

# Automotive Transportation Service

## Superintendents' Association

Toronto Chapter (Est. 1938)

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## TALE-LITE

December 2012



\* *Notice of General Meeting - - - -Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012* \*

*Guest Admission: First 2 introductory FOC, thereafter \$30.00*

*Refreshments from 5:00 pm- - - - - Dinner served at 6:00 pm*

*Paradise Banquet & Convention Center - - - - - 7601 Jane Street, Concord*

### AN EVENING HOSTED BY

Diesel Truck Centre, Emergency Road Services, Evans Waterless Coolant  
Fort Garry, Harper Truck Centres, Kal Tire, Peterbilt Canada, Quality Collision  
Tallman Truck Centre, Taxis Exhaust and Traction Ontario

\* 'CHARITY & FUN' NITE! - DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>

**JOIN US TO DINE, LAUGH & MINGLE!**

Following the brief General Meeting, the main event will be headlined by well known TV and Radio host, motivational humorist, MC, author and comedian, Judy Croon. Judy has raised over \$650,000 for breast cancer research:

**Judy Croon**

Please remember our ATSSA charity drives:



**'Toys for Tots'**: New unwrapped toys, or cash, or cheques – (Children under 14).

**Non-perishable food**: For the Food Bank.

Peel Regional Police, the Salvation Army and Vaughn Fire Department will be on hand with tables to accept these donations.

**PARKING!** Try to park early as heavy Christmas crowds are expected at the venue! Parking at rear!

Always Thinking Safety

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## DOWN THE ROAD



January 10, 2013 ---- General Meeting, sponsored by **Fil-Mor** Clutch

■ February 13, 2013!! - General Meeting, sponsored by **Abrams Towing**  
(Note change of date to **Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> !!**)

■ February 23, 2013 ----**Dance**, Ladies Night, Toronto ATSSA

■ April 24, 2013 ----- **CFMS** - one day seminar in Toronto (See page 4)

**TARGET MARKET!** – Fleet Management - Talk to your clientele direct at the

ATSSA! - For an opportunity to participate/advertise thru a sponsorship, such as at a General Meeting, the CFMS, a Charity, or Golf, or Dance, or other ATSSA event, contact Brian Sibbald @ 905-302-5470.

## GENERAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

Steven de Sousa, National Fleet Service Manager with **Mack Trucks Canada**, made quite an impressive presentation on the inroads that Natural Gas has made in our trucking industry. (The original presentation on training had to be substituted due to staff logistics).



There is a consensus that given the results in the recent US elections, the already fast paced NG program will see further adoption accelerated. The US has an abundance of Natural Gas which will greatly assist in their efforts towards self sufficiency and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Natural Gas is much friendlier than Propane, is excellent for the internal combustion engine; is clean & efficient. The comparative costs and operational logistics of pure diesel vs with Natural Gas is another story. Natural Gas is extracted by a process called hydraulic fracturing, or ‘fracking’, whereby water and other chemicals create fractures in rock formations, forcing them further open, allowing more oil and gas to flow. Some companies, particularly in waste management, have received, and have on order, Natural Gas trucks exclusively for their fleets. And this in spite of the woefully inadequate means of fuel supply and servicing capability available today. So, as Steve very persuasively pointed out, we need to get ready!

Apprenticeship Awards: The top three students in the ATSSA sponsored Truck & Coach MAP 32 program at Centennial College were the recipients of a twin pack of awards: First off were the long standing **Mack** award plaques; then came the inaugural presentation of the ATSSA funded cash scholarships to Kuldip Rai of Rexdale, \$1,000; Coulter Cushing of Mississauga, \$1,500; and Nather Shaba of Mississauga, \$2,500. Lending a hand with the presentations were: Steven de Sousa of Volvo; Dan Cushing, Ed Roeder & Dave Drummond of the ATSSA; Alan McClelland, John Dixon, David Weatherhead and Pierre Valley of Centennial College. (See pictures on page 5).

Trevor Thompson, a recent graduate, provided a nice pep-talk on his experience in the work force while expressing his appreciation for the mentoring he received by the ATSSA while a student. For more information please contact John Dixon at [jdixon@centennialcollege.ca](mailto:jdixon@centennialcollege.ca) or Vic Wintjes at [atssaorg@sympatico.ca](mailto:atssaorg@sympatico.ca). Refer also to ‘ATSSA Apprenticeship Awards’ at [www.atssa.org](http://www.atssa.org).

Work Terms: John Dixon, Professor/Coordinator at Centennial, thanked all for the response that made it possible to have the Nov. 19 to Nov. 30 term for apprentices completely filled. Thanks!

50/50 Draw: Won by Guido Groppini of **Fort Garry**, with the house portion of the proceeds directed as usual to the ATSSA sponsored MAP apprenticeship scholarship fund.

Mack was well represented by corporate and dealer personnel who together provided some very nice give-aways that were much appreciated. Centennial college staff was well represented as were MAP students from our ATSSA sponsored class. Elvis Viola (of ERS) presented Steven with our plaque of appreciation for the presentation and for sponsoring.

Thanks again to Steven and to Mack for yet another great evening and presentation.

**\*MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!\***

**Start the New Year with a new lease on life! Attend some of our monthly executive meetings to just observe or to participate. Simply mention to any member listed below, for catering/dinner purposes.**

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## CFMS



Established in 1963 by the ATSSA  
**CANADIAN FLEET  
MAINTENANCE SEMINAR**

April 24, 2013

Celebrating 50 years of Service



### 1 Day Seminar & Trade Show

April 24, 2013

Paradise Banquet & Convention Center  
7601 Jane Street (Just N. of Hwy. 407)

### 3 Panels

Diagnostic light stays on – Now what?

Annual Safety Inspection-Compliant with the NSC?

New Products, Trends & Technician Training

### Trade Show

When panel sessions not in progress

Registration @ 8:00 AM

Lunch-Cocktails-Banquet Dinner-Keynote Speaker

Award Presentation

Volvo “Fleet Maintenance Manager of the Year”

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ATSSA APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS

November 8, 2012

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Recent graduate: Trevor Thompson

ATSSA Scholarship & Mack Truck Plaque winners:  
L to R: Kuldip Rai, Nather Shaba & Coulter Cushing

