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We have decided to put all our general membership meetings on hold until further notice. We will keep our members updated with our newsletter and any important news will be sent by email. Our sponsors and members health and safety will always be our highest concern and we do not want to put anyone at risk of catching this terrible virus. Please feel free to contact any executive member with questions.  
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>

### **Charity News 2021**

We are gearing up to putting forward our suggestions for the 2021 TMTA London Charity. This year our first nomination was put forward by Scott Bowie, our new Vice President. Scott suggested the London Humane Society because Paul was a big supporter of them. If you would like to send a nomination of a charity, then please do so before June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Associate Committee**

At this time all 2021 in person sponsor dates are on hold. We are having some of our associates hold online meetings and training sessions until we can get back to regular meetings. Our Associate representative, **Pat McKenzie** is always there to answer your sponsor questions

### **OUR FAVORITE CATERER**

Belmont Catering is open for pickup orders Wednesday and Saturday. Please consider making a order and support this fine family business. Facebook@Belmonttownrestaurant andcatering. 519-644-1726



We have some great news about what is happening with our associate meeting sponsors.

Our first sponsor for the spring **online** meetings is **Stemco**. Sales Manager **Trevor Schotsman** and **Martin Collet**, their National Sales Manager will showcase and demonstrate some of their newest, cutting edge products. The **Stemco** products scheduled for our **April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7pm** will include an industry wide universal tie rod assembly, the Trifecta hub assembly and the Zip Torque one piece axle fastener. Details will follow in a flyer with the **Zoom** online meeting invite.

In May will be **Kevin Vieth** of **VieTech Training & Consulting**. Kevin will demonstrate Jaltest Dealer-Level Multi-Brand Diagnostic Software in the Virtual Classroom. He even has trial units available to TMTA attendees following the demonstration.

Finally we have **Pierre Brideau** from **Bendix CVS Canada** that is planning on doing an online video training meeting showing features of the New ACOM-PRO Diagnostics software – Increased functionality with parameter changes for collision mitigation and more tools for electronic diagnostics including proper adjustment procedures of the Collision Mitigation radar.

All of our online sessions can be accessed through a laptop, home computer, tablet or smart phone. Please do not let the technology distress you in any way. We are here to help.

### **HEALTH, CARE & HAPPINESS**

Angela is going to help us in this area for the time being and we want to carry on with Paul's vision of sharing some good news events as well as sharing the health challenges some of us must face. If you had a new baby, marriage, grandchild or any other personal or company good news, then please let us know today. Our association is about friends working together to accomplish great things and sharing the good and sad experiences together. We support our members and wants to know about what is going on in their lives. Please feel free to talk to us about anything new that is happening in your life and remember that we will only share details that you approve of to keep your TMTA friends updated.

### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Our executive committees has chosen to apply **all paid 2020 membership fees to cover 2021**. All other members who have not yet paid will be receiving an invoice for 2021. All members will be kept in good standing until you are able to pay your membership fee. If you would like to pay your membership or have questions, then please reach out to **Danny Devincenzo** or one of our executive team. Thank you everyone for supporting our association.

### **Next Directors' Meeting**

March, 2021

### **General Meeting Reminder**

Scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month except in extreme circumstances.



As you know, our dear friend Paul Scapinello passed away recently and we want to take this moment in time for us to reflect on Paul and what he meant to us. Whether you knew Paul from our association or through the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB), the one thing that always stood out was his happy tone and sense of humour. He always took the time to see how his friends were doing and genuinely cared about people around him. As we get older we want to be remembered in a certain way and it is clear that we have to show our good values outwardly in the hope that we will be remembered for those traits. Paul never talked down to people or made a problem he was having an issue for another person to deal with and when he needed help, he took the time to genuinely make a point of being thankful. He tried to help where he could and worked hard to not be a burden. We can say with a smile that we remember him because of his excellent values and the way that he presented himself. He took the time to do something extra for many people, without looking for anything in return. Please try to show your best traits to everyone that you deal with and it will not only make you a better person, but will fulfill your heart. Thank you Paul for what you have done for your TMTA, school system faculty and your friends. We will always remember you for your giving nature, your gentle manner, your sense of humour and special baking treats for the TMTA executive. If you were not able to view his service, then we want you to know that it was very touching and really focused on how much effort he put into helping people and especially students. Thank you Paul for being a great friend and we will miss terribly from all your friends at TMTA London.



## **MEMBER COMPANIES MOVED**

We are excited to tell you about a few of our long-standing members that have moved their business location. Please note that their phone numbers have not changed. **London Truck and Trailer** has moved to a much newer building at 562 Sovereign Rd, London, ON N5V 4K6. Next we need to let you know that **WAJAX** on Industrial Rd has moved to 359 Tartan Dr, London, ON N6M 1B1.

## **VIETECH TRAINING INFO**

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## **Virtual Classroom Promotion Codes:**

15% OFF ALL CLASSES:  
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## **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

“Never cut a tree down in the wintertime. Never make a negative decision in the low time. Never make your most important decisions when you are in your worst moods. Wait. Be patient. The storm will pass. The spring will come.”– Robert H. Schuller



We look to 2021 with new hope for a better year when we can come together at our regular meetings. We have some ideas and plans on how we will network during COVID, but we would also like to hear your ideas. Also, if you need help with a communication technical issue, then let us know. Our team has had a lot of practice in all the formats and we are willing to help. Please stay healthy while communicating the best we can with friends and family. We are continuing to help our members connect and ask you to take a moment to share anything special that is going on at your company. Please support our member companies and thank front line workers at every opportunity.

## **MEMBER NEWS**

MacMaster Chevrolet has promoted our friend and TMTA supporter, Lionel Swales to the position of Finance Manager

## **SPECIAL DEALS FOR TMTA MEMBERS**



Canada's #1 Rust Protection Company.

\$15 off plus a car care item.



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receive 20% off retail price



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## **Our History**

The executive team is working with our records and senior members to detail our history back to 1947. They are compiling pictures and member information to add to the historical data. If you have information to share then please contact Don Clarke and Harry Beukeboom

## **TMTA LONDON Safety News**

We have two important safety items that we want to focus on this month. The first one is related to a problem that comes up often regarding lights. Specifically, when does a missing light become an “out of service” infraction? The following link to a recent Truck News article helps us to understand the difference between a light out and a broken light that will result in an “out of service” infraction. The article also tries to explain the grey area of LED lights as well.

<https://www.trucknews.com/features/unders tand-your-truck-lighting-violations/>

Another vital point of interest is positioning your axles to stay legal and distributing your weight across all axles accordingly. We all know that the weigh stations can be a pain but readjusting your 5th wheel or sliding trailer axles to adjust the weight are options to ensure a safe load. A proper distributed load can also help your fuel economy and lower your maintenance cost. One final important note to remember is to make sure that all those sliding components are lubricated at regular intervals.

<https://www.trucknews.com/features/how-to-position-axles-to-stay-legal-trucking-202/>