



# THE WHEEL

## The Transportation Club of Houston Newsletter



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### From the Editor...

#### THE GREAT RECOVERY

Looking back, Houston is not where we thought we would be earlier this year. We faced Hurricane Ike, and we have endured.

The recovery, like our day-in and day-out economy, arrived by the skill and service of the transportation industry. All modes contributed, though some were more visible than others. Trucks, because of their flexibility and economy, were staged with ice, water, and other relief supplies before the storm even struck. Even now, truckloads of roofing and fence pickets are arriving into Houston at record scale.

How did you or your company interact with or contribute to the storm recovery? We welcome your comments at the Hurricane Ike comment sections at [www.transclubhou.org](http://www.transclubhou.org). We do not ever really know what lies ahead, but we know what lies within; the ability to adapt and overcome.

Cool.

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## TCH

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### Upcoming TCH Events - AROUND THE CORNER!

The next TCH event is the **NOVEMBER LUNCHEON AT BRADY'S LANDING**. The speaker is unconfirmed as of press time. There will be a food drive at the luncheon, so bring your non-perishable foods in exchange for raffle tickets (one ticket per item). Keep an eye on your email inbox or the TCH web page for information as it develops.

#### THE TCH FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

has been reset to Thursday, November 20 at Longwood Golf Club. The shotgun start is set for 12:30 pm. Enjoy a box lunch and an awards dinner. There are still spaces for players and sponsors, so sign up today. More information is online at the TCH website.

#### THE TCH 2008 CHRISTMAS PARTY

will be held at the 1940's Air Terminal on Friday, December 12 in the evening. Details are being set and a gift drive has been planned. Bring your unwrapped gift to help spread the joy of Christmas. The venue information can be found at [www.1940airterminal.org](http://www.1940airterminal.org).

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#### TCH Event Recap

#### TCH SHIP CHANNEL TOUR

on October 10 was a boatload of fun! The boat was nearly full and there were many first-timers along for the ride. Food, views, networking, and information were abundant. Thanks to the Port of Houston for sponsoring this event, and to TCH Director Robert Morgan for helping organize this event back in the Spring.

#### TCH SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

at Brennan's on September 9 was the last luncheon that will be held there since the famous restaurant suffered a devastating fire during Hurricane Ike on September 13. The luncheon began with an invocation and pledges led by Immediate Past President Danny Schnautz. The flags in use were donated to TCH by Director Larry Snellings in honor of Danny, who last year led pledges with a hand-held flag each month. These flags were later stored at Brennan's after the luncheon and were subsequently casualties of the fire. Opening announcements were given by President Deborah Butler. The speaker of the day was TCH Director Larry Snellings of [dangerousgoods.com](http://dangerousgoods.com). Larry spoke about HazMat regs including proper packaging and enforcement. In addition, the attendees (numbering over 60) heard a report from Janet Flannery of the 1940's Air Terminal, and an update on TCH Past-President Joy Lloyd from U of H's Elizabeth Wetzel. Finally, a presentation of appreciation was made to TCH Immediate Past President Danny Schnautz, including the past-president pin, plaque, card, and gift card. Luncheon Sponsor for the first luncheon of the season was Euro-Hub International, and door prize sponsors were Clark Freight Lines, EuroHub International & Dangerousgoods.com.

**TCH OCTOBER 7 LUNCHEON** at Brady's Landing featured Stephen Sadler, General Mgr in the DHS section in charge of the TWIC program. Director Sadler gave in depth information on the practical side of the multi-year program TWIC (Transportation Worker Identification Credential), as well as answering many questions from the audience of 70-plus attendees. Father Rivers Patout provided the invocation and pledge, with opening announcements by Past President Danny Schnautz. Vice-President Shristi Shrista wrapped up the meeting with closing remarks and an invitation to future events. Lunch sponsor was Dangerousgoods.com Door prize sponsors for this month were Dangrousgoods.com (with a fire extinguisher at each table), Clark Freight Lines (sports tickets) & Euro-Hub International.

committee. Joy enjoys receiving calls and cards; contact the TCH office for her contact information.

***TCH website "MEMBERS ONLY" section***

Check out the TCH web page section for the MEMBERS ONLY section. The entry point is at the bottom right corner of the home page ("Members Only"), where you will find discounts from vendors that will help you and your business.

MORE VENDORS ARE WELCOME!

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***Vote!***

All of our media has been bombarding us with campaign ads and political stories, all leading up to the November 4 election.

Do your part and be an informed voter. Early voting in Harris County started October 20 and ends October 31. You can get voting addresses and dates at [www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com).

There are many races on the ballot beyond the presidential and other national races; be sure to make choices for your county, state, and local races as well.

***Remaining TCH Golf Shirts on Sale***

TCH golf shirts have sold through the first run. The four remaining shirts will be on sale at the first fall luncheon. Each is embroidered with the "TCH We Move Houston" logo on the left sleeve, available at \$25.00 each. [www.transclubhou.org](http://www.transclubhou.org)

***NTW Houston 2009***

NTW 2009 is set for May 10 - 16 (just a few months away!). YOU can help our industry by taking the message of transportation to the public year-'round, and not waiting for NTW 2009.

The TCH board looked favorably upon the idea to repeat the 5<sup>th</sup> grade poster contest for NTW 2009, and considered another event as well.

We at TCH appreciate the joint efforts from the Houston area clubs and look forward to more teamwork throughout the year ahead and into a

***Harris County International Trade & Transportation Conference***

HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE ED EMMETT has announced the first annual Harris County International Trade & Transportation Conference, is reset to January 11-13 at the Westin Galleria.

Make plans now to join Judge Emmett for a 2 day conference on International Trade and Transportation. The conference will address current topics, as well as a special focus on Mexico and southern border trade. Come hear what high profile experts have to say about the present and the future of the transportation world.

The working conferences will take place on Monday and Tuesday, Jan 12 & 13. Networking opportunities include receptions on Sunday and Monday evenings, as well as breakfasts and a seated lunch on Monday.

Information on how to attend or how to sponsor, is at [www.harriscountyevents.net](http://www.harriscountyevents.net) or reach Caroline Binick at [Caroline.Binick@cjo.hctx.net](mailto:Caroline.Binick@cjo.hctx.net) or 713-755-4046.

***Welfare Report***

TCH Past President Joy Lloyd of the University of Houston, formerly of Lyondell, has been diagnosed with lymphoma cancer. Joy is one of the most active members of our club, serving on many committees, particularly the education

great joint effort for **NTW Houston 2009**, which will be led by ITMA's Jolie Cosman this year.

**Giving**

"No person was ever honored for what they received. Honor has been the reward for what they gave." *Calvin Coolidge*

"But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, now does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him." *1 John 3:17-19*

**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."

**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-*

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**Transportation Clubs International Membership**

The Transportation Club of Houston is a proud member of The Transportation Clubs International. The 2009 TCI conference is in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mark your calendar to attend!

TCH won some awards at TCI 2008 which are to be announced in upcoming weeks.

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

**New Members for October**

- Rex Hahn Life Member, Retired, ConocoPhillips
- Wayne F. Kennedy Quality Distribution
- James Glass Louisiana Transportation Inc.
- Kerry Symons DGM Training Institute
- Erika Gomez Diligent Delivery Systems
- Stephen Kennedy Environmental Packaging Technologies

*Welcome to the club!*

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**Member Leads**

If you have a contact who is a likely member of TCH, send the name and contact number to the club office and we will provide them with membership information.

**2007-2008 TCH Rosters**

TCH Membership Rosters were mailed out in May. If you are a paid-up member and did not receive yours, contact the club office. If you have not paid your dues, please do so right away.

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**TCH ITINERARY FOR 2008-2009**

**2008:**

- 09-09 September Luncheon w/ Larry Snellings
- 10-07 October Luncheon w/ DHS Stephen Sadler
- 10-10 TCH Port Tour on the MV Sam Houston
- 11-04 TCH November Luncheon & Food Drive
- 11-20 Fall Golf Outing and Awards Dinner
- 12-12 TCH Christmas Party @ 1940's Air Terminal
- TBA Spring Seminar
- TBA Social and Networking Events
- TBA Many other happy times and opportunities

**2009:**

5-10 thru 16 NTW 2009

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