laura Hunter, Total Petrochemicals USA, Member Since 2010
- 29 - John Kendall, Houston Maritime Museum, Member Since 2004

We're happy to report that we recently heard from Earl "Bill" Gerloff Jr., son of TCH past president (1964-1965) Earl Gerloff, Sr. Earl is currently at an assisted living facility here in the Houston area. Earl might appreciate hearing from some old friends. To get in contact with Earl, please contact his son Bill at (713) 668-7018 or by email at [042sun@gmail.com](mailto:042sun@gmail.com).



**All Points Bulletin!!!** Please help us locate, or get updated information on the following life members. Their mail has started to return, and their phone numbers aren't working. If you have any information on our friends below, pl

ease contact Russell Powell at [russell@transclubhou.org](mailto:russell@transclubhou.org) or by phone at (281) 435-9647 or by mail at The Transportation Club of Houston 935 Eldridge Rd #604, Sugar Land, TX 77478

Don Brown – Southern Pacific Railroad, Retired

W G Crosby – Southern Pacific Railroad, Retired

William Dorgeloh – Chemstam, Retired

Wayne Gault – Houston Belt & Terminal Railroad, Retired

Nancy Maywald – Tellepsen, Retired

W H Pearre – Southern Pacific Railroad, Retired

Cozby Scheffield – ExxonMobil, Retired

William Viviano – Ohtsu Tire, Retired

James Wiggins – Missouri Pacific Railroad, Retired

### **Nominations Committee**

The nominations committee, chaired by president Dr. Gary Stading has been formed. If you, or someone you know would like to serve the club as a member of the board, we are very interest in speaking with you. Please contact Dr. Stading at [stadingg@uhd.edu](mailto:stadingg@uhd.edu) or by phone at (713) 816-2840. Volunteering on the board is an excellent way to sharpen your management skills, as well as to position yourself for greater responsibility in your career.

### **Member Deals & Discounts**

**Clothing** - Ladies and Gentlemen, update your business or casual wardrobe and save 15% at all Brooks Brothers stores. Enroll online at [membership.brooksbrothers.com](http://membership.brooksbrothers.com) (do not type in <http://> or [www.](http://www) in front of the web site address). Enter your **Organization ID# 10746** and your **Pin Code# 81925**. You can also register by phone by calling Brooks Brothers toll-free at 1-866-515-4747, Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm, ET. Please have your Organization ID# and Pin Code# available.



**Credit Card Processing** - If you do not accept credit cards, there is nothing easier. All you need is a laptop or smart device with internet access. You can get mobile access for drivers, branch offices etc. You can save money on standard card processing also.

If you already accept credit cards you can probably save on processing fees while contributing to the TCI Scholarship fund.

As a member of The Transportation Club of Houston, you are also a member of Transportation Clubs International (TCI). TCI has made arrangements with First Financial Merchant Services and Authorize.net for group pricing on credit card merchant accounts. A sizeable portion of their processing profits will be donated to the TCI Scholarship fund for worth college students.

This is worth checking out. Contact agent Ron Duke to help work out a plan perfect for your needs. Contact Ron at [rduke@ffusa.net](mailto:rduke@ffusa.net) or (423) 421-1595 and let him you are a Transportation Club of Houston member and would like to know what he can do for you.

### **Local Activities** - Make sure you tell 'em that you heard about their event from The Transportation Club of Houston!

31 January: The Transportation Club of Houston is supporting the 4th Annual Harris County Trade & Transportation Conference. To register, please go to <http://harriscountyevents.net>

### **Out of Town Activities**

April 10-12 - 4th Annual Critical Commodities Conference, New Orleans, LA - [www.criticalcommoditiesconference.com](http://www.criticalcommoditiesconference.com)

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