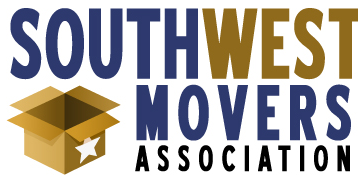


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MOVEFAX

March 12, 2010

Dear SMA Member:

I want to begin by thanking everyone for the outpouring of support and kindness in the form of cards, calls, flowers and well wishes. I appreciate it immensely. Please know that it has made my recovery a much more enjoyable process. I will be returning to the office sometime next week and will be available on email only at that point. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to email or to call the office and speak to one of the other SMA staff members.

A reminder that the SMA 2010 Calendar of Events is listed on the MOVEFax for your convenience. The calendar is updated as meeting dates and places are finalized. Don't forget to complete your Long Range Planning Survey by today and send that in to us.

Thanks again,

Dorothy Brooks  
Director of Operations

### **SMA Event Calendar for 2010**

SMA/GHMA Combined Meeting & Golf Tournament - April 14-16 - Marriott Town Square Hotel, Sugar Land, TX

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

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

Annual Membership Conference - Sept. 22-24 - Lost Pines Resort and Spa in Bastrop, TX

### **Send in Your Survey Response Today**

Don't forget to respond to the SMA Long Range Planning surveys by today, March 12 This will dictate agenda items for the April meeting as well as meetings throughout the year.

Your input is important - please let us know what you think! We've received 28 responses with great comments and suggestions; we're anxiously looking for yours to arrive!

### **UCRA Board Prohibits States from Early Collection of Fees**

Last week, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) issued "regulatory

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guidance" that said states participating in the Unified Carrier Registration Agreement (UCRA) could collect fees for 2010 at the rates in effect for 2009, if the states did not include trailing equipment in the fee calculation. Then, according to FMCSA, states could go back and reassess carriers for any difference once the federal rulemaking to set the 2010 fees is completed later this year.

On March 11, the UCRA Board of Directors held its first meeting since FMCSA's notice, and voted 10 to 1 to prohibit states from collecting any UCRA fees for 2010 until FMCSA publishes a final rule resetting fees for the program, or until further notice from the Board. The federal rulemaking to set the 2010 fees is now at the federal Office of Management and Budget for final review, and its issuance is anticipated this Summer.

### **Join Us on April 22 for Metroplex Chapter Meeting**

SMA members are invited to attend the TMTA Metroplex Chapter Meeting on April 22 to hear from honored guests representing the Dallas and Fort Worth areas. The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. at a location to be determined.

Special Guests:

Chairman John Carona, Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee (Dallas)

Senator Wendy Davis, Senate Transportation Committee member (Fort Worth)

Additional information and location will be forthcoming. Please join us!

### **FMCSA Listening Session - March 26**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) will hold a fifth public listening session to receive public comment on its revisions to the Hours of Service (HOS) rules. The session will take place on Friday, March 26, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., at the Mid-America Trucking Show in Louisville, Kentucky. South Wing, Room B 101. FMCSA has asked questions about rest and on-duty time, the restart provisions of the rules, sleeper berth use, and effects of including loading/unloading time into the clock. The specific questions are listed in the Federal Register notice.

### **How to Prepare for a Safety Audit/CSA 2010 Overview**

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March 24, 2010

TMTA Weller Training Institute

Austin, Texas

The TMTA Training Institute in cooperation with Leon Feazell, the former state director of Texas U.S. Department of Transportation, will be conducting a seminar concerning the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and CSA 2010. We invite all SMA members to take advantage of this special educational opportunity.

This course will take place at the TMTA Weller Training Institute located at 700 E. 11th Street in Austin, Texas (TMTA Offices) 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on March 24.

The cost is \$150 for TMTA members and \$190 for non-members.

Attendees will receive information on FMCSA current and future audit procedures:

- \* What items trigger a safety audit
- \* What questions will be asked
- \* What records will be checked
- \* How records are selected
- \* Differences in acute and critical violations
- \* How penalties are determined
- \* How your carrier rating is determined
- \* How to prepare for CSA 2010

For more information, contact Lance Shillingburg at 800-727-7135, lance@tmta.com  
Registration help, contact Tammy at 800-727-7135, tammy@tmta.com

To register, visit: [www.tmta.com](http://www.tmta.com)

## **Top 5 Cities Where The Recession Is Easing**

### **1. (tie) Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Md.-W.Va.**

Unemployment Rank: 1  
Home Price Rank: 26  
Metropolitan Gross Domestic Product Rank: 3  
Three-Year Job Growth Forecast Rank: 17  
Job Growth, 2007-2009 Rank: 3

### **1. (tie) Austin-Round Rock, Texas**

Unemployment Rank: 3  
Home Price Rank: 13  
Metropolitan Gross Domestic Product Rank: 31  
Three-Year Job Growth Forecast Rank: 2  
Job Growth, 2007-2009 Rank: 1

### **3. Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Texas**

Unemployment Rank: 9  
Home Price Rank: 25  
Metropolitan Gross Domestic Product Rank: 11  
Three-Year Job Growth Forecast Rank: 3  
Job Growth, 2007-2009 Rank: 5

### **4. (tie) Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, Minn.-Wis.**

Unemployment Rank: 5  
Home Price Rank: 12  
Metropolitan Gross Domestic Product Rank: 14  
Three-Year Job Growth Forecast Rank: 13  
Job Growth, 2007-2009 Rank: 18

### **4. (tie) Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, Texas**

Unemployment Rank: 12  
Home Price Rank: 32  
Metropolitan Gross Domestic Product Rank: 8  
Three-Year Job Growth Forecast Rank: 4  
Job Growth, 2007-2009 Rank: 6

## **Winter/Spring Member Meetings - April 14-16**

Don't forget to register for the Winter/Spring Member Meetings in Sugar Land, Texas. The GHMA Golf Tournament will kick off the gathering on April 14. Meetings will follow on April 15 and 16. The meetings are open to all SMA members. Please register today at: [www.southwestmovers.org](http://www.southwestmovers.org)

### **Order Today: Revised Texas Safety Regulations Available**

Revised Texas Motor Carrier Safety Regulations are now available. Revisions are 39.95. If you would like a complete, bound set, the cost is 59.95. To place your order, contact TMTA at 512.478.2541 or [jason@tmta.com](mailto:jason@tmta.com).

### **SMA Foundation Scholarship Applications**

The SMA Foundation application for scholarships is posted on the SMA website. Members who have students (family, employees and employee families) who will be headed for colleges and universities at the end of the current school year asked to encourage their students to file their application for SMA Scholarships. Download an application at [www.southwestmovers.org](http://www.southwestmovers.org).

The new deadline reply date for submitting scholarship applications is May 14, 2010, so schools should be asked now for a sealed copy of the mid-term transcript to send with your application.

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