

# Arkansas Trucking Association Maintenance & Technology Council Meeting 04/10/07

## Welcome

I'd like to call this meeting of the Arkansas Trucking Association's Maintenance and Technology Council to order at this time. This is your council and I encourage your involvement and hope everyone takes away some benefit for your time invested.

## Housekeeping

- **Point out emergency exits**
- **Informal Meeting format, feel free to use the facilities as needed and point out location**
- **Out of courtesy to others, please turn off or put on silent cell phones and pagers, if you need to make a call step out of the room**
- **We encourage participation but please be recognized then stand and state your name**
- **Robert's Rules of Order, as revised will govern Proceedings**

## Safety message

Spring has sprung. With that we will see an increase in motorcycle traffic. There are some basic items that we should all be paying attention to.

As a Rider...

Be visible have headlight on at all times when traveling.

Be aware of vehicle blind spots both auto and truck. Stay out of them when possible.

Drive defensively: paying attention to other drivers, leaving a space cushion and yourself a way out of a possible accident.

***People driving cars often just don't see motorcycles. Even when drivers do see you, chances are they've never been on a motorcycle and can't properly judge your speed.***

As a driver of an auto or truck we have a responsibility as well.

Pay close attention at intersections look for a motorcycle.

With the smaller size when compared to an auto you may not realize the speed at which the motorcycle is approaching. Treat it as it is closer than it looks.

When a motorcycle is stopping at an intersection you may not see a brake light because it is downshifting to slow down. Pay close attention to your space cushion. 3 to 4 seconds.

When a motorcycle is in motion don't think of it as a vehicle but as a person.

By remembering some these few tips we will able to be safer both when riding a motorcycle as well as when driving around one.

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## **Introductions**

First we would like to Thank Rich Byers, for our last meeting. I received countless comments following that session, stating it was the best session we have had thus far. So Rich our hats are off to you and your presentation on Bio-Diesel.

Our presenter today is Harvey Brodsky, (Harvey please stand), after lunch Harvey will give us a presentation on tire's, retread tire's and impacts on your cost per mile by the use of retread tires.

Now I would like for us to do self-introductions,

## **Reading of the minutes of the last meeting dated**

The minutes were published on the web site after our last meeting in Little Rock. May we have a motion to approve those minutes? And a second?

## **Reports of Standing Committees**

Brent Hilton will give us an update on TMC at this time. Brent TAG update, since Mike is not here I will be giving that report.

## **Reports of Special Committees**

2007 Technician Skills competition Carl Desens will give an update at this time:

Wrecker Towing Committee: Mr. Whitticare is the Chairman of that committee, Randy give us an update please,

Membership Committee: Mr. Calhoun is the Chairman of that committee, Kenneth give us an update please,

Career Day: Mr. Wilson is the Chairman of that committee, Tim give us an update please,

## **Chairman's discussion**

Calendar of events: May 10 and 11 will be the annual ATA conference in Little Rock, The council will meet on the 11<sup>th</sup> and during this session we will review what we was presented over the past year, and elect our new office group. Nominations for officers will be made at that time and elected accordingly, if you are interested in running for a position, or know of someone you feel would make a good officer, please submit those nomination to Sarah Sheets.

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## **New Business/Old Business**

Is there any other new business from the audience at this time?

If not, I would like to ask for a motion to adjourn the business meeting at this time, is there a second? All in favor? Motion Passed, lets each lunch...

## **Thank Presenter**

We want to thank Harvey Brodsky for taking the time to come and present some information on tire re-treading as well as some of the benefits that we can receive by using them.

## **Dismissal**