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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 **NOVEMBER LUNCHEON** on Tuesday November 3 with **Joe Nichols Jr.**, inspirational speaker and transportation guru. You can learn more about Mr. Nichols at www.joenicholsjr.com.

This luncheon will be held at Grotto Ristorante, 4715 Westheimer, just inside Loop 610. Go online to register, or call the club office.

More info is at www.transclubhou.org.

Lunch Sponsor: FedEx

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YOU COULD MEET YOUR FUTURE HERE!

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.

Sponsors so far (MORE NEEDED) are:

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On January 19 TCH will be at **The Houston Club at 811 Rusk Avenue** for lunch. 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 is sure to be a pleaser!

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TCH Event Recap

Attendees of the **OCTOBER LUNCHEON** heard from **Officer Jeff Tippit** of the La Porte Police Department Motor Carrier Safety Division. The topic of the day was "You Can't Do That," a discussion of repeat regulatory violations, with many questions and answers during the presentation. This luncheon was held at Grotto Ristorante, on Westheimer. *How about that dessert!?*

Photos are online at www.transclubhou.org.

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THANK YOU!!

Friday Oct 9 was the **TCH SAM HOUSTON PORT of HOUSTON DINNER CRUISE**. The rain stopped before boarding and the temperatures were just right for the trip. The BBQ dinner sponsor was Dangerousgoods.com, who brought "Psycho Bones" on board for the great food. Non-alcoholic beverages were provided by Heniff Transportation Systems. A door prize - two Houston Rockets tickets - was donated by Clark Freight Lines. Thanks to TCH Treasurer Robert Morgan (Port of Houston) for helping to arrange this. As usual, the ship and crew were top-notch and professional. The price of this fabulous event was **FREE** for TCH members and guests.

The **TCH FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND AWARDS DINNER** was held on **Monday, October 19** at Tour 18 in Humble. Photos of the event and the winners are online.

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Sun Coast Resources

Golf committee members Frank Scheaffer, Chris Popjoy and Peter Van Etten have a great Spring tournament planned for April 2010, returning to Tour 18. Don't miss this one! Plan now to play, sponsor, volunteer, or maybe even, "all of the above!" Get the most from your TCH membership!

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

Please contact Caroline Binick for more information Caroline.Binick@cjo.hctx.net or call 713-755-4046

TCH Scholarship Winners

At the June TCH luncheon, Education Committee Chairman and TCH Past President Ed Schinnie awarded two scholarships based upon the rigorous application process.

Chris Kearns \$2,000

Dexter Khan \$1,000

In addition, National Transportation Week 5th grade poster contest winners, awarded at the May luncheon, were:

First Place - Creta Ishmael from St Pius V

Second Place - Isabella Juan from Rummel Creek Elementary

Third Place - Athena Kaldis from St Pius V

The TCH scholarship committee is very active and meets throughout the year to plan for educational seminars and handle business such as these awards. Committee members include: **co-chair Joy Lloyd; Phil Cohen; Rick Cole; Robert Morgan; Frank Scheaffer; Danny Schnautz; Shristi Shrestha; Larry Snellings; Gary Stading; and Leo Stupur.** THANK YOU to the volunteers on this committee for their work! And thanks also to YOU who participate in the events that help build our future!

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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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.

From the Editor**THE RIGHT STUFF**

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going." That's a common saying that we tell school kids to motivate them through tough times. And it may do just that. But can this work with us, too?

There is a picture in my office that I bought long ago that shows a ship in very heavy seas. The caption says "Challenges. Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm." Many times the thought that picture represents inspired me to press on in the middle of a day flooded with phone calls and faxes (back before email). There is a sense of accomplishment and pride that is gained from conquering the difficult. And the time for such an attitude is now.

Going back farther in time, I drove an 18-wheeler for a living. My favorite runs involved pulling a loaded flatbed trailer through the mountains, preferably when it was snowing or storming. Long before my "sea is calm" picture, I recognized that the greater the challenge, the greater the accomplishment. When I pulled into the destination, I had done more than drive across a thousand miles of easy roads.

So to fast-forward to today, we now are in a time that has enough challenges to go around. So instead of running from them, turn and face them with boldness. Embrace your experience, skills, and support staff and overcome the mountains ahead. You and your company will be all the better for it. The success is sure. *Cool.*

Danny danny@clarkfreight.com

The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion. Proverbs 28:1

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. 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.

'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.

Center for Logistics and Transportation Policy November Classes

November 3, 1pm - 5pm, Project Cargo Operations, Jerry Nagel, Rickmers Linie

<https://casew.uh.edu/wconnect/CourseStatus.asp?~09FCLT0106C>

November 5, 1 pm - 5 pm, Transportation Sales and Marketing, Jerry Nagel, Rickmers Linie

<https://casew.uh.edu/wconnect/CourseStatus.asp?~09FCLT0107C>

November 9, 8 am - 12 pm, Transportation Policy, Ed Emmett, Judge of Harris County

<https://casew.uh.edu/CourseStatus.asp?~09FCLT0210C>

November 11, 2009, 1 pm - 5 pm, Warehousing and Distribution Centers, Tom Hollis, Sysco

<https://casew.uh.edu/wconnect/CourseStatus.asp?~09FCLT0103C>

November 12, 2009, 1 pm - 5 pm, Documentation, Mardy Schweitzer, Horizon

<https://casew.uh.edu/wconnect/CourseStatus.asp?~09FCLT0203C>

November 13, 2009, 8 am to 12 pm, Introduction to Tankers, Cal Hayden, Skaugen

<https://casew.uh.edu/wconnect/CourseStatus.asp?~09FCLT0105C>

November 13, 2009, 1 pm - 5pm, International Ocean Tankers, Cal Hayden, Skaugen

<https://casew.uh.edu/wconnect/CourseStatus.asp?~09FCLT0211C>

Contact Elizabeth Wetzel at ewetzel@uh.edu or call 713-743-1397; for registration, please visit

www.logistics.tech.uh.edu

TCH Member November Birthdays

- 11/06 George Ribar Federal Transportation Svcs
- 11/06 Cynthia Lusk Shell Chemical LP
- 11/09 Ian McCrory McCrory Consulting
- 11/12 Marcia Faschingbauer Excargo Services Inc
- 11/13 Aubrey Elliott Travel Smart
- 11/13 Erika Gomez Diligent Delivery Systems
- 11/13 Kevin Cox North Harris County College
- 11/14 Robert Garcia R W Smith & Co Inc
- 11/15 Mike Cabrera Cabreragroup LLC
- 11/16 Art Flanagan Hub International Rigg
- 11/18 Gail Alexander Mr Gails Transportation
- 11/23 Nancy Hahn Blentech Corp

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*.

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

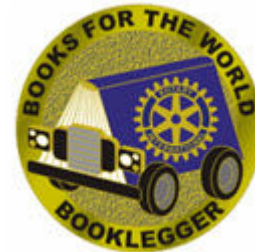
TCI awarded many scholarships at the annual conference in Chattanooga this year. One of the winners is Alabama native Travis "Barrett" Black, who is finishing up his bachelor's degree from Commerce and Business Administration in December 2009. TCH Past President Danny Schnautz is Barrett's mentor. We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

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 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."

New Members for October

- Jesse Grabowski, Student at Lone Star College
- Pamela J Glusic, Multistar Tank Leasing Co LLC
- Claire Mules, C.D.L. Benefits *Welcome to the club!*

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-

Is your company next?

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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, TCI President

Mac Leonard, TCI 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 Donovan - VP Business

Lory Tauber Don - VP Marketing

Anita Bene - Secretary

Katie DeJonge - Treasurer & Executive Director

Danny Schnautz -VP Mid Central US

www.transportationclubsinternational.com



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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 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

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-?? 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 for available jobs and also resume’ listings. 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**

Charity

" With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us finish the work we are in.."

Abraham Lincoln

" And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.."

I Corinthians 13:24

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