



# The Wheel

## The Transportation Club of Houston Newsletter



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### SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT

March 21, 2006

The Spring 2006 Golf tournament will be held at the Longwood Golf Club located at 13300 Longwood Trace - Cypress, TX 77429. This is a really great event, on a fantastic golf course.

The format is the usual four man scramble, beginning with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.

A box lunch will proceed the tournament and a buffet dinner following.

[www.transclubhou.org/Golf\\_Spring06.htm](http://www.transclubhou.org/Golf_Spring06.htm)

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### FEBRUARY MEETING DAYTIME HOCKEY EVENT

A couple of dozen TCH members and guests enjoyed the TCH February Luncheon at the Houston Aeros game in the Toyota Center, the loudest luncheon in recent history.

We had a good time and we noticed the obvious conflict and frustration between the different teams on the field. Applying our professional expertise, we have come up with the following ideas that will help achieve the goals of higher scores with minimal effort.

We think that more pucks would help. It seems that much effort is exerted chasing just one puck. Each player should have his own puck, thereby improving productivity and therefore raising overall game satisfaction.

We think that RFID pucks would help quite a bit. We found it difficult to "follow" the puck with our eyes - and we think that RFID tracking is definitely needed.

We think that a wider net would help. The goal is to, well, make goals, and that net is just too small.

We think that the goalies spend too much time doing nothing. That should be outsourced -- maybe a part time goalie is needed. If your offense is good enough, the points that are scored on an open net may be worth it.

This is just a start, but maybe we can help out "more" if it would mean a lot to the Aeros.

Y'all have a great day!

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### TCH Educational Seminar

LAND TRANSPORTATION 101

In Houston - March 7, 2006

This seminar was geared to the employees who are new to the industry and provided the participant with a fundamental

understanding of how the Land Transportation system works and interacts including Rail, Bulk, TL and LTL.

This was an interactive program with lots of audience participation. Examples were acted out using customer, carriers, shippers and customer service showing the interactions between each person and how decisions affect them in the performance of filling an order. Breakfast and Lunch at Brennan's were included.

The luncheon speaker was Jamie A. Joiner, an associate in the Houston office of Baker & Hostetler, practicing in the area of international trade regulation. She advises both domestic and foreign companies on U.S. trade laws and regulations.

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### Other Seminars

#### INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE

Presented by: Educational Resources International, Inc. in partnership with the Transportation Club of Houston

March 22, 2006

This introductory course will introduce your new hires to the international transportation industry and explain the types of firms involved and how they interact. The instructors will be Captain Alistair Macnab, the President of the Greater Houston Port Bureau and Robert Pryor, the President of Educational Resources International Inc.

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