

Rail 'n Road

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Meeting Announcement

Election Night * * *

Speaker: **Robert Anno**, Operations Manager
Transportation Customer Satisfaction, **AutoZone**
Date: Tuesday Evening, November 13, 2001
Reservation Email - No later than 12 Noon, November 9th!
Cutoff Date: Hotline - No later than 12 Noon, November 12th!
Place: Coors Brewery, The Belle Room
5151 East Raines Road, Memphis, TN
Time: Networking - 6:00 PM
Dinner - 6:30 PM
Menu: Barbeque and all the fixin's
Tariff: \$20.00 Per Person
\$15.00 for our Life Members and Students

We are very excited to have Robert Anno, with one of Memphis' premier companies, available to speak to our Club this month on Election Night. Mr. Anno will discuss "Private Fleet Operations", an important transportation component that has not been addressed by our Club in recent years.

Please help us welcome Robert and AutoZone to *The Traffic Club of Memphis*. **Make your reservations now.** Use your Club's Information and Reservation Number, 901-794-6004 or, use your Club's new email address, trafficclubofmemphis@hotmail.com

"Men are equal; it is not birth but virtue that makes the difference"

- Voltaire

President's Message

Thanks to the 27 Members and Guests that came to the October meeting with special thanks to:

Michael Synk, for a very interesting presentation;
Don Koehler, for introducing the Club's Internet Website;
Tom Sweeney, for arranging for the Website development.

Please "surf" the Club's new website at www.trafficclubofmemphis.com

By a majority vote of the Members present at the October meeting, **Lawson Thorton** was voted Life Membership.

The slate of nominees for the 2002 Board Election was presented and will be voted on at the November meeting by those Members present whose dues have been paid. Please see the insert: Election News.

At the October Board Meeting, **Ted Barham** was appointed to serve the Club as our new Editor of the *Rail 'n Road* beginning November 14th, 2001.

As I reflect back over the past twelve months, the Club could have adopted at the beginning the theme "**A Year For Growth**" as the Club has concluded the year as "**A Year Of Growth**". The Club's 2001 accomplishments were:

- First outside organization to meet in FedEx's new headquarters facility
- Seven quality speakers
- Two successful Golf Outings
- Awarded \$5,000 in Scholarships: (4-\$1,000 & 2-\$500)
- 59 new Members
- 2 Life Members
- Publicity article about the Club in *The Memphis Business Journal*
- Co-sponsored US Export Seminar with recognition in the *Commercial Appeal*
- Club *Rail 'n Road* Publication won Honorable Mention in the TCI Contest
- Club Nominee won the TCI Transportation Person of the Year Award
- Establishment of Email and Internet Website

Naturally, none of this could have been accomplished without the hard work and sacrifice of the Officers and Board Directors. Without their continued support and dedication to their functions and their caring about the overall well being of this organization, none of the above could have been accomplished.

Thanks to each one of them for an outstanding job well done. Thank you.

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as the 88th President of this fine organization. I encourage all members to please actively participate in the organization and serve wherever one can, when one can, and however one can. This organization has served and provided many interesting, worthwhile and rewarding functions over the years and hopefully with everyone's help and support, it will continue to do so in the future. Thank you.

Dues Reminder

Dues Notices were enclosed with the last edition of the *Rail 'n Road*. We are pleased to again be able to maintain your annual Club dues @ \$25.00. Please do what you can to remit your dues as soon as possible. Your Membership and participation in your Club is important and valued by all.

Election News

We have an excellent slate of candidates seeking your vote as we approach Election Night on November 13th.

President – Dale Kehr, PRO TRANS

Vice-President – Sherry Foster, D. J. Powers

Sec. Treasurer – Jim Stricker, IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.

Advisory – Dana Workman, Nationwide Express

Editor – Ted Barham, Editor

Directors (Vote for 6)

Eric Stamfle, Yellow Freight

Ken Beil, Exel/Mark VII

Leslie James, American Freightways

Patrick Harkey, Baxter PPI

Jerry Duncan, American Freightways

Ken Opperman, Eagle Systems

Marty Morelli, Yellow Freight

Zoeye Houge, ABF

What is the Traffic Club of Memphis?

The *Traffic Club of Memphis* was founded in 1913 focusing its' Membership on promoting the successful growth and evolution of the transportation and logistics industry in Memphis.

The *Traffic Club of Memphis* is a member of *Transportation Clubs International*. It is composed of individuals involved with traffic, transportation, distribution, logistics and other functions concerned with the movement of goods in the supply chain within the U. S. or globally.

The Club is composed of a 100 plus Membership with annual election of Officers and a six Member Board of Directors consisting of: Programs, Membership, Scholarship, Golf Outing and Special Activities.

Membership is open to any individual eighteen (18) years of age or older, providing they are regularly employed in a transportation-related industry or related course of study (Transportation, Distribution or Logistics).

Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month with the exception of December, when our meeting is held on the second Friday. In July and August, there are no meetings due to our Memberships' vacation schedules.

Monthly speakers are drawn from various walks of life, including:

- *Company Representatives*, Fortune 500 to Local Community
- *Transportation Companies*, including Air, Trucking, Rail and Water
- *Logistics Companies*, including Warehousing, Inventory and 3PL's
- *Government Personal*, including National, State and Local
- *Educational Personal*, including University, College and Trade
- *Various other Individuals*, including Consultants and Specialists

Won't you join us?

Christmas Party Teaser

At the December 14th Christmas Party, an autographed Memphis Grizzlies' Folder (official Spalding basketball cover legal size writing pad), signed by all of the first year team players with a letter of authenticity, will be

raffled off to the lucky winner. Finds raised will be going to this year's selected charity.

Mark Your Calendars!

December 14	Christmas Party, Racquet Club of Memphis
January 8	Vicki & Tim DeWald, "Transportation in Europe"
February 12	Bill Logue, FedEx
March 12	Nike Beedles, Ozburn Hessey

Update: Rail 'n Road Editor

Congratulations to Ted Barham on being appointed as the Editor of your Club's monthly publication, the *Rail 'n Road*. As your new Editor, Ted will automatically be a voting Member of the Board of Directors and serve in this capacity during his appointment. Please wish him well when you see him on Election Night and offer him any assistance you can during his tenure. Congratulations Ted!

Welcome to the Following New Member

William K. Goodson
Transportation Manager
Exel-Williams-Sonoma
4600 Sonoma Cove
Memphis, TN 38118

"It is by acts and not ideas that people live"

- Anatole France

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