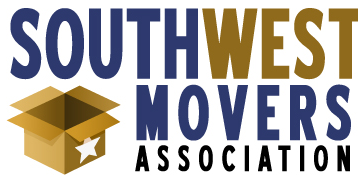


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MOVEFAX

May 7, 2010

Dear SMA Member:

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SMA Foundation Scholarship Applications - Time is running out to submit your applications! They must be received by SMA no later than the 14th of May; that is Friday of next week. The physical delivery address for SMA for those sending applications by overnight delivery: 700 E. 11th St., Austin, TX 78701

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Thanks,

Dorothy Brooks
Director of Operations

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The SMA Foundation application for scholarships is posted on the SMA website. The SMA Trustees voted at their September meeting to accept mid-term transcripts with applications. Members who have students (family, employees and employee families) who will be headed for colleges, universities and tech schools at the end of the current school year are asked to encourage their students to file an application for SMA Scholarships. Prior recipients of a grant from the Foundation who are still in school are urged to file a new application to be considered again. Associate members who have students (family, employees and employee families) are eligible to apply.

Download an application at www.mytexasmover.com.

SMA Foundation Fundraiser - Silent Auction

For the past few years, the SMA Foundation has sponsored a raffle of several items to raise and maintain funds to offer foundation scholarships to members, their families, employees and employee families. The trustees voted at their September meeting to sponsor a silent auction at the 2010 September meeting and have asked that we announce to SMA members the opportunity to support the Foundation by making cash donations for the purchase of items to go into the silent auction. Donation of items, in lieu of cash, will be considered as well, however, to prevent overlapping or duplication of items, please email

dorothy@tmata.com first to make sure the same item is not already available. Checks should be made payable to SMA Foundation, with a note on the subject line: "Silent Auction". The SMA Foundation is a 501(c) (3) non-profit so all monies donated are tax deductible.

UPS Rolls Out New HEV Fleet in Texas

Gov. Rick Perry yesterday reiterated the importance of providing incentives, rather than onerous mandates, to encourage innovation in business and technology. The governor spoke at the rollout of UPS' expanded fleet of hybrid electric vehicles (HEV), the first to be introduced in Texas through Senate Bill 1759 of the 81st Legislative Session, which provides grants from the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Fund for large fleet owners to convert old diesel vehicles to alternative fuel vehicles.

SMA Executive Director John Esparza also commented on the outstanding environmental achievements. "Today, we have made tremendous technological advancements in Texas," Esparza stated. "Our hard work during the past legislative session comes to fruition as the trucking industry focuses on positive solutions to air quality improvement."

SMA Congratulates New Pinnacle Mover

Condor Moving Systems in Arlington, TX has just completed all requirements to become SMA's newest Pinnacle Mover. Condor is the third mover member this year to achieve the rank of Pinnacle Mover. Albert Moving in Wichita Falls, TX and All My Sons in Houston, TX were recognized at the spring meeting in Sugar Land last month. SMA now has 28 mover members who have achieved and maintained their Pinnacle status since the program was instituted in 2000. Congratulations to Nisrine Gal at Condor and welcome to the Pinnacle circle.

CSA 2010 Seminars In Amarillo and Odessa Next Week

Key information and recommendations relating to CSA 2010, sponsored by PrePass will be presented at six locations across Texas. The Amarillo and Odessa seminars are fast approaching.

These seminars will cover the following information:

- The Seven Basics
- Managing Your Score
- Driver Compliance
- CSA 2010 vs. SafeStat
- CSA 2010 Strategies

Seminars run from 8:00 am to Noon

The cost to attend is:

\$55 -- TMTA/SMA Members

\$75 -- Non-members

The seminar locations are:

AMARILLO May 11

Amarillo College

1310 F Avenue, Building S

Amarillo, Texas 79111

806.335.4209

ODESSA May 12
MCM Elegante Hotel
5200 East University
Odessa, Texas 79762
432.368.5885

To register, visit: www.tmta.com

Brighter Outlook on the Economy

According to Transport Topics, the trucking industry is beginning to rebound:

- Trailer orders in March soared 165% over the comparable month in 2009.
- U.S. truck tonnage jumped 7.5% in March from year-ago levels, the fastest monthly increase in more than 5 years according to American Trucking Association.
- Surface transportation trade among the U.S., Canada and Mexico jumped 24.1% in February from a year ago.

We are looking for these rosier numbers and stats to fall over into the housing and moving industry.

SMA Event Calendar for 2010

May - National Moving Month

June 8-10 - National Council of Moving Associations, St. Louis, MO

July 11-13 - Summer Membership Meeting - Embassy Suites, Hot Springs, AR

September 22-24 - Annual Meeting & Trade Show, Lost Pines Resort, Lost Pines, TX

The following are TMTA meetings and seminars to which SMA Members are invited:

Any SMA member wishing to attend one of these may call SMA for the address/location.

May 13 - Corpus Christi South Texas Local Chapter Meeting

May 18 - Laredo CSA 2010 Seminar

May 19 - Houston Local Chapter Meeting

May 19 - San Antonio CSA 2010 Seminar

May 25 - El Paso CSA 2010 Seminar

May 26 - Safety Audit/CSA 2010 Overview

May 26 - Amarillo Local Chapter Meeting

May 27 - Tyler CSA 2010 Seminar

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