

Arkansas Trucking Association Maintenance & Technology Council Meeting 06/10/08

Welcome

Ed Szarmach of CalArk - I'd like to call the 46th 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.
- Participation is encouraged, but please be recognized then stand and state your name.
- Robert's Rules of Order, as revised will govern Proceedings.

Safety message

With the hot weather coming up I would like all of you to watch out for each other. You will recognize the symptoms of heat stress and heat stroke in someone else faster than you will recognize these symptoms in yourself.

With that said here are some symptoms of heat stroke dry, hot skin with no sweating, mental confusion or losing consciousness, seizures or convulsions, heat exhaustion, headaches, dizziness, light headedness or fainting, weakness and moist, mood changes or confusion and vomiting.

Introductions

First we would like to thank Darrell Hicks for his farewell speech he will be truly missed.

Today we have Mr. Mike Hurley of Michelin who will speak to us on the fuel saving advantages of using wide based single 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 Rogers. May we have a motion to approve those minutes? Is there a second?

Reports of Standing Committees

Mr. Mike Jeffress will give a report on the tag committee Mike if you would please come up

Mike reported that the TAG committee met in Detroit to preview the E. P. A.'s Smartway laboratory, the lab is used to provide validation testing. The EPA performs the testing as a joint venture with partner companies.

The committee meeting was primarily a review of the past meeting with most of the time spent inspecting the EPA lab.

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The technicians Challenge will be taking place next week. Ed Szarmach will give a report.

Ed reported that the membership is down slightly from last year's competition; however the committee is ready to hold this year's championship.

Chairman's discussion

If there is anyone that is interested in becoming a presenter at future meetings please see Sarah Sheets or one of the council's officers.

I want to say congratulations to the new Vice Chairman Kenneth Calhoun and Secretary Tim Wilson I will enjoy working with both of them on the up coming year's projects.

New Business/Old Business

We currently have a wrecker committee that began as collaboration with the state police to identify wrecker companies that are less than honest. The Technology and maintenance council has a committee that is performing this same function at the state and national level. Is it the wish of the council to disband this at this time? A motion to table this discussion was offered and seconded after noting that the people most involved with the issue were not in attendance. It was also noted that our interests should not be left to a group working on a national level.

It was mentioned that the wrecker committee had produced a list compiled from the Highway Patrol; a motion to proceed was made. A second was made to proceed stating that the old list should be made available for review and then try again to complete the listing. Mike Jeffress will approach Randy to see how we will pursue and find out what the issues are.

Our bylaws have been in place for at least four years. At this time I would like to suggest that a committee be formed to review these bylaws as recommend to the council any changes that they feel may be needed.

Duke Fancher volunteered to review the by-laws to determine if a committee should be formed to update or change the existing by-laws.

The next item for discussion is the Presenters Guidelines document that we have prepared. If you will turn your attention to the screen I would like to review the document. (Read the document) Is there any discussion? (If not) Is there a motion from the floor to accept the document as written? Is there a second? All those in favor...

A motion to approve the guidelines was made and seconded, the measure passed council approval.

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

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Thank presenters

We want to thank Mike Hurley from Michelin. For taking the time to come and present us with information relating to fuel saving advantages of using wide based single tires.

Questions & Answers

Dave Luethy asked -

What are the NRT rates? **1 out of 3 are rejected.**

What is the recommended pull point? **Respect the traditional pull points, however close attention should be paid to the wear patterns.**

Carl Tapp asked –

What are the effects of tires on the bearings? **This has become a non-issue and there is very little difference when using either spindle.**

Darrell Armstrong –

Are there any serviceability problems? **Only when not using the proper equipment when performing an install/removal.**

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.

Meeting Adjourned – travel safely