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SPEAKER MEETING!

Date: Tuesday March 8, 2005

RSVP: 12noon, Monday March 7, 2005
****NO EXCEPTIONS, NO WALK-UPS!****

Speaker: Glenn Sessoms, Vice-President,
Southern Region-Air Ground Freight Systems

Topic: FEDEX UPDATE!

Place: FedEx World Headquarters
Hacks Cross and Winchester
Memphis, TN 38125

Time: Check-in/Networking 6:00 to 6:30pm
Dinner 6:30 pm

Menu: Provided by the FedEx Kitchen

Tariff: \$25.00 TCOM Members and their guests
\$30.00 Non-members
\$20.00 Transportation Educators and Students
\$ 5.00 Each for Life Member and one guest
\$35.00 Dinner and 2005 Dues for NEW members

**** As with previous FedEx World Headquarters Meetings, you must rsvp by 12noon Monday March 7 in order to be on the list at the Guard gate at the Winchester Rd entrance. Please have your drivers license ready to present to the guard for admittance!**

Mission Statement:

The fostering of professionalism of its members by providing a networking system and a forum for presentation of transportation, distribution, and logistic topics.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Last months speaker brought a unique perspective to the transportation industry while speaking of drug eradication in the Memphis area. The presentation was not only informative but the added treat of seeing a drug dog in action was a site that very few of us have seen in our lifetime. The presentation was one that to a certain extent some people could say was non-transportation related. I would go a step further and state that it is even more important to sustain the safety of everyone, very similar to what we do in our jobs everyday in the transportation field. As a matter of fact, years ago I actually worked for an LTL shipper in Miami and we found a white substance. We called the authorities; they investigated and performed a sting operation that eventually led to the arrest of several people (\$50,000 in street value). While it would have been simple to look the other way, maybe this helped someone or family in ways that will never be known. Worrying about the safety and security of not only your immediate family, but also society as a whole is one of the greatest acts of love that we could show. One of the most interesting points Captain Hoing stated was they can only have success with the help of people like the members of the Traffic Club and general public that do not look the other way. This will lead to investigations that will eventually lead to protecting the safety of the general public. I can certainly testify that I did not think drugs were prevalent in the transportation business until it happened on my watch.

One of our biggest events of the year, the annual FedEx World Headquarters meeting is coming up next week. Please make every effort to attend. FedEx historically has had a great presentation in their state of the art facilities and is not a meeting to miss. Don't forget reservations must be made in advance for security reasons, so please do not delay.

As the kids are getting out for Spring Break over the next few weeks, I wish you and your family a safe and secure Spring Break.

Dan Pallme

NEW MEMBER CONTEST PAYS \$100.00

Once again this year, your club is beginning a membership contest that begins on February 1 and ends on May 31, 2005. To be eligible for the \$100.00 award, a member must sign up at least two **new** members and that member receives one entry in the drawing. After this initial entry, you will receive one additional entry for each additional **new** member you sponsor! The more new members you sign up, the better your chances of winning the prize. It is imperative that you have the new member list you on their application so that you will get credit for their membership. All entries will be entered and the winner drawn at our June meeting. Good luck and we hope you earn multiple entries!!!

CONGRATULATIONS SUSAN MINTON!

Susan, who is employed by Medegen Medical, was our first monthly door prize winner at our February meeting and will be enjoying a \$50.00 gift certificate to Amerrigo's Restaurant. Cornerstone Systems, Inc donated our first monthly door prize. Thanks again to **Cornerstone** and we hope Susan enjoys!

DUES REMINDER

For those of you who have not renewed your dues, please be aware that your name and company were dropped from the roster effective January 31, 2005. Please renew or join our club as soon as possible. You may pay the \$25.00 dues one of two ways:

- 1) Mail a check to the club's P.O. box
- 2) Pay via Pay Pal on the club's website. You do not need create an account to use Pay Pal as you can just go in and use it as a one-time transaction. Simply enter our site and click the rsvp meeting, enter 1 under number or people attending and then list "2005 dues" in the comment area. Then just follow the Pay Pal instructions and your receipt will be available after completing your transaction.

FEDEX SPONSORS DOOR PRIZE!

In order for your board to show our appreciation for your attendance at our monthly meetings, Sherri Tipton, our membership director, has suggested and your board has decided to start awarding one door prize at each monthly meeting. This month's door prize will be a **Gift Basket valued at \$50.00 or more** donated by board member Leslie James of FedEx Freight East. Each attendee at our monthly meeting will be issued a numbered ticket and we will draw the winning ticket at the conclusion of our meeting. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!!** We will recognize the company that sponsors this award both in the MTT newsletter and also announcing their support at our monthly meeting. Companies that are interested in sponsoring this monthly prize please contact our membership director, Sherri Tipton @ 842-1050 or stipton@cornerstone-systems.com and enter on the subject line DOOR PRIZE to get signed up on the list. There are only seven (7) meetings per year that are available for sponsorship. Sign up now!

TCI PERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINATION!

Once again the time has arrived for our membership to "***nominate someone great***" to be a candidate for this years TCI Transportation Person of the Year! Our club is a member of Transportation Clubs International and since 1984, member clubs are asked to nominate a candidate to be considered for this prestigious award. It is awarded yearly at the TCI annual Congress and is designed to recognize significant contributions by an individual in the field of Transportation, Traffic or Logistics. It is awarded to focus attention upon local, national and international excellence. TCI solicits nominations from affiliated traffic-transportation in the United States, Canada and Mexico. To nominate someone great, please refer to our website and click on the TCI Person of the Year link and follow the instructions. Three out of the last four years, our club has nominated Dr. Neal Southern, Jim Van Endye and Mike Bruns for this award and each of them were awarded the honor of being the TCI Transportation Person of the Year! **Deadline to nominate is April 30th!!**

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2005 Event Calendar

April 12 – Sanjay Desai – Dinner and Tour at Future Electronics
May 10(?) – Spring Golf Scramble
June 14 – Speaker meeting
September 13(?) – Fall Golf Scramble
October 11 – Speaker meeting
November – 8 Election Night/Speaker meeting
December 2 – Christmas Party

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