



THE WHEEL

The Transportation Club of Houston Newsletter



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Upcoming TCH Events - AROUND THE CORNER!

The [TCH CHRISTMAS PARTY](#) is on Thursday, December 10 at the beautifully restored 1940 Air Terminal Museum. There will be live 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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Cost is \$25 per person. Start time is 7 pm with dinner served at 8:30 pm. See details online.

The [TCH JANUARY LUNCHEON](#) will be at **The Houston Club at 811 Rusk Avenue** on Tuesday January 19. 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 and speaker are both sure to be pleasers!

Lunch Sponsor: TBA

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The [SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT AND AWARDS DINNER](#) will be held on April 27 at Tour 18. 94 Players were at the Fall outing and there were winners and fun aplenty. More info is on the TCH web page and course information is at www.tour18golf.com. Plan now to be a player or a sponsor or both.

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TCH Event Recap

Attendees of the [NOVEMBER LUNCHEON](#) heard from **Joe Nichols Jr.**, inspirational speaker and transportation guru. The 74 members and guests present received abundant information to help them through life. You can learn more about Mr. Nichols at www.joenicholsjr.com.

This luncheon was held at Grotto Ristorante, 4715 Westheimer, just inside Loop 610.

Photos are online at www.transclubhou.org.

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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

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From the Editor

PEACE ON EARTH

Over 2,000 years ago, the Prince of Peace came to Earth to provide a way for man to repent. The trend across America is to refuse the peace and instead engage in quite the opposite: high stress pursuits where second place is never good enough. Where does this get us?

In transportation, the pressures that we face at work are undeniable. It is natural for this competitiveness to carry over to our personal lives, when we end up making each situation - from traffic to grocery store lines to the fast food drive-thru speaker - a high pressure high stress contest to be won or lost. At what gain? At what cost?

When possible, accept unchangeable situations and roll with the punches. Doctors tell us that stress in our day-to-day lives can be harmful. We know that the furrowed brow and tight shoulders of daily pressure can leave us feeling defeated. And seldom further ahead.

Jesus said, "...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." Consider giving a try this month at letting a little more peace and acceptance into your life. The success is sure. Cool.

Danny danny@clarkfreight.com

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30



New Members for November

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| Tammy Auld | CMA-CGM |
| Mike Womack | Expedited Logistics |
| Sean St. Clair | Mustang Trucking |
| Gregory Tunnell | Briggs Equipment |
| Doyle Clemmons | Newton Mfg Co. |

Welcome to the club!

TCH Member December Birthdays

- 12/04 Jack McCoy Fedex Freight
- 12/10 Delmas Heinke Bay Water Transportation
- 12/13 Gary Cornell Landstar
- 12/13 Cliff Kuhfeldt Sea Shipping Line
- 12/15 Fernando Mateu FEPA Logistics USA
- 12/17 Henry Johnson Delta Chemical Svcs
- 12/21 Otis Cliatt Jr Cliatt Consulting
- 12/25 George Elking Slay Industries
- 12/25 Christian Bijitch Trifleet Leasing USA
- 12/26 David Fontenot Mission Petroleum Carriers
- 12/26 Susan Frockt American Commercial Lines
- 12/28 Randy Cochran Premier Trailer Leasing
- 12/29 Michael Pellin United Transportation Group
- 12/29 Josh Nordgulen Chevron Phillips Chem Co
- 12/31 Rubina Ahmed TranspoTrade International

Welfare Report

Longtime TCH Treasurer and committee member Leo Stupur passed away in November. Leo was a great part of our club, serving on committees such as the education committee with diligence and persistence. His attention to detail improved the quality of our website, seminars, and much more over the 15+ years that he was involved. Leo was traffic director at Huntsman Chemical and will be greatly missed.

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

NTW Houston 2010

The month of May is not very far away (that's hard to grasp in the midst of snow, winter coats, and "Silver Bells"). On May 16 thru 22 we will celebrate the valuable contribution of the transportation industry with another year of industry-wide, city-wide events for NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK.

Houston has won the TCI award for NTW two years in a row, thanks to great multi-club participation. This year, the NTW Houston chair is TCI President Denny Tam (DJ Railcar Services). TCH has made plans for another year of NTW celebration and encourages all clubs to do the same. **Your company, and you as an individual** can get involved. To see the great series of events being lined up see www.ntwhouston.org.

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

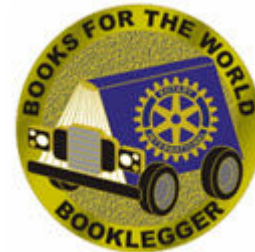
TCI awarded many scholarships at the annual conference in Chattanooga this year. One of the winners is Alabama native Travis "Barrett" Black, who is finishing up his bachelor's degree from Commerce and Business Administration in December 2009. TCH Past President Danny Schnautz is Barrett's mentor. We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

You can reach him at black.barrett@gmail.com with ideas, 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."

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. If you

would like to be part of this column, contact the editor at danny@clarkfreight.com.

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 (various ads). Look on the web page or email the club office or editor for information.

-Upcoming luncheon sponsors-

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The Transportation Club of Houston is a proud member of The Transportation Clubs International.

TCI Officers include:

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The fall conference is being planned for 2010. Keep reading for details as they are released.

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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
4-27 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



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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:

Senior Buyer (Transportation) , Tenaris

AND MORE!!! Look online!

Sincerity

"Sincerity makes the very least person to be of more value than the most talented hypocrite."

Charles Spurgeon

"Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, in the holiness and sincerity that are from God. We have done so not according to worldly wisdom but according to God's grace."
II Corinthians 1:12

Pearl Harbor Day

Monday, December 7 is Pearl Harbor Day. Remember the fallen and those who sacrificed so much, in all of our wars throughout the past.

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