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### TMHA’s 2019 Safety & Security Meeting Sets a High Bar!

Those of you who were fortunate enough to have attended our recent Safety & Security meeting on the shores of beautiful Geneva Lake, know what an outstanding meeting it was. Those of you who missed it, there’s always next year, but don’t despair as we have two great meetings coming at you between now and then.

July 24 – 26 saw a record number of TMHAer’s converge on Fontana-on-Geneva Lake, WI for the meeting and, during and after the event, the accolades came in. Some even went so far as to say they thought it was the best TMHA meeting ever! Feedback such as that is great to hear, but we can thank our excellent speakers for that as they all brought their “A” game to their presentations.

The event started on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> with a round of golf at Abbey Springs Golf Course, “Wisconsin’s Most Beautiful Golf Course.” This was the second year of this event and we grew our numbers from last year. Everyone enjoyed a great round of golf, followed by flag event prizes and good-natured claiming of bragging rights. We’re looking forward to an even bigger event next year. We want to express our appreciation to Quality Trailer Sales for again sponsoring this golf event and to Craftsman Utility Trailer for again providing the flag event prizes. Thank you!

The meeting portion of the three-day event got off to a great start with **Jack Van Steenburg**, Chief Safety Officer / Acting Associate Administrator at FMCSA filling in attendees on what’s going on at FMCSA and what their upcoming priorities are, setting the tone and focusing the rest of the meeting on, what we were there for, discussions regarding safe commercial truck fleet operation.

Next up were **Steve Bryan**, Executive Vice President & General Manager at SambaSafety Transportation; **David Heller**, VP of Government Affairs at Truckload Carriers Association; and **Jack Roberts**, Senior Editor at Heavy Duty Trucking. Each of them brought their own special style and expert point of view and kept attendees’ attention throughout. Sandwiched in between was an **All-Star Panel** discussion that drew rave reviews. Moderated by safety expert, **John Simms**, Sr. Risk Advisor at HNI Risk Services, there was a spirited and enlightening discussion of safety philosophies, initiatives, attitudes, and successes coming from years of experiences of **Roger Bates**, Sr. Risk Advisor at HNI; **David Heller** at TCA;

**John Joines**, VP Central Region Safety Services at Great West Casualty Company; and **Milton Van Horn**, Director of Safety at Carrier One, Inc.

That wrapped up Day 2’s meeting portion, but we weren’t done yet. Once again HNI Risk Services stepped up big-time and sponsored our excursion boat ride around beautiful Geneva Lake. Thank you HNI! The weather was drop-dead gorgeous for the second year in a row and the stunning views and great conversations were enjoyed by everyone. Following the boat ride, attendees enjoyed a truly delicious dinner at host hotel, The Abbey Resort. The dinner was sponsored by Platinum sponsor, HNI, and Gold sponsors, Great West Casualty Co. and Hudson Insurance Group. Thank you!

Day 3’s meeting portion picked up right where we left off the day before with engaging and informative presentations by **Cary Kronebusch**, Sr. Product Manager at Peerless Industrial Group, and Master Inspector **Mark Barlar** with the Wisconsin State Patrol, Motor Carrier Enforcement Section.

To wrap up the three-day event, we saved the best for last ... the presentation of the awards to the winners of TMHA’s 2019 Truck Fleet Safety Contest. The contest was again sponsored by HNI Risk Services and we appreciate their donating their time and providing the beautiful award trophies and plaques. Participating in the award ceremony were John Simms and Roger Bates of HNI and Mark Barlar with the Wisconsin State Patrol. We mentioned earlier the speakers bringing their “A” game. Well, these winning member motor carriers brought their “A” game all year long in 2018 and compiled truly impressive and, in fact, exemplary safety records. Congratulations are more than due these dedicated carriers and their personnel who make safe operation their priority each and every day and TMHA is proud to have each of these companies as members. Job well done! The winners were:

Searcy Trucking, Ltd.	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – More than 15 Million miles	Doug Bowes, Safety Director
Hilburn Trucking, Inc.	1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Less than 15 Million miles	Angel Hilburn, Safety Director
Warren Transport, Inc.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – More than 15 Million miles	Robb Sullivan, Safety Director
Hunt Transportation, Inc.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Less than 15 Million miles	Heath Richards, Safety Director
Searcy Trucking, Ltd.	Most Improved Carrier Award	Doug Bowes, Safety Director

We want to take this opportunity to once more thank additional meeting sponsors, Hunt Transportation, Inc. (Thursday’s breakfast); Omnitrac (Thursday’s luncheon); and EFS (the meeting booklet).

We also want to thank everyone who attended and helped make the Safety & Security meeting such a success. We want to keep our momentum and we hope to see all our members at our winter Regulatory, Economic & Political Symposium in December. Stay tuned for details.



Jack Van Steenburg



Steve Bryan



Jack Roberts



Barlar Bowes Bates Hildebrand Simms



Barlar Ron Bates Angel Wayne Simms  
Hilburn Hilburn Hilburn



Barlar Sullivan Bates Simms



Barlar Richards Bates German Simms



Sullivan's going to make par for sure!



Simms gets some pointers from our Chairman

### **TMHA's Winter Meeting on the Way**

It's hard to believe football and fall will soon be here and winter will be following behind that. Even though it seems a while off, our winter meeting will be here sooner than we may think. This year's meeting will be held on December 4 (dinner) and 5 (meeting) at Jumer's Casino & Hotel in Rock Island, IL. We've already got some exciting speakers lined up and you're going to want to make it a point to attend this meeting. Online registration will be available in coming weeks, but even before that we'll be able to release the lodging reservation information to you so you can go ahead and book your room early. Watch for that in the next week or two! As we said earlier, we've got some momentum and we want to be certain to keep it rolling. Mark your calendar now so you can be certain to attend this meeting!

## Calendar of Upcoming TMHA Events

December 4 & 5, 2019

TMHA Regulatory, Economic & Political Symposium  
Jumer's Casino & Hotel @ Rock Island, IL

February 28 & 29, 2020

TMHA 2020 Annual Meeting  
Gaylord Resort & Convention Center @ Kissimmee, FL

2020 Date to be Announced

TMHA Safety & Security Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual TMHA Invitational Golf Classic  
Excursion Boat Cruise around Geneva Lake  
Venue: TBA



**We look forward to seeing you at the winter Regulatory, Economic & Political Symposium at Jumer's Casino & Hotel in Rock Island, IL on December 5, 2019. In addition to the must-attend, informative meeting, join us for the Social Hour / Banquet Event on Wednesday evening, December 4 which promises great conversation and networking opportunities and a delicious dinner!**

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