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From the Prez...

Thanksgiving is here and what a gaggle of blessings we have to be thankful for. We have only to travel, or even just turn on the TV, to see how things are around the world, and to know that some of our "essentials" (water, roadways, hospitals) are elusive luxuries for so many others.

The political season is here also, with debates, fund raisers, and other events in full swing. Taking time to get involved enough to cast an informed vote is the best way to show gratitude for Americans before us that have sacrificed so much to perpetuate for us the amazing gift of living here. Veteran's Day is just past and was a great reminder that "Freedom Isn't Free."

Many people are alone during the holidays; separated by health constraints, job demands, military service, and more. Whatever your situation, know that you are truly never alone. The great nation that we live in has opportunity for more than just the pursuit of wealth, but also the pursuit of happiness and our own religious freedom.

May you find the way to make the holidays special for those that you love. Cool.

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[TCH Event Recap](#)

[NOVEMBER LUNCHEON & SEMINAR](#)

BRADY'S LANDING was the scene for the TCH Fall Educational Seminar and November luncheon. Combined, over 100 attended the events which included a special luncheon presentation from the Port of Houston's CHARLIE JENKINS (powerpoint is on the TCH web site).

The luncheon overlooked the engine of our region's water trade, the Houston Ship Channel. Kicking off on time with the honk of the air horn, club announcements and recognitions began the day. In addition to the featured speaker, other events of the day were recognition of:

- Invocation & US pledge by Father Rivers Patout,
- Current board and officers in attendance,
- Past presidents in attendance - at least five;
- ... and the London Broil was fabulous! (the cheesecake was too!)

NOVEMBER LUNCH SPONSORS:

- BAKER & HOSTETLER - Houston
- CLARK FREIGHT LINES - Pasadena
- MCLEOD SOFTWARE - Birmingham

DOOR PRIZE DONORS:

- CLARK FREIGHT LINES - Rockets and Aeros Tickets
- EURO-HUB INTERNATIONAL - Brennan's Gift Certificate

After lunch, the conference attendees returned to their program in the adjoining room for another presentation and wrap-up. The whole event was expertly moderated by long-time TCH member Steve Broussard (Paul Broussard Logistics). The TCH education committee is the best in the business - they meet & work tirelessly to make great seminars year after year. GOOD WORK!

SEMINAR SPONSORS WERE:

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- Broussard & Associates - Houston
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MISC:

- Binders & Printing: DangerousGoods.com
- Printing: Huntsman Petrochemical
- Attendee & Sponsorship Certificates: Joy Lloyd

Attendees received items like a TCH calculator & pen, a seminar-specific binder, and other industry information.

The speakers were experts in their field and were available for cross-comments and question & answer. In the end, a drawing was held from the EVENT FEEDBACK forms and the winner received Houston Aeros tickets, donated by Clark Freight Lines.

[FALL GOLF OUTING](#)

What has been described at the "best weather of the Fall" greeted the players for the TCH Fall Golf Outing. As promised, a good time was had by attendees, from sign-in to the evening supper. Golf committee members Deborah Butler and Matt Stoker led the effort, which was well planned, well executed, and well attended.

FALL GOLF SPONSORS:

PLATINUM:

Cabrera Group
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GOLD:

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Danny & Celessa Schnautz – TCH President & First Lady

BRONZE:

Bay Water Trucking
Deborah Butler – TCH Vice President
Empire Logistics
First Union Rail
GT Express
Hass & Burrell Towing
McLeod Software
Roy Moffitt Customized Heavy Haul
Rush Truck Center
Ed Schinnie – TCH Past President
Leo Stupur – TCH Member and Past Treasurer

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BREAKBULK CONVENTION - NEW ORLEANS

TCH was represented by President Danny Schnautz on October 28&29.

Details and photos are online at www.transclubhou.org.

A **big** thanks to all who attended and sponsored these events. Take advantage of Houston's opportunity; membership and participation in the 92 year old TRANSPORTATION CLUB of HOUSTON!

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TCH Mugs on Sale

Your board purchased some wonderful glass TCH-logged mugs and they are selling fast.

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!

These heavy glass mugs are \$10 each, or a set of 4 for \$30. Several sets were sold at the last luncheon. 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 December luncheon as well.

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Upcoming TCH Events

The next TCH luncheon is at Brennan's in Downtown Houston on December 4 at 11:30. The speaker will be ELIZABETH ROSE, a Houston Traffic Reporter, DJ, and Houston Community College Professor. Details of the luncheon are available online at www.transclubhou.org.

****BRING AN UNWRAPPED GIFT OR CANNED OR DRY FOOD GOOD as a Donation to the "Toys for Tots" or Houston Food Bank and receive a free door prize ticket for each item.****

The lunch sponsor for December is: Baker & Hostetler, with door prizes (so far) from Clark Freight Lines and Euro-Hub International.

The SPRING GOLF OUTING planning is already underway for a beautiful day in April. TCH will be returning to Longwood for another great event. Plan to sponsor, plan to play!

The TCH CHRISTMAS PARTY is being planned by board members - keep your eye on the TCH web page for details.

The SPRING SEMINAR is being planned for March at Brady's Landing. The luncheon speaker is John Ficker of NITL, speaking on "Regulations, Enforcement, & Security." It is not too early to make a sponsorship commitment now.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK is in May and help is needed for the school poster/essay contest and other events. All area clubs have been invited to participate in various events.

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WHEEL Wins National TCI Award

At the 2007 TCI conference in Seattle, your TCH newsletter won 2nd place in the nation for clubs in our size ranking. This continues a long tradition of winning for The Wheel, including "Best of Show" for 2000 - 2001, and others.

See www.transportationclubsinternational.com

Also, our sister club Sabine District Traffic Club won 2nd place with their newsletter, "The Equalizer," for clubs in their size category. The SDTC staff and members are good industry supporters and part of what keeps our region's transportation scene so strong.

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

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US DOT Hazmat Workshop Locations

Beaumont, TX December 11, & Baton Rouge, LA

December 13, 2007

For details, check out

<http://hazmat.dot.gov/training/training.htm>

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Be a Sponsor!

TCH has many sponsorship opportunities - to gain valuable exposure for your company and for you. You can sponsor this e-newsletter, a 'mail-out' 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 club President for information.

Upcoming luncheon sponsors include:

Advanced Aromatics, LP: January
Fed Ex: February & April
Clark Freight Lines: June

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Job Opportunities

Roy Moffitt Heavy Haul is seeking two sales reps and a logistics manager to oversee dispatch in the Cypress TX terminal

Call William Bland at (281) 320-7577 or email
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TCH Membership Roster Headed to Printer Soon

Your 2007-2008 Club Membership Roster will be headed to the printer soon.

Act now to:

1. **Update** your contact information to the club office;
2. **Advertise** in the roster with an ad;
3. **Advertise** in the online SERVICE DIRECTORY to be included in the same listing in the roster.

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

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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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Thanksgiving

"The Christian who walks with the Lord and keeps constant communion with Him will see many reason for rejoicing and thanksgiving all day long."

- Warren Wiersbe -

"Lord, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us."

ISAIAH 26:12

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New Members

Brian Bussey	Port Terminal Railroad Assn.
Regina Clark	CMA-CGM (America) Lines
Tricia Spoerle	Southern Chemical Corp Distr

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