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Record Attendance at Winter Meeting!

The TMHA Winter Meeting – our annual Regulatory, Economic & Political Symposium - was held in Rock Island, IL on December 6 at Jumer’s Casino & Hotel and we are happy to announce we had record attendance for a winter meeting! December is a very busy month for everyone and we know our members have many obligations and are pulled in many directions this time of year. Thank you to those many members who attended this meeting and contributed to making it the success it was.

The meeting began the evening before with TMHA holding a Social / Dinner Event that was attended by most of the meeting’s attendees and which filled the room. It seemed all agreed the casual conversations and food were excellent.

The meeting began with a welcome by TMHA Chairman of the Board, Dave Gallano, and a brief update by TMHA President, Clayton Fisk, and then went right into the guest speaker presentations, all of which were interesting, informative, and well-received. Attendees enjoyed and benefitted from presentations by David Heller, VP of the Truckload Carriers Association (TCA); Todd Amen, President & CEO of ATBS; Curt Blades, Sr. VP of the Association of Equipment Manufacturers; and Deborah Lockridge, Editor-in-Chief of Heavy Duty Trucking magazine. John Lyboldt, President of TCA, was in attendance and offered a brief summary of opportunities available to motor carriers in our industry.

The meeting showcased the type of high-quality speaker presentations TMHA offers its members. We were very happy to have had several prospective new-member guests in attendance and we hope they will soon become TMHA members. Below are a few photographs taken during the two-day event. (Dinner, the Room, Heller, Amen, Blades, Lockridge)



Calendar of Upcoming 2019 Events

March 8 & 9, 2019

2019 Annual Meeting (Board Election year)
Bally's/Paris Las Vegas @ Las Vegas, NV

July 24 – 26, 2019

Safety & Security Meeting
2nd Annual TMHA Invitational Golf Classic
The Abbey Resort @ Fontana-on-Geneva Lake, WI

December 4 & 5, 2019

Regulatory, Economic & Political Symposium
To be Announced



Have You Reserved Your Room for the March 8 & 9 Meeting in Las Vegas?

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Spring 2019 Annual Meeting Coming Up Next!



Our very successful 2018 Winter Meeting is now behind us and we're enthusiastically looking forward to the 2019 TMHA Annual Meeting which will be held March 8 & 9 in fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada at Bally's Las Vegas, with lodging in the adjoining Paris Las Vegas!



Reservations for lodging at Paris Las Vegas may be made **Right Now, through February 6** when the room block will expire. Simply go to the TMHA website at www.machineryhaulers.org for information. We recommend everyone make their reservation early, as rooms will fill up fast.

Registration for the meeting may be done on the website very soon and an announcement will be sent to you as soon as it is available.

Your TMHA staff and the Board are working hard to make this the best TMHA Annual Meeting ever, as we want to be certain our members will feel pleased they attended. To that end, we're putting together another great line-up of speakers as well as a social / dinner event to remember.

More information and details will be coming out in coming weeks. Stay tuned, mark your calendar now, and plan to attend what promises to be a great annual meeting!

TMHA Board of Directors Slate Announced

In addition to a great line-up of speakers, the 2019 Annual Meeting will have another very important component and that will be the installation of a new Board of Directors. At TMHA, the board is not just figureheads, but is a group of members who meet regularly and who actively work with the TMHA administration to guide the organization in a direction that is productive and is beneficial to its members. TMHA is all about its members and the board wants to bring them the organization they want and expect.

In several weeks, eligible voting members of TMHA will be sent a ballot for the election of the new board. It is very important that all voting members participate in the election and we ask that, at that time, you take a few moments to complete your ballot and submit it to us. It is the recommendation of the Board Development Committee that the following members be elected to the TMHA Board of Directors.

In alphabetical order, the slate consists of: Randy Amhof, Amhof Trucking, Inc.; Jon Coca, Diamond Transportation System, Inc.; Dave Gallano, Gallano Trucking, Inc.; John German, Hunt Transportation, Inc.; Wayne Hilburn, Hilburn Trucking, Inc.; Heather Johnson, Landstar Transportation Logistics; and Lance Votroubek, Warren Transport, Inc.

Don't Forget to



2019 Dues Invoices Have Been Sent Out

Invoices for 2019 membership dues have been sent out. Please **be certain your company's spam filter is not blocking them** (or any other communication from TMHA.) If you are not aware of having received your invoice, please be certain to let us know. A number of members have already sent us their payment. Thank you! We understand some members will want to get the expense in this year's business and some will want to wait until after the first of the year. Payment is due by January 15, 2019 and we will appreciate everyone's having made their remittance by that date. We thank you in advance for your continued participation and support of TMHA! We plan to make 2019 TMHA's best year ever!

A Few Important Words from our Friends at the Scopelitis Law Firm

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60 Seconds with STC

In an effort to help clients stay abreast of the ever-changing transportation regulation landscape, STC is offering this brief newsletter to clients and friends. For further questions regarding any of the topics covered, please contact Dave Osiecki at dosiecki@scopelitisconsulting.com or (202) 728-2851.

FMCSA's 2019 Regulatory Agenda

As 2018 draws to a close, it's a good time to glimpse into FMCSA's regulatory plan for 2019. A review of FMCSA's semi-annual regulatory agenda along with the USDOT's most...

[Read full article.](#)

Is FMCSA's Crash Preventability Demo Program Ending in June 2019?

In late November 2018, FMCSA used its twitter account to encourage carriers to use its "Crash Preventability Demonstration Program," and included in its tweet that the program "lasts through June 2019." Until this tweet ...

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The Top Safety Violations From FMCSA's Enforcement Cases Are...

In the first month of FY 2019 (i.e. Oct 2018), FMCSA closed 261 enforcement cases against motor carriers, with 76 of the cases (29%) involving hours of service-related violations and...

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STC "Workplace Violence Prevention & Active Shooter Mitigation" Training Available

Tragically, active shooter situations are occurring with increasing regularity. Scopelitis Transportation Consulting now offers Workplace Violence Prevention and Active Shooter Mitigation training for transportation companies large and small. This 2-hour... [Read full article.](#)

Full newsletter

To view the full newsletter online, click [here](#).

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Uh-oh, Where are the TMHA Member Articles this Month?

You've probably noticed that this is the first issue of "News & Views" in a while that does not contain any articles that are member-centric, that is, articles submitted by members with interesting information or announcements about important things going on in their companies. We feel that one of the strongest suits of "News & Views" can be the sharing of interesting information about our companies with other members of our Association. This is a great opportunity to get out the good news and as our organization grows, so will our reach. Surely something happened at your company this past month that you are proud of, that is worthy of sharing, and which your fellow TMHA members would read about with interest. Let's get back on track and see some member articles in the 2019 lead-off issue of "News & Views!"

Can Tweeting Help Grow TMHA?



Do you follow Twitter? If you do, you know it can be a good tool to get the word out. Many of our member companies Tweet regularly and TMHA follows them. While TMHA has not established a large Twitter presence, we do tweet from time to time when it can be beneficial. Those of you who follow us @TMHAINC know we were tweeting from the recent meeting as our speakers "took the stage." And that brings us to the point of this article.

To this point, TMHA has Followers, but we need to add many more. We have Followers from both inside and outside our organization, and that's a good thing. If our members would all follow us and then would retweet us to their Followers, think of the increase in reach we'd have in very short order. Here's a case in point. Typically, if we get a couple hundred "impressions" from a tweet, that's very good. One of our tweets from the meeting was retweeted by someone who had an interest in that particular tweet. To date, their retweet has had more than 5,000 impressions! That really got our word out there! Why? Because they have a very large following.

If you can help us get our word out there in this manner, we'd greatly appreciate it. All we need is to get our name in front of the right person and we've got a new member!

The Last Word "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"



As the song says, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." It's that time when both young and old look at the world in wonderment, full of anticipation and joy as they take in the many activities and festivities the season has to offer. It's that time when we greet family, friends, and strangers with good cheer and, dare I say, even love. It's the time when families get together in the glow of each other's companionship and warmth to relive beloved old family traditions and to make new ones. May we all be so happy and blessed.

On behalf of the TMHA Board of Directors and myself, I wish you a *Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Safe, Prosperous, and Happy New Year!*