

TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE & TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION WATERLOO REGION



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It is through the collaborative relationships that we build with one another that we transform challenges into opportunities.

November 2015

October Meeting:

The October meeting was the TMTA Trade Show, we had a great turnout with many excellent suppliers on hand showcasing the newest in tech and fleet maintenance items. Thanks to all who attended!

November Meeting:

The November meeting will be hosted by, **Navistar International Corporation, Altruck International Truck Centres and Carrier Truck Centers**, Cory Just, Michael Kirby, John Werkhoven and Stephen Speers will cover topics that include, the ongoing challenges of obtaining key skilled, teachable, engaged Technicians. How do we fill in the holes from those techs leaving the trade? How do we attract new ones that are licensed? How do we increase our results when hiring apprentices? Training, and specific training. Why? The skill set required in 2016 is not the same as 1990, or even 2010. Shops need to be able to deal with trucks that have become a rolling computer, but at the same time still deal with all the regular mechanical components and the specific Maintenance requirements. On top of everything mentioned we must accept the reality that continual changes and additions with technology will continue happening.

Sponsorship:

If anyone would like to sponsor a meeting or know of any **product** or **company** that would benefit from sponsoring, please contact any of your Executive members. Contact information can be found at www.tmta.co

College of Trades:

To stay in touch with the progress and activities of the Ontario College of Trades go to their web site and sign up for the OCOT E-Newsletter. www.collegeoftrades.ca as always you can also direct your questions to Jim Pinder.

Special Notes:

The **TMTA Starlight Gala** (formerly Ladies Night) will be held November, 7/2015 at the Holiday Inn. Tickets are \$120.00 per couple, discount room rates are available. Contact Herb Priekschas at herb.priekschas@sympatico.ca or any TMTA Executive members for tickets and sponsorship opportunities. There will be a wonderful meal followed by excellent live music! TMTA Waterloo is looking for members who would be interested in joining the Board of Directors, feel free to contact any board member if you have any questions or would like to put your name forward.

From The Kitchen Staff:

The evenings' menu will be **Meat Lasagna, Penne Alfredo with Prima Vera Vegetables**, as well as a medley of salads and desserts.

Meeting Information:

MEETING PLACE:

MEETING DATE:

DOORS OPEN:

DINNER AT:

Holiday Inn, Kitchener

November 5th, 2015

5:30 pm

7:00 pm