

Automotive Transportation Service
Superintendents' Association
Toronto Chapter
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TALE-LITE
April 2012



*** Notice of General Meeting - - - - Thursday April 12th, 2012 ***

Guest Admission: First 2 introductory FOC, thereafter \$20.00
Refreshments from 5:00 pm- - - - - Dinner served at 6:00 pm
Paradise Banquet & Convention Center - - - - - 7601 Jane Street, Concord

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*** GENERAL MEETING – APRIL 12th ***

Due to sponsorship rescheduling, our meeting tonight will be hosted by the Toronto ATS where we will conduct a forum review of problems and resolutions and ideas pertaining to Fleet Maintenance: Technical problems/resolutions; Safety & Product recalls; Shop tools and administration; The latest in recently introduced and pending government legislation; Sourcing updates, training and other help aids. We will also review other fleet related activities including the recent safety and inspection blitz by various policing agencies and the DOT.

We are looking for a nice turnout by our Fleet supervisors, along with their support staff such Parts & Service procurement personnel, who can share their experiences in running a shop and in meeting their every day challenges so that we can all learn and be better supervisors from sharing our experiences.

We are also looking for our suppliers input as to how best they can assist in efforts to enhance the efficiency, cost effectiveness and safety of our shops and fleets.

A meeting to network and to exchange ideas

NOTE: Fleet Maintenance Managers/Supervisors are invited to bring along their support personnel where the nominal \$20.00 Guest fee will be waived for such personnel for this meeting.

DOWN THE ROAD



- May 10, – General Meeting – Sponsorship available!!
- **Monthly – General Meetings – Contact Brian Sibbald @ 905-302-5470 for an opportunity to sponsor & advocate your business!!**

MEETING – MARCH 8th

We were very pleased to have the [Benson Group of Companies](#) as our host for the evening, with Kirk MacKenzie, their General Manager, providing a good insight into their products, services and capabilities.

Highlights included: The Benson group numbers 139 facilities for Repairs, Parts Stores, and Retread and Refinishing Plants; Employs 1200 with 600 vehicles catering to customer needs across Ontario; The largest Goodyear dealer in Ontario; Complete offering from new to recap, Lawn & Garden all the way up to Giant OTR tires; All locations available 24/7 365 days; Very proud of their extensive 'Truckwise' tire/rim/wheel retention auditing program, soon to be called 'FLEET HQ', a Goodyear web based tracking system that harvests data for fleets; Plans underway for an imbedded chip that will also include load, mileage, wear, GPS, pricing and retread info.!



An organisation with quite an impressive reach.

Thanks again to the [Benson Group](#) and to Kirk and his Team that included Specialists' Rino Giudice and Geordie Bell, and Operations Manager Josh Smith.

A.T.S.S.A. MATTERS: Our President and Vice President, Dan Cushing and Ed Roeder respectively, had another meeting with Branch Executives on March 24, 2012. Dan and Ed will be reporting on the outcome with recommendations to the Toronto Executive routine meeting on April 19th. In turn any developments stemming from this report will be released as usual to our membership. In the interim, however, it would appear from these ongoing discussions, and mail subsequently received, that certain ATSSA Branch Executives are opting for a more individualised and less structured arrangement – that is to establish their own internal criteria for operating each branch/entity, rather than abide by ATSSA criteria. There is little doubt that this is a most unfortunate decision and poses some challenges to re-establish the ATSSA network. On the other hand, such an eventuality will relieve the charter holding ATSSA Toronto Chapter members (and executives thereof), of any liabilities assumed through non-conformance with established ATSSA and CFMS criteria.

50/50 Draw: Ian Sturrock, Fleet Maintenance Manager at E.G. Gray Transportation, won the draw. Note that the house 50% will go to the Toronto ATS scholarship fund as announced in our March Tale-Lite and General Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DUES-2012

ATT: Toronto ATSSA Members: The 2012 membership renewals have been sent out with payment long past due. Payment can still be made by cheque, credit card, or cash at General Meetings, or by contacting Dave Cook at 1-519-396-5219.
NOTE: Any member in default of dues payment should make payment at the desk; otherwise a \$20.00 guest charge will apply at any General Meeting.



TALE-LITE !

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TORONTO ATSSA CHAPTER

NOTE: See if you would like to join our executive by attending some of our monthly executive meetings to just observe or to participate. Simply mention to any member listed below for catering/dinner purposes. It is a great way to influence our organisation and we are always on the lookout for fresh blood!

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