



# THE WHEEL

## The Transportation Club of Houston Newsletter



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### *From the Editor...*

#### ARE YOU MOVING THE GOODS?

If you are reading this, you probably have a role in transportation - that is, moving the goods and people of our world. Maybe you move those goods through paperwork, through data entry, with a steering wheel and gearshift, or by some other means. Whatever it is, each of our jobs makes up part of the overall solution that makes our nation move.

By doing your job, you make a difference that **only you** can make. Someone is counting on you to complete your step. So it becomes important to ask yourself - are you moving the goods?

Do you have pride in what you do, and does it show? Do others look to you for guidance? Are you learning more about the whole process than just "your job"? Are you informed about industry news and trends?

We transportation industry members know that what we do is indispensable, and that doing it right is the only way. So ask yourself, and answer honestly; are you moving the goods? *Cool.*

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### *Upcoming TCH Events - AROUND THE CORNER!*

The next TCH event is the **JUNE LUNCHEON** on Tuesday, June 9 at Brady's Landing. Our speaker this month is Debra Zezima, Houston Area Representative for the Federal Maritime Commission, formerly of CBP. Also at the luncheon, new officers and directors will be inducted, & the Joy Lloyd Scholarships will be awarded. Start time is 11:30 at 8505 Cypress Street in Houston. More info at [www.transclubhou.org](http://www.transclubhou.org).

Lunch Sponsor: [Clark Freight Lines](#)

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### *TCH Event Recap*

TCH members and guests enjoyed the annual **NTW All-Club Luncheon**, hosted again this year by NDTA. On May 14 about 300 attendees gathered to hear Texas Agricultural Commissioner Todd Staples speak on transportation in our state. Other highlights of the luncheon included presentation of NTW 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Poster Contest Winners by TCH Director Larry Snellings, and presentation of NTW Proclamations from local, county, and state authorities by NTW Houston 2009 Chairman & TCH Past President Danny Schnautz.

The TCH Education Committee held a **HAZ MAT WORKSHOP** on Thursday, May 14, at Brady's Landing, the morning of the NTW luncheon. The event provided certification for workers handling haz mat.

#### **Workshop sponsors were:**

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Recap information is online at [www.transclubhou.org](http://www.transclubhou.org).

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### *Chaplain Conference in Houston June 9-11, 2009*

TCH Chaplain Father Rivers Patout reminds us that Houston is hosting the Global Chaplain Conference at the Hobby Hilton this month.

Sponsors & volunteers are needed. For more information call Father Patout at 713-672-0511

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**NTW Houston 2009 Recap**

NTW Houston 2009 was another great year of NTW celebration. Many clubs joined together to provide more than a week of activities.

- Wednesday, 5-6      WTC Night at the Astros
- Monday, 5-11      HACA Golf & Dinner
- Tuesday, 5-12      SDTC Golf & Dinner
- Wednesday, 5-13    EECOC Luncheon
- Thursday, 5-14      TCH Haz Mat Workshop
- NDTA All-Club Luncheon
- Texas Cuba Alliance Conf.
- Saturday, 5-16      ITMA Volleyball Tournament
- Saturday, 5-16      POHA Seaman Church Tour
- Sunday, 5-17        1940's ATM/HACA Mixer
- 5th Grade Poster Contest      TCH
- NTW Raffle                              SDTC

The Chair again this year was Danny Schnautz of Clark Freight Lines / Past President of TCH / NDTA Director / TCI Regional VP. And for NTW Houston 2010 we have in store TCI President Denny Tam (DJ Railcar Services) as the Houston-wide chairman. Great things are ahead.

Harris County Judge **Ed Emmett** was the Honorary Chairman for this year and we thank him for his assistance and participation. Judge Emmett is a long-standing friend of transportation.

Thanks to NDTA Houston President and NDTA Regional VP **Ernest Bezdek** (Port of Beaumont) and his staff for once again hosting an excellent all-club luncheon for NTW. The luncheon was well-attended (appx 300) and included display booths from area clubs as well as the featured charity, Rotary Books for the World.

Recaps and photos of this great week are online at familiar websites [www.transclubhou.org](http://www.transclubhou.org) & [www.ntwhouston.org](http://www.ntwhouston.org) (thanks to Denny Tam, Donovan Smith, & our friends at HTPA for this wonderful website!)

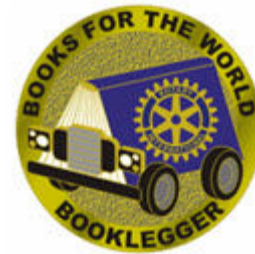
**1940's Air Terminal Renovation Progresses**

Visit our friends at the 1940's Air Terminal, where remodeling is nearly finished in the main terminal but other buildings are being restored. TCH is a lifetime member at the museum and looks forward to more events there. Check their web page for special events: [www.1940airterminal.org](http://www.1940airterminal.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 useful. Full information is available at [www.rotarybooksfortheworld.org](http://www.rotarybooksfortheworld.org)



**From our Members**

If you have a story about the industry, history of the club or transportation, or other information to share with our members, please send it to the club office or to the editor.

**Welfare Report**

Let us hear from you with member news! *The Wheel* helps keep our members connected.

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**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.”

**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 banner ads). Look on the web page or email the club office or editor for information.

*-Upcoming luncheon sponsors-*

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| Clif Twaddle     | EI Systems                   |

*Welcome to the club!*

**Transportation Clubs International Membership**

The Transportation Club of Houston is a proud member of The Transportation Clubs International. **The 2009 TCI conference is in Chattanooga, Tennessee on September 17 - 20.** See you there!

**TCI Officers Are:**

- 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

[www.transportationclubsinternational.com](http://www.transportationclubsinternational.com)



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**Member Leads**

If you have a contact who is a prospective member of TCH, let the club office know!

**Hope**

*" When you say a situation or a person is hopeless, you are slamming the door in the face of God."*

*Charles L Allen*

*"May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you." Psalm 33:22*

**TCH ITINERARY FOR 2008-2009**

**2008:**

- 9-9 September Luncheon w/ Larry Snellings
- 10-10 TCH Port Tour on the MV Sam Houston
- 11-20 Fall Golf Outing and Awards Dinner
- 12-12 TCH Christmas Party at 1940's Air Terminal Museum

**2009:**

- 1-20 Luncheon at Brady's Landing: Joint w/ NDTA & Judge Emmett
- 2-3 Luncheon at Brady's Landing: Charlie Jenkins, POHA
- 3-3 Luncheon at Brady's Landing: Elizabeth Wetzel, University of Houston
- 3-26 Spring Golf Outing, 1:30 pm
- 4-7 Luncheon at Brady's Landing: Bill Webb, Blue Flame Project >**Past President's Day**<
- 5-10 thru 16 NTW 2009
- 5-14 Education Workshop at NTW Houston 2009
- 5-14 All-Club Luncheon at Brady's Landing for NTW
- 6-9 Luncheon at Brady's Landing, Installations,
- 10-22 Fall Golf Outing, 1:30 pm

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### 2008 - 2009 Officers & Directors:

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Director: **Robert Morgan, Port of Houston**

Director: **Larry Snellings, DangerousGoods.com**

Director: **Chris Popjoy, KCS Railroad**

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