



# Mid-Atlantic

Equipment Management Association, Inc.

## NEWSLETTER

January, 2008

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Hello everyone,

Hope your Holiday was a happy and healthy one. Our team has been busy over the last month wrapping up loose ends and preparing an informative and educational schedule for 2008. This month's meeting will be held at our head quarters (Timbuktu Restaurant) on January 8, 2008 @6:00 P.M. The presenters for this month is a group effort, Jim Burke – United Oil Company- Discussing the advantages of “ High Efficiency Hydraulic Oils” Brian Jacoby – BP Lubricants – Discussing the effects of using Bio Diesel Fuel in Today’s Engines, and Rick Calendar – Carroll Independent Fuel – Discussing “ Storage Contamination Problems with Ultra Low Sulfur Fuels” and fuel grade updates. These topics are certainly important in our ever changing industry and will continue to be a big part of our business.

Hope to see all of you at the meeting.  
Stay safe.

Regards  
Ed Gestido

Attention Alliance Members!!!! Please don't forget to forward us your business card in PDF format. To date, we are still waiting. This is your web page and your opportunity to get your name out there. Take advantage of it!

### **MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT:**

Please refer to the minutes listed below.

We are STILL looking for pictures to use in our web site, so end users, please send us your photos of equipment on the job. We'd like to switch them out so as to give us all an opportunity to display various pieces in action. Also, if you wish to continue receiving the AEMP newsletter and other important chapter information, please e-mail Bill Cyford ([bcyford@mcleancont.com](mailto:bcyford@mcleancont.com)) or call him at 410-355-2222 and advise him of your current e-mail address so the mailing list can be updated. Likewise, if you wish to be removed from the list, kindly let us know.

### **November 2007 MINUTES**

On November 13, 2007, the Mid Atlantic Equipment Management Association met at our meeting headquarters at Timbuktu Restaurant in Hanover, MD. 29 members were in attendance. President Gestido called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported a balance of \$4999.65, which did not include income or expenses related to November's meeting.

The results of the election were reported as follows:

PRESIDENT: Ed Gestido

VICE PRESIDENT: Bill Cyford

TREASURER: Rob Ermer

SECRETARY: Jeff Slebzak

Board of Directors: Buddy Nicolet, Keith Higdon, Dave Thomas, Chuck Warner, Frank Bull

Old Business: There was a server problem that caused the website to be unavailable for several days, the website is now up and running.

New Business: The AEMP spring conference in Las Vegas is scheduled for 3/9 through 3/11.

The conference is being held in conjunction with CONEXPO-CON/AGG which is being held 3/11 through 3/15. All educational activities will be held at the Riviera Hotel. Information & Registration is available on the AEMP website at [aemp.org](http://aemp.org). You are encouraged to register early as the hotel has a limited number of rooms reserved for the conference.

The 2008 dues letters have been sent out. Annual dues will be \$400 for alliance supporters, \$100 for chapter supporters and \$50 for each "add-on" member for a member organization. Dues were due 1/1/08.

Timbuktu will be raising the rates for the monthly dinner meeting. The organization will be forced to pass these costs along to the membership.

Dan Sullivan has completed some electrical training that includes hands-on use of multi-meters and schematic reading. Technicians from P. Flannigan, Gray and Son and McLean Contracting took part in this valuable training. Please contact Bill Cyford if you are interested in another class and he will try to arrange it.

The group welcomed a new member, Joe McNees, H&E Equipment.

Jon Sriver, Ultra safe, will make a presentation on confined space safety at an upcoming meeting.

Larry Bayliss made the group aware of the following concerns:

Companies should be aware of the Unified Carrier Registration Agreement. Recently, the MD SHA sent out letters to MD companies with DOT numbers advising that while MD is NOT participating in the UCRA, companies traveling in other member jurisdictions are required to register and pay a registration fee. Currently Virginia and West Virginia are member States. Pennsylvania reports that it will participate as of 1-1-08. Additional information can be found at [www.ucr.in.gov](http://www.ucr.in.gov) and carriers can register online at [www.ucr.in.gov](http://www.ucr.in.gov).

Members were also reminded to recheck their truck paperwork. (i.e. registration, insurance cards, etc.) Specifically, those with tri-axle dump service vehicles should check to make sure their vehicles had the proper lift axle certification onboard. With the certification in the truck the maximum allowable weight is 70,000 lbs. Without the certification, the truck is allowed 55,000 lbs. A fully loaded truck without the certification could receive an overweight fine of approx. \$2000.

Our speakers were Dave Barnard, Bruce Hirsch and Mike Krebs from BGE. The presentation was on Electrical safety on the jobsite and focused on overhead power lines.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

December: NO MEETING

1/8/08: TBA

2/12/08: Motivational Speaker

3/11/08: Iron Planet Equipment disposal

Door prizes were provided by: P&H Electric, P. Flannigan, Clark Machine, and H&E Equipment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**BULLETIN BOARD:**

All meetings are held at our meeting headquarters, Timbuktu Restaurant located at 1726 Dorsey Road in Hanover, MD, unless otherwise specified. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday January 8, 2008 at 6PM.**

Website address: **mid-atlanticema.org**

**ATTENTION VENDORS:**

Please, Please, Please, kindly donate items for our raffle drawings. We all enjoy the nice prizes and its great advertisement for your company. Please see any of the Board members to discuss your generosity for an upcoming meeting.

**OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:**

Ed Gestido – President  
Gray & Son

Bill Cyford – Vice President  
McLean Contracting

Rob Ermer – Treasurer  
Baltimore Gas and Electric

Jeff Slebzak – Secretary  
Clark Machine Corp

Frank Bull – P. Flannigan & Sons

Chuck Warner – H&E Equipment Services

Buddy Nicolet – Mc Henry Equipment

Keith Higdon – Cummins Power Systems, Inc.

Dave Thomas – P&H Auto Electric

Website Address – [www.mid-atlanticema.org](http://www.mid-atlanticema.org)

Meeting Headquarters: Timbuktu Restaurant located at 1726 Dorsey Road in Hanover, MD 410-796-0733. Dinner is served promptly at 6pm; meeting follows immediately but no later than 7pm.

Remit to address for meeting registration: **P.O. Box 47633; Baltimore, MD 21244**. Please make checks payable to: M.A.E.M.A (Mid Atlantic Equipment Management Association)  
**Please note this is a new PO BOX!!!**