



THE WHEEL

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Upcoming TCH Events - AROUND THE CORNER!

The TCH FEBRUARY LUNCHEON will again be at The Houston Club at 811 Rusk Avenue, on the 10th floor. On Tuesday February 2 our speaker will be **James T. Kniestedt**, Security Advisor of Kansas City Southern Railroad. Mr. Kniestedt's many years of military and industry service in our hemisphere is invaluable to his success in his security role. See his intriguing bio online.

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The TCH MARCH LUNCHEON will be held on March 9 featuring **Marvin Wells, General Manager of the PTR**. The Port Terminal Railroad Association is a key part of the shipping scene in Houston, connecting our shipping facilities, plants, refineries, and warehouses.

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.

TCH Event Recap

The year kicked off with a spectacular inaugural luncheon at the Houston Club on January 19. Speaker Harris County Judge Ed Emmett drew a crowd of over 120 transportation professionals. He enlightened the crowd on the current and planned transit issues affecting all of us as we drive in our region, including I-69/US59, 290, and the Grand Parkway. He also spoke about transportation issues that affect each mode of transportation and shippers and consignees as well. Thank you to sponsors and attendees and speaker Judge Emmett.

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2nd Annual Harris County International Trade & Transportation Conference

The Second Annual Harris County International Trade & Transportation Conference was held on January 24 - 26 at the Hilton of the Americas and TCH was a proud supporting organization. Attendance doubled from last year, and attendees enjoyed a diverse group of speakers from across our hemisphere. Next year's conference is being planned. Send feedback, topic or speaker requests, sponsorship offers, and other ideas to Caroline at caroline.binick@cjo.hctx.net. www.harriscountyevents.net

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Haiti Earthquake Relief

TCH has a link online to inform you and help you be part of the recovery. Relief goes through Rotary International, which has many facets of aid.

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From the Editor

WE ARE GOING PLACES

The TCH January luncheon was one of the best in a long time. Not only were the speaker and venue great, but the buzz in the room was incredible. Thank you to TCI President Denny Tam and to the other club Presidents and Officers who were among the 130 attendees.

We have so much to offer at TCH and it is for every segment of the industry. The networking is a real asset; top-notch. The crowd on January 19 arrived early and left late. Our club leadership is dedicated and innovative and it shows. Through the committees, programs and events, great things are ahead. Be looking for an upcoming seminar, a golf outing, and more.

What do you need from TCH to be more successful at your job? Drop a line to let us know. When you get involved, the success is sure. *Cool.*

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"If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success."

Ecclesiastes 10:10

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TCH Expands Online Presence

Ever a leader, TCH is now on two social networking sites, in addition to the TCH web page. If you're on these sites, you know what to do. And if you're not, consider giving it a try. It's no cost and expands your contacts and your world.



LinkedIn - <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=2063844>



Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=89851069610&ref=ts>

Down the Highway - Trucking News

Trucking company failures continue. At the same time, the DOT has raised the bar for entry into trucking. Further, trucking company safety scrutiny rises as well with the introduction of CSA (Comprehensive Safety Analysis) 2010.

Not only has the State Police of Minnesota enforced Federal Safety Regs that they did not have the authority to, they also have a "fatigue checklist" that they are using to put truckers "out of service." This list includes "overflowing trashcan; presence of reading materials, tv set" and the like.

There is a push in FMCSA to make truckers submit to sleep apnea testing if their body mass index surpasses a certain standard. This standard, it is worth noting, would have put Arnold Schwarzenegger in this 'unfit' group - when he was at the height of his body-building career! There are questionable ties from science to industry on this, so keep watching this issue.

New Members for January

Tony Cummings Wells Fargo Equipment Finance
Laura Hunter Total Petrochemicals USA
Transfer:
Briggs Equipment - Chuck Mathews replacing
Greg Tunnell.

Welcome to the club!

Welfare Report

TCH Director Peter Van Etten's mother passed away in January. Our thoughts and prayers for strength and guidance are with Peter and his family.

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

TCH Member February Birthdays

- 2/01 Jamie Joiner Baker & Hostetler LLP
 - 2/03 Cliff Scott Fracht USA
 - 2/03 Brian Bussey Port Terminal Railroad Assn
 - 2/05 Pat Twohy Cargo-Master Inc
 - 2/06 Jerry Spier Merichem
 - 2/06 Gaylon Surratt Jr East End Transfer & Storage
 - 2/07 Thomas Arcidiacono Start Trucking
 - 2/12 Tricia Spoerle Southern Chemical Distribution
 - 2/14 Chip Gates Southern Worldwide Logistics
 - 2/14 Christopher Popjoy Kansas City Southern Railway
 - 2/22 Jim McNutt Comerica Bank - Texas Div
 - 2/25 Summer Camp Chevron Oronite Co
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!

NTW Houston 2010

May 2010 is no longer "next year" - it is just three months away! On May 16 thru 22 we will celebrate the valuable contribution of the transportation industry with another week 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.

Make plans now to attend the NTW All-Club lunch at Brady's Landing on Thursday, May 20. Full info is on the web page listed above.

1940's Air Terminal Museum Report

Visit our friends at the 1940's Air Terminal at 8325 Travelair Road, to see the restoration. TCH is a lifetime member of the museum and holds 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.



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 HISTORY!

TCH
We Move Houston!
Founded 1915

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.

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'.

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:

- Dennis Tam, President
- Mac Leonard, Chairman of the Board
- Lynn Donovan - VP Business
- Lory Tauber Don - VP Marketing
- Anita Bene - Secretary
- Katie Dejonge - Treasurer & Executive Director
- Danny Schnautz -VP Mid Central US

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

www.transportationclubsinternational.com



Hard Work

"Nothing of great value in this life comes easily. The things of highest value sometimes come hard. The gold that has the greatest value lies deepest in the earth, as do the diamonds." *Norman Vincent Peale*

"All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty." *Proverbs 14:23*

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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 Marvin Wells of PTR A
- 4-06 April Luncheon - Steve Clark of ARUP
- 4-27 Spring Golf Outing at Tour 18
- TBA Other events with fun and benefit for all
- TBA Past Presidents' Luncheon
- 5-20 Education Committee Seminar 8:00-12:00
- 5-20 NTW All Club Luncheon - Brady's Landing
- 5-16 thru 22 NTW 2010
- 6-01 Curtis Alan Morgan of Texas Transp
Institute

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:

**Rail Manager, CMC -Commercial Metals Company
AND MORE!!! Look online!**



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