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Emmett to Address Club

The TCH JANUARY LUNCHEON will be held at the Houston Club at 811 Rusk, downtown Houston, on Tuesday January 18, 2011. Networking starts at 11:30, then the program is called to order at 12:00. The speaker will be HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE ED EMMETT, a long time TCH member. Emmett was a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1979 to 1987, he was chairman of the Committee on Energy, a member of the Transportation Committee, and represented the state on numerous national committees relating to energy and transportation policy.

In 1989, President George H. W. Bush nominated Emmett as a Commissioner at the Interstate Commerce Commission. After being confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate, he served on the commission for three years.



Prior to becoming County Judge, Emmett founded The Emmett Company, a multi-faceted international consulting and marketing firm specializing in policies, products and services primarily related to the transportation industry. His previous private sector experience includes service as president and chief operating officer of the National Industrial Transportation League.

Judge Emmett has spoken at transportation conferences and meetings across the United States and in more than 15 countries. He was named one of the Top 20 Logistics Professionals ...continued next page

Upcoming Events

2010 Holiday Party

Join TCH on Thursday, December 9th at the Houston Club for our 95th annual Christmas party. Details available at www.transclubhou.org.

2011 Harris County Trade and Transportation Conference

Register now for your exclusive TCH discount for the third annual Harris County Trade & Transportation Conference. Information is online at www.harriscountyevents.net and when you register, you must indicate that you are with The Transportation Club of Houston, so your discount is applied.



by the Logistics Forum in 2003, and the Transportation Clubs International presented him its "Transportation Person of the Year" award in 2005.

Judge Emmett attended Bellaire High School. He graduated from Rice University in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and from the University of Texas at Austin in 1974 with a Master of Public Affairs degree.

Judge Emmett and his wife, Gwen, have been married for 34 years and have four children and two grandchildren.



Chick-fil-A Leadercast is a one-day leadership event featuring the world's best leaders speaking about the leadership principles that matter most.

May 6, 2011

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About the Venue: [The Houston Club](http://www.thehoustonclub.com) is the oldest (1894) city club in the southwest U.S. and is consistently ranked among the nations finest. It has long been the premier gathering place for Houston's business, financial, civic and cultural leaders of today and tomorrow. For more information and to register, click on www.transclubhou.org.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Rachel Kerrigan – Chevron Phillips
Azalia Tennis – Schneider National
Karen Jones – Schneider National
Cris Lara – Hub Group
Memo Berriochoa – Quest Liner and Foodliner
New Century (corporate member)
- John Mardi
- Aga Ispahany
- Willie Carranza
Ashley O'Neill Stroble – Energy Transport
Erick Garcia – National Chassis
Michael Ritchie – Louisiana Transport

*The Transportation Club of Houston
Proudly presents the return of the Annual Dinner
Wednesday, May 18th.
Honoring our Past Presidents
Installation of the 2012 Board of Directors
And the 2012 Scholarship Award Winners
Save the date...*



From the President

Friends,

Perhaps you've seen the TV show Undercover Boss. It follows executives from major corporations who assume fake identities, and work various front line jobs in the company. The goal is to see how things are running, and improve the daily workings of the company.

This week's episode followed a Subway (think sandwiches) executive. I was amazed that this guy didn't even know how to make a sandwich. Last week, it was the owner of Lucky Strike bowling that didn't know how to work a pin setter. My favorite was two weeks ago, when the CEO of Chiquita shut down their east coast truck terminal because he wasn't processing driver's paperwork fast enough.

I admit, I'm a little heavy on the criticism of these guys. I can't say I'd be much better - I know I'd be a little rusty lining up a switch list, and even worse - working air through a train.

The take away I got from this series is that even though we may not be tied to a day-to-day "process", others that work for us are. As leaders, we should take time to learn what our employees and functionaries do. Who knows, we may

have implemented a procedure, or invested heavily in a new system; but if it solves one problem and creates another, what have we really accomplished?

As a transportation officer in my previous life on another railroad, we were required to ride 4 trains a month. Among other things, a big reason we did this was to interact with the train crews - in their office. We were out there to identify ways to improve safety and efficiency of operations. I wasn't undercover, however it definitely gave me the insight I needed to keep my operation the best it could be.

If you're wondering how things are really running in the transportation business - hop in the truck, locomotive, or on the deck and take a ride. The few hours investment you make, will return dividends that are priceless.

Happy Holidays,
Chris Popjoy
President
The Transportation Club of Houston



The 2010/2011 TCH Membership Directory is being prepared for the printer. Ad space is still available. Please contact the club office for ad rates.

Welfare Report

By Russell Powell, Executive Secretary

I must sadly report that Albert R (Al) McGinty passed away on November 14, 2010 at the age of 84. Al was a TCH life member and was very proud of his blood donor status; he was a member of the 153 gallon donor club. Al was a Southern Pacific dispatcher and retired from Rohm & Haas Chemical as a Traffic Supervisor.

Al and his distinctive handlebar moustache will be sorely missed. Our prayers and condolences go out to his family.

Visitation was Nov 16 at Earthman Resthaven Funeral home and the funeral services were on November 17, 2010 at Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church in The Woodlands. Interment was Monday November 22, 2010 at Houston National Cemetery 10410 Veterans Memorial Dr at 2:30 pm.
In lieu of flowers, send memorials to Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church.



Stay up to date with TCH Activities and News
Make sure you have "@transclubhou.org" added to your email "safe" list!

Committee News

Attendance/Membership - Next Meeting after luncheon on January 18th. We are working on the revised 2010/2011 printed membership directory. If you would like to buy an ad for the directory, please contact Russell in the club office.

Program and Social Event Committee - Great speaker line-up through May. Dan McBride is actively seeking additional luncheon speakers for the 2011-2012 club year. Please contact Dan with any ideas.

Communications/Publicity/Web and Newsletter - The newly designed TCH website should be up and running by Jan 1.

Advertising/Sponsorship - We've signed-up our first corporate sponsor, Century Transportation. The committee continues to seek new ideas to attract and retain sponsors!

Education - The committee has been busy working on many exciting events, including a Poker Party and chili cook-off in March. The date and time will be announced soon.

Activities during NTW are being planned, and will include a Seminar on May 19th. Also, the long time NTW Poster contest is shifting into overdrive on the web! Plans are underway for a YouTube video competition. Seminar and contest details will be posted on the TCH website in the upcoming weeks.

Golf - Mark your calendars for April 27, 2011. Act now to be on all to be on promotional material as a sponsor or advertiser. Contact Golf Chair, Frank Files at (281) 825-9119.

Member Recognition (formerly Welfare & Awards) - Check the activities calendar for new member receptions around town.

Nomination - If you're interested in serving on the committee, or wish to be considered for a board position, please contact Chris Popjoy (281) 546-1842

Committee and Board Recruiting - It's that time of the year! We're gearing up to find talented people to fill 2011/2012 board positions. This committee needs to be in place by March, so let us know if you want to be on the committee, or perhaps serve in a higher calling in the club!

Audit Committee - This isn't the committee that gets a lot of "face time", but it is vital to our club's longevity! If you're good at analyzing and getting into the nuts and bolts of financial reports, do we have a job for you! Call Russell in the club office for information on how to get involved.

Ballot & Tellers Committee - No "hanging chads" here! This is ad-hoc committee that meets once a year. We're ramping up for club elections in a few months. Come join the fun! If you're interested in serving on the committee, please contact Chris Popjoy (281) 546-1842

Reception and Photography - Event photographers are needed, please contact Danny Schnautz for more information.

Happy Birthday

Member Birthdays December 2010

12/4 Jack McCoy
12/10 Delmas Heinke
12/13 Cindy Reaves
12/14 Charles Dettmann
12/25 Christian Bijitch
12/26 David Fontenot
12/29 Josh Nordgulen
12/7 Kathleen Nance

Out of Town Activities

April 26-28
Critical Commodities
Conference
New Orleans, LA
<http://www.criticalcommoditiesconference.com>

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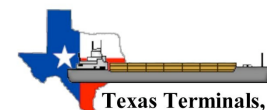
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