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TUESDAY ELECTION LUNCHEON SPEAKER MEETING

Date: **Tuesday, November 10, 2009**

RSVP: **12 Noon, Friday, November 6, 2009 via our website www.trafficclubofmemphis.com**

Place: **The Racquet Club of Memphis**
5111 Sanderlin Ave.
Memphis, TN 37117

Time: **Check-in/Networking: 11:15 AM – 11:45 AM**
Buffet Lunch: 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

Speaker: **Mason Wilson, Attorney, Baker Donelson**

Topic: ***Accidents Happen: How to Prepare, React & Protect***

Tariff: **$25.00 TCOM members and guests with reservations**
$30.00 TCOM members and guests without reservations
$30.00 Non-members
$20.00 Transportation Educators and Students
$20.00 Life-time members and guests

RSVP's

Please RSVP via the website for each meeting. This will insure that we have the proper number planned for the meal and meeting, and that we do not incur costs for extra seating. If you cannot RSVP via the website, please contact Ken Opperman, or Bob Glenn via email listed at the end of this newsletter to get added to the list.

Mission Statement:

The fostering of professionalism of its members by providing a networking system and a forum for presentation of transportation, distribution, and logistic topics.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sadly, this will be my last President's Message as I will soon be turning the gavel over to our 2010 incoming President, Marty Morelli. I would like to thank each of the executive director board members for their commitment to our club, their dedication of time and support to me and the membership over the past year. My primary goals as incoming President were to grow our membership, expand our scholarship commitment, and get the board actively engaged in the operation of our club. By my measure, 2 out of 3 ain't bad. I also would like to thank you, our membership, for your support and participation this past year. 2009 we seem to have operated under a dark cloud with the terribly depressed business climate. In spite of the challenges, we have grown our membership, continued to fund our college tuition assistance with scholarships, and enhanced the visibility of our director's participation and contributions to the club.

Our first regular club speaker meeting for the fall was a dandy. Near 90 folks attended and were updated on the "status of the LTL business" by Roy Slagle, Sr. V.P. for ABF. Although Roy did not paint a "Michelangelo", I was able to draw some positive reinforcement from the data presented regarding, tonnage, miles, etc. In these times one must certainly view your glass as "half full" and I look for positive reinforcement wherever possible. Personally, I view the ship is beginning to stabilize to a degree and I hope the recent spike in gas and diesel don't cause us to lisp again.

A special feature during the October meeting was the first presentation of our "Jim Stricker Memorial Speaker Award". At the conclusion of our monthly speaker's presentation, we have traditionally recognized the presenter with a token of our appreciation. Jim's widow, Roberta, along with her two sons Alex and Billy were in attendance and in fact presented our first award. What a special way to keep our dear departed friend in our memory.

Our November meeting will be Election Day along with what will be an interesting presentation by one of our own, Esq. Mason Wilson. "Accidents Happen; How to Prepare, React, and Protect". I look forward to hearing from you Mason. I also look forward to presenting an interesting ballot for our membership vote for the directors of the coming year. I thank those that agreed to be considered for our director positions; we will have at least 50% brand new representation in director positions.

In closing, thanks for the honor of serving as your President during 2009. I wish continued success to our club and ask for your continuing support of our incoming President, Marty Morelli. As they say in the insurance business, "we're in good hands" Best wishes for a Safe and Joyous Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Bob Glenn
President

2009-2010 TRAFFIC CLUB OF MEMPHIS
ELECTION BALLOT

(SAMPLE)

President- **Marty Morelli –** **ABF Freight System**

Vice President- **Larry Mays -** **Cleo, Inc.**

Vote for six(6)

_____ Jim Deweese - ABF Freight System

_____ France Gasquet – Mercer

_____ Jim Kerschbaum – Diamond International

_____ Dan Pallme – Comtrak Logistics

_____ Larry Rock – Rock Logistics/Landstar

_____ Chris Wilkes - NYK Logistics

_____ Mason Wilson - Baker, Donelson

_____ Dana Workman – Titan Transfer

DUES INFORMATION

Membership dues for the 2009-2010 term are now due. ***Dues must be paid prior to, or at the November 10, 2009 meeting in order to vote in the election for Board Members*****.**

Please renew or join our club as soon as possible.

You may pay the $25.00 dues via one of three ways:

1) **Pay with a credit card at our website via Pay Pal. Credit card payments are only accepted via our website.**
2) **Pay with check or cash at our next meeting on November 30th.**
3) **Mail a check to the club's P.O. Box**

Thanks much for your continued support and membership in 2009 and 2010!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a training seminar for Freight Forwarders and Product Brokers to be held in two sessions on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at the Greater Memphis Chamber. The training will focus on changes in Custom's information software. Check their website at www.memphischamber.com for more information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

If you know of a TRANSPORTATION employer that has open positions, or you are seeking transportation employment, you may now send this information to mmorelli@abf.com, and this information will be added to our website.

2009 Event Calendar

2009 CHRISTMAS PARTY/ORNAMENT EXCHANGE
FRIDAY DECEMBER 4, 2009

We will once again celebrate this special time of the year when we gather to remember the year that was with friends and members both old and new. We will meet at the Racquet Club of Memphis in the Walnut Room and enjoy a great dinner, conversation, an ornament exchange and most importantly, we will again receive donations for Porter Leath Children's Center as we try to share a little joy with the children of Porter Leath. More details will be on our website soon.

2010 Event Calendar

Jan. 8 -	**Tommy Hodges, 2010 Chairman of the ATA**
Feb. 12 -	**FedEx - speaker TBA**
Mar. 11-	**Speaker meeting**
Apr. 8-	**Speaker meeting**
May ----	**Spring Golf Classic**
Sep. -----	**Fall Golf Classic**
Oct. 14 –	**Speaker Meeting**
Nov. 9 -	**Elections/Speaker meeting**
Dec 3 -	**Christmas Party**

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Important Member Relation Announcements

Ruby Burks(contact info listed on next page), our Member Relations Director, would like to thank each member for sharing their birthday and anniversary information with us, and encourage you to also let us know of other events at work and at home, i.e. promotions, graduations, births, retirements, transitions, deaths, etc. that you would like to share with the club members.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Lester Vannasdall, Bee-Line Freight Brokerage (new member) – 10-23
Neil Southern – Ole Miss – 10-27
Trey Harlow – UPS – 10-4
Sid Williams – Exel Transportation – 10-30
Christopher Douglas – Marten Transport – 10-1

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Greg Garrison – Saddle Creek Corporation – 10-23

EMPLOYMENT/TRANSITION UPDATES-

Marty Morelli- ABF Freight System, Inc., has been promoted to Director of Strategic Solutions for the Southern Region. Marty's contact info is listed in the roster portion of our website and also on the last page of this MTT.

Chip Riley is now an account executive with Alliance Shippers, Inc. Alliance has not had a local sales presence in the Memphis area. Chip's contact info is listed in the roster portion of our website(members only access).

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