



THE WHEEL

The Transportation Club of Houston Newsletter



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Upcoming TCH Events - AROUND THE CORNER!

The TCH MARCH LUNCHEON will again be at The Houston Club at 811 Rusk Avenue, on the 10th floor. On Tuesday March 2 we will be featuring **Marvin Wells, General Manager of the PTRA.** The Port Terminal Railroad Association is a key part of the shipping scene in Houston, connecting our shipping facilities, plants, refineries, and warehouses. See more information online.

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The TCH APRIL LUNCHEON will be our **Past Presidents' Luncheon**, held on April 6. The speaker will be **Steve Clark of ARUP.** Check online for location details.

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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.

The TCH SPRING EDUCATION CONFERENCE will again be held in conjunction with the NTW All-Club luncheon. On Thursday, May 20, the TCH Education Committee will hold the how-to workshop "Back to Basics - A Transportation Primer." This workshop is 8 am to 11:15 am and includes these speakers:

Gary Stading, University of Houston Dntn
John Connelly, NTTC
John Esparza, TMTA

Kurt Banberry, Attorney, Univ of Hou Dntn
Topics covered will include: contracting and bills of lading; claims; negotiating tips, qualifying carriers, and safety issues, as well as legislative updates. To sign up, go to www.transclubhou.org or contact the club office.

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TCH Event Recap

The February luncheon featured **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. He explained to the 50 plus attendees the expansive security utilized on the cargo trek. The ideas are applicable to many parts of supply chains, in many modes. Thank you to our Program Committee Chair Rebecca Taylor for once again helping set up a great program.

Lunch Sponsor: Mega Fortris, USA

Door Prize Sponsor was:

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THANK YOU!!

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Officer and Director Candidates

The Transportation Club of Houston is accepting nominations for Officer and Director candidates for the upcoming elections. (You can self-nominate.) If you or someone that you know has an interest in expanding personal skills and being part of a dynamic club with a 95-year history, contact the club office or this editor for more information. ACT NOW! Time is limited!

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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. Recovery will be long in coming and by working together, ordinary people can accomplish extraordinary things.

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From the Editor

GET WITH IT

Sometimes I evaluate ideas or attitudes with this question: "Is this what made America great?"

Our country was founded by hard working patriots who had to fight off bears (and worse) while storing food and braving conditions like untreated / untreatable disease and overall uncertainty. Most Americans did not *ever* take a vacation for much of the history of our country. Easily treatable (by today's standards) injuries and infections caused death. Fires and storms wiped out entire worth since there was little or no insurance available. And entertainment like a play or music performance was rare enough to be long-anticipated and long-remembered.

Today we have progressed to the point of 24 hour conveniently located choices of food, gas, entertainment, travel, and medical treatment - to the point of indifference. Our productivity has never been higher due to our electronics, connectivity, and education. Amidst all of this, our perseverance has slipped to the point that we may give up too easily in the face of hardship. Or as I sometimes say, "If we were undertaking the westward expansion today we would stop and stay at the east bank of the Mississippi River."

But we are no different than the hardy pioneers who went before us, really. Deep down we have all of the hope and courage and fortitude of those brave souls who endured unlikely odds to succeed. When we face a barrier - whether at home, at work, in our clubs or when at play, we can take solace in the fact that "we can." Throughout time, all that Americas have needed to do is to "get with it." When more effort has been needed, we have always had it.

Don't fret at the challenges that face you. You have more capabilities than you even know. When you embrace the spirit of the great Americans that have gone before us, the success is sure. *Cool.*

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"I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me." Philipians 4:13

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>

New Members for February

- Wade Harrison**, Bus Dev Mgr, Groendyke Transpt
- Gary Conner**, Director of Sales, Overland Express
- Sten Svendsen**, President Bring Logistics US
- Daniel R McBride**, Director of Scales, SCO Logistics
- Sara Manstan**, East Coast Land Traffic Coordintr, Southern Chemical Corp

Welcome to the club!

Welfare Report

Jim Murphy's wife Maria passed away after a long struggle with cancer. Jim is with Schneider National Bulk Carriers and a long time member and supporter of TCH. Our prayers and condolences go out to Jim and his family and close friends.

Please send in other member info to *The Wheel*.

TCH Member March Birthdays

- 3/13 Melissa Pfitzer Central Freight Lines
- 3/20 Joy Lloyd University of Houston-Retired
- 3/20 William Dorgeloh Chemstam Inc
- 3/24 Daniel Rafferty DRafferty Enterprises LLC
- 3/25 Robert Clark Centrix Logistics
- 3/25 Mike Broussard Broussard Logistics
- 3/29 Gustavo Kolmel Interstar Global Logistics LP

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!

NTW Houston 2010

May 2010 is now just two 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 the hemisphere-wide NTW celebration competition for 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 luncheon at Brady's Landing on Thursday, May 20, hosted by HTPA. The speaker for this year is William R. Stockton, Ph. D, P.E., Texas Transportation Institute. Harris County Judge Ed Emmett is Honorary Chairman. Full info is on the web page listed above.

Down the Highway - Trucking News

By Danny R. Schnautz

>**The shameful demise** of 60 year old stalwart Arrow Trucking of Tulsa, OK has moved from the highways to the courts. After stranding some 1400 drivers around the nation on December 22 due to the sudden company total shutdown, the now-defunct company is facing a variety of suits and charges due to its reckless actions.

>**What is the difference** in the "green" trucks of today from those of decades gone by? Truckers can sum it up in 3 words: weight, cost, and complexity. The components on 2010 trucks set a new level of "things to go wrong" in a time when profits are as scarce as ever. With the gains in aerodynamics, tires, and electronic engines, some experts suspect that 10 mpg trucks would be common today if not for the push to reduce emissions.

>**Congestion was once** an urban issue, but over the past years the once wide-open interstates have turned into bottlenecks as well. Two lanes each direction just isn't enough to keep traffic moving in

the heart of America, such as across Arkansas, Louisiana, or other central states. When truck miles-per-hour slows down, driver pay-per-hour decreases right along with it. To already-pressed truck drivers of our nation, each slow down has a direct and lasting impact for him and his family.

Submit your insight on your part of the industry to the editor for consideration of publication.

1940's Air Terminal Museum Report

Visit our friends at the 1940's Air Terminal at 8325 Travelair Road, to see the restoration and artifacts. TCH is a lifetime member of the museum and holds events there. Rooms are available for your event as well. Check their web page for special events & airplane giveaways: www.1940airterminal.org.



Houston Maritime Museum Report

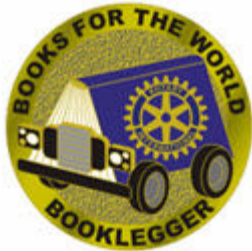
TCH is also a member of the Houston Maritime Museum, at 2204 Dorrington. You can learn about the industry that helped to build and now helps sustain our region, and you can also rent a room to host an event for your own company. More information about this local treasure is online at www.houstonmaritimemuseum.org.



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 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 has accepted a job with BMW in Greenville, SC. TCH Past President Danny Schnautz is Barrett’s mentor. You can reach him at black.barrett@gmail.com with encouragement and ideas.

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-

April Lunch Sponsors:

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- 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



Courage

"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing which you think you cannot do." *Eleanor Roosevelt*

"But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." *Matthew 14:27*

TCH

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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 Tippet 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 with Steve Clark of ARUP: Past President's Luncheon
- 4-27 Spring Golf Outing at Tour 18
- TBA Other events with fun and benefit for all
- 5-20 Education Committee Seminar 8:00-11:15am
- 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:

Transportation Sales Manager, JB Hunt

AND MORE!!! Look online!



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