



SGFMA Newsletter

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From the President's Desk

Dear Members,

Greetings to all SGFMA members and a very special **WELCOME** to all new members who have just joined our elite organization. I congratulate these on becoming wise investors in an organization that will appreciate and recognize each of you. SGFMA offers continuous support thru fellowship, networking, and training opportunities. THANK YOU for your contribution to the growth and stability of an organization presently expanding to include agency memberships from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, and Florida. **Wow!!! Isn't this GREAT?** Our growing membership numbers consist of Fleet Professionals from these great states and include a large and increasing number of vendor members. These vendors located across the Southeast and even further, generously support the Organization thru membership dues, contributions, training support, and access to products and competitive pricing necessary for efficiently maintaining our fleet vehicles and equipment. These guys and gals actually make our jobs easier by not only supplying parts and materials but by sharing with us a wealth of knowledge while offering unparalleled support. We salute them for supporting SGFMA. I encourage a reciprocating and high level of support for all of these vendors. They are second to none and evidence of this shows consistently in their commitment and generosity. While networking with them for various needs and information we signify our support for them opening creative doors and strengthening relationships that increase growth opportunity for SGFMA.

The first quarter of 2007 is almost gone. Your Board of Directors, Committee Chairpersons, Committee Members, and many behind the scenes volunteers have been steady at work preparing for an exciting October Annual Meeting to be held at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center in Myrtle Beach SC October 28th--31st. Make your plans now to attend what we feel has the potential to be one of the best conferences yet. Exciting information, scheduling, and conference planning is well underway with commitment levels at an all-time high. Friends, these Board and Committee Members are working tirelessly for **YOU**

and only desire your support thru continued membership renewal and dedication to SGFMA. If you haven't already mailed your membership dues for 2007 please do so today. I encourage you to make plans now to attend our conference and annual meeting. Realize immediately the many benefits of your SGFMA Membership. Look for more news in the second quarter and watch for notification of upcoming training classes. We are currently in the process of updating and redesigning our website and hope to have it fully functional within the next several weeks. The website should prove to be an adequate source for most any information you would expect to find about SGFMA activities, training, contacts, annual meeting information, and news updates. It will be maintained accurately in a timely manner to assure your satisfaction when visiting our website. Your support and patience is appreciated while we complete this endeavor.

Thank you for your continued support and confidence in me as your President. Contact me or any board member to share your ideas with us or if we can be of assistance to you in any way.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Brown, President

Special Membership Drive. Thank You!

Thanks to Board Members and Vendors who assisted with our membership drive held on January 17, 2007. This was phase one of our membership expansion project. We got a lot of great feedback and enjoyed the interaction with potential membership. Thank you Marty Burr for assisting with our communication devices. We were able to cover a lots of territory.

Special points of interest:

- Special Membership Drive a Success
- Dues Notices Mailed
- Annual Meeting Information Available
- Specialized Training Coming Soon

Training Events



In February SGFMA offered 2 free training classes for its members and prospective members. We extend to Mr. David Crouch of Carolina Rim & Wheel our sincere thanks for coordination of technical training . Classes offered on February 13th and 14th were

- Wheel-end solutions for Heavy Duty Trucks and Equipment
- Emergency Lighting for Fleet Vehicles
- Air and Electrical Connections between Tractor and Trailer
- Starters and Alternators for Heavy Duty Trucks and Equipment
- Foundation Air Brakes for Heavy Duty Trucks and Equipment

Upcoming Training...

For members and prospective members

Tuesday May 29th and Wednesday May 30th 2007. Free Lunch will be provided.

Workshop #1: 9:00 AM to 11:30 PM

Title: Servicing Today's Brake Systems. Class covers current information concerning Brake Technology and Related Service Methods.

Instructor is Keith Glasgow.

Workshop #2: 12:00 Noon to 2:30 PM

Title: Information Affecting Current & Future HVAC Service Systems.

Class covers important topics related to HVAC Diagnosis & Repair.

Instructor is Keith Glasgow.

Dues Mailings

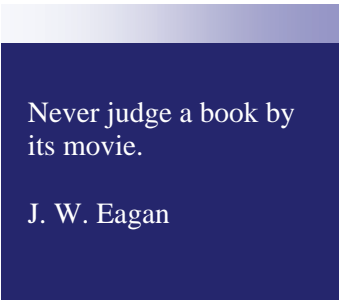
You are reminded to check your mail for dues notifications. Update any records that need to be updated . Please forward any changes to:

Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Association, P. O. Box 7824, Columbia, SC 29202.

Registrations must be received by Friday, May 25, 2007. A registration form has been inserted for your convenience.

The training classes will be held at South Carolina Department of Corrections Training Academy located at 4446 Broad River Road Columbia South Carolina.

For further information please contact Mitch



2007 Annual Meeting News



The Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Association 2007 Annual Meeting begins on Sunday at 3:00 PM on October 28th thru noon on Wednesday October 31st. Please check the Association's website for registration news and other important information.

We appreciate the support of all of our current members and look forward to new members joining us in 2007 and 2008. Please watch your mail for detailed information in the next several months.

State News

Save Money on Fuel

Can your agency pay a bill electronically within ten days of receipt? If so, you may be able to save nearly a penny per gallon on your fuel bill every month.

State Fleet Management has negotiated a new discount program to help offset rising fuel costs. Any current or new account holder under the State Fuel Program that successfully processes the monthly Mansfield Oil invoice within 10 days of receipt will receive a credit invoice for all fuel purchased to apply to the next invoice.

The discount is based on a percentage and will vary somewhat with the changing cost of fuel, but it currently comes out between \$0.0075 and \$0.01 per gallon.

In order to meet this net 10 day payment deadline agencies must be capable of receiving invoices via E-mail and making payments via electronic funds transfer (EFT). This program is already in place, ready to use, and should be simple for most State agencies. Contact Rob Malpass at State Fleet Management at 803-737-1611 or fuelcard@gs.sc.gov for more information or to sign up for this discount program.



New System on the Horizon

State Fleet Management is seeking input on a new Management Information System to replace its legacy system, the South Carolina Equipment Management Information System (SCEMIS). Deployed for the first time in 1993, SCEMIS initially served its purpose well, but it requires constant tinkering to cope with changes in policy and circumstance. Because of the limitations of the design, it does not provide some key program amenities that today's users need to fulfill their mission.

Pursuit of the project has already been approved by senior management, and it is now in full swing. Budget and Control Board Information Services (formerly part of the General Services Division) is working to publish a Request for Proposals very soon.

If you have any questions about the new MIS, contact Jonathan Eason at (803) 737-1239 or E-mail JEason@gs.sc.gov.

State Fleet has looked into several commercial off-the-shelf products and has also investigated some custom software vendors, as well as taking a thorough look at the DHEC system. We will be happy to receive additional input from State agencies about what they want in a new system, especially some things that SCEMIS cannot provide, such as a print preview, printing to file, and printing to a printer attached to the user's machine rather than connected to the mainframe.

Don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself.

William Faulkner

Board Vacancies...

The Nominating Committee Reports that we will have nine positions on the Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Board for 2008 that will need to be filled:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Region II ---- Bamberg, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper, and Orangeburg Counties in South Carolina.
6. Region IV---- Anderson, Cherokee, Chester, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, Union, and York Counties in South Carolina.
7. Region V---- Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Marlboro, and Williamsburg Counties in South Carolina.
8. Director-at- Large
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