

Medium/Heavy Diesel
Minutes
February 23, 2012

Mike opened the meeting at 3:20 pm.

The minutes from January 12, 2012 were reviewed and approved.

Mike announced that John O'Connor has moved to Power Dodge. David Vaughn is the new Service Manager at Inland Kenworth and will stay on the committee. Jeff Cook is the Commercial Fleet Advisor at the Earnhardt commercial center. Jeff will also remain on the committee. Congratulations to both men.

New Student Orientation:

There are 18 students registered for next year and 7 applications yet to be completed. Should be a full house for this next school year. The new students will have an orientation to the program on the following dates and time. Advisory members are encouraged to attend.

- May 7, 2012, Cactus High school- 6-7:30pm
- May 17, 2012, Valley Vista High school-6-7:30pm

NATEF:

Frank reported that the paperwork has been submitted. A team must be named and a date set this spring to have the inspection. If you know of ASE certified individuals that can be a part of the team, contact Frank or Mike.

Open House:

The committee discussed the feasibility of having an open house the same day as the Freightliner kick off (March 30). The group decided we would be open for instruction, encourage tours and have student demonstrations during the day. It was determined that combining the NATEF/AYES dedication and an open house for new students was the best pathway.

Snap On:

West-MEC and Snap On are in the final stages of completing an agreement. The plan will cover diagnostic certification, multi meter and torque certification for the auto, diesel and aviation industry. Arizona Automobile Dealers Association will be a partner in the venture. The Snap On center will have its first home at the West-MEC Diesel Training Center. Snap On and West-MEC are also pursuing the idea of becoming a training center for a seven state region. Exciting news for the program, district and industry.

Job shadowing/Internships:

Framed certificates were handed out to the industry partners that participated in the job shadowing program. Frank reminded the group to think about internships for the current junior group and possible jobs for the seniors getting ready to complete the program.

Skills USA:

Many thanks to Jeff Cook for leading the charge with Frank to organize the Diesel competition for the state. Pat indicated that Snap On would provide the top three prizes for the competition. If you have any suggestions for judges or have trinkets for goodie bags for the student participants, contact Frank or Jeff.

Equipment:

Glendale Community College, thanks to Don Davis, is working on donating a class 8 tractor. Dave Vaughn from Inland Kenworth arranged for a large quantity of component parts, starters, etc. to be donated. The committee also discussed the need for at least one newer running engine. Freightliner has a lead on a 2010 DD15 engine trainer that we could share at a cost of approximately \$17,000. Mark has a lead on a rolling chassis with a 2010 engine that is 95% complete. The committee asked Frank to look at the chassis, determine the use value and then see if it can be donated or purchased for a reasonable amount.

Future Topics:

- Diesel adult program
- West-MEC Bond
- CDL training
- Future growth

Next Meeting: April 5, 2012 3:15pm