



THE WHEEL

The Transportation Club of Houston Newsletter



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From the Prez...

Welcome to the Transportation Club of Houston. Our organization has served professionals in transportation (all modes: air, land and water), distribution and logistics industries, and has cultivated relations amongst them since 1915. We must be doing something right if we have been going strong for almost a century!

Last year, our organization started the year with a bang at the Port of Houston boat tour. We have since hosted monthly luncheons with outstanding speakers in the industry, such as Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, Stephen Sadler (Transportation Threat Assessment and Credentialing), Capt. Marcus Woodring (U.S. Coast Guard), Larry Snellings (DangerousGoods), Charlie Jenkins (Port of Houston), Elizabeth Wetzel (Univ. of Houston), Debra Zuzima (Federal Maritime Commission) and Bill Webb (The Blue Flame Project). This year, we have an outstanding line of speakers, who will share updated information within our industry.

In addition to our monthly luncheons, we host bi-annual educational seminars. Last year, we held informative seminars on "Negotiating Mutually Beneficial Logistics Partnerships" and "Shipping Hazardous Materials." We distribute the funds raised in these educational seminars to educational institutions such as University of Houston, Houston Community College, San Jacinto College, Texas Southern University, etc. Previously, we funded an internship at the Houston Maritime Museum, and gave away monetary prizes to winners at the National Transportation Week's poster contest. In addition, we distributed scholarships to our 2009 scholars Chris Kearns and Dexter Kahn.

Our golf outing is designed to be bigger and better than ever, and we're looking forward to generating revenue to fund more scholarships. Please also join us at social events, and our Christmas party. I ask you to join committees, and network within to leverage each other's expertise. Also, please ask your companies to sponsor events. In this lean

economic environment, your advertising dollars will go far because as many companies cut back, those who advertise will become more visible. Recruit your friends to join one of the largest transportation organizations in town. Fellowship, especially in these unstable times is crucial, and we hope that you become and remain a part of our TCH family. You may meet your future here.

Shristi Shrestha

TCH President 2009-2010

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Upcoming TCH Events - AROUND THE CORNER!

The next TCH event is the **SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON** on Tuesday, September 1 at Sullivan's Steakhouse at 4608 Westheimer. Our speaker this month is **John Gaynord, Director of Transportation at TXDOT**. Registration and networking is from 11:15 til 12:00; program starts at 12:00. More info at www.transclubhou.org.

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Make plans now for the **OCTOBER LUNCHEON** on Tuesday October 6 with **Officer Jeff Tippit** of the La Porte Police Department Motor Carrier Safety Division.

The **TCH FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND AWARDS DINNER** is set for Monday, October 19 at Tour 18 in Humble. A free group golfing lesson is available at 11 am; register online.

GOLF SPONSORS WELCOME -Get your name and your company's name out there for all to see: more info is at www.transclubhou.org.

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TCH Event Recap

TCH members and guests enjoyed the **JUNE LUNCHEON** on June 9 at Brady's Landing. The featured speaker was Debra Zezima, Houston Area Representative for the Federal Maritime Commission, formerly of CBP. Also at the

luncheon, new Officers and Directors were inducted, & the Joy Lloyd Scholarships were awarded to winners **Chris Kearns** and **Dexter Kahn**. Thanks to all who attended and to the luncheon sponsor, CLARK FREIGHT LINES.

Recap information is online at www.transclubhou.org.

SWARS Conference Sept 30 – Oct 1

The next SWARS conference will be held September 30 thru October 2nd at the Waterways Marriott in The Woodlands, Texas.

The theme for this conference is "Green Shoots - Taking Roots" and the line up includes The **Honorable Francis Mulvay**, Acting Chair of the STB, and **The Honorable Ed Emmett**, Harris County Judge and transportation *sage*.

E. Leo Mountjoy will be honored during the luncheon timeframe on October 1st for his 26 years of service to SWARS.

For more info about this exciting conference that can add to your effectiveness at work, go to www.railshippers.com/regional/southwest.

From the Editor

BACK TO SCHOOL

By now we all have been reminded many times that the kids are back in school, and that we need to watch out for the school zones. We watch out not only for the radar police who may be there, but also for the safety of the kids, who may at any time run into the street without a thought for their own safety.

The kids are once again spending their days learning. How about our days? Are we ready to face each day at our jobs with the attitude that we are capable of tackling something new? Do we listen to new ideas, examine the current systems and procedures? Do we consciously free our minds to improve; attend a seminar or a class?

America was made great by innovation, by leaders who recognized the need to advance. So why not you? Why not me? Why not us? Why are we not the next great answer that brings about a better way to do things, a marked improvement in our industry? **WE ARE!** Cool.

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1940's Air Terminal Museum Report

Visit our friends at the 1940's Air Terminal, where their breathtaking remodeling is finished in the fabulous main terminal (other buildings are next.) TCH is a lifetime member of the museum and looks forward to more events there. Check their web page for special events & airplane giveaways: www.1940airterminal.org.

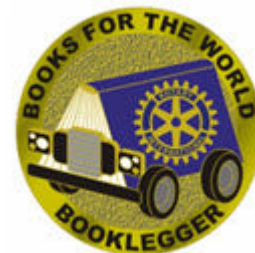
Houston Maritime Museum Report

TCH is also a member of the Houston Maritime Museum, at 2204 Dorrington. You can learn about the industry that helped to build our region, and you can also rent a room to host an event for your company. More information 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 information to share with our members, please send it to the club office or to the editor. **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Welfare Report

Longtime TCH member **Charles Arnspiger** passed away in July. Charles worked with BNSF in Houston and Temple. Our condolences and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Longtime TCH member **Howard Harris** passed away on June 5. Howard retired from the MKT Railroad in 1981 as a Regional Sales Manager. We send out our prayers and well-wishes to Howard's family and friends.

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."

New Members for July & August

- Ylna Ana Fores Hoyer-Global Transport
- Susan Gana Hoyer-Global Transport
- Chelsea Larkey Baker Hughes
- Isabel McGibeny ASAP Freight Systems
- Katherine Wilson Big Dog Logistics

New Life Member

- David J Paul Retired Halliburton

Transfer

- Tri Star Freight Systems – Kenneth Garrison to Kathleen Nance

Welcome to the club!

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!

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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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



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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 Sullivan's with Jeff Tippit 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 Sullivan's with Marvin Wells of PTR A
- 12-?? Christmas social

2010:

- 1-12 January Luncheon
- TBA Spring Golf Outing
- TBA Other events with fun and benefit for all
- TBA Past Presidents' Luncheon
- 5-16 thru 22 NTW 2010

Jobs Available

Look online at www.transclubhou.org for an available jobs listing. You will find it in the right hand menu bar under EMPLOYMENT.

Thrift

" I believe that thrift is essential to well-ordered living." ~John D. Rockefeller

"There is desirable treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise, but a foolish man squanders it."

Proverbs 21:20

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2009 - 2010 Officers & Directors:

- President: **Shristi Shrestha, Art Institute of Houston - North**
- Vice Prez: **Chris Popjoy, KCS Railroad**
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- Treasurer: **Robert Morgan, Port of Houston**
- Director: **Gary Stading, Univ of Houston Dntn**
- Director: **Peter Van Etten, Cedar Crossing Transload**
- Director: **J David Hargrave, BNSF RR**
- Director: **Yvonne Navarre, Merfish Supply**
- Immediate Past Prez: **Deborah Butler, Euro Hub**
- Executive Secretary: **Russell Powell, Kratochvil, Powell**
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