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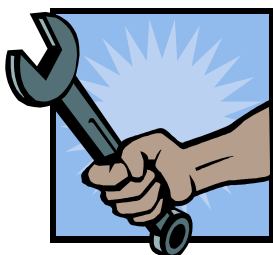
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Come to the Air Brake Clinic at FleetPride!

Maintain!

Next Meeting - June 13, 2007 at FleetPride, Londonderry

Next Meeting!-



Tom Bartholomew of FleetPride will conduct a clinic on Air Brake Systems at the May meeting of MAGS on June 13th at FleetPride, 2 Liberty Drive, Londonderry, New Hampshire.

The clinic will feature an overview of the plumbing system on a truck, tractor and trailer, FMVSS 121 regulations, individual components and how they work in the air system. Tom will begin by building the plumbing system for a truck. Then he will convert it to a tractor and finally discuss the two most common trailer systems.

In addition, Tom will also go over proper adjustment procedures for manual and auto slacks. Don't miss this important meeting.

The social hour will be from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The meal will be make your own sandwiches with all the fixing's starting at 7:00 PM with the clinic starting between 7:30 PM and 8:00 PM. Please make your reservations by calling 1-877-525-3581.

March MAGS Meeting Very Informative



MAGS members listen intently as Highway Patrol Sgt. Nicole Armaganian answers their questions on a variety of topics.

Sgt. Armaganian answered questions on the State inspection and auto dealers rules, auto emissions, commercial truck and driver roadside inspections, truck weights and the North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria and others.

Skip Rich of Across NH Mobile Repair, LLC also reports that he got follow-up information from Sgt. Armaganian after the meeting. Good work Sgt. Armaganian!

The Maintenance Association of the Granite State (MAGS) is an organization dedicated to the education of vehicle maintenance personnel, whether they are technicians, parts professionals or managers. We meet regularly for education and networking with others in our chosen field. Meetings are usually held in Concord but, are also held at vendors and members facilities. We invite you to join us by attending a meeting to see if we can help you improve your skills or make your job easier and more enjoyable. Call 1-877-525-3581 for a MAGS application.

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**See Page 3
for the
Application.**

*Please call our
Treasurer,
Wayne Peasley
by May 9th with your
reservations for the
meal at
1-877-525-3581
(anytime).*

If you would like to receive the **MAINTAIN!** newsletter via email (PDF format, in color), please provide us with your email address. You'll need Adobe® Reader, available free for download on the internet.



New big rigs cut greenhouse gases and save money

Truck and trailer manufacturers are now offering customers 2007 models certified by the EPA SmartWay program to improve fuel efficiency. By meeting EPA equipment specifications, the models provide the triple benefit of saving operators money while reducing greenhouse-gas emissions and air pollutants. "These new trucks will make an important contribution toward achieving EPA's goals for conserving energy and reducing emissions," said Bill Wehrum, EPA's acting assistant administrator for Air and Radiation. "Truckers who buy this new equipment, and who are members of the EPA SmartWay program, will be able to proudly display a logo on their qualified big-rigs."

SmartWay-approved equipment, like aerodynamic bumpers and mirrors on a tractor, can generate fuel reduction of 10 to 20% more than trucks without these devices. For example, aerodynamic bumpers and mirrors on a tractor help conserve fuel by reducing wind resistance. Each qualified truck can produce savings from 2,000 to 4,000 gallons of diesel per year, which would result in a gain up to \$11,000 annually.

Well-known truck brands participating in the program include Freightliner, International, Kenworth, Mack, Peterbilt, and

Volvo. EPA plans to set more ambitious performance targets for the SmartWay-recognized tractor-trailer combination in the future. EPA is also developing guidelines for recognizing other vehicles such as delivery vans, in which hybrid technology can dramatically improve fuel efficiency.

The SmartWay Transport Partnership is an innovative program developed by EPA and the freight industry to reduce greenhouse gases and air pollution, and to promote cleaner, more efficient ground freight transportation. For information about joining the SmartWay program, and for a complete list of the specifications for the 2007 SmartWay Tractor and 2007 SmartWay Trailer, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/smartway>.

Truck Driver Goes to Prison for Safety Violation

A California truck driver has been sentenced to 45 days in prison for criminally negligent homicide after three people died from colliding into his truck that was broken down on Highway 97 in Klamath Falls. The driver's actions were considered negligent because he did not put out flares or triangles or put on his emergency flashers as required by 49 CFR 392.22. The driver will also have his CDL revoked for 10 years.

Editor's note: Reprinted from the Oregon Trucking Association's newsletter.

MAGS WANTS YOUR SUGGESTIONS...

The MAGS Board of Directors is looking for your recommendations for speakers, clinics, seminars or demonstrations for future meetings. Also, we're looking for articles and photos of interest to the MAGS membership. Please forward your articles, stories, information and photos to:

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Night seat belt violators targeted in national crackdown

The odds of being killed in a motor vehicle crash are three times higher at night, which is when seat belt use declines substantially, new research released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) shows. To combat this dangerous trend, the annual Click It or Ticket seat belt crackdown campaign – launched on May 16, 2007, by NHTSA Administrator Nicole R. Nason – will focus on nighttime belt use. “It’s alarming that fewer people are buckling up at night, a time when the odds of being killed in a motor vehicle crash triple. This year, law enforcement officials will be ticketing violators who are not wearing their seat belts, especially during the evening hours,” Nason said.

The NHTSA study found that in 2005, more than 15,000 passenger vehicle occupants died in traffic crashes between the nighttime hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., and nearly two-thirds of those killed were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash. Additional NHTSA survey data indicate that nighttime seat belt use is often 10% lower than the nation-wide average 82% daytime belt use.

“The annual Click It or Ticket campaign has helped increase seat belt use for over a decade, but despite these gains, too many of our family and friends continue to die on our roadways,” said Nason. “Not wearing your seat belt, day or night, is a huge and unnecessary gamble.”

At the national launch on May 16th, Nason was joined by representatives of NHTSA’s Click It or Ticket partners, Chris J. Murphy, Chairman of the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), and James W. McMahon, Chief of Staff of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The Click It or Ticket campaign will take place between May 21 and June 3, 2007, and is supported by a \$30 million national and state advertising campaign.

Operation Air Brake hopes to improve brake safety

Operation Air Brake is an ongoing effort of an international truck and bus brake safety campaign dedicated to improving commercial vehicle brake safety throughout North America. The annual event is sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), an association of state, provincial, and federal officials responsible for the administration and enforcement of motor carrier safety laws in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Its membership includes all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and all of the 13 Canadian provinces and territories, the country of Mexico, the US Territories of Guam, Samoa, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, and the US Possession of the Northern Marianas. CVSA member jurisdictions are represented by various Departments of Transportation, Public Utility and Service

Commissions, State Police, Highway Patrols and Ministries of Transport.

The objective of Operation Air Brake is to reduce the number of highway crashes caused by faulty braking systems on commercial vehicles by conducting roadside inspections and educating drivers, mechanics and others on the importance of proper brake inspection, maintenance and operation.

Several international Operation Air Brake events are scheduled each year. The first, which has an enforcement emphasis, takes place on an “unannounced” date, often sometime in May. The second, which has an educational focus, is “announced” and usually takes place the first week in September. This year Brake Safety Awareness Week North America-wide is set for August 26-September 1, 2007, and is again sponsored by CVSA. The official slogan for Operation Air Brake is “Have You Checked Your Brakes Today?” As always, industry groups are encouraged to be involved:

- The motor carrier industry, through its associations/lobby groups, is requested to partner in the campaign.
- Industry partners are expected to keep confidential information that would compromise the success of the program, (such as the dates for the unannounced brake check days).

Brake Safety Awareness Week activities may include many of the following:

- CVSA-certified inspectors conduct roadside inspections of commercial vehicles and their drivers with an emphasis on braking systems.
- CVSA-certified inspectors are encouraged to meet with drivers at truck stops and other locations where drivers and mechanics congregate. The inspectors may conduct inspections in an effort to instruct and educate drivers on the inspection procedure and operation of the braking systems. This is an educational, not an enforcement event.
- Educational brochures are available both at the roadsides and at locations (such as truck stops) where inspectors would meet with drivers and mechanics.
- Jurisdictions are encouraged to use other means to educate and emphasize the importance of proper brake inspection, maintenance and safety.
- Inspectors are encouraged to meet with trucking company officials (such as safety directors) and truck stop operators to arrange for demonstrations of maintaining safe brakes.
- Jurisdictions are encouraged to get industry involved in the event, such as the state or provincial trucking association.
- News releases, television and radio interviews take place in an effort to promote the events and to communicate the Operation Air Brake Message.

For more information about this year’s Operation Air Brake campaign, contact Steve Keppler at 202-775-1623, ext. 106, by fax to 202-775-1624 or by email at stevek@cvsa.org.

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