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Checkout Meeting Details!

Maintain!

Next Meeting - November 8, 2006 at the Cat N' Fiddle Restaurant

Don't Miss the "Clutch Clinic" - Next Meeting!



Dick Ridgeway, District Sales Manager of Dana Corporation will travel from Lancaster, PA to be with us again at the November MAGS meeting.

Dick will conduct a "clutch clinic" for the members. Members and guests are encouraged to attend and bring those tough clutch questions for Dick.

If you attended the May meeting, you know Dick conducted a driveline clinic (no sales pitch), so you know the caliber of his presentations. You also know that you needed a hand-truck to lug away all of the FREE technical manuals Dick gave away at the end of his presentation. We like free stuff!

Please call our Treasurer Wayne Peasley with your reservations for the meal at 1-877-525-3581 (anytime). The social starts at 6:00 PM. Tickets for the 50/50 drawing will be sold throughout. The proceeds from the 50/50 drawing go towards the MAGS scholarships. The meal starts at 7:00 PM and costs \$15 (cash or check). Purchase of a meal is not required to attend the meeting and presentation.



MAGS President Bruce Gilbert of Gilbert Driveline presents Dick Rudegeway of Dana Corporation with a MAGS "Certificate of Appreciation" following Dick's excellent presentation on driveline installation and troubleshooting at the May meeting.

The Maintenance Association of the Granite State (MAGS) is an organization dedicated to the education of vehicle maintenance personnel, whether they are technicians, parts professionals or managers. We meet regularly for education and networking with others in our chosen field. Meetings are usually held in Concord but, are also held at vendors and members facilities. We invite you to join us by attending a meeting to see if we can help you improve your skills or make your job easier and more enjoyable. Call 1-877-525-3581 for a MAGS application.



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A Little History About Dana Corporation



In 1904, an engineering student named Clarence Spicer left Cornell University to launch a new business in the vacant corner of a New Jersey factory.

While still a student, Spicer had earned a patent for his groundbreaking design of the first practical universal joint to power an automobile. Spicer's innovation would quite literally unchain the automobile, which had previously relied on chain-and-sprocket drives to transmit power. But at its outset, his new venture was a decidedly bold step.

A talented engineer and inventor, Spicer had neither business nor manufacturing experience. And although the automobile was destined to become a global institution, its future was still far from certain at the turn of the 20th century.

It was from these uncertain beginnings that the Dana Corporation emerged as one of the world's most influential automotive suppliers. Founded on Spicer's designs, and fueled by the business acumen of attorney, politician, and financier Charles Dana, the company proceeded to expand its product array, technological expertise, and geographic scope throughout the century. Along the way, Dana Corporation also fostered a progressive, people-oriented culture that has added a unique dimension to the products and services the company provides.

Building on these strengths, Dana products have helped to drive history's greatest vehicles – from the Model T and the World War II-era Jeep®, to London taxicabs, 18-wheel rigs, giant earth-moving machines, and every car on the NASCAR® racing circuit.

As Dana embarks on its second century, it continues to build on this proud heritage. Dana people continue their passionate pursuit of innovation. And the company continues to deliver on its commitment to advancing the science of mobility for the benefit of its global customers.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!



January MAGS Meeting - January 10, 2007 - Paul Hurley from Cummins Engine Co., Inc. will give a presentation on emissions for Cummins engines.



February MAGS Meeting - February 14, 2007 - Ron Rakich from Milton Cat will give a presentation on emissions for Caterpillar engines.



Maintenance Association of the Granite State
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Application for Membership

Fill-in your information below, check the type of membership and mail with your check to MAGS.

NAME:

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ADDRESS:

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	2006 Corporate Membership Dues	\$50.00
	2006 Individual Membership Dues	\$20.00

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News you can use...

Maine: Biodiesel Fuel Reporting

Effective August 23, 2006, Maine is requiring licensees purchasing more biodiesel in Maine than they could have used in Maine to file a quarterly supplemental tax return and pay any additional tax that may be owed.

The supplemental tax return is due to the lower tax of \$0.20 per gallon on biodiesel fuel. The tax on regular diesel is currently \$0.279 per gallon. On the IFTA return, Maine continues to give the full diesel tax credit on all diesel type fuels, including biodiesel. Therefore, when a licensee purchases biodiesel fuel and uses it out of state, the licensee receives a tax credit on the IFTA return for fuel taxes he/she did not pay.

ULSD truck fuel now required in Canada

As of October 15, 2006, Canada's transport trucks will be cleaner and greener as they begin running on ultra low sulfur diesel (ULSD) fuel. The cleaner-burning fuel – which by law will be the only truck diesel available in Canada – contains 97% less sulfur and will drastically reduce the emissions of particulate matter, which is linked to respiratory illness. The new grade of truck diesel fuel will contain no more than 15 ppm sulfur, down from 500 ppm. Introduction of the new diesel fuel is also the first step in the introduction of new smog-free truck engines which will start operating on the roads in 2007. "With the combination of ultra-clean truck diesel fuel and cleaner truck engines, there will be a drastic reduction in truck emissions that cause smog," says David Bradley, CEO of the Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA).

"As the only freight mode whose fuel and engine emissions are currently regulated, trucking is at the head of the pack compared to other modes of transportation and other industries in Canada. The trucking industry's commitment to the environment does not stop with the new fuel and engine emission regulations," adds Bradley.

CTA has developed a 14-point plan to further reduce smog emissions and greenhouse gases, which it hopes will be reflected in the federal government's new Clean Air Act that is expected to be introduced in Parliament yet this month. Among the measures being promoted by the trucking alliance is the mandatory activation of speed limiters on all trucks, the removal of regulatory obstacles to the introduction of wide-base tires, anti-idling devices and aerodynamic fairings.

The environmental improvements will not come without costs though. According to petroleum producers, the cost to manufacture the ultra low sulphur diesel fuel is at least 3 cents per litre more than conventional on-road diesel. And, the new fuel has a 1 to 2% lower energy content. Similarly, the new 2007 engine will add at least \$8,000 to the purchase price of new trucks and bump up the price of maintenance. As a result, CTA says the government should also consider implementing selective, time-limited incentives to accelerate the penetration of these green technologies into the truck market.

FMCSA issues rail grade crossing safety guidance

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) hopes to reduce the number of truck collisions at railroad crossings by distributing new safety tip cards to every truck

driver. The cards are designed to help reduce the more than 700 truck and bus highway-rail grade crossing collisions that occur each year. "This new card will remind professional drivers of steps they can take to avoid needless tragedies," said FMCSA Administrator John Hill.

Nearly 250,000 of the cards, which were produced in collaboration with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), will be initially distributed – including 150,000 cards that will be sent to the Owner Operators Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA), Hill noted. The cards will also be distributed to specialized carriers and industry associations, the Administrator added. "The more commercial vehicle drivers abide by these safety steps, the fewer crashes will occur and more lives will be saved," said FRA Administrator Joseph H. Boardman.

The two-sided laminated card reminds truck drivers of specific actions required to safely cross railroad tracks, such as making certain there is enough space on the other side of the tracks before proceeding and what to do if their vehicle stalls or hangs upon the tracks. The card also includes emergency contact numbers for the major railroads.

The visor card can be downloaded free-of-charge from the FMCSA website at www.fmcsa.dot.gov/documents/outreach/visor-final-9-1.pdf. Requests for free print-ready Adobe Illustrator files should be sent to rsafety.fmcsa@dot.gov.

TX company convicted for circumventing FMCSR

On October 3, 2006, a Texas company and its owner-operator were convicted in US District Court in McAllen TX, following a seven-day trial on charges of violating Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regulations, for failure to properly inspect and maintain buses. The owner was acquitted of a conspiracy charge. Sentencing in the case is scheduled for December 14 2006, in McAllen TX.

The owner and the company were investigated as a result of the September 23, 2005, fatal bus fire/explosion involving a company bus. The fire killed 23 elderly passengers being evacuated from a nursing home from the Houston TX, area in the path of approaching Hurricane Rita. Although no charges were filed in connection with the fire, the investigation revealed that the owner and company knowingly conspired with individuals to willfully falsify entries in daily driver logs prepared by company drivers.

The owner and company also violated FMCSA regulations by: 1) not properly inspecting and maintaining company buses; 2) operating buses in condition that would likely cause an accident or breakdown, including operating vehicles without adequate preventive maintenance, and 3) failing to have drivers complete driver vehicle inspection reports at the end of the work day. FMCSA conducted an inspection of the company's operations, following the bus fire, and ordered it out of service. The company has ceased operations since that time. This Department of Transportation (DOT) Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigation was conducted jointly with FMCSA.

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