



# The Wheel

## The Transportation Club of Houston Newsletter



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### April 5, 2005 Luncheon

Mr. John Royall, Group Publishing Director - Supply Chain Management Review & Logistics Management is our speaker. Luncheon Topic is "The latest trends in logistics and supply chain management". Top 10 News/Trends You Need to Know.

This is also our annual [Past President's luncheon](#) and that many of our past presidents dating back to 1964 are expected to be in attendance.

The luncheons are at Brennan's Restaurant, which is conveniently located at 3300 Smith. Brennan's is famous for its elegant atmosphere and great New Orleans style food. Registration and mingling will be from 11:30 to 12:00. Lunch and program will begin promptly at noon. Dress code is business casual for the luncheons.

### American Airlines Cargo Ups Fuel Surcharge

American Airlines on Wednesday said its cargo division was increasing its fuel surcharge by 5 cents per kilogram, to 40 cents a kilogram, for most international shipments originating in the United States.

The cargo unit is also raising fuel surcharges by 2 cents a pound, to 16 cents per pound, for US domestic shipments. (Reuters)

### Driver Turnover Rate Climbs

In a report to its members, the American Trucking Assns. reported earlier this week that the rate of driver turnover for the 4th quarter of 2004 reached a new high of 136% for large truckload carriers and 102% for smaller ones.

Carriers with more than \$30 million annual revenue are considered large fleets, and while the report is quarterly, the figures represent annual turnover rates. According to the ATA, driver turnover in the long haul market isn't likely to improve anytime soon.

TruckingINFO.com

### Board Nominees for 2005-2006

#### PRESIDENT:

Summer Camp - Chevron Texaco

#### VICE PRESIDENT:

Alister McNabb - The Port of Houston

#### SECRETARY:

Azalia Tennis - Quality Carriers, Inc.

#### TREASURER:

Leo Stupur - Huntsman

#### DIRECTORS:

(Still Need To Fill Two Positions)

Edna Rice - Edna Rice Exec Recruiters, Inc.

Steve Wheeler - Trimac

Jimmy Scruggs - Miller Transport

Freida Lolly - Best Delivery Systems Inc.

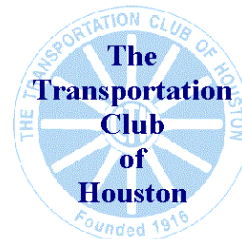
Rita Welsh - Tri-Fleet Leasing

**Reminder:** TCH now accept all credit cards for advance payments for luncheons. Call Russell at 713-528-2869 with credit card info or pay online with credit card and PayPal registration. Cash or check only is accepted at the door.

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