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Featured School

Arkansas State University - Newport



In April 2009, the Arkansas Commercial Driver Training Institute, along with its companion Diesel Technology program, moved into a new, state-of-the-art Transportation Technology Center on the campus of Arkansas State University — Newport. The \$3.2 million, two-building, 23,000-square-foot center consists of five classrooms, a computer lab, faculty and staff offices, student lounges, and a six-bay diesel technology lab. The classroom facility also includes a truck-driving simulator studio with space for four full-sized driving simulators. ASU-Newport incorporates the MPRI TranSim IV simulation equipment into its enhanced driver-training curriculum.

Driver training began at ASU-Newport in 1988 with one tractor, one trailer, and one instructor. Over time, the program has grown into one of the largest publicly funded operations in

the nation. It has trained more than 16,000 students and operates over 30 tractors/trailers. The current fleet is made up of Freightliner full condo tractors with 48- and 53-foot vans, plus a number of flatbed units.

Skills training at ASU-Newport is held on the school's paved 13-acre close-quarter maneuvering facility. This outdoor center includes a 3,000 square-foot combination classroom and student lounge building that was constructed in 2005. The training space is large enough to allow shifting practice up and down through all gears and at highway speeds. It also includes a cross-dock simulation station for real-world backing application practice. The school is currently in the midst of a complete paving overlay project for the skills range.

ASU-Newport Director of Business and Transportation Technology, Bentley Wallace, says that the success of the program is a direct result of the "...dedication of faculty and staff who work tirelessly to ensure the safest and most competent entry-level drivers possible." He also credits the school's industry partnerships with quality and conscientious motor carriers as a key factor in the growth and longevity of the program.

Welcome New Members!

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Applied Technology College**
Orem, UT

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Aplusb Software Corporation
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Affiliation with NAPFTDS has been a wise investment for ASU-Newport over the years. The resources, connections, and sharing of best practices through the association have helped ASU-Newport remain an industry leader.

Along with its entry-level driver training offerings, ASU-Newport also offers on-demand refresher courses and specialized training to meet industry needs. New classes start every two weeks throughout the year. ASU-Newport is a three-campus accredited community college. In addition to the Newport campus, technical centers are also available in Marked Tree and Jonesboro. Commercial driver training is also available on the Marked Tree campus.

For more information, contact Bentley Wallace, Arkansas State University — Newport, 7648 Victory Blvd., Newport, AR 72112, (870) 512-7710, bwallace@asun.edu, www.asun.edu.

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Check our website
for updates
on regional meetings.

2011 National Convention

Next year's conference will be held in early April 2011 and is being negotiated for

Savannah, Georgia

WATCH for an update on the website when this is determined.



A SUCCESS — Yes it was! This year's conference was a huge success and was well attended despite the challenges of economic times across the nation. It is times like these that the members gather to discuss and network issues such as budget cuts, upcoming FMCSA changes, how to better the “nuts and bolts” of training and more...

Presentations included: • 3-hr. 1st Observer Train-The-Trainer Certification • CSA 2010 • A Methodology Discussion — Effectively Utilizing E-Learning in your Program • Drivers and their Relationship Challenges • TCA Update • Master Certification • Truckers against Trafficking — A Human Trafficking 101

CSA 2010 was a big topic of discussion with members learning more information to take back to the classroom. As we moved into the conference it was announced that FMCSA had been placed on furlough; therefore, Rich Clemente was unable to attend. We thank Tom Bray for stepping up to the plate and filling in for Rich. Thanks Tom!

A touching and poignant presentation was done by Kendis Paris on “Human Trafficking 101.”

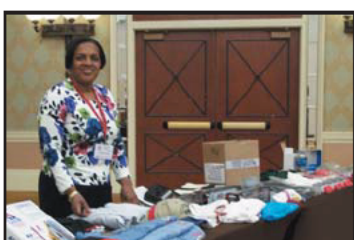
With the TCA conference occurring at the same time in Las Vegas, we welcomed the current, incoming, and past chairs to share their TCA Update.



Tom Bray Robert McClanahan, Kevin Burch, John Kaburick, and Ray Haugh Kendis Paris



Tina Frindt, Irvn Skinner, Bob Weining



Joanne Ivory



Keith Keller, Homer Paul, Maury & Bernie Tiehan



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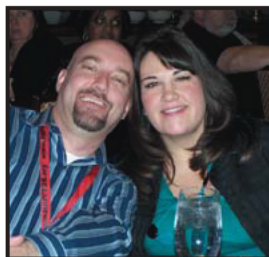
This year's Banquet...



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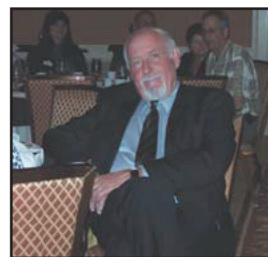
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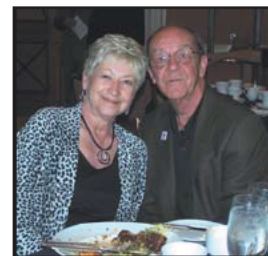
Phil Steinkamp (left), NAPFTDS President presents Robert McClanahan an appreciation award as Executive Director. Robert resigned as of this conference. THANKS Robert!



Eddie Mullins, Southern State Com. College won J.J. Keller & Assoc. Curriculum, presented by Keith Keller



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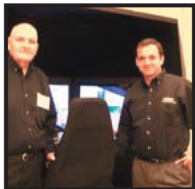
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CSA: Full Implementation Delayed until 2011

There has been a great deal of discussion and numerous seminars this past year or so about the Comprehensive Safety Analysis 2010 (CSA 2010), a pending compliance issue from the Department of Transportation (DOT). In fact, J.J. Keller provided a very good update and Q&A session about this topic at our recent national convention in Las Vegas.

Since that time, the American Trucking Associations (ATA) reported that full implementation of the CSA 2010 will be delayed until 2011. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) original plan was to begin implementing the program in July 2010, and to have all states fully functional by December of this year. The ATA says it now appears that although certain phases of CSA 2010 will begin this fall, full implementation will not be completed until spring 2011 or perhaps summer 2011.

RULES & RIGs

By Robert McClanahan

With so many details yet to be finalized, many rumors and misinformation have been floating around about the consequences and effects this issue will have on carriers and drivers alike. For instance, one rumor is that drivers will lose their CDL license if they get too many "points" on their CSA score. This is not true. The FMCSA, at this time, cannot suspend a license because of CSA. Plus, no one will see the so-called "points" assigned to a driver.

J.J. Keller and the FMCSA have provided some very good links to dispel these rumors. I would suggest checking them out if you have any questions or concerns. Visit <http://csa2010.fmcsa.dot.gov> and/or www.jjeller.com. In fact, J.J. Keller has a very good program available on DVD — *CSA 2010: A Drivers Guide* — that addresses driver issues and how they can stay in compliance.

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Greetings everyone. As I'm writing this, we're experiencing a beautiful spring day here in Illinois. I look forward to the change and renewed life and

growth that comes with spring. I always compare the NAPFTDS National Convention to an early spring day — it rejuvenates me, and I come home looking forward to the possibility of change.

This year's convention, held in Las Vegas, was very informative and set the stage for some things to come in our association. Attendance was good in spite of the economic problems that our schools are facing. There were a variety of presentations including: First Observer (replaced highway watch), CSA 2010 and how it affects our students, utilizing E-Learning in our programs, Master Driver Certification (a training program being developed by J.J. Keller in conjunction with NAPFTDS), and a very moving presentation on Human Trafficking and the trucking industry. Topics included an update on what to expect from the FMCSA later this year — and we had an opportunity to hear from John Kaburick, the incoming chair of the TCA.

Association business included election of board of directors.

Congratulations to Rob Behnke and Mary Beth McCollum, who were re-elected to new terms; and to Laura Kingsland, who was elected as a new member of the board. Board appointments for carrier and vendor were also carried out. Congratulations to Ken Smith with Schneider and James Naatz with L-3 Communications on their appointments to the board. I am looking forward to working with each of you to make NAPFTDS a stronger association.

In other business, the board accepted the resignation of Robert McClanahan as Executive Director. Robert spent countless hours promoting NAPFTDS and what we stand for. I am sure he will stay active in our association, but he will be sorely missed in this leadership role. Thank you for your help Robert.

As the seasons progress, so does our association. Recent changes include a new website — www.napftds.org — and better communication with members.

In closing, I want to invite everyone to take a more active role with NAPFTDS. This is how we make an association stronger

June 25, 2010 is the editorial deadline for the next issue of *Learning Curve*. Questions about article submissions should be directed to Crissie Moffet at Cmoffet@wate.edu

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While such links and products provide a great deal of information about the CSA process, concerns remain. Many carriers are worried that CSA regulations could cause a driver shortage once they begin looking at their individual drivers and deciding if those with high violations should be terminated. Plus, some drivers may decide to get out of the profession simply because they do not want to be targeted as poor risk drivers.

Carriers and associations have estimated that as many as 170,000 drivers may be lost due to the implementation of CSA 2010. This is a

wait-and-see issue as of now. Drivers with high violations may find it harder to get a job. However, those with good safety records will find that this issue does not affect them.

As schools, we should begin informing our students about CSA 2010 and let them know how important vehicle inspections, hours of service, and knowledge of regulations are to stay in compliance during roadside inspections. A good driver has nothing to worry about. On the other hand, a driver with a poor record should start looking at regulations and learn to stay in compliance — or, get out of the profession and find a job where they don't have to worry about complying with safety.

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