

Arkansas Trucking Association Maintenance & Technology Council Meeting 1/08/08

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 wait to be recognized, then stand and state your name.
- Robert's Rules of Order, as revised will govern these proceedings.

Introductions

First we would like to thank Mike Stewart from Lincoln Tech, Kent Chambers from Northwest Technical Institute and Mark Jay from Universal Technical Institute for their presenting us information on their schools providing another avenue to hire technicians.

I would also like to thank Truck Centers of Arkansas and Diamond International for helping in sponsoring the last meeting.

I would like to introduce our presenter today Craig Russell from Multi Seal Corporation. Today he will be talking to us about incorporating high performance tire sealant into a fleet preventative maintenance program.

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

Safety message

With the New Year before us now is the time to look back at safety practices that we have in our companies especially when it comes to maintenance. Are we encouraging our employees to work safe and do we provide a safe work place for them. Look at your shop from as someone new who is coming to work for you. Is it a safe environment, are there rules in place to ensure your employees safety, the supplied tools are in good and safe working order? Items like seal drivers being mushroomed, oil and grease spots on the floor that never get cleaned up, and using the correct tools for a job may be extreme examples but get you thinking in the right direction. Do we have a safety program that for the basic OSHA requirements for our industry? Item like lock out tag out, blood borne pathogens, the right to know are just a few.

By promoting a safe work environment we can not only help in reducing workers comp claims but promote a safe working environment that will lead to happier employees. As the Holiday season is fast approaching there are a couple of short memory joggers to help keep you safe during the holidays.

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Reading of the minutes of the last meeting dated

The minutes were published on the web-site after our last meeting in Northwest Arkansas. May we have a motion to approve those minutes? Is there a second?

Reports of Standing Committees

Brent Hilton will be presenting our TMC report.

The Technology and Maintenance Council will hold its 2008 Annual Meeting and Transportation Technology Exhibition, Feb. 4-7 at the Orange County Convention Center and Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, Fla.

The meeting, "TMC and Trucking: Technology on the Move," will provide the opportunity for industry professionals to gather the latest updates on fuel economy improvements, onboard diagnostics for the next generations of engines, new braking systems, and hybrid technology for walk-in type vehicles.

A full technical session, 2007 Engine Report Card, will include the different perspectives from fleets and from truck and engine makers on the transition to new engine technology. Panelists will discuss where the new technology succeeded and how decision making, as well as product introduction and support might be different with the next major engine change in 2010.

Mini-technical sessions focusing on equipment and maintenance will include: Selection and Installation of Power Inverters; Busting Commonly Held Wheel Torque Myths; Cab and In-Cab Fuel Economy Improvement: Techniques and Technologies; Countering Counterfeit Parts; Stopping Systems Update for 2008; What you need to Know About Onboard Diagnostics for 2010 Engines; Hybrid Opportunities for the Walk-In Van type vehicles; Recommendations for a Standard Body/Chassis Interface for Vocational Vehicles.

TMC's Transportation Technology Exhibition, trucking's premier equipment exhibit, will feature more than 300 exhibitors and be held in the South Hall of the two-million-square-foot Orange County Convention Center. TMC is taking advantage of the new, larger exhibit space to provide a special emphasis on trailer design and technology.

The exhibit Grand Opening will be held on Monday, Feb. 4 from 5 – 7:30 p.m. Additional viewing periods will be Tuesday, 5:30 – 8 p.m., and Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. No other TMC activities will be held during exhibit times.

The exhibit will include practical, hands-on demonstrations with exhibitor products, giving fleet members an opportunity to inspect equipment and accessories while talking directly to product representatives.

The meeting will depart from its original schedule of having Task Force meetings on the opening day. Instead, technical sessions will begin the opening day with Task Force meetings held on Tuesday. Monday's schedule also includes a Kickoff Luncheon with NASCAR racing great rusty Wallace as speaker, Fleet Talk, and Shop Talk followed by the exhibit Grand Opening.

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Technical sessions will pick up again on Wednesday and run through Thursday afternoon. Thursday's TMC Industry awards Luncheon speaker will be Joseph H. Petrowski, president and CEO of Gulf Oil.

A schedule of meeting activities, registration, online hotel reservation and hotel reservation forms, exhibit prospectus and related forms are available at TMC's website at tmc.truckline.com

Chairman's discussion

Tim Wilson, a trainer from P.A.M., is at home and is doing well. He is walking up to a mile a day and is getting stronger. We expect to see him back at our meetings soon. Those interested may sign a get well card that we have at the front. Carl did mention that he is working via e-mail and taking some calls. So feel free to contact him using those methods as well.

I have placed on the tables a brief questionnaire to help the officers in scheduling presentations on information that is of interest to the council. Please take the time to fill one out and leave on the table.

Your participation in all events is important to the success of the council. We are looked at by other states as a leader in maintenance councils and the only way to stay that way is that we need involvement from all members. Item like sending in an RSVP when you receive the invitation and you know that you will be attending is one way that you can help. It is always easier to remove a person who has to cancel at the last minute but it is harder to get more food for those that we didn't know were going to be there. If you are wondering how you can get involved just see one of the officers, Ed Szarmach, Kenneth Calhoun, Mike Jeffress or myself and we can point you to some areas that we can use your help. All of us can help by contacting others that you do not see here as well as friends in the industry inviting them to a future meeting.

With that I would like to recognize a group of individuals that has been a tremendous help in this area, the membership committee. This group is led by Kenneth Calhoun and includes: Art Davis, Dave Luethy, and Dean Green. With that said if there is anyone that is interested in becoming a presenter at future meetings please see Sarah Sheets or me.

A couple of new rulings that affect our business are changes to the idling law in California and checking emission labels on engines. The use of the sleeper berth for sleeping or resting is not exempt from this rule.

The emissions labels will be checked as part of a road side inspection beginning Feb 15. Failure to have an emission label or having a tampered one can result in a \$300 fine with the possibility of an additional \$500 if it is not repaired within 45 days.

A couple of events to consider attending are: the Heavy Duty Manufacturers Association Heavy Duty Aftermarket week in Las Vegas Jan 21-24. This appears to be on the same level as the Louisville and Dallas truck shows.

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The other event is the TMC 2008 Annual Meeting & Transportation Technology Exhibition Feb 4 – 7 in Orlando FL.

New Business/Old Business

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

From the floor there was discussion regarding the formation of a Task force to address the issue of Counterfeit Parts. Kenneth Calhoun reported that he would be willing to give periodic reports on the progress of the TMC Counterfeit Parts Task Force.

Marc Ragland brought the Cummins Clean Idle Retrofit Program to the attention of the group.

Carl Desens reminded the group of the Training Calendar on the website and encouraged anyone with upcoming training events to have them posted.

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 say Aye. Motion Passed, lets each lunch...

Presentation

Multi Seal PowerPoint Presentation

Questions

Kevin Sapp

Q: Does The Rubber Manufactures Association Have a position on your product?

A: Most of the Manufacturers are neutral on the product I am not aware of the Associations taking a position.

Art Davis

Q: If an injury occurs to a steer tire and the product doesn't seal completely, can you move the tire to another position?

A: You would remove, clean and repair the tire then replace the sealant. Cleaning is not problematic since the product is water soluble.

From the floor

Q: Is your product compatible with Nitrogen?

A: Yes there is no Difference. Nitrogen has larger molecules and is conducive to use with the product.

From the Floor

Q: Are there any plans to use plastic Bags as a delivery method?

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A: That was the original method however we were losing too much product during shipping. Our injection method only takes seconds so we would not bring back the bags unless there was significant demand.

Dave Luethy

Q: What is the weight of your product to protect a Low Profile 22.5?

A: 44 Ounces.

From the Floor

Q: Isn't there an increase of liability if you seal a 5/8' hole in a steer tire?

A: Isn't it safer than a failure? It has never been an issue for us.

Darrell Hicks:

You are in North Dakota in January hauling a load of beets do you use a 50/50 mix of Ethylene Glycol?

A: Yes that is exactly the mix.

Carl Desens

Q: What if we are using an internal balance product?

A: Can't use with our product, but that is also a 1 part product so...

Ken Meyer

Q: Do you have to run a different valve stem?

A: No because of the pooling effect it does not affect pressure checks.

Thank Presenter

We want to thank our Craig Russell for teaching us about tire sealants as well as their application within our day to day business.

Our next meeting will be in Springdale on March 11.

Dismissal