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FLEET STREET NEWS

Special points of interest:

- Annual Meeting
October 2-5, 2011
- Awards Deadline
Extended
- Officers Nominations
- School Bus Safety



in a lot of hours and hard work and each one serves with enthusiasm.

I look forward to seeing each one of you in Myrtle Beach for our 19th Annual Meeting and Equipment Show on October 2-5. You don't want to miss this opportunity to gain knowledge that should help you become more proficient in your fleet management operation.

As my term of office comes to an end, I would like to encourage each one of you to continue to support the growth of SGFMA. Without your support,

we would not be a successful Association.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your support and encouragement, as I have had the opportunity to serve as your President. I look forward to serving our Association in other capacities in the coming years and encourage each one of you to help this Association grow and continue to be one of the best.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your president.

Sincerely,
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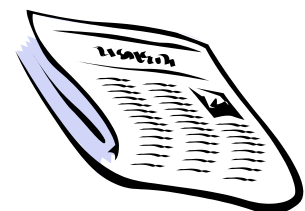
Sreetings SGFMA Members,

We continue to be amazed and elated at the amount of interest our association has generated each year. We believe that we have a lot to offer and people involved in fleet management want to take advantage of it.

Your Officers and Board of Directors have been meeting almost every month to guide this Association forward. They have put

We Have a Name.....

In the last newsletter, we asked our members to submit names for this newsletter. We received a lot of entries, which the Board of Directors voted on. The winning name is "FLEET STREET", which was submitted by Bill Hindman, who is with Amick Equipment Company.



SGFMA Annual Meeting & Equipment Show Oct. 2-5, 2011

We look forward to seeing each one of you at the 2011 Annual Meeting and Vendor/Affiliate Fair, which will be held at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on October 2 – 5, 2011.

This year we are partnering with **National Association of Fleet Administrators (NAFA)** for our Annual Meeting. NAFA will be joining us for our networking time, meals, in the Exhibit Hall and during a Ride & Drive Event. Although each Association will host separate educational sessions, they will be open to either membership to attend. Our Board anticipates a successful meeting – the best ever – and is confident the synergies and networking opportunities will prove beneficial to both Associations SGFMA & NAFA; our attending members; and also vendors/affiliates.

A tentative schedule of events/workshops can be viewed online at

<http://sgfma.org/AnnualMeeting/>

***The Sheraton has extended the room block for the discounted rate until **Friday, September 9, 2011**. You can register on-line at:

<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/SGFMA2011> or call: 843-918-5000, Use Code SEGOV1 or SGFMA.***



President Tribble presents
Delton Grissett, & the City of
North Myrtle Beach with the
Jan Smoak Memorial Award at
the 2010 Annual Meeting .

Get The Recognition Your Fleet Department Deserves

The best way to help raise the level of our profession is by sharing our success stories. Tell us about a new improvement or innovative practice that your fleet is using. I encourage you to nominate your organization for an award to be presented at the Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Annual Meeting.

Available awards are the Jan Smoak Memorial Award for Quality Fleet Management and the President's Award for Individual Innovative Practices in Fleet Repair and/or Maintenance. Both award applications may be downloaded online at www.sgfma.org. The deadline for submissions is September 15, 2011. Award applications can be emailed to JMcCormack@gs.sc.gov.

Election of Officers

The election of officers will be held during the Business Luncheon at our Annual Meeting next month. The Nominating Committee, under the leadership of Johnny Reed, has submitted the following slate of nominations:

President - Rick Smith (Charlotte Police Dept., NC)
 Vice President - Doug Ingle (City of Hickory, NC)
 Secretary - Judy Lucas (SC State Forestry)
 Treasure - Karen Hyatt (Sumter County, SC)
 Region 2 Director - Jerry Glass (City of North Charleston, SC)
 Region 4 Director - Charles Garren (City of West Columbia, SC)
 Director at Large 1 - Don Foote (Horry County, SC)
 Director at Large 2 - Ron Nickles (City of Thomson, GA)
 Director at Large 5 - Ray Walden, (SC DHEC)

Other vacancies on the Board include the following:

Region 5 Director
 Region 7 Director
 Director at Large

If you or anyone you know is interested in running for office, contact Johnny Reed at reedjm@dhec.sc.gov or 803.898.3495 and he will make sure that your name is on the ballot. Please remember that the positions of elected officials are expected to have and give the devoted time it takes to ensure that the Association operates smoothly and stays on the right track to grow. Be there and make sure that your vote is counted.

*“How can I be
 useful, of what
 service can I be?
 There is something
 inside me, what
 can it be?”*
 Vincent Van
 Gogh

Constitution & By-Laws Changes

The Board of Directors have been working diligently this year in reviewing and updating the SGFMA Constitution and By-Laws. You should receive a copy of the proposed changes by email next week. These changes will be voted on during the Business Meeting next month. A hard copy of the proposed changes will be in your conference package for your review before the Business Luncheon. A special thank-you to Jerry Glass for his meticulous work on updating the Constitution and By-Laws.

Stay Connected to Other Fleet Professionals with FLEETANSWERS.COM

SGFMA would like to introduce another resource tool in Fleet Management. Fleet Answers is an online networking tool that allows individual fleet professionals and fleet associations to connect, share, and learn from one another in a secure environment. The website address is www.fleetanswers.com

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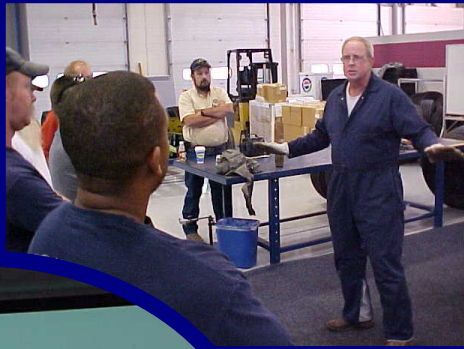
Some of the features are "Community" where you can search contacts, invite a friend, create or join in a forum on issues such as vehicles and equipment, maintenance, fuel, lifecycles, compliance & regulatory, grant funding & writing, tele-metric, etc. On the "Benchmarking" tab you can view reports on industry research, equipment, and staffing. On the "Education" link you can view survey reports, case studies, and find useful links. You can view examples of Policies & Procedures, Emissions Calculator, and click on in needing an answer under the "Tool" tab.

If you choose to participate, you will first need to go to the website and request to join; you must submit who you are and what fleet you manage; they will check that before they add anybody to the system. It is password protected, so once you have been granted access, you will be given a password. You will then have the ability to log in. In your Profile, be sure to select SGFMA which is listed as one of the fleet associations.

Tell Us What You Think!



If you have any ideas, suggestions, or other feedback for our newsletter, email us at khyatt@sumtercountysc.org



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System and Torque Training



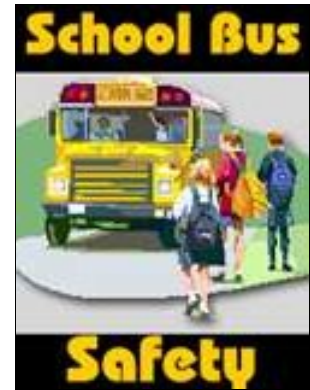
SGFMA Training Class “Tire Program Management”

Sponsored by: Michelin
Greenville, SC
August 18, 2011



Thank you to Jimmy Brown for coordinating this training class. If you have any ideas for a training class or workshop, contact Jimmy at (cell 864-377-2284) or email jbrown@greenvoodsc.gov.

Safety First.....School Bus Safety



It is back to school time and it isn't just the bus driver's responsibility to transport our children to and from school safely. Many of our association members work daily on school buses to keep them operating safely. However, all of us encounter school buses at times on the road. We, as motorists, are also responsible for making sure our children arrive safely to school and safely home while riding a school bus. Below are some reminders from South Carolina Department of Public Safety concerning school bus "Safety Rules for Motorists."

Motorists also need to observe traffic safety rules around school buses. First and foremost, they must know and understand the school bus laws in their state. In particular, they must be aware that it is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that has stopped to load or unload students.

Motorists must learn the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists that they are going to stop to load or unload students:

- Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop arm indicate that the bus has stopped and that children are getting on or off.
- Motorist on any highway that has only two-travel lanes, one in each direction, must stop for the bus whether approaching from the front or overtaking from the rear and remain stopped until the lights are no longer activated or the bus resumes motion.
- Motorist traveling on multi-lane roadways, which have at least two lanes of travel in each direction, must stop for the bus if overtaking the bus from the rear and remain stopped until the lights are no longer activated or the bus resumes motion, however motorist approaching a bus from the front, on this type multi-lane roadway need not stop but proceed with caution.
- Because of their size, it is difficult for children to see motorists or for motorists to see them. Because their peripheral vision is about one-third narrower than an adult's, children can't see a motorist approaching from the right or left as soon as an adult can.
- Children also have difficulty judging a car's speed and distance, and they often think that if they can see the driver, the driver can see them.
- Drivers should observe speed limits at all times, but especially around children. When driving in school zones, near playgrounds, or in neighborhoods where children might be playing, motorists should always expect a child to dart out into the roadway.
- When turning left at a green light or making a right turn on red, drivers need to look for pedestrians as well as cars. Pedestrians always have the right of way in these situations.

Information for this article was obtained from http://www.scdps.org/szs/school_bus_safety.htm and <http://www.scdps.org/szs/documents/School%20Zone%20Safety%20Information%20Sheet.pdf>

Southeast Governmental Fleet Managers Association 2011 Officers

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SCFMA GOALS:

- To foster and promote the advancement of the fleet profession through membership, association, and assistance to fellow fleet managers.
- To provide an open forum for the exchange of ideas, experience, and information related to the fleet management profession.
- To develop and promote improved standards and methods for the good management of fleet operations and assets.
- To seek the improvement of laws and regulations pertaining to fleet administration.
- Provide the exchange of information on procurement, maintenance, operation, and disposition of fleet equipment.
- Promote the professional, social, and personal interaction between members of the fleet management profession.
- To promote improved intergovernmental profession.