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WELCOME TO OUR SITE!

“Every man owes a part of his time and money to the development of the industry in which he is engaged.”

- Theodore Roosevelt

Yes, motor carriers and allied industry firms who are members of the Nevada Motor Transport Association (NMTA) have done a lot for their industry since 1932. They have found that membership in NMTA has meant transportation action in government and business. Motor transportation interests are what NMTA is all about.

The commitments which you as a member make to NMTA financially and personally are more than repaid in the services and legislative activity which the Association provides.

NMTA was created as a defensive measure. Truck and bus operators doing business in Nevada were forced to band together for mutual protection in the face of threatening legislation, which would have put them out of business or seriously interfered with their operations.

From its inception NMTA has expanded its activities, and is recognized as the voice of the motor carrier industry in Nevada. NMTA represents the truck and bus operator, seeking positive interpretation of existing laws and regulations affecting the industry, opposing restrictive legislation, and sponsoring laws calculated to promote the healthy development of efficient highway transportation.

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promoting the interests of the motor carrier industry. It is the only official organization representing the motor carrier industry in Nevada, and is nationally recognized as such. NMTA is governed in a democratic fashion through elected officers and directors representing the membership. All areas of the state and all types of operations are represented on its board of directors.

The Nevada Motor Transport Association has successfully defended your economic interests for five decades, and has been able to save the motor carrier industry over \$200 million in state highway use fees and taxes through legislative action. NMTA has secured legislation authorizing longer combination vehicle permits which represent a large financial savings to members and to the motor carrier industry.

Through our national affiliation with the American

Trucking Associations in Washington, D.C., you are represented in the halls of Congress. NMTA is not controlled by any special interest and does not function for the particular benefit of any certain group.

NMTA publishes a monthly newsletter and our web site has information posted to keep members informed regarding laws, rules, and regulations that affect your company.

NMTA maintains a supply department for the convenience of members, stocking such items as drivers' log books and the various forms prescribed by the U.S. Department of Transportation. We also provide free notary service to members.

NMTA has a group self-insured workers' compensation program for eligible members; which has saved its participants \$45 million since inception. NMTA also has group health insurance, and a discounted auto insurance program.

NMTA maintains a professional staff at our headquarters in Reno-Sparks and in Las Vegas. You can put them to work for you without adding them to your payroll.

NMTA's managing staff participation in state, county and city affairs, as well as national organizations, will ensure your interests are represented.

Every company large or small should be a member of NMTA. As a closely knit and well-organized industry we can achieve membership goals which serve your needs and concerns, and we can resolve many issues facing the industry. and develop the great potential for safe highway transportation.

NMTA, one of the finest and most respected Nevada trade associations, is seeking your membership to support a cause that exists solely to serve your needs – and that of the motor carrier industry. You need the Nevada Motor Transport Association and we need you! Many critical issues affecting business have been expertly dealt with by NMTA's skilled lobbying in the Nevada Legislature.

Your membership in NMTA will be the best investment you make. Please find our Membership applications under our Membership link on the left side of the home page.



THE NMTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Mark Your Calendars Now

It's not too early to make plans to attend the Nevada Motor Transport Association Annual General Meeting, December 13, 2006, 8:00 AM, at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks. The planned speakers and panel discussion will give attendees critical transportation information, relevant to the motor carrier industry. More details will be forthcoming in future newsletters.



NEW NMTA WEB SITE UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Nevada Motor Transport Association is currently working on recreating its web site. The new web site will be much more user friendly. In addition to being easier to navigate, NMTA will provide a place for members to list their job openings; an updated list of all members; legislative information, and much more. NMTA will announce when the site is completed. Currently the estimated completion date is September 15th.



SINCLAIR RETAILS B-5 BIODIESEL BLEND



Sinclair B-5 Biodiesel Grand Opening

Las Vegas based **Haycock Petroleum** is now supplying its B-5 biodiesel blend to 16 Sinclair Oil Corporation stations in the metro area. “We feel the retail customer is ready for biodiesel,” said Bud Blackmore, Senior VP for marketing of Salt Lake City based Sinclair. Blackmore also stated offering biodiesel for public consumption made good sense for the environment, and would help to lesson America’s dependence on foreign oil.

“You don’t have to modify anything to use biodiesel,” said Dan Hyde, Coordinator of the Las Vegas Regional Clean Cities Coalition (LVRCCC). The “bio” component of biodiesel is made from animal fats or vegetable oils. Sinclair’s biodiesel is derived from soy bean oil by way of blending 5% pure biodiesel (B100) with 95% regular petroleum diesel. The price of biodiesel will be about the same as regular diesel because of federal tax incentives.

The 2005 Energy Policy Act gives a \$1 tax credit per one gallon of B100 fuel sold. The tax credit is intended to stimulate expansion of biodiesel facilities and more widespread use of biodiesel blends. Biodiesel advocates also say the fuel burns cleaner than regular diesel and adds lubricity to the fuel system. Clark County School District is a good example of an entity which made the transition to biodiesel. Clark County uses biodiesel in all of its school buses.



FROM BIODIESEL TO BUTANOL

Chemical company Dupont and oil company BP are working together to develop butanol, an alcohol compound made from sugar beets. The butanol will be used as a blending agent in the United Kingdom, similar to the way ethanol is used now. Some advantages of butanol over ethanol are its higher tolerance to water contamination, and better suitability for transportation by pipeline. Ethanol can corrode pipelines because water attracts to it more readily than to butanol. Other advantages include the percentage of the butanol blending agent can be higher than ethanol, without the need to mechanically modify vehicles; and the butanol blend offers better gas mileage than the ethanol blend.

Dupont and BP will begin by converting sugar beets into biobutanol at British Sugar’s former ethanol plant

in Wisington, England. The companies will develop a genetically modified microbe to improve the fermentation process. Once the process is perfected, Dupont and BP may branch out to use other biomass such as sugar cane, corn, wheat, and cassava. By reducing the use of petroleum dominated fuels, cleaner burning biofuels can reduce global emissions produced by transportation.



INTERSTATE 15 TO GAIN MORE INTERCHANGES

In addition to the ongoing improvements at both the Blue Diamond and St. Rose Parkway interchanges with I-15, three more interchanges are planned on the stretch of I-15 between Blue Diamond and St. Rose Parkway. The planned I-15 interchanges include Silverado Ranch Boulevard, Starr Avenue, and Cactus Avenue. The approximately \$31 million Silverado Ranch Boulevard interchange will be the first to be constructed, with an early 2008 projected completion date.

The Starr Avenue and Cactus Avenue interchanges are still in the preliminary phases, as far as funding and environmental impact studies. The approximately \$37 million Starr Avenue interchange has the potential to become a major east/ west arterial into the City of Henderson, when projected to be complete in 2012. The approximately \$42 million Cactus Avenue interchange is the project in the most preliminary phase of development. However, Representative Jon Porter is a supporter of the Cactus Avenue project, and has pushed to secure \$500,000 from the federal transportation bill as seed money for the project.



TASC AND EMINENT DOMAIN TO APPEAR ON NEVADA BALLOT

The Tax and Spending Control (TASC) ballot measure withstood another challenge by the determined Nevada AFL-CIO, which had sought to block the petition on

the grounds the circulated version did not exactly match the Secretary of State filed version. Attorney General George Chanos determined there was not a significant discrepancy between the versions, the intent of the petition had not changed, and the will of the people should be protected. This takes TASC a step closer to being placed on the November ballot.

The TASC measure will need to pass in November 2006 and 2008 to amend the state constitution. TASC would add the rate of Nevada population growth and the rate of inflation to establish the government spending rate. Exceeding the established government spending rate would require a vote of the people. Among others, the TASC measure is being promoted by Senator Bob Beers, a Republican candidate for governor and noted budget “watchdog”.

The Eminent Domain ballot measure, also known as People’s Initiative to Stop the Taking of Our Land (PISTOL) will appear on the November ballot. If the PISTOL measure passes in both 2006 and 2008, it would allow eminent domain decisions to be made by juries, and it would relieve property owners of paying the government’s attorney fees, which might otherwise discourage them from litigating the condemnation of their property.

Governments seeking to condemn land would need to show a compelling public use, rather than a desire for private development; and proceed with the public use within five years, or risk the land going back to the property owner. Governments would also have to offer open market pricing to the land owner, rather than the current “fair market value”. A chief proponent of the PISTOL measure is former district judge Don Chairez, a Republican candidate for attorney general.



ROADCHECK 2006

Roadcheck 2006 took place June 6-8, at 1,850 inspection sites throughout North America. In Nevada, Roadcheck 2006 was conducted in Elko. The following reflects the national out of service vehicle and driver percentages for Roadchecks 2005 and 2006; and the Nevada statistics for 2006:

	Out of Service Vehicle	Out of Service Driver
2005	22.5%	4.4%
2006	21.7%	5.6%
Nevada 2006	16.8%	4.0%

Roadcheck citations for trucks hauling **hazardous materials**:

2005	19.3%
2006	18.2%
Nevada 2006	15.1%

Roadcheck **Level I inspections** performed:

2005	43,000
2006	47,827
Nevada 2006	259

Roadcheck drivers cited for **not using seatbelts**:

2005	1,150
2006	1,223



U.S. DOT SECRETARY LEAVES AGENCY

Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta left his position July 7th to join the Washington, D.C. based public relations firm of Hill & Knowlton. He had served President Bush as his secretary of Transportation since his nomination in 2001. Norman Mineta also served in the Clinton administration as the secretary of Commerce, and prior to his cabinet positions, he was a U.S. congressman from California for 20 years.



2006 NATIONAL TECHNICIAN SKILLS COMPETITION

ATA’s Technology and Maintenance Council will hold its second annual National Technician Skills Competition in Austin, Texas, September 18th through 20th. All contestants will compete in a one hour written test. Then the top 72 contestants from the written test will advance to the hands-on skills challenge. The skills challenge will consist of ten stations, covering diagnostic skills areas and required tasks. Winners will be named for the best score at each skill station, as well as overall competition winners.



BUSINESS GATEWAY PILOT PROGRAM

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) plans to improve its online registration functions beginning in second quarter 2007, through the Business Gateway Pilot Program. Motor carriers using online services for USDOT numbers, operating authority and insurance verification should find the system more user friendly, including access to online forms. The system should reduce both the regulatory burden on motor carriers and the need to make inquiries to FMCSA by telephone. FMCSA will work in conjunction with the Small Business Administration (SBA) on this project.



UNIVERSITY TRANSPORTATION CENTER

With a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the University of Detroit Mercy is heading up a consortium of five universities to develop expertise and technology in transportation issues. Along with Detroit Mercy, the University Transportation Center (UTC) will consist of Grand Valley State University and Wayne State University in Michigan; and the University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University in Ohio. UTC will seek to enhance transportation education, as well as spearhead economic development.

At its inception, UTC will focus on three initial areas:

*Researching and bringing commercially viable renewable fuels to the U.S. market. UTC will emphasize the development of U.S. produced, cleaner burning fuels, to offset our dependence on fossil fuels imported from unfriendly/ unstable countries.

*Relieving congestion through expanded/improved infrastructure. UTC will look beyond simply building new infrastructure, and study methods to utilize more fully existing transportation resources through creativity and innovation.

*Studying product supply chains and freight distribution systems. UTC will examine the critical link which transportation provides between shippers, warehousing, and customers. UTC will study the evolution and adaptation of transportation services to provide customized product delivery systems.



NMTA BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

President David Ipson has appointed a board nominating committee to appoint board member and officers for our 2007/2008 term. The committee will meet in late September to discuss nominations with the NMTA Board of Directors.

Please call NMTA (775-673-6111) or e-mail us at admin@nmta.com with any suggestions or input.

The following are the nominating committee members:

- Werdna Conrad - **Werdco**
- Fred Carlson - **Silver State International Idealease**
- Clark Whitney - **Quality Towing Company**
- Bruce MacRae - **United Parcel Service**
- John Davis - **John Davis Trucking Company, Inc.**



**New NMTA Members
May, June, July
2006**

Balch Trucking -	Henderson, NV
Big John's Towing -	Boulder City, NV
C & W Enterprises, Inc.	Las Vegas, NV
Connolly Crane Service, Inc.	Gardnerville, NV
Cosmo, Inc.	Las Vegas, NV
Empire Geothermal Power LLC	Empire, NV
Family Movers Express	Las Vegas, NV
H & R Sweeping, Inc.	Las Vegas, NV
Morlock Crane Service, Inc.	Las Vegas, NV
Nevada Towing, Inc.	Reno, NV
Orient Farms LLC	Gerlach, NV
Proactive Excavation & Grading	Las Vegas, NV
R & L Transports Inc.	Las Vegas, NV
Sierra Ice LLC	Henderson, NV
Sierra Truck & Trailer	Sparks, NV
Superior Tow & Transport	Reno, NV
Washout Systems LLC	Las Vegas, NV

UPCOMING EVENT

Join us for our MS Dixie Kick-off Dinner dance cruise. Friday evening September 15th. A bus will depart on the south east corner of the Hilton Parking lot at 5:00 pm. The Dixie boards from Zephyr Cove Resort at 6:00pm and embarks at 6:30. Please rsvp via email to admin@nmta.com no later than Friday September 8th. Please send your check to PO Box 76 Sparks, NV 89431 to reserve your spot (please identify who the check is for to facilitate space allocations.)

Bus and Curise - \$80 per person

Cruise Alone - \$60 per person.

**To: Nevada Motor Transport Association Members
Subject: Diesel Retrofit Boot Camp**

*Mark your calendars for October 3-4 for the Diesel Retrofit Boot Camp to be held by the Western Regional Air Partnership, *FREE OF CHARGE*, right here in Las Vegas!

The Diesel Retrofit Boot Camp™ Program has been designed by Emissions Advantage, LLC and is sponsored by the Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP) to be a comprehensive, interactive training approach for those involved in planning and implementing programs to reduce emissions from existing engines and for fleet operators and technicians that are, or may become involved with these emission reduction activities.

WRAP Diesel Retrofit Boot Camp
Las Vegas, NV
October 3-4, 2006
RSVP by September 20, 2006 to
Lee Alter at lalter@westgov.org or 520-628-3173.

Hampton Inn Tropicana
4975 S. Dean Martin Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89118
702-948-8100

Some of the many topics to be covered in this two day interactive training will be:

1) Emission Reduction Strategies And Applications - Fuel-Based Emission Reduction, Technology-Based Emission Reduction, Operational-based Emission Reduction, Assessing Emission Reductions, Establishing Realistic Objectives and Setting Achievable Targets, Emission Reduction Program Policy and Implementation Options, Structuring, Planning and Managing an Effective Emission Reduction Program, Program Evaluation. **2) Diesel and Gaseous Engine Operations** - You will participate in Simultaneous Case Study Breakout Sessions such as: Offroad Equipment Sector Actual field experience with implementing emissions reduction projects (e.g., construction, generators), Panel of Experts and Group Discussion On-Road Vehicle Sector, Actual field experience with implementing emission reduction projects (e.g., school buses, municipal fleets), Panel of Experts and Group Discussion. **3) Identifying and Acquiring Funding** - Funding Sources and Incentives, Preparing Grant Applications and Funding Proposals. **4) Retrofit Project Planning and Implementation Training Exercise** - Instructors and participants will work through the process of making decisions for emission reduction project planning, implementation, and evaluation.

Don't miss this EXTREMELY VALUABLE & *FREE PROGRAM*!

RSVP by September 20, 2006 to

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