



# Mid-Atlantic

Equipment Management Association, Inc.

## NEWSLETTER

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

Hello everyone,

The M.A.E.M.A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2009. The meeting will be held @ our headquarters Timbuktu Restaurant. Due to extenuating circumstances Tim Shepherd from MDE had to cancel his presentation and will have him reschedule for a later date. Brian Holmes from Maryland Highway Contractors will be our presenter for the evening. Brian graciously stepped up on short notice to address the membership about the recently completed session of the General Assembly in Annapolis regarding bills and legislation passed, modified and rejected. The information Brian has affects our industry and impacts our businesses. Brian will also discuss the stimulus funding and grant activities he and his organization have been involved with since their inception.

Thank you, Brian and MAEMA team.

Hope to see all of you at the meeting.

Stay safe.

Regards  
Ed Gestido

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

Our website is current and up to date. If anyone has a change to be made, please contact me.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask the membership if there are any topics they wish to hear about. The Board will be discussing possible educational topics for 2010. If any one is interested in Brake Training, Driver Training, or Electrical Training, again please contact me.

May 12 2009

**MAEMA Meeting minutes**

**5/12/09**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:45PM by President Gestido.**

**The treasurer's report was given by the Treasurer.**

**The secretary's report was given by the President and accepted.**

**There were 21 members present.**

**Old Business:**

1. President Gestido reported that the organization has been in contact with 2 different vo-tech programs to offer financial support from MAEMA. Neither program has responded despite repeated efforts. Gary Shields from Alban Tractor explained that Alban has been involved with a program through Penn State University for many years. He will contact them concerning MAEMA's willingness to fund a scholarship and report back to the group.
2. The Maryland Crane Operator's bill will be effective 10/1/09 and will require certified operators on lattice boom and tower cranes. In addition, other employees will need to be trained and documented. Companies must comply immediately, but there will be no fines or penalties until 12/31/09.

The new State of Maryland idle reduction policy is in effect on all jobs contracted by the State of Maryland. Companies performing work for the State must comply, but there will be no fines at this point for non-compliance. Please e-mail Bill Cyford ([bcyford@mcleancont.com](mailto:bcyford@mcleancont.com)) or Brian Holmes (Maryland Transportation Builders & Materials Association) ([brian@mtbma.org](mailto:brian@mtbma.org)) with any questions or comments.

**New Business:** Brian Shields advised that Alban Engine will perform emissions work on any brand of engine for on-highway vehicles.

Our speaker was Laura Schanz from Laura Schanz Consulting Associates. She discussed "Developing Change Readiness". A written survey was completed by the members that helped them understand their personal traits regarding change.

Door prizes were donated by: Alban, Standard Equipment, United Oil and Exxon Mobil. The 50/50 was won by Larry Maisel.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8PM.**

**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 May 12, 2009.**

**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  
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Bill Cyford – Vice President  
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Rob Ermer – Treasurer  
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Keith Higdon – Cummins Power Systems, Inc.

Jeff Slebzak – Clark Machine

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!!!**