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## **Rick Perry to Seek Reelection as Governor**

Gov. Rick Perry today told The Dallas Morning News that he would seek re-election as governor in 2010. Texas has no term limits for governor. When asked whether the gubernatorial field would include Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and himself, Perry responded, "I don't know about them, but it will be Perry in 2010."

## **Survey on Owner/Operators – Deadline May 30**

Truckload Carriers Association (TCA) has commissioned a study to collect data on owner operators. The trucking industry is threatened with owner-operators (independent contractors) being re-classified as employees and we are asking trucking companies with owner operators to participate in this survey. One of the consistent problems which arises in an employment classification case is that the judges, hearing officers and some legislators feel and have the perception that independent contractors are forced to be such by employers who see this as a way to avoid employment taxes, fringe benefits costs, etc. They have failed to realize the value of the true entrepreneur in trucking as a sensible, preferred business reason and their true desire. To participate, call James Hardman at: 651/483-5560; email him at [jhardman5560@comcast.net](mailto:jhardman5560@comcast.net). Or call TMTA at 800/727-7135. You do not need to be a member of TCA to participate. Additional information can also be found at [www.tmta.com](http://www.tmta.com). The deadline to commit to participating is May 30.

## **Mark Your Calendars – 2008**

June 23 – Deadline for SMA Foundation Scholarships (applications on line at [www.southwestmovers.org](http://www.southwestmovers.org))  
July 13-15 – SMA summer meeting, Lake Tahoe, NV  
Sept. 22-24 – SMA annual conference, Lake Charles, LA  
Oct 22 – Austin Board of Realtors Trade Show

## **Mark Your Calendars - 2009**

February 16-17 – Moving & Trucking Day at the Capitol

## **Military Table of Weights & Depreciation**

SMA has copies of the military chart or table of weights considered standard for individual pieces of household goods. The book also contains the depreciation schedule. Price is \$20, plus postage, and tax of 8.25%. Members may email [info@southwestmovers.org](mailto:info@southwestmovers.org), fax 512/476-0940, or call 800/759-2305 to order.

## **SMA SUMMER 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. Click on book a room at the top right corner of the website [www.montbleuresort.com/](http://www.montbleuresort.com/). You may also make your choice of a smoking or non-smoking room. The SMA registration form includes the hotel reservation/code information along with the tentative agenda, and registration information needed for members, spouses, children and other guests.

## **ATA, Army Reserve Launch Partnership**

ATA signed a recruiting partnership agreement with the U.S. Army Reserve that will provide experienced truck drivers for the military and provide careers to truck drivers leaving the military. The agreement commits ATA and the Army Reserve to creating a detailed pact to carry out the recruiting partnership. The alliance is the first of its kind in the nation between the Army Reserve and the motor transport industry which aims to give employers incentives for employing Army Reserve Soldiers.

## **SMA Foundation Scholarship Applications**

Applications for the 2008 SMA Foundation Scholarships are available at [www.mytexasmover.com](http://www.mytexasmover.com). The deadline for applying is Monday, June 23. Scholarship winners will be announced at the summer board meeting July 13-15. Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of their academic achievement, community involvement and financial need. Applications are not permitted by fax or email.

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