

Rail 'n Road

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Meeting Announcement

Speaker Meeting

Date: Tuesday January 8, 2002
Reservation: Make your reservation by January 4
Place: Steak & Ale
6201 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38119
Time: Networking 6:00 PM
Dinner 6:30 PM
Menu: Choice of Sirloin Steak, Hawaiian Chicken, Salmon
Tariff: \$30.00 for Non-members
\$25.00 for Members and Guests
\$20.00 for Life members and students

It is our pleasure to present two speakers this meeting. Vicki and Tim Dewald have just recently returned from almost two years working in Brussels, Belgium. They will share their experiences in transportation and logistics on the continent. This should be an interesting presentation for anyone doing business or planning to do business in Europe.

Please make your reservations early as the Steak and Ale is limited to 50. Use your Club's Information and Reservation Number, 901-794-6004 or your Club's web site trafficclubofmemphis.com to make your reservation.

"Sixty years ago I knew everything; now I know nothing; education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance."

- Will Durant

President's Message

Thanks to the 38 members and guests for attending the Christmas Party to hear Santa Claus share his logistical solutions with special thanks to:

Sherrye Britt for providing table decorations, distributing the door prizes and handling the ornament exchange

Jim Stricker & Leslie James for helping with the Juvenile Diabetes donation

Fred Wiggins for providing the Christmas guitar music

For all the people who donated to Juvenile Diabetes, thank you for raising over \$110. **Patrick Harkey** was the winner of the Memphis Grizzlies autographed folder. Please see the insert for those companies that provided door prizes.

The Club has ended a very successful year and the new Board is actively preparing for another, but as always they will need your help and assistance. Your volunteer help with any function would be appreciated and naturally, please continue to ask your co-workers, customers, vendors, suppliers, and anybody else that you know that is industry related to please join the Traffic Club of Memphis as we need to continue to grow and strengthen the membership. If you need any brochures/applications, please feel free to get some at the next meeting, use the website, call the hotline, or contact Marty Morelli or me.

The Club has several speakers and meeting locations already scheduled for 2002 and they are listed in the Rail'n Road and on the website; www.trafficclubofmemphis.com Recently, I sent every member a letter about meeting attendance and any help, assistance, idea, or comment would be appreciated and please feel free to contact Patrick Harkey or me.

The Club would appreciate all members that are internet connected to *please use the website to make your (RSVP) advance meeting reservations*. The website now has a built in programmed meeting attendance system that the Club will be using to help manage the Club's finances and records. If you do not have email, the Hotline is still available.

Since the Club is in the process of making its membership list available through the website, it would be appreciated if all members that have not renewed their dues for 2002 to please renew their membership as soon as possible to be included. (2002 dues were due November 1, 2001)

The January meeting location has limited seating so *please make your advance reservations early* to hear **Vickie DeWald** of Ring Can and **Tim DeWald** of Fantastic Sam's talk about transportation and logistics in Europe.

Christmas Party Highlights



Dale advises Saint Nick on the logistics of Christmas. More pictures of the Christmas party will be available on the website:
www.trafficclubofmemphis.com

Christmas Party Door Prize Contributors

Thanks to the following companies for donating Door Prizes at the Christmas Party to help raise a donation to Juvenile Diabetes. Juvenile Diabetes was founded in 1979 by parents of children of Diabetes. Their mission is to find a cure for this disease and its complications through the support of research. Since its inception, Juvenile Diabetes has contributed more than \$326 million to diabetes research worldwide and through your generosity at the Christmas Party, The Traffic Club of Memphis was able to donate \$110. Additional information can be found by contacting Juvenile Diabetes at 335 East Poplar View in Collierville, TN 38107 or phone 901-861-6550.

Amerigo's	1239 Ridgeway	Memphis, TN 38119
B.A. Frammer	Many locations	Memphis, TN
Chilis	4609 Poplar Avenue	Memphis, TN 38117
Cozymel's	6450 Poplar	Memphis, TN 38119
Germantown Commissary	2290 S G'town Pky	G'town, TN 38138
Macaroni's	6705 Poplar Avenue	Memphis, TN 38138
PF Chang's	1181 Ridgeway	Memphis, TN 38119
Steak & Ale	6201 Poplar Avenue	Memphis, TN 38119
Wang's Mandarin House	1183 Park Place Center	Memphis, TN
38119		
YAYAS	7615 West Farmington	G'town, TN 38138

Mark Your Calendar

February 12, 2001	Bill Logue, Vice President FedEx Ground Operations News from FedEx FedEx Express World Headquarters
March 12, 2001	Mike Beedles and Scott Charlton, Ozburn Hessey TBA

Welcome to the Following New Member

Charlton Crocker
XTRA Lease
4400 Holmes Road
Memphis, TN 38118
Phone: (901) 794-8700

Dues Reminder

Just a reminder to all of the members who have not yet paid their dues for the year; please do so now. The Traffic Club appreciates your continuing support.

Message from Member Relations

Happy Holidays everyone as we greet the new year with anticipation of great things in the Memphis Traffic Club. As Dale's letter stated, we are facing the challenge of increasing participation in the speaker meetings this year, a role I think will provide us with the tools to make the club more enjoyable, informative, and useful to its members.

As Member relations, I would ask your help in this matter. First, **we need to get e-mail addresses from everyone.** We are working on a link in the website which will allow you to update your record, including address, etc. E-mail allows us to easily contact the entire membership, along with providing you a forum in which to provide us the feedback needed to make things better.

We are changing up the locations for the meetings, bringing in a wider variety of speakers, making dynamic changes for the improvement of the club. Watch the next issue of Rail n' Road for more updates. I would like some assistance in my role, specifically in a representative for our Life Members, and also two people for our regular Members. If you would like to volunteer, or just sound off about things you want for the club, please e-mail me at patrick_harkey@baxter.com . If you could, send me a blank e-mail so I can add your e-mail to my distribution list. Have a great day!

Patrick

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