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The Transportation Club of Houston Newsletter



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From the Prez...

POLITICS!

<pol-i-tics> the art or science of government.

<pol-i-ti-cian> a person experienced in the art or science of government.

(My dictionary also lists some other definitions which may be more familiar in our mutual experiences.)

Our beloved transportation industry is made up of components that are a result of the actions of politicians. The roads & rules, bridges & byways, and goals & guidelines, are formed by both the free market and by our political process.

Adequate and serviceable roads and bridges are a basic part of America. We have a history of long and tiring battles over funding the pavement which connects us all. Somewhere in the debate, the pure goal of citizen mobility can be found, but often one must look diligently to find it.

Is leasing (selling) our highways to private companies a reasonable way to fund them? Or is it just a way to create a better image "for now" and then let the future generations deal with the fallout?

You can help control our policy by casting an informed vote and communicating regularly with your lawmakers. *Cool.*

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Candidates Announced

For the 2008-2009 club year, the nominating committee offers the following candidates for your consideration. If 25 or more members nominate any other candidate in writing to the secretary by April 7, 2008, that candidate will be added to the ballot.

OFFICERS - 1 YR TERM

PRESIDENT

DEBORAH BUTLER
Euro-Hub International, Inc.

VICE PRESIDENT

SHRISTI SHRESTHA
Edna Rice Executive Recruiter, Inc.

TREASURER

REBECCA TAYLOR
Conoco-Phillips

SECRETARY

JLYNN STOUT
EPCO, Inc.

DIRECTORS - 2 YR TERM (VOTE FOR 2)

LARRY SNELLINGS
dangerousgoods.com

PHILLIP COHEN
San Jacinto College North

CHRISTOPHER POJJOY
Kansas City Southern Railway

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Upcoming TCH Events - AROUND THE CORNER!

The [next TCH luncheon](#) is at **Brady's Landing** on Houston's east side on April 1 at 11:30. The speaker will be **Jerry Woodfill**, giving a riveting first-hand account of the Apollo 13 rescue (as portrayed in the 1995 Tom Hanks movie). Details of the luncheon are available online at www.transclubhou.org.

TCH at the SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK!

Saturday, April 5 will find many TCH members at the races (www.shrp.com) for a fun night for the Connally Breeders' Cup Turf Festival. Arrive as early as 5:30 for a 7 pm start; the fun lasts til 11:00pm. Cost is \$35 per person; sponsors needed: *Platinum: \$250 *Gold: \$200 *Silver: \$100 *Bronze: \$50 TCH will have our own private room with food and fun. Great networking! See you there!

Sponsors so far are:

Platinum: Baker & Hostetler LLP
Start Trucking
Silver: Clark Freight Lines
Bronze: Danny & Celessa Schnautz
Robert Morgan
Dangerousgoods.com
Jamie Joiner, esq

TCH will host an NTW event at the beautifully restored [HOBBY AIRPORT 1940'S TOWER](http://www.1940airterminal.org) (www.1940airterminal.org) on Tuesday, May 13. Admission is \$1 if RSVP & prepay, or \$2 at the door. Chick-fil-A hors d'oeuvres will be served and drinks will be available for purchase. Sponsors are needed; see web page for details.

TCH will be at the [HOUSTON ASTROS](#) on the Coke Deck for a private party on Tuesday, July 22. This is a popular event for TCH & is limited to 50 participants. Sponsors are needed; see web page for details.

[NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK](#) is May 11-17 and help is needed for the school poster/essay contest and other events. All area clubs have been invited to participate in various events. See more info in this newsletter.

The [SPRING EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR](#) has had a change. New plans are underway by the education committee.

TCH will have a [JUNE 24 LUNCHEON](#) featuring County Judge Ed Emmett.

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TCH Event Recap

The [MARCH LUNCHEON](#) was **NOT** held in order to show support for the DOT Seminar to be held here in Houston on March 4 & 5 (*see additional information in recap, below*). We encouraged our members to attend this **FREE seminar** which we were fortunate to have here in Houston, thanks to the hard work of DOT's Aubrey Campbell.

The TCH [SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT & AWARDS DINNER](#) was held on March 27 at Longwood Golf Club. TCH Vice-President Deborah Butler, Matt Stoker, James Ruberti, Ed Schinnie, and Chris Kellner ran a great event! A full golf recap will be online soon and in the next WHEEL.

[TCH at the HOUSTON AEROS!](#)

As predicted here by TCH, the Aeros defeated their opponents on Friday, March 7, and TCH was there to witness it!

The crowd agreed that the seats were spectacular (rows 7,8,& 9) and the teams did not disappoint. The Toyota Center's [DIAMOND SCREEN](#) displayed "The Transportation Club of Houston", and each sponsor by name, after game periods 1 &

2. The announcer also announced the same. Past President Ernest Bezdek (Port of Beaumont) and his wife Renee joined in the fun. After the game, TCH President and First Lady Danny & Celessa Schnautz joined the players and mascot "Chili Dog" on the ice for an hour of skating. Photos of the fun are online at www.transclubhou.org

This was another great TCH event. Thank you for participating with your attendance and sponsorship!

HOCKEY OUTING SPONSORS WERE:

PLATINUM:	Clark Freight Lines
GOLD:	Cisco-Eagle Inc
SILVER:	McLeod Software
	Euro-Hub
BRONZE:	Dangerousgoods.com
	Central Freight Lines

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TCH website opens "MEMBERS ONLY" section

Check out your club web page for the new MEMBERS ONLY section, launched in January. The entry point is at the bottom right corner of the home page ("Members Only"). Check out the discounts from vendors that will help you and your business with chiropractor, office supply & printing, and car rental discounts. **MORE VENDORS ARE NEEDED!** If you know a vendor, or if your company can provide discounted services to TCH members, contact us. More information has been released to TCH members via an email from the Executive Secretary.

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2007-2008 TCH Membership Roster at Printer

Your new Club Membership Roster is at the printer and will be in your hands soon. Even though your information cannot be changed in the roster, we still need your current information! You can still:

1. **Update** your contact information to the club office for updating club records;
2. **Advertise** in the Wheel or on the web page with an ad;
3. **Advertise** in the online SERVICE DIRECTORY

Details are online and are available from the club office or president.

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US DOT Hazmat Workshop in Houston Recap

A successful seminar with over 450 attendees was held here in Houston on March 4 & 5 at Marriott Hotel Hobby Airport

Exclusive to The Wheel, here is a recap from attendee Jeff Tippit (of TCH member company Clark Freight Lines):

"The 2 day seminar was one of the better ones held by the DOT's Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). I have attended numerous seminars in the past and this seminar along with the presenters were the best organized with well prepared presentations. The break-out sessions were in a manner that allowed the attendee to pick the sessions that pertained to their industry instead of all grouped into one. The representation of various industries ranged from manufacturers to transporters, and on to law enforcement. Several area municipal agencies were represented by their fire departments along with the U. S. Coast Guard, FBI, DHS, TSA and I am sure I missed another alphabet agency somewhere. Attendees came from as far away as South Africa with numerous attendees from Mexico, Asian countries, and European countries. There were also some citizens attending just to be a part of the Government and gain knowledge in the HAZMAT industry."

TCH is proud to have supported this event and looks forward to future such events coming to our city, thanks to the participation this year.

NTW Houston 2008

We are proud to confirm that the **Texas Representative of District 144 Robert Talton is our Honorary Chairman for NTW Houston 2008!** Representative Talton was a guest speaker at our December luncheon and is a friend of transportation. In addition, the City of Houston, State of Texas, and Harris County are issuing proclamations for the week. Thanks to Mayor White, Representative Talton, and County Judge Ed Emmett, respectively, for this recognition. Activities are being planned by a large collection of Houston-area transportation clubs.

NTW is a national week of recognition as declared by Congress that originated in Houston in 1953. This year the dates are May 11 - 17 and events across the country will take place that week. The official NTW web site is www.ntweek.org. Transportation Clubs International helps with

NTW recognition; info for events across America is at (www.transportationclubsinternational.com).

Transportation workers include truckdrivers, pilots, ship captains, and railroad engineers, but also dispatchers, forklift operators, shipping clerks, sales reps, maintenance crews, and so many more.

On Monday, February 4, leaders from ten Houston-area transportation clubs met at the TCH board room for the **NTW Houston 2008 Kickoff Meeting** (photo at TCH online). Supper was provided by Clark Freight Lines. The two-hour meeting led to productive discussions and agreements.

NTW Events confirmed so far include:

- Monday, May 12 Golf Outing by HACA
- Tuesday, May 13 1940's Hobby Airport Tower Night
by TCH
- Wednesday, May 14 Airport Flight Night by HACA
- Thursday, May 15 All-club lunch at Brady's Landing
by NDTA
- Friday, May 16 MV Sam Houston Port Tour by
ETA
- Sunday, May 18 Road Rally by ITMA
- TBA Motorcycle Rally by ITMA
- Underway: 5th grade poster contest by TCH

Keep an eye on the TCH web page for more information.

YOU can do some good by taking the message of transportation to the public around you, and supporting all of these planned NTW events!

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TCH Golf Shirts on Sale

TCH golf shirts are now for sale online and at the luncheons! The April luncheon will have a special display table before and after the luncheon at which you can place your order. There is a wide variety of styles and colors available in many sizes. Each will be embroidered with the "TCH We Move Houston" logo on the left sleeve. Prices range from \$19.36 to \$33.54 each. www.transclubhou.org

This issue of "The Wheel" is brought to you by -

---- THIS SPACE AVAILABLE! ----

Playing Politics with our Highways

Statement from U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary E. Peters in response to Building America's Future Coalition News Conference: "The governors are right to call for a fundamentally new federal approach when it comes to transportation projects

Integrity

I never had a policy; I have just tried to do my very best each and every day. ~Abraham Lincoln

In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us. Titus 2:7-8

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 (note the new banner ads). Look on the web page or email the club office or President for information.

-Upcoming luncheon sponsors include -

Fed Ex: April
Clark Freight Lines: June

Don't forget to cast an INFORMED Vote in the Runoffs!

New Members for March

- Jeffrey Bonner - Pan Western Corporation
 - Dennis Hollis - Lynden Transport
 - Kristof Peerlinck - KTN Tank Operations
 - Robert J. Swint - ATA Associates
 - Jeff Washmon - Total Choice Comm
- Welcome to the club!*

2007 - 2008 Officers & Directors:

- President: **Danny Schnautz, Clark Freight Lines**
- Vice Prez: **Deborah Butler, Euro Hub Int'l**
- Secretary: **Shristi Shrestha,**
Edna Rice Executive Recruiters
- Treasurer: **Bob Clark, Shell E&P**
- Director: **Jamie Joiner, Baker & Hostetler LLP**
- Director: **Mike Taber, Chevron Phillips Chemical**
- Director: **Larry Snellings, DangerousGoods.com**
- Director: **Robert Morgan, Port of Houston**
- Immediate Past Prez: **Alistair Macnab, Retired**
- Executive Secretary: **Russell Powell,**
Kratochvil, Powell

that puts an end to wasteful earmarks, polluting traffic jams and politically driven investments that disregard the needs of commuters and shippers. We have a unique opportunity thanks to technology and bold leadership to unleash a new wave of congestion relief and capacity projects by better focusing federal resources and tapping into the more than \$400 billion available today for transportation investments. We can do more than Eisenhower ever dreamed, we can do it tomorrow, and we can do it without increasing our reliance on fossil-based fuels."

Editor's note: The push for privatization is seen by many as short sighted. In fact, one industry insider uses the term "pawnshop mentality" in describing the push by some states, and the federal government, to 'sell' our tax-dollar built highways for some short-term gain. Before deciding on this issue, look at the long-term picture to see what the effects will be over the decades to come.

TCH around Houston

TCH was represented by President Danny Schnautz on Monday, March 17 at a luncheon event honoring former Secretary of Transportation and current Senator Elizabeth Dole. The Senator was able to convey to the small group present her views for our nation into the future, including CAFTA and other transportation events. Questions from the attendees included many topics with transportation as one of the prominent issues. Also present were Harris County Judge Ed Emmett and President George HW Bush. Photos are online at www.transclubhou.org

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."

"Some people say that trucks are just in the way, But if we shut them down in April, you would never see May." www.raycarlisle.com

"Worried & Unhappy" by Ray Carlisle