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The Transportation Club of Houston Newsletter



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From the Prez...

NTW

National Transportation Week Houston 2008 is wrapped up. We have planned, announced, executed, and documented. The events celebrating NTW were well-attended and represented the cooperative spirit of the Houston transportation clubs. Below in this newsletter is a recap of the events, and the various clubs have their photos of their events online.

Summer is here; schools are letting out, the thermometer is rising, and families are headed out of town on vacation. The high gas prices are not severely deterring commerce or fun, at least not for now. The future hinges on the 'price-at-the-pump' for both work and play. Think strategically and make sure that you are not unnecessarily at the mercy of gas prices.

TCH has events ahead in June & July. We hope to see you at one or all of them as we wrap up a fabulous 2007-2008 year and move into the next administration and another great year! Cool.

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Upcoming TCH Events - AROUND THE CORNER!

The TCH **JUNE LUNCHEON** will be held at Brady's Landing on Tuesday, June 24 at 11:30. At this luncheon, featured speaker **HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE ED EMMETT** will give attendees his view of our region's transportation scene. New officers and directors will be installed by Transportation Clubs International representatives. Also at this luncheon will be two free TCH logo giveaways for all attendees, compliments of your outgoing club President.

The **SPRING EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR** will be held in conjunction with the June luncheon.

T.W.I.C.

Transportation Worker Identification Credential "How Does It Affect My Business?" Brady's Landing Restaurant

8505 Cypress Street, Houston (713) 928-9921

SPEAKERS:

- **William F. Downey**, Vice President of Security, The Kenan Advantage Group
- **Tom Schroeter**, Associate General Counsel, Port of Houston
- **Steve Sadler**, General Manager for Operations in the Office of Transportation Threat Assessment and Credentialing within the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

REGISTER BY JUNE 13 for a discount.
Group discounts are available.

Seminar is Tuesday, June 24.

Registration & breakfast start at 8 am.

Sponsorships Available:

Gold \$500	Silver \$250
Bronze \$100	Copper \$50

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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.

TCH will be **ON THE WATER** this Fall when the club returns to the Port of Houston Authority's MV Sam Houston on Friday, October 10 at 6pm for an evening cruise. See the web page for more details.

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TCH Election is Over

The ballots have been counted and the winners for the 2008-2009 club year will be announced at the June luncheon. Thanks to our committee members and Executive Secretary for their roles in conducting the election.

TCH Event Recap

The April TCH luncheon was our PAST PRESIDENT'S DAY and was held at Brady's Landing on Houston's east side on April 1 at 11:30. 70 members and guests were in attendance. The speaker was Jerry Woodfill, who gave a riveting first-hand account of the Apollo 13 rescue (as portrayed in the 1995 Tom Hanks movie). All present remember his "Resident of the United States" podium emblem, and his chilling John F. Kennedy "race to the moon" speech reenactment. The sixteen TCH Past-Presidents in attendance included:

Joy Lloyd 2001-02, Lloyd Philips 1976-77, Earl Gerloff 1964-65, Truman Griffin 1970-71, Dale Crawford 1990-91, Rebecca Taylor 2003-04, Jack McCoy 1995-96, Bob Clark 1996-97, Harry Rhodes 1973-74, Ernest Bezdek 1997-98, Aubrey Elliott 1982-83, Joe Celestine 1999-2000, Darrell Nunley 1986-87, Phil McGonigle 1991-92, James Ruberti 2004-05, and Al Powell 2002-03. Photos of the luncheon are available online at www.transclubhou.org.

The April luncheon sponsor was FED-EX and door prize sponsors were: Brady's Landing; Clark Freight Lines; Euro-Hub International, & dangerousgoods.com.

TCH at the SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK!

Saturday, April 5 found many TCH members at the races (www.shrp.com) for a fun night for the Connally Breeders' Cup Turf Festival. The food was fabulous. Sponsors were:

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

TCH hosted an NTW event at the partially restored HOBBY AIRPORT 1940'S TOWER (www.1940airterminal.org) on Tuesday, May 13. Chick-fil-A hors d'oeuvres, fruit, and dessert was

provided by Clark Freight Lines, and water & soft drinks were provided by dangerousgoods.com. Sponsors were Clark Freight Lines and dangerousgoods.com, both at the CAPTAIN LEVEL. See the web page for photos.

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! Winners were:

First Place: Bill Acosta, Chester Loth, Brian McAlexander, & Glen McVey.

Second Place: Larry Fink, Chris Sofjen, Jesse Foust, & Ernie Wall

Third Place: Mike Wadas, Mike Depenbrock, Steve Rutledge, Jack Forstur

Longest Drive: Mike Depenbrock

Closest to Pin: Ernie Wall

There is a FALL GOLF OUTING on the horizon! Stay tuned to THE WHEEL & web page for info.

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Harris County International Trade & Transportation Conference

HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE ED EMMETT has announced the first annual Harris County International Trade & Transportation Conference, to be held September 14 - 16 (Sunday thru Tuesday) at the Westin Galleria.

Make plans now to join Judge Emmett for a 2 day conference on International Trade and Transportation. The conference will address current topics, as well as a special focus on Mexico and southern border trade. Come hear what high profile experts have to say about the present and the future of the transportation world.

The working conferences will take place on Monday and Tuesday, Sept 15 & 16. Networking opportunities include receptions on Sunday and Monday evenings, as well as breakfasts and a seated lunch on Monday.

For more information, contact Caroline Binick at Caroline.Binick@cjo.hctx.net or 713-755-4046. **SAVE THE DATE!**

TCH website "MEMBERS ONLY" section

Check out the TCH web page section for the MEMBERS ONLY section. The entry point is at the bottom right corner of the home page ("Members Only"), where you will find discounts from vendors that will help you and your business.

MORE VENDORS ARE WELCOME!

NTW Houston 2008

NTW is a national week of recognition, as declared by Congress, that originated in Houston in 1953. This year the dates were May 11 - 17 and events across our nation took place during that week and Houston especially. The official NTW web site is www.ntweek.org. Transportation Clubs International helps with NTW recognition; info 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 that move our people, supply our plants, and stock our shelves, every hour of every day.

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 Houston 2008 Events Were:

- Monday, May 12 Golf Outing by HACA
- Tuesday, May 13 1940's Hobby Terminal Night -TCH
- Wednesday, May 14 Airport Flight Night by HACA
- Thursday, May 15 All-club luncheon by NDTA
- Friday, May 16 MV Sam Houston Port Tour - ETA
- Throughout 5th grade poster contest by TCH

Photos of the events are on the TCH, HACA, ETA, and HTPA web sites.

www.aircargohouston.org

www.htpa.net

www.energytraffic.org/

Thanks to Donavon Smith of for the photos at the HACA & HACA club sites.

Monday's HACA golf outing had perfect weather at Walden on Lake Houston for the 165 attendees, with door prizes galore!

Tuesday's TCH 1940's Hobby Terminal event continued beyond closing time with a hard-hat tour of the still-unrestored tower, including time on the roof watching nighttime airport ops!

Wednesday's HACA Airport Flight Night mixer was a good time of laughter and celebration.

Thursday's All-Club luncheon (hosted by NDTA) had over 270 in attendance, and groups to help connect the public with transportation such as: Harris County Sheriff's Office Communications staff and trucks from Sheriff Tommy Thomas; Rotary International's "Books for the World" display; Houston Marine Moms; and the winners of the TCH 5th grade poster contest, along with their teachers and parents. Proclamations were presented from the City of Houston, from Texas State Representative Robert Talton, from the Governor's office, and from Harris County, Judge Ed Emmett. All proclamations are posted online at www.transclubhou.org.

Sponsors were:

- Clark Freight Lines - Gold
- Ports America - Gold
- Houston Custom Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association - Silver

Friday's ETA Sam Houston Boat Tour had a Mexican fajita buffet and 2 hours of great weather and heartfelt narration from Father Rivers Patout.

The events for NTW Houston 2008 are listed on the national NTW web site at www.ntweek.org/calendar/calendar.asp.

YOU can continue to do good by taking the message of transportation to the public year-round, and not waiting for NTW 2009. We at TCH appreciate the joint efforts from the Houston area clubs and look forward to more teamwork throughout the year ahead and into NTW 2009.

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Remaining TCH Golf Shirts on Sale

TCH golf shirts have sold through the first run. The six remaining shirts will be on sale at the June luncheon. Each is embroidered with the "TCH We Move Houston" logo on the left sleeve, available at \$25.00 each. www.transclubhou.org

TCH around Houston

TCH was represented by President & First Lady Danny & Celessa Schnautz on Tuesday, April 22 at an evening reception honoring Senator Bob Dole. Also present were Harris County Judge Ed Emmett and other local leaders. Photos are online at www.transclubhou.org at Industry News.

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.”

Challenges

"You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it." -- Margaret Thatcher

I can do everything through Him who gives me strength. -- *Philippians 4:13*

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

-Upcoming luncheon sponsors-

Clark Freight Lines: June

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New Members for April

Phillip Cohen - San Jacinto College North

Keith Jennings - J III Logistics

Christian Bijitch - Trifleet Leasing USA

Clarrisa Herrera - Global CFS Inc.

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