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July 1, 2010

Register Today to See Coach Mike Leach

Space is filling for this special interview! Former Texas Tech Coach Mike Leach is joining TMTA members for our keynote session at TMTA's Annual Conference! Coach Leach will discuss the All-American sport of football, "swinging your sword" and life in coaching. You won't want to miss this extraordinary session for a personal glimpse into the arena of college football.

As part of the conference, we also have our annual TruckPAC Golf Classic as well as an exciting morning for spouses with special guest Heloise - Author and Columnist of "Hints from Heloise"!

Special Rate for Conference Registration Ends Soon

Register on or before July 6, Tuesday, and receive discounted rates to attend TMTA's Annual Conference. Registration rates currently are:

\$445 TMTA Member

\$545 Non-Member

\$345 Spouse

If you wait until July 7 to register, rates increase to:
\$495 TMTA Member

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2011 Trucking and Moving Day at the Capitol

Trucking Day at the Texas State Capitol has been set for Feb. 16, 2011. We want all TMTA members to be able to join us for this special event with our legislators. This is a great opportunity to visit with your elected official during the 2011 Legislative Session. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

SafeGuard Data Storage for TMTA Gulf Coast Companies

TMTA Chairman Mike Craddock and his company SafeGuard Data Storage of Fort Worth are once again offering to provide Gulf Coast TMTA members with free off-site storage of any hard drives, backup tapes or any other similar media during the active hurricane season this year.

SafeGuard provides a state-of-the-art storage facility in Fort Worth. For more information please contact Mike or Deborah Bingham at 817/665-0802.

If you feel there is a legitimate hurricane threat to your area, a reminder that mail services such as UPS, FedEx, and airlines are under the same threat and will cancel service well in advance of the storm's arrival.

Thank you to Mike Craddock for this generous offer and piece of mind to those trucking companies on the gulf coast.

New Love's Locations in Texas

Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores has reached an agreement with Pilot Travel Centers to purchase 26 of its travel centers following Pilot's acquisition of Flying J Inc. By the end of 2010, Love's will have added 40 locations and will operate a network of over 210 travel centers. Two of these locations are in Texas: Baytown: I-10, Exit 789; Houston: I-45 Exit 50

Pilot Now Accepting TCH Cards

Comment Period for Use of EORBs

TMTA Office Closed on Monday, July 5

TMTA Calendar of Events



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Pilot Travel Centers announced that effective immediately its nationwide network of travel centers will accept TCH cards. TCH cards provide one-card convenience for professional drivers to manage fuel, maintenance and cash advance needs. Long haul transportation fleets across the U.S. utilize TCH cards for fuel and fleet-related purchases. TCH cards can be used at the fuel pump or in-store at the more than 550 Pilot Flying J locations throughout North America.

Hurricane Waiver for Motor Carriers

Gov. Rick Perry issued a waiver for motor carriers due to Hurricane Alex. TxDOT has been directed to suspend all oversize/overweight permitting requirements and fees for motor carriers involved in relief efforts, with the exception of exceeding posted weight limits on bridges. Carriers moving loads that exceed 14 feet high will be required to contact TxDOT's Motor Carrier Division at 512-465-3592 between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. If calling after hours, they should call 512-658-1149.

TxDOT was also directed to suspend all size and weight enforcement for motor carriers involved in relief efforts.

The governor also directs that all requirements concerning motor carrier registration, single state registration, the International Registration Plan, and International Fuel Tax Agreement be suspended for motor carriers traveling within or into Texas to assist with relief efforts. He also suspended the requirements regarding the purchase of trip permits for registration and fuel for commercial motor carriers engaged in interstate disaster relief efforts.

Hours of service limitations are temporarily suspended for carriers involved in response and recovery efforts.

The waiver is in effect until July 27, 2010 unless extended or repealed.

For more information, visit:

TxDOT at www.txdot.state.tx.us

Governor's Web site at: www.governor.state.tx.us

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Roadability Documentation Requirements Are Being Enforced

ATA's Intermodal Motor Carriers Conference (IMCC) and the Ocean Carrier Equipment Management Association (OCEMA) leadership met last week with FMCSA Administrator Anne Ferro and key members of her staff to discuss yesterday's implementation date for Roadability documentation compliance. Other provisions of the new law including chassis provider registration and systematic maintenance and repair mandates went into effect December 17, 2009. The June 25 discussions focused particularly on issues relating to the "Driver Vehicle Inspection Report" (DVIR) and the need to eliminate the current requirement to file a "No Defect" DVIR; pre-trip inspection data collection and use; and, the need to establish a more unified, seamless documentation data entry system. The group also advised the agency that implementation day will most likely be marked by confusion, a questionable degree of system filing compliance and a potential for in gate equipment return disruptions. IMCC has also advised its membership that unless they are certain their operational activities are fully covered within only one of the two main equipment documentation networks {OCEMA <http://www.chassis.com> and IANA (<https://dvir.intermodal.org/dvir/> it would be prudent for them to register in both.

House Passes Wall Street Reform

Yesterday, June 30, the United States House of Representatives passed the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act by a vote of 237-192. The legislation, which emerged from a House-Senate conference late last week, includes major reforms to the derivatives markets, including ATA-supported provisions to increase transparency by requiring previously unregulated over-the-counter trades to be traded on public exchanges and to require the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to set aggregate speculative position limits. The inclusion of derivatives reform in the legislation is a victory for the trucking industry, which has been adversely impacted by volatile diesel prices caused in part by excessive speculation in the oil derivatives markets. The death of Senator Robert Byrd (D-W.Va.) complicates passage of the bill in the Senate

and the Senate is not expected to act on the legislation until after the July 4 recess.

Join TMTA at GATS Aug. 25-28

Mark your calendar for 2010 Great American Trucking Show - Dallas. This year's event will be August 25-28, 2010 at the Dallas Convention Center.

An important new addition, prior to the opening of GATS, is the debut of the Heavy Duty Manufacturer's Association's (HDMA), Commercial Vehicle Outlook Conference. This will be a premier educational and networking event, delivering current and critical market information.

You will also have an opportunity to attend the 2010 TruckSmart Summit. This year's Super Session, Future Truck Technologies, will address how trucks might change in the coming decade in order to meet demands for increased fuel efficiency, reduced emissions and safety. The TruckSmart Summit will contain other invaluable informational seminars and sessions produced by TMTA that will help your business run more efficiently.

Members should have received two FREE admission tickets to the show. You may use these at the event entrance or register to attend online at www.truckshow.com. You will also find additional show information and discounts on travel and hotel accommodations on the website.

Your attendance is important. As a sponsor of the event, the Texas Motor Transportation Association benefits from you visiting the show. This is your opportunity to support your association as well as gain from all GATS has to offer.

See you August 25-28, 2010 in Dallas.

Freight Stakeholder Focus Groups Participation Needed

The Center for Transportation Research (CTR) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are conducting a study that directly pertains to freight stakeholders. As part of this study, CTR is hosting Freight Stakeholder Focus Groups in:

Lubbock; July 15
135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, TX, 79404
San Angelo; July 22
4502 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, TX, 76904
Houston; July 29
7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, TX, 77007

The objectives of these freight stakeholder focus groups are to:

a) share information collected regarding freight trends
b) discuss any needs, issues, and bottlenecks pertaining to the freight transportation system,
c) identify any needed infrastructure improvements,
d) explore policies, strategies, and performance measures that TxDOT can consider for implementation

There are two ways that Freight Stakeholders can participate in the Focus Group:

1) By personally attending one of the focus groups
2) By participating in one of the focus groups via Webinar. Participating by webinar requires an internet connection and a personal computer.

The focus groups are scheduled from 2 - 4PM.

If you have any questions, contact Jolanda Prozzi at jpprozzi@mail.utexas.edu or 512-232-3079 or C. Michael Walton at cmwalton@mail.utexas.edu or 512-471-1414.

UCR Registration is Due Today

To ensure the returned receipt of your UCR Registration is in the mail by the July 15, 2010 enforcement date, you must submit your applications and payment by today, July 1, 2010.

The deadline for 2010 Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) is today, July 1, 2010. The UCR registration packets for Texas based carriers were mailed last month. The Texas Department of Public Safety is scheduled to begin enforcement on July 15, 2010.

Houston Chapter to Hear From Mayor Parker

The TMTA Houston Local Chapter will have Houston Mayor Annise D. Parker speak at their August meeting. The date of that meeting is Thursday, August 19 at Brady's Landing.

Please join the Houston Chapter to welcome the

mayor in August and remember this is an excellent resource to garner new members.

**San Antonio Chapter to Hear From Rep.
McClendon**

TMTA San Antonio Chapter meeting will be held August 26. The lunch will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Petroleum Club at 8620 N. New Braunfels Ave, Suite 700; in the Derrick II Room. The cost to attend is \$25.

Representative Ruth Jones McClendon will be the guest speaker during the lunch. She serves as chair of the Rules and Resolutions Committee and is a member of the House Transportation Committee. Mark your calendars and join us in San Antonio as we launch the TMTA San Antonio Chapter!

Please RSVP by August 23 to Les at les@tmta.com

**TMTA Annual Conference:
Program at-a-Glance**

Tuesday, July 27

Noon - 8:00 p.m.	Registration & Refreshments
1:00 p.m. Shotgun	2010 TMTA TruckPAC Golf Classic
7:00 p.m. - Midnight	Kiddy Korner
7:00 p.m. Foundation	Reception
7:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Foundation Buffet Dinner & Auctions
10:00 p.m. - Midnight	Entertainment by John Sprott in Charlie's Long Bar

Wednesday, July 28

7:30 a.m.	Registration Opens
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet
8:30 a.m. -10:15 a.m.	General Session featuring Chairman Tommy Hodges, Elaine Briles and Avery Vise
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
10:30 a.m. -11:45 a.m.	Educational Sessions
	· <i>Texas State Regulatory Issues</i>
	· <i>How Do You Pay Your Owner/Operators and Employees? Do You Pass The Test?</i>
	· <i>What the Looming Health Care Overhaul Will Mean for Trucking Companies</i>
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Spouse's Brunch featuring Heloise
Noon-1:00p.m.	Truck Safety/Maintenance Awards Luncheon
7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.	Kiddy Korner
7:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Member Appreciation Reception
7:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.	Chairman's Dinner and Dance featuring Dale Watson

Thursday, July 29

7:30 a.m. Registration Opens
 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet
 8:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. General Session featuring Coach Mike Leach
 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting

 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Educational Sessions
 · *General Update on the TxDMV*
 · *What the Looming Health Care Overhaul Will Mean for Trucking Companies*
 · *PresPass Technology*

 Noon - 1:00 p.m. TMTA Leadership Award Luncheon
 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Board of Directors
 6:30 p.m. - Midnight Kiddy Korner
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Allied Celebration Dinner
 (8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Bobby Collins in Concert
 9:30 p.m. - Midnight "Thursday Night in Luckenbach"
 Texas Tycoons

TERP Grant Extended

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has issued an Addendum to the Texas Clean Fleet Program Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) to extend the closing date of this grant program.

Addendum No. 3 extends the deadline to submit applications from June 30, 2010 to July 16, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Refer to the TERP Web site, www.terpgrants.org to view and download Addendum No. 3. Please contact TERP staff at 800-919-TERP (8377), or by email to terp@tceq.state.tx.us, if you have any questions.

Reminder: Comment Period for Use of EORBs and HOS Regulations

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) provides notice to the motor carrier industry and the public of regulatory guidance and policy changes regarding the retention of supporting documents and the use of electronic mobile communication/tracking technology in assessing motor carriers' and commercial motor vehicle drivers' compliance with the hours of service regulations.

Comments should be submitted on or before July 9, 2010.

For more information on this notice, visit:
www.fmcsa.dot.gov

TMTA Office Closed on Monday, July 5

TMTA will be closed on Monday in observation of the July 4 holiday. Safe travels to all our members. The office will reopen on Tuesday, July 6.

TMTA Calendar of Events

July 13 - Tyler Local Chapter Meeting
 July 21 - Houston Local Chapter Meeting
 July 28 - Amarillo Local Chapter Meeting
July 27 - 29 TMTA Annual Conference
 August 3-7 - National Truck Driving Championship
 August 13 - South Texas Local Chapter Meeting
 August 19 - Houston Local Chapter Meeting
 August 25 - Amarillo Local Chapter Meeting
 August 26 - San Antonio Local Chapter Meeting
August 26-28 - Great American Trucking Show
Dallas, Texas
 Sept. 15-17 - Safety Management Council Fall Seminar

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