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The Transportation Club of Houston Newsletter



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Upcoming TCH Events - AROUND THE CORNER!

Make plans now for the **OCTOBER LUNCHEON** on Tuesday October 6 with **Officer Jeff Tippit** of the La Porte Police Department Motor Carrier Safety Division. The topic of the day is "You Can't Do That," a discussion of repeat regulatory violations. This luncheon will be held at Grotto, 4715 Westheimer, just inside Loop 610.

More info is at www.transclubhou.org.

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& Merrill Lynch*

Friday Oct 9 is the **TCH SAM HOUSTON PORT of HOUSTON DINNER CRUISE**. RSVP now as this fills up quickly each year. The BBQ dinner sponsor is Dangerousgoods.com, and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided by Heniff Transportation Systems. A door prize - two Houston Rockets tickets - has been donated by Clark Freight Lines. RSVP thru the club office and look online for special instructions for the tour. The price is **FREE**.

The **TCH FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND AWARDS DINNER** is set for **Monday, October 19** at Tour 18 in Humble. A free group golfing lesson is available at 11 am; lunch at 12:00; shotgun start at 1:30; and social and awards dinner at 5:30 pm. Register and pay online.

GOLF SPONSORS WELCOME -Get your name and your company's name out there for all to see: more info is at www.transclubhou.org.

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Golf committee members Frank Scheaffer, Chris Popjoy and Peter Van Etten have a great tournament planned. Don't miss this one!

The **2009 TCH Christmas Party** will be held on **Thursday December 10** at the beautifully restored 1940 Air Terminal Museum. We will have music, a gift exchange, and gift donation. More information is online at www.transclubhou.org and venue information is at www.1940airterminal.org.

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TCH Event Recap

TCH members and guests had a great time and fantastic food at the **SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON** on September 1 at Sullivan's Steakhouse. The speakers, Jennifer and Sabrina from Merrill Lynch, informed the crowd on issues in the financial planning and tax law changes areas. Thanks to all who attended and to the luncheon sponsor, Dangerousgoods.com (*who provided for us a wonderful cheesecake for dessert*). Thanks also to door prize sponsors BNSF and Clark Freight Lines. For pictures and recap information go online at www.transclubhou.org.

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SWARS Conference Sept 30 - Oct 1

The next SWARS conference will be held September 30 thru October 2nd at the Waterways Marriott in The Woodlands, Texas.

The theme for this conference is "Green Shoots - Taking Roots" and the line up includes **The Honorable Francis Mulvay**, Acting Chair of the STB, and **The Honorable Ed Emmett**, Harris County Judge and transportation *sage*.

E. Leo Mountjoy will be honored during the luncheon timeframe on October 1st for his 26 years of service to SWARS.

For more info about this exciting conference that can add to your effectiveness at work, go to www.railshippers.com/regional/southwest.

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TCH Chaplain GHPB PERSON of the YEAR

Longstanding TCH Chaplain Father Rivers A. Patout III will be recognized as 2009 Maritime Person of the Year at the 80th Annual Maritime Gala hosted by the Greater Houston Port Bureau and the Marine Exchange of the West Gulf, Inc. This event will be held on Saturday, November 14 at the Houston Club on Rusk. More information is available from gala@txgulf.org. See you there!

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2009 Reunion Party for the Intermodal Bulk Liquid Transportation Industry

The Committee representing "Bringing Back Fun to our Industry" is pleased to announce the **6th annual reunion party** for anyone who ever was or currently is involved in the intermodal bulk liquid transportation industry. The date is **Thursday, October 15, 2009**, starting at **6:00 p.m.** and will be held at the same location as last year: **Club Classic**, 2513 NASA Parkway, Seabrook, Texas 77586. Once again, we will have live music, food & drink for all.

Please help us get the word out to your colleagues and to those you know that are no longer in our industry who may like to attend.

****NEW FOR 2009** Prior to the party we have arranged to host a symposium at the same location consisting of executives from Lubrizol, Baker Petrolite, Dow, Ineos Nova, Ashland Water Technologies, Merichem Chemicals & Refining Services, Invista, Lyondellbasell, and Transcaer. Key issues in the intermodal bulk liquid industry will be discussed and followed with a question and answer session.** Registration is at 3:00 p.m. and the conference will begin at 3:30 pm. Details of the agenda will follow.

VERY IMPORTANT: *Please RSVP to one of the committee members below by October 2 for the symposium and/or the party.*

For more info, contact a committee member:

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From the Editor

STAYING IN GEAR

It is easy to find excuses to underperform, or even to stop. But success comes by pressing on, and not giving up.

Great things seldom are achieved easily. The founding of our nation, the winning of wars, and the building of the largest economy in the world was all done by the collection of many individual "above-and-beyond" efforts. Many times, the results of great work is not seen right away. But good work brings good results in the long-term. When faced with the choice to give up or to press on, remember that it is always right to do the right thing. The success is sure. *Cool.*

Danny

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WHEEL Wins FIRST PLACE at TCI Conference

The Transportation Club of Houston once again won first place in its class in the newsletter competition at the TCI annual conference in Chattanooga, TN. On hand to receive the reward was TCH Past President and Editor Danny Schnautz. The newsletter is a group effort and all who contribute are appreciated. Special thanks to TCH Executive Secretary Russell Powell and TCH Webmaster Stubby Stubblefield for their input.

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'NTW Houston' Wins FIRST PLACE at TCI Conference

For the second year in a row, NTW Houston has won first place in the TCI 'National Transportation Week' club contest. For the past two years, NTW Houston Chairman Danny Schnautz has been pleased with the participation of the clubs in the Houston area. 2010 Chairman Denny Tam (TCI, DJ Railcar Services, HTPA), has already started planning for next year and has a great series of events being lined up. See www.ntwhouston.org.

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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. Look for this feature to return in future issues.

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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.

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.

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. Here are a few words from him:

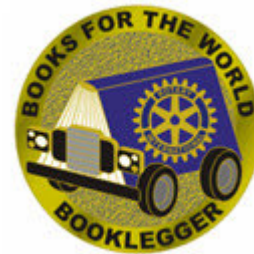
"My name is Barrett Black and I am a senior majoring in Operations Management at the University of Alabama. My goal for the future is to have been a part of a company or project that allowed me to use skills developed over years of training to make life better for others. I am driven by the opportunity to learn and be good at something. I feel that I am a very fast learner who has been able to adapt to most anything that I put my mind to. My greatest strength is the ability to be taught because no matter how smart you are, if you can't be taught new things, you'll never be at your full potential. Along with being good with Excel, problem solving, and thinking critically, I am also a people oriented person who is great at developing relationships."

He has a very impressive resume (already) with internships at Mercedes Benz and Louisiana Pacific. His GPA is 3.83 and 4.00, with many college awards and activities. You can contact him at black.barrett@gmail.com if you have ideas, tips, questions, or 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



From our Members

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

TCH Member October Birthdays

- 10/01 Michael Wadas Champion Technologies
- 10/04 Michael Kaney Transport Resources, Inc
- 10/05 Michael Howerton Alpha Technical Svcs Corp
- 10/06 John Keves Argosy Transportation Grp
- 10/06 Wiley Willingham Warren Transport Inc
- 10/10 Eddie Dominguez Southern Chemical Corp
- 10/12 Steve Broussard Broussard Logistics
- 10/12 Delmar Davis LCD Logistics (Landstar agent)
- 10/15 Julianna Cabrera Gonzales Cabreragroup LLC
- 10/15 Bill Halfacre IC&E, DM&E Rail
- 10/20 Bill Acosta Empire Logistics, LTD
- 10/21 Larry Jamison Louisiana Transportation Inc
- 10/23 Wade Harrison CTL Distribution
- 10/23 John Cox Trinity Industries Inc
- 10/23 Ben Reynolds Southern Worldwide Logistics
- 10/26 Keith Jennings J III Logistics, LLC
- 10/27 Rebecca Taylor consultant

Welfare Report

Longtime TCH Treasurer and member Leo Stupur is ill and on medical leave from Huntsman. Leo requests our prayers for his quick recovery.

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

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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.”

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New Members for September

Jesse Grabowski, Student at Lone Star College
Pamela J Glusic, Multistar Tank Leasing Co LLC
Claire Mules, C.D.L. Benefits

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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 ‘mail-out’ meeting reminder card, a golf outing, a luncheon, a seminar, or the web page (note the banner 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. **The 2009 TCI Conference was held in Chattanooga, Tennessee on September 17 - 20.** Attending from TCH was Treasurer Robert Morgan (Port of Houston) and Past President Danny Schnautz (Clark Freight Lines).

TCH was proud to win **FIRST PLACE - NEWSLETTER** in its class. See separate article.

In addition, Morgan and Schnautz presented to the leadership each a TCH mug and an engraved Cross pen (pens provided by Clark Freight Lines). The leadership consisted of:

Denny Tam, TCH President

Mac Leonard, TCH Chairman of the Board

Caci Case, President of Traffic Club of Chattanooga

Eddie Church, President of Traffic Club of Northwest Georgia.

This was another great conference with many shipper and carrier speakers and great networking. The location for the 2010 conference is not yet announced. We encourage all members to attend for career development, personal enrichment, and promotion of your company and support of our industry.

TCI Officers include:

Dennis Tam, President

Mac Leonard, Chairman of the Board

Lynn Donovick - VP Business

Lory Tauber Don - VP Marketing

Anita Bene - Secretary

Katie Dejonge - Treasurer & Executive Director

Danny Schnautz -VP Mid Central US

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Get the Most from Your Membership

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 Proceed.
- Legislation
- Reception and Photography
- Member Recognition (aka Welfare & Awards)
- Nomination
- Committee and Board Recruiting
- Audit Committee

Check out more online at 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 with Marvin Wells of PTR
- 12-10 Christmas social at 1940 Air Terminal Museum

2010:

- 1-12 January Luncheon
- TBA Spring Golf Outing
- TBA Other events with fun and benefit for all
- TBA Past Presidents’ Luncheon
- 5-16 thru 22 NTW 2010

Jobs Available

Look online at www.transclubhou.org for an available jobs listing. You will find it in the right hand menu bar under EMPLOYMENT.

Current listings include:

- Rail Fleet Manager**, Reagent Chemical & Research,
- Transp Specialist - Rail**, Georgia Gulf Corporation
- Transp Sales Rep - ICS**; JB Hunt
- Logistics Purchasing Manager Chemicals**
- Department Supply Chain - MRI Network**

Humility

“Humility is to make a right estimate of one's self.”

Charles H. Spurgeon

" Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life."

Proverbs 22:4

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