



# THE WHEEL

## The Transportation Club of Houston Newsletter



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### *From the Editor...*

#### A GREAT ENDING TO A GREAT YEAR

Here we again find ourselves at the end of the year - another year. Some of us have can remember more of such year endings than others. Each year ends without the chance to go backwards and make changes, but with the chance to move ahead in a better way.

Here at the Transportation Club of Houston, we know that however different each of us may wish this year had been, we faced the challenges and kept moving the goods. In heat and cold, storm and calm, America counted upon us and we delivered. Whatever your role, it mattered. You made the difference in ways that you probably will not ever know.

As you consider your role in the industry, keep close to heart the need to, as a treasured TCH Past President says, "take care of the industry that feeds your family." Be informed, be involved, be engaged: in club activities, legislative issues, and ongoing education. You can't change last year, but you can make an even better next year.

And for now, at Christmas, share the love. Cool.

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### *Upcoming TCH Events - AROUND THE CORNER!*

The next TCH event is the **2008 CHRISTMAS PARTY** being held Friday, December 12 at the 1940's Air Terminal Museum. Attendees are invited to bring an unwrapped toy as a donation, and to bring a wrapped \$10 man or woman gift to exchange. Admission is \$25.00 per person and includes dinner, music, door prizes, and dancing. More information is online at [www.transclubhou.org](http://www.transclubhou.org).

Sponsors so far: Clark Freight Lines & Dangerousgoods.com.

TCH will start off the year with the **JANUARY 20 LUNCHEON**, a joint luncheon with the **National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA)** at Brady's Landing. Speaker Harris County Judge Ed Emmett will discuss the role of logistics in the Hurricane Ike recovery. Expect door prizes and valuable industry information and networking.

Look online for the latest information!

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### *TCH Event Recap*

**THE TCH FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT** was reset to Thursday, November 20 at Longwood Golf Club. CONGRATULATIONS to the winners and thank you to the sponsors!

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#### GOLF WINNERS:

To be announced in our next issue...!

**TCH NOVEMBER LUNCHEON** was held on Wednesday, November 12 and was a special joint luncheon held with the **National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA)**. The speaker was Captain Marcus Woodring of the US Coast Guard. Captain Woodring presented an excellent slideshow of Hurricane Ike 'before and after' stories, including the details behind the stories. The USCG made many heroic rescues around the hurricane. Attendees enjoyed ribeye steak, and many door prizes including Port of Beaumont

shirts and TCH shirts and sports tickets. Thanks to door prize sponsors Clark Freight Lines, Dangerousgoods.com, and Port of Beaumont.

**Harris County International Trade & Transportation Conference**

HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE ED EMMETT has announced the first annual Harris County International Trade & Transportation Conference, has been reset to January 11, 12, & 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.

For more information to attend or to sponsor, go online to [www.harriscountyevents.net](http://www.harriscountyevents.net) or contact Caroline Binick at [Caroline.Binick@cjo.hctx.net](mailto:Caroline.Binick@cjo.hctx.net) or 713-755-4046.

**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!

**TCH wins at TCI**

TCH continued its winning tradition with awards at the September TCI conference in Moncton, Canada.

<http://transportationclubsinternational.com/awards.html>

**Web page:** 1st place in our class

**Newsletter:** 2nd place in our class

**NTW Award:** 1st place - Joint Houston All-Clubs

Effort from the following clubs:

Energy Traffic Association

Houston Air Cargo Association

- Houston Customhouse Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association
- Houston Transportation Professionals Association
- International Transportation Management Association
- National Association of Railway Business Women
- National Defense Transportation Association, Houston Chapter
- Organization of Women in International Trade
- Propeller Club of the United States - Port of Houston
- Sabine District Transportation Club
- The Transportation Club of Houston

Sister Club **SABINE DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION CLUB (SDTC)** in Beaumont won first place in its class in the club newsletter competition!

Congratulations to all of the winners nationwide. Each award represents countless volunteer hours of work by devoted individuals.

**San Jacinto College Spring Schedule**

Call Phillip Cohen, 281 458 4050 et. 7454, lead instructor, International Business & Logistics Program, **San Jacinto College**, North Campus, for information on the Spring 2009 class schedule.

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS & LOGISTICS**  
**IBUS SPRING 2009 SCHEDULE**

**DAY CLASSES**

IBUS 1302 Principles of Imports  
MWF 9:30 am-10:20 am

IBUS 2366 Practicum  
M 11:30 a.m. - 12:20 a.m.

IBUS 2367 Practicum  
M 11:30 a.m. - 12:20 a.m.

IBUS 1300 Principles of Logistics  
MWF 10:30 am - 11:20 am

IBUS 1305 Introduction to International Business  
Internet

IBUS 2341 Intercultural Management  
TTH 8:30 am - 8:50 am

**EVENING CLASSES**

- IBUS 2366 Field Practicum M 6:00 pm – 6:50 pm
- IBUS 2367 Field Practicum M 6:00 pm – 6:50 pm
- IBUS 1302 Principles of Imports M 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
- IBUS 1300 Principles of Logistics T 7:00 pm– 10:00 pm
- IBUS 2341 Intercultural Management  
W 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
- IBUS 1354 International Marketing  
TH 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

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***JUDGE EMMETT HONORARY CHAIR of NTW Houston 2009***

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett has accepted the invitation to be the Honorary Chair of NTW Houston 2009.

NTW 2009 is slated for May 10 - 16. YOU can continue help our industry by taking the message of transportation to the public. The Chair for this year is Jolie Cosman of Century Freight Corporation / Outgoing President of ITMA.

The TCH is moving forward with a repeat of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade poster contest for NTW 2009, and is considering another event as well.

We at TCH appreciate the joint efforts from the Houston area clubs for NTW Houston 2008 and look forward to more teamwork day-by-day throughout the year and into a great joint effort for **NTW Houston 2009**.

***WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT***

If you have not already heard, Dick Bagley, a long time member and Former President of the Oil and Gaswell Traffic Association died November 14, 2008, after an extended battle with cancer

Dick was the Traffic Manager at Baker Oil Tools on Navigation. After he left them he went to

Eastway Delivery Svc. He will be missed by many old friends in our industry. A copy of the obituary with details follows.

Russell Powell

**Obituary**

Richard G. (Dick) Bagley, 62, died November 14, 2008 after a valiant battle with Pancreatic Cancer. He was a devout Christian, Eagle Scout, graduate of U of H, musician, soul surfer, active in charities, and was a past president of the Kingwood chapter of the Kiwanis Club. He had not one enemy and no strangers, only friends he hadn't met yet. Survived by wife, Diana; mother, Anne; brother Jim; daughters, Lisa and Kelly; step-children, Alexandria and Frank, and seven grandchildren. Free at last, he will be sorely missed.

Visitation with the family will be at at Kingwood Funeral Home from 5:00 - 8:00 Monday, Nov. 17, 2008. Graveside services will be held Tuesday at noon at Memorial Oaks Cemetery in Houston. A memorial service will follow at 3:00 PM, Christ the King Lutheran Church, 3803 W. Lake Houston Parkway, Kingwood.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to New Horizons, PO Box 711, New Caney, TX 77357; or Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 2141 Rosecrans Ave, El Segundo, CA 90245 ([www.PanCan.org](http://www.PanCan.org)). For more information about the life of Dick, or guest book services, please visit [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com)

**Problems**

"The problem is not that there are problems. The problem is expecting otherwise and thinking that having problems is a problem." - *Theodore Rubin*

"...In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." *John 16:33*

**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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**Robert Ante celebrates 50 years at RW Smith**

On November 19, 2008 longtime TCH member Robert Ante, Executive VP at R W Smith celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> year with R W Smith Co Inc.

Congratulations to Robert and to RW Smith for this remarkable milestone --- evidently these two make a great team!

**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 on September 17 - 20. Mark your calendar to attend!

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

**New Members for November & December**

- Edward Shaw      Martin Product Sales LLC
  - Bob Horodecky    Werner Enterprises
  - Ross Heil        Bourque Data
  - Greg Zschesche    McGriff, Seibels & Williams
- 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.

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**Remaining TCH Golf Shirts on Sale**

TCH golf shirts have sold through the first run. The two remaining shirts will be on sale at the next 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)

**TCH ITINERARY FOR 2008-2009**

**2008:**

- 9-9     September Luncheon w/ Larry Snellings
- 10-10   TCH Port Tour on the MV Sam Houston
- 11-20   Fall Golf Outing and Awards Dinner
- 12-12   TCH Christmas Party at 1940's Air Terminal Museum

**2009:**

- 1-20    Luncheon at Brady's Landing: Joint w/ NDTA & Judge Emmett
- 2-5     Luncheon at Brady's Landing: Charlie Jenkins, POHA
- 3-4     Luncheon at Brady's Landing: Elizabeth Wetzel, University of Houston
- TBA    Spring Golf Outing
- TBA    Spring Seminar
- 4-1     Luncheon at Brady's Landing: Bill Webb, Blue Flame Project
- 5-10 thru 16   NTW 2009
- 6-?     Luncheon at Brady's Landing
- TBA    social and networking events
- TBA    many other happy times and opportunities

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