



# THE WHEEL

## The Transportation Club of Houston Newsletter



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### From the Prez...

Thanksgiving is past and Christmas is right around the next couple of bends on the calendar. This is such a blessed time of the year - one in which our family gives particular attention to our Savior and for all that he does for us. Year 'round we are guided, protected, and provided for. *Isaiah 26:12*

TCH is such a wonderful club. I like to think that our founders and predecessors would be proud of us for what the club accomplishes in the business climate that we work in today. I have attended other transportation club meetings and parties this year and it is clear that our industry is still filled with good-hearted and capable people.

The politics of our nation continue on and they are important as the leading forces of our country. But don't let your greater purpose be squeezed out by the many demands that face you each day; take time to love, give, praise, and rest.

I have long liked the greeting "Happy Holidays" but now that is sometimes being used as a "dodge" to avoid saying "Merry Christmas", so let me wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS! (with a capital "C"). Cool.

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### TCH Event Recap

#### DECEMBER LUNCHEON & PARTY

BRENNAN'S was the scene for the TCH December Luncheon. We had our featured speaker, the amazing ELIZABETH ROSE, [www.myspace.com/elizabethrose740](http://www.myspace.com/elizabethrose740) who is a college professor and radio traffic anchor with an amazing burst of personality and energy (marathon running, for starters). Elizabeth awed the crowd with her "radio voice" and answered some questions on traffic frustrations.

Then, a special surprise guest spoke: Texas State Representative ROBERT TALTON, of District 144 ([www.house.state.tx.us/members/dist144/talton.htm](http://www.house.state.tx.us/members/dist144/talton.htm)). Representative Talton is a friend of transportation and is in the race for US Representative of District 22 (Sugarland to La Porte). The Representative spoke on the need for citizen vigilance to look out for the legislation being passed and took some questions for answers, as well. Other program highlights were:

- Invocation & US pledge by Josh Nordgulen & James Ruberti,
- Recognition of current board and officers in attendance,
- As well as Past presidents & students in attendance

#### DECEMBER LUNCH SPONSORS:

- BAKER & HOSTETLER - Houston
- MCLEOD SOFTWARE - Birmingham

#### DOOR PRIZE DONORS:

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

After lunch, the DONATIONS of toys and food that were collected were delivered by your President to the STAR OF HOPE and to the HOUSTON FOOD BANK. Thanks to all who took part in this easy way to "give back" to others. Thanks for all who attended to help end the year with a great event - and as always to our wonderful Executive Secretary RUSSELL POWELL for his accurate and enthusiastic attention to every detail to ensure a great time.

### TCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Monday, December 10, a group of TCH members and guests gathered at Dave & Busters for an evening of fabulous food, great games, and fun fellowship. The private room for the party had the Rockets playing on the TV on one wall and the Saints on the other, in addition to all of the fun that Dave and Busters offers. THANKS to TCH Secretary Shristi Shrestha for putting together this fun time at the last minute.

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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! More have been sold at the luncheons since then. A reorder is not certain at this point.

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 January luncheon as well.

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### Upcoming TCH Events

The next TCH luncheon is at Brennan's in Downtown Houston on January 8 at 11:30. The speaker will be John Conley of the NTTC (National Tank Truck Carriers), speaking on "Tank Truck and Haz Mat Washington Update." Details of the luncheon are available online at [www.transclubhou.org](http://www.transclubhou.org).

The lunch sponsor for January is Advanced Aromatic, LP, with door prizes from (so far) 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 SPRING SEMINAR has had a change because of the resignation from our industry of the featured speaker. Plans are being revised now and will be released as soon as they are available.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.transportationclubsinternational.com).

Also, our sister club Sabine District Traffic Club won 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Houston, TX MARCH 11 & 12

"Whether you are new to hazmat transportation or a seasoned professional, breakout sessions are presented to increase your knowledge for the safe and secure transportation of hazmat. Each

seminar begins with a General Session that provides overviews of the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Materials Program and what to expect during the seminar. The remainder of the two-day seminar consists of Concurrent Breakout Sessions. Sessions are organized and scheduled into three different tracks. You can follow a specific track or you can attend only those sessions that best meet your needs. Each session is offered twice to help you maximize your seminar experience."

For details, go to: <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 [williamb@roymoffitt.com](mailto:williamb@roymoffitt.com)  
or Roy Moffitt Jr. at 713-907-4371 or email [roymjr@roymoffitt.com](mailto:roymjr@roymoffitt.com)

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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***

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**"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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***Christmas***

"O Holy Night, the stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of our dear Savior's Birth.  
Long lay the world, in sin and error pining,  
'Til He appeared, and the soul felt its worth."

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! II CORINTHIANS 9:15

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***We Move Houston!***

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