

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



**\* Notice of General Meeting - - - - Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 – MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>**

Sponsoring the March general meeting will be **The Benson Group of Companies** which includes *Benson Tire, Benson Truck and Trailer, Beverly Tire, Jiffy Lube, Benson Auto Parts & Benson Heavy Duty Parts.*

With a workforce of over 1200 employees and 600 vehicles they take care of their customer needs across Ontario.

Benson's presenters will be Kirk Mackenzie, Josh Smith, and Rino Giudice.

Bring along a guest who you think would be a welcome addition to the ATSSA. and join us for dinner.

**Reminder: 2012 Dues** Please note that any **member** in default of dues payment should make payment at the desk; otherwise a \$20.00 guest charge will apply.

**DOWN THE ROAD**



- April 12, – General Meeting – Sponsorship available!!
- **Monthly – General Meetings – Contact Brian Sibbald @ 905-302-5470 for an opportunity to sponsor & advocate your business!!**

**LADIES NIGHT DANCE**

From all the reports it would appear that a great time was had by all at the Toronto ATS dance on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The welcome return of “Arden and the Tourists”, now six strong, did a very nice job in energizing the crowd as there were very few non-dancers! A great deal of thanks must go again to Brian Sibbald and his entertainment committee. Our sponsors are also owed a great deal of thanks for their contributions. (See page # 5 for a list of these sponsors) and to our members please consider supporting those that support us.



**MEETING – FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>**

The evening was very well attended and was quite the success as sponsored jointly by Abrams Towing, our long standing and supportive member, along with the Toronto ATSSA.

**Abrams Towing:** Neil Walsh gave a nice relaxed review of Abrams capabilities that included the fact they have 16 Heavy Units, have been involved in the Heavy Recovery for 15 year, conducts their own in-house training, and outlined the intricacies involved in switching. Neil showed a short video on a recovery by Abrams of a ditched car carrier in heavy snow, which was accomplished with only a busted windshield and a rear-view mirror; not even scratched paint! Neil cautioned on the need to ensure that your towing company has appropriate insurance before employing. Neil was ably supported by many of his colleagues that included: Mandi Mayer, Derek Mayer and Wallace Boustead at the head table; along with Joey Gagne, Peter Colagiovanni, amongst others, in the audience.

**Toronto ATSSA:** Rolf VanderZwaag, Manager of Maintenance & Technical Issues at the Ontario Trucking Association, conducted a very effective and informative review on the adoption by Ontario of the National Safety Code (NSC) Standard 11B for annual inspections of commercial vehicles and the notable differences with Ontario Regulation 611. Rolf also reviewed the book he authored **“Practical Safety Inspections”**, developed for maintenance technicians who inspect and repair commercial vehicles in order to comply with NSC 11B. Rolf also reviewed the various “Annual Inspection Reports” designed to cut through the maize to best handle these requirements. It is highly recommended that every technician should have a copy of this book and the forms. (Rolf made sure that all in attendance had a copy of these publications). For additional copies, please contact: The Ontario Trucking Association at [www.ontruck.org](http://www.ontruck.org); or call 416-249-7401 x223.

Thanks again to Neil and to Rolf for enabling an informative and interesting evening.

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**ATSSA matters:** Dan Cushing, President, briefly outlined the ongoing discussions with the branches and provided a timely reminder of the purpose & intent of the ATSSA by quoting the ATSSA “Objectives”: Quote “To continuously explore and implement ways and means to enhance maintenance practices involving transport vehicles and garages; constantly review and advance sound safety and environmental practices; keep up-to-date on operating and maintenance equipment and methods; promote training and apprenticeships; attract technicians to the industry; encourage ethical conduct and foster a spirit of fellowship”. Unquote.

**50/50 Draw:** Scott Hosie, Service Manager at Harper Truck Centers won the 50/50, with the house portion directed to the Heart and Stroke foundation.

Please Note: In following the ATSSA Constitution By-Law (Article -2 ) OBJECTIVES of the Association This year the Toronto ATSSA Executive Committee have added a scholarship funding program that will be awarded to top apprentices enrolled in the ATSSA Truck & Coach MAP32 (Modify Apprenticeship Program) offered by our teaching partner Centennial College the School of Transportation.

The funding for this scholarship started with our Ladies Night event the committee announced that we would be selling raffle tickets for flat screen TV donated by Emergency Road Services Corp. and Golf foursome with carts donated by Nobleton Lakes Golf Club which raised \$1,700.00 in ticket sales. Tico of Canada made an additional \$300.00 donation reaching a total of \$2,000.00 collected during our Ladies Night dance.

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES-2012**

**ATT: Toronto ATSSA Members:** The 2012 membership renewals have been sent out with payment due by February 29, 2012. Payment can 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.



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**TORONTO ATSSA CHAPTER**

**NOTE:** Anyone interested in joining our Executive; please contact any executive to attend a few of our meetings!

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