

SOUTHWEST



MOVERS ASSOCIATION

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March 7, 2008

SMA SUMMER BOARD MEETING – JULY 13-15, MONTBLEU RESORT, LAKE TAHOE, NV

The code to receive the group rate of \$119 Sunday through Tuesday for the SMA summer board meeting being held at the Montbleu Resort, Lake Tahoe, NV is STSMA 8. If you are planning to come in early, i.e. before Sunday the 13th, your rate will be \$229. Attendees can reserve their rooms online at the link below using the group code. Click on book a room at the top right corner of the website. You may also make your choice of a smoking or non-smoking room. <http://www.montbleuresort.com/>

An SMA registration form will be online on the SMA web site by the end of next week. That registration form will include the above hotel reservation/code information along with the tentative agenda, and registration information needed for members, spouses, children and other guests.

Mover and Loader Certification Classes at SMA, March 19-20; April 16-17

Schedule for the Mover and Loader Certification Classes presented by Tom Herrick of Professional Mover Training and Development in the SMA building, Austin:

- March 19-20, **deadline** for registration is Thursday of next week, **March 13**.
- April 16-17, **deadline** for registration is April 10.

Registrations are being accepted now for all classes. Cancellations will be honored upon notice of one day and will be re-scheduled for the next class that has openings available.

Day one only – New hire; new mover training - \$150.

Day two only: Loader Training - \$195.

Both Day 1 & Day 2 (consecutive days only) - \$295.

A registration form is posted on the new SMA Web site www.mytexasmover.com, or call SMA 800/759-2305 for an email or faxed form. Also, see Tom Herrick's (Move U Trainer & Speaker) Web site: tom@professionalmovertraining.com

Military Table of Weights & Depreciation

SMA staff has obtained copies of the military chart or table of weights considered standard for individual pieces of household goods. The book not only contains the weights considered standard by the military and otherwise accepted in the industry, it also contains the depreciation schedule. It contains 23 pages. Price is \$20, plus postage and Texas sales tax and SMA has copies in house. Members may email info@southwestmovers.org, fax 512/476-0940, or call 800/759-2305 for staff to ship one and invoice them.

San Antonio Margins Tax Seminar

Is next week, March 13, at the Airport LaQuinta, 840 Halm Blvd., 78232, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Bring or send your CPA. Register on line: www.tmta.com.

New Issue of The Bulletin Mailed 3/7/08

The Bulletin, first issue of 2008, goes in the mail today. Those that attended the meetings in Austin on February 21-22 received a proof copy. The new Bulletin has The Foundation scholarship winners article, a report on Carl Browning's Heritage award; an article about the new simulated move environment training classes with pictures, along with a message from new Board Chairman Ed Marx and Executive Director John Esparza and pictures from the annual conference in San Antonio.

CVSA Enforcement Initiative Includes Texas

Speeding and aggressive driving behaviors are being targeted in 14 states with law enforcement out in force issuing citations. Law enforcement officers from Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's Southern region joined together to establish a more visible presence on their respective interstate highways. States participating are: AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA AND WV. The campaign will emphasize general safe driving practices, safety belt usage, regulatory compliance for drivers and vehicles and the importance of the presence of law enforcement.

TERP Grant Application Deadline April 11

Owners of older heavy-duty vehicles and equipment can get one-on-one help with grant and rebate applications under the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP). More than \$100 million in TERP funds are available. The TERP Community Help Desks will be open on scheduled days in Arlington, Dallas, Denton and Ft. Worth. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 800/919-8377. The EPA is working with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to help north Texans get money to upgrade or replace their older trucks and equipment as a way to improve area air quality. Visit: www.epa.gov/region6/6xa/terp-jump.htm

Federal Funds Available to Improve Safety on Rural Roads

For more information visit: www.dot.gov/affairs/ruralsafety/ruralsafetyinitiativeplan.htm

Mark Your Calendars

March 19-20 – SMA Mover/Loader classes, Austin
April 16-17 – SMA Mover/Loader classes, Austin
April 1-5 – AMSA annual meeting, Orlando, FL
June 23 – Deadline for SMA Foundation Scholarships (applications on line at www.southwestmovers.org)
July 13-15 – SMA summer meeting, Lake Tahoe, NV
Sept. 22-24 – SMA annual conference, Lake Charles, LA

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