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TMTA TRUCKFacts

The Voice of the Texas Trucking Industry

July 22, 2010

Annual Conference Begins Tuesday

TMTA Annual Conference begins Tuesday in San Antonio at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa. If you have not yet registered, do so today! You don't want to miss our TMTA TruckPAC Golf Classic, Coach Mike Leach or Heloise!

For additional information, visit: www.tmta.com

Conference Registration Up from 2009

As we make final preparations for the 2010 TMTA Annual Conference, we want to thank those attendees who have already registered. Attendance is up 26 percent from last year! We will have a strong showing in San Antonio and look forward to seeing you!

A Few Spots Still Available for TruckPAC Golf Classic
11:30 am Putting Contest
1:00 pm Shotgun Start

We have just a few remaining spots for golfers at the TMTA TruckPAC Golf Tournament presented by FedEx. They have filled quickly so if you are interested in playing and have not yet signed up, please contact Lance at lance@tmta.com

Putting Contest

The putting contest will begin at 11:30 a.m. and run till 1:00 p.m. Please come down to the putting green closest to the

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Pro Shop during that time to participate. Registration is \$10.

A thank you to our sponsors:

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**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
 · *Texas State Regulatory Issues*
 · *How Do You Pay Your Owner/Operators and Employees? Do You Pass The Test?*
 · *What the Looming Health Care Overhaul Will Mean for Trucking Companies*

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
 · *Green Options for APUs*
 · *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
 7:00 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 "Night in Luckenbach" - Texas Tycoons

New Texas Commercial Vehicle Windshield Inspection Certificate (T-Series)

Motor Vehicle Inspection (MVI) began issuing a new T-Series commercial vehicle windshield inspection certificate this month to inspection stations.

There will also be a new trailer commercial inspection certificate but it will likely be several more months before MVI begins issuing them to inspection stations. TMTA will notify members of the new trailer certificate information as soon as possible.

Two TMTA Committee Meetings Scheduled for August

TMTA will be conducting an Oilfield/Flatbed/Heavy Haul Committee meeting on Friday, August 27 starting at 10:00 a.m. during the Great American Trucking Show in Dallas. This meeting will be followed by a Sand & Gravel Committee which will begin at 1:00 p.m.

The Oilfield/Flatbed/ Heavy Haul agenda includes a demonstration by TxDOT of their new permitting system (TexPros) and a discussion on the TxDOT size and weight enforcement program. The Sand & Gravel Committee's agenda will also include an update on the TxDOT weight enforcement program and a discussion on employee misclassification.

If you plan on attending either of these committee meetings, please RSVP to Les at les@tmta.com

Participation Still Needed in Houston-Galveston Region Survey

The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI), in partnership with TMTA, is working to identify freight movement impediments and potential solutions for the Houston-Galveston region. As a first step, ATRI is soliciting carrier input through an online survey to identify the most congested areas of highway within the region. As stakeholders, it is imperative that we record your input.

ATRI's analysis of the survey results will be available to TMTA members and presented to the Houston-Galveston Area Council to assist in the prioritization of critical infrastructure and operational improvements designed to enhance freight productivity throughout the region. If your fleet has operations in or through the Houston-Galveston area, please take a few minutes to complete this short survey ([click here](#)). A reminder that your responses are confidential and will be reported in the aggregate only.

Safety Supervision of Motor Fleets - Aug. 18-19

TMTA will hold its Safety Supervision of Motor Fleets Seminar on August 18 -19 in Houston. Registration is available on the TMTA website at: www.tmta.com.

This is the required course for those wishing to apply for certification through TMTA's National Motor Fleet Certification Program.

For more information, contact Lance at lance@tmta.com

Make Hotel Reservations for SMC Fall Seminar

The SMC Fall Seminar will be held Sept. 15 - 17 at the Inn of the Hills in Kerrville, Texas. Make your hotel reservations today by call 800-292-5690. Ask for the TMTA room rate of \$89. Registration will be available on the TMTA website soon.

One of the hot topics at the seminar will be CSA 2010. This seminar sells out every year. Make your reservations today.

Mark Your Calendar for GATS Aug. 25-28

Join TMTA at the Great American Trucking Show - Dallas. This year's event will be August 25-28, 2010.

A new addition is the debut of the Heavy Duty Manufacturer's Association's (HDMA), Commercial Vehicle Outlook Conference. 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.

Members 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.

Your attendance is important; as a sponsor TMTA benefits from you visiting the show.

See you in Dallas!

One More Freight Stakeholder Focus Groups Left

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:

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.

TRUCKFacts Will Resume After Annual Conference

Due to TMTA's Annual Conference next week, TRUCKFacts will not be distributed on Thursday, July 29. The newsletter will resume distribution on Thursday, August 5.

TMTA Calendar of Events

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 18-19 Safety Supervision of Motor Fleets

August 19 - Houston Local Chapter Meeting

August 25 - Amarillo Local Chapter Meeting

August 26 - San Antonio Local Chapter Meeting

August 25-28 - Great American Trucking Show

Dallas, Texas

Sept. 15-17 - Safety Management Council Fall Seminar

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