

**Automotive Transportation Service**  
**Superintendents' Association**  
**Toronto Chapter**  
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**TALE-LITE**  
December 2011



\* *Notice of General Meeting - - - -Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011* \*

*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

**SPONSOR : Toronto ATS**

\* **'CHARITY & FUN' NITE! – DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>**

In lieu of our regular General Meeting our Entertainment Committee has decided once again to make it a light hearted and charitable event. Well known host, MC and **comedian, Evan Carter**, will be headlining the main event. As a comedian Evan has been called “a young Bill Cosby”. Thanks to Fort Garry Industries and to Taxis Exhaust for sponsoring this act.

This is of course that special giving time of year, when we ask everyone in attendance to bring along a contribution for our two drives:-



- (1) **'Toys for Tots'**, a charitable endeavour initiated and operated by off-duty Peel Regional Police in 1993 and in partnership with the Salvation Army for ages 14 and younger, – New unwrapped toys, or cash, or cheques - which will be collected by Peel Region Police who will be attending at a table spread; and
- (2) **Non-perishable food** to be donated to the Food Bank through the Vaughn Fire Department.

Let us help both these organisations to brighten up Christmas a little for those less fortunate.

**Please note that all guests (ie non-members) will need to pay \$20 at the door for this function.**

This evening will also see the Installation of our newly elected executive officers for 2012/ 2013.

Join us for a light hearted evening over our **Christmas dinner** and final meeting of the year!

So come out to relax and enjoy!

**DOWN THE ROAD**

- January 12, 2012 - General Meeting – **Open!!**
- February 25, 2012 - Ladies Night Dance – Toronto ATS
- **Monthly – General Meetings – Contact Brian Sibbald @ 905-302-5470 for an opportunity to sponsor & advocate your business!!**

**ATSSA BY-LAWS**

**Privacy Policy - New:** In keeping with our ongoing effort to update our association, the ATSSA has approved for adoption a formal Privacy Policy to be incorporated into the by-laws, to be effective January 1, 2012:-

The policy, quite a lengthy document, covers the restricted use and confidentiality of the records the ATSSA has on file on members. Information such as: name, company, addresses, phone numbers.

The policy is a 'live' document residing on ATSSA web sites: [www.atssa.org](http://www.atssa.org) and

[www.torontoats.com](http://www.torontoats.com).

Responsibility for up-dating and monitoring to ensure that all executive members and committees are in compliance, will reside with the Vice President of the ATSSA.

**Membership Category - New:** Repeat. The ATSSA has approved a new membership category to be incorporated into the by-laws, to be effective January 1, 2012:-

**Junior Regular member:** "Shall be a member in transition to becoming a Regular member, who holds a valid commercial vehicle trade certificate and is directly involved in the repair and maintenance of commercial vehicles in a commercial fleet environment. This member shall not have voting privileges and cannot run for the positions of: President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary." *An apprentice, in summary.*

**TRAINING - C.A.R.S. (Read "Trucks"!)**

CARS Council Project Manager, Linda Brown, made a presentation at our last ATSSA Executive Meeting, in a review of their expansion into training for the **truck sector**, which should be of general interest.

Canadian Automotive Repair & Service (CARS) new online training program 'Trucks OnDemand Technical Courses', is focused on raising the skill level of fleet maintenance staff. Registered staff can log on to [www.trucksondemand.ca](http://www.trucksondemand.ca) from a shop or home computer 24/7. Courses are 2 hours



long and each video is accompanied by a Learning Guide and short tests at the end.

This training is easy to access, convenient and permits the technician to follow at their own individual pace. Example of a Special cost, per location: \$50.00 per month, for 12 months, for a max of 10 staff.

CARS is based in Ottawa and funded by the Government of Canada's Sector Council Program, and for advisory support is looking to the ATSSA as an accredited fleet maintenance and skill training provider.

Please see [www.trucksondemand.ca](http://www.trucksondemand.ca) for the listing of training topics now available

**TRAINING - HIGH SCHOOL TRUCKING PROGRAM**

Complementary to its Specialist High Skills Major in Transportation, Bramalea Secondary School is offering a new Motive Power Truck & Coach program, housed in its own state-of-the-art facility, to commence September 2012. The facility will be comprised of drive-through bays, an open "lab" area for modular experiential learning displays, and two computer-equipped classrooms.



This unique educational opportunity allows students from all educational pathways to gain a combination of theory and lab experience as well as hands-on work in a variety of truck and coach manufacturer vehicles and system components. While introducing students to various aspects of the transportation industry, the curriculum provides training in Level 1 of the Apprenticeship Training Program Standards for Truck & Coach Technician. Participants will have opportunity to participate in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program with experiential learning as well as to gain industry standard safety certification through SHSM. While obtaining a secondary school graduation diploma, students will network with industry partners including advanced educational training facilities, manufacturers, dealerships, and community businesses – all of whom can provide opportunities for training certification / employment in a high-skills, high-demand career.

An **Information meeting** for Grade 8 students and parents will be held on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with college and industry representatives, at BSS, 510 Balmoral Drive; 905-793-2400.

**MEETING – NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

The meeting was sponsored by **Mack Trucks Canada**, along with their dealers: Mid-Ontario Mack, Performance Equipment Mack and Durham Mack. Mike Gomes, District Service Manager, acted as master of ceremonies as he usually does for these Mack proceedings. Mike introduced his dealers and stressed the importance of the MAP program to our industry and hence the major need for our industry to assist and encourage these students. Mike then made his inaugural key note presentation.



Mike reviewed the 'aftermarket' customer care service packages offered through 6 electronic based platforms:

- Mack One Call Complete Care – Emergencies and breakdown support
- MV Preferred Program – Flexible billing options
- MV Select – Parts ordering
- MV Assist – A fleet management program
- Mack Quick Care – Preventative maintenance programs
- Mack Leasing – Means to better improve product performance

Representatives at the head table included: Ralph Bohn and Gino DeFilippis of Mid-Ontario Mack, and Ryan D'Arcy of Performance Equipment Mack. Mack corporate and Mack dealers were also well represented throughout the audience. Nice job, Mike! Centennial college staff was well represented as were MAP students from our ATSSA sponsored classes.

Another great turnout by Mack corporate personnel, their dealers and invited guests from the GTA. There was also a nice turnout by our ATS branch executives along with our 'Regular' members.

There was quite a selection of door prizes kindly donated by Mack and their dealers which were much appreciated

**Thanks again to Mike, and to Mack for yet another great evening and presentation!**

**Apprenticeship Awards:** The **Mack** provided awards and ATS provided cash for tools were presented to the top three in the ATSSA sponsored Truck & Coach MAP 32 program at Centennial College to: Jeffery Nesterenko of Toronto, Michael Malkowski of Mississauga, and David W. Murray of Cheltenham. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively. Congratulations all!

**50/50 Draw:** Won by Robert Venneri of UCM Clutch, the other 50% house portion was directed to the 'Sick Kids'.

**General Meeting:** Our General Meeting/ATS housekeeping matters, took place *after* the sponsor's (Mack) presentation so as not to detract from the sponsor's time, and in difference to the time required to deal with our election process. This 'after' move was welcomed from all reports, and was well attended:

**Governance-ATSSA:** Dan Cushing, ATSSA Vice President, outlined the procedure underway to enable the Toronto chapter, the Branch network, and the CFMS to abide by the ATSSA established criteria and by-laws. There was some good frank discussion with the membership in the audience that included executives from our branch network.

**Executive Election:** Ed Roeder, Chairman of our election committee, expedited the election and results process for our new ATS Executive for 2012/2013. These results will appear in our January 2012 issue of our Tale-Lite newsletter.

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LIST AND METHODS UP- TO- DATE***

**PLEASE NOTE:** The newly elected [executive officers for 2012/2013](#) will be 'installed' during our General Meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup> and the corresponding listing will appear in the January, 2012 edition of this newsletter.

The current executive, indeed the entire membership, owes a debt of gratitude to all members who participated in our-your-election process.

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

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**APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS**  
Mack Canada & ATSSA (Tor.)

**In photos-L – R:** Winner; Mike Gomes, DSM Mack; Dan Cushing, VP, & Dave Drummond, both from ATSSA (Tor). See page 3 & 4 for more info.



Winner: Jeffery Nesterenko



Winner: Michael Malkowski



Winner: David W. Murray