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TMTA TRUCKFacts

The Voice of the Texas Trucking Industry

July 8, 2010

Register for the Annual Conference

Don't miss your opportunity to see Coach Mike Leach!

Former Texas Tech Coach Mike Leach is joining TMTA members for our keynote session at TMTA's Annual Conference! Register today for this personal glimpse into the arena of college football.

Please join us to connect with friends new and old. We want to see you in San Antonio. Register today at: www.tmta.com

2010 TMTA TruckPAC Golf Classic Presented By FedEx

To kick off the TMTA Annual Conference on July 27, FedEx is hosting the TMTA TruckPAC Golf Classic. The tournament is an 18-hole Florida scramble with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Ranked the #1 Texas golf destination and #17 worldwide by Condé Nast Traveler, we know you will enjoy golf at the Hill Country Golf Club.

A separate registration form has been designed for you to sign up and join members of TruckPAC as they raise awareness for this important effort. Contributions will directly benefit TMTA's TruckPAC, a fund that enables the association to represent trucking interests before state government.

There are a few golf hole sponsorships left. Don't miss this

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Sign up for a day on the links at www.tmta.com

Buddy Carmichael Honored at Annual Conference

Attend the leadership Award luncheon honoring one of TMTA's finest members, Buddy Carmichael. The leadership award is a reflection of outstanding commitment and contribution to the trucking industry. Buddy is a dedicated member of TMTA and a tireless advocate for Texas trucking. You are invited to share in a celebration of his exceptional service at this lunch banquet. The TMTA Foundation will also announce the 2010-2011 Scholarship recipients during the program.

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

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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

Houston-Galveston Region Survey Member Participation Needed

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.

SMC Fall Seminar - Hotel Block Open

The SMC Fall Seminar will be held Sept. 15 - 17 at the Inn of the Hills in Kerrville, Texas. The hotel room block is now open! Please make plans to attend. Call 800-292-5690 to reserve your room today. Ask for the TMTA room rate of \$89. Registration will be available on the TMTA website shortly.

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

FMCSA Announces Guidance for CDL Driver History Record Information

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces guidance to State driver licensing agencies

(SDLAs) to support their efforts at maintaining the security of information contained in the driver history record of commercial driver's license (CDL) holders. Further, FMCSA provides States with recommendations related to continuity of operation and disaster recovery planning to ensure the permanence of information contained in the driver history record of a CDL holder. This action is in response to the Department of Transportation Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) 2009 report Audit of the Data Integrity of the Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS).

Western Governor's Support Longer Combination Vehicles

During its annual meeting last week, the Western Governors Association passed a resolution which calls on Congress to authorize the U.S. Department of Transportation to allow "interested western states to establish and operate pilot test programs to evaluate the benefits and costs of additional LCV (Longer Combination Vehicle) routes, vehicle configurations and operating conditions." LCV operations have been frozen under federal law since 1991. ATA supports giving states greater flexibility to safely expand LCV use and to make western state operations more uniform.

Federal Notice for Timely Reporting of Convictions Involving CDL Holders

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration announces guidance to State driver licensing agencies (SDLAs) to support their efforts at achieving compliance with the Federal Commercial Driver's license (CDL) rules concerning timely reporting and posting of convictions for traffic offenses. This action is in response to the Department of Transportation Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) 2009 report Audit of the Data Integrity of the Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS).

ATA Petitions PHMSA to Revise Haz-Mat Reporting

On July 2, ATA petitioned DOT's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA) to revise the hazardous materials incident reporting requirements in an effort to reduce the trucking industry's reporting burden, improve compliance with reporting requirements, and ensure that PHMSA receives incident data necessary to improve the safe transportation of hazardous materials. The petition asks PHMSA to: (1) expand the exceptions to the incident reporting requirements to Class 3 flammable materials in Packing Group II and increase the aggregate spill threshold exception for Class 3 materials in Packing Groups II and III

to 30 gallons; (2) distinguish spills that occur on loading docks under conditions that are not normally incident to transportation from other spills that trigger the incident reporting requirements; (3) revise the immediate notification requirements to remove the references to "breakage," which results in subjective differences in reporting and enforcement; and (4) preempt states from requiring separate immediate notice of hazardous materials incidents. ATA also suggested specific modifications to the hazardous materials incident reporting form.

Join TMTA at 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!

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 Enforcement July 15

The Texas Department of Public Safety is scheduled to begin enforcement of Unified Carrier Registration on July 15, 2010.

TERP Grant Extended to July 16

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.

Comment Period for Use of EOBRs and HOS Regulations Ends Tomorrow

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 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 25-28 - Great American Trucking Show

Dallas, Texas

Sept. 15-17 - Safety Management Council Fall Seminar

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