

WINDSOR TRANSPORTATION CLUB

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Leading our industry forward

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A QUARTERLY INDUSTRY MEMBERS NEWSLETTER



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's my privilege to write this first message as the 2024 President of the Windsor Transportation Club.

I'm happy to report the Club is healthy and growing. Because of your support and the Board's hard work, we've maintained and increased the quality and quantity of our events, including February's inaugural Presidents' Night at Augustus 27, golf tournaments, and Pub Nights. These social gatherings are not only fun, they're also the foundation for everything the Club does. Yes, these events raise funds for worthy causes, but they also bring black swans you never knew existed: that is, a chance to meet the person you never knew you needed to meet.

We have also increased the Club's impact on our community and businesses. We've handed out a record number of scholarships to students studying to become the next best addition to local transportation and logistics businesses. We have also handed out a record amount of donations to charities in our communities that will affect the people we love.

Behind the scenes, we've done some renovations to position the Club to continue to deliver. We revamped the bylaws to current standards, added important support roles and are underway to standardize and automate our internal processes. With these changes, it's my hope the Club can sustainably continue to innovate and grow in how it achieves its purpose.

It's often asked: what is the purpose of the club? It's a simple, yet profound question. I've found the purpose of anything is what it does. The WTC holds social events to raise funds for our community on behalf of our industry, but its purpose need not be that or just that. The Club's purpose is what the Board and the membership say it is. So, if you or someone you know is interested in getting more involved with the Club and its direction, we invite you to contact us and find out about becoming a part of the WTC or the Board of Directors.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Awards Gala where we'll deliver scholarships and recognition to exemplary students and members.

A.J. Wachna
President
Windsor Transportation Club



2024 EXECUTIVE & BOARD MEMBERS



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Director Of Marketing /Spokesperson



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UNLEASHING THE POWER OF NETWORKING

In the dynamic landscape of the transportation industry, success isn't merely about the routes we take or the equipment we operate. It's about the connections we make along the way. Networking isn't just a buzzword; it's the lifeline that fuels progress and innovation.

Networking opens doors that might otherwise remain closed. It's about forging relationships with peers, mentors, and industry leaders who can offer guidance, support, and opportunities. These connections aren't just about exchanging business cards at conferences; they're about building meaningful partnerships that drive our industry forward.

The club has served as more than just a forum for professional networking; it has been a supportive community that has uplifted me during both triumphs and challenges. Whether it's through our engaging discussions on industry trends or the camaraderie forged at our events, the Windsor Transportation Club has been a constant source of inspiration and encouragement.

But perhaps the most compelling aspect of The Windsor Transportation Club is its ability to foster a sense of community. In an industry as vast and complex as ours, building a supportive network of like-minded individuals can be invaluable. It's about coming together, sharing experiences, and lifting each other up in pursuit of common goals.

So, as we navigate the ever-evolving landscape of transportation, let us remember the power of networking. I urge you to continue leveraging the power of networking that our club offers. Embrace every opportunity to connect, collaborate, and grow. For it is through our collective efforts and shared experiences that we will continue to propel the transportation industry forward.

“For in the web of connections we weave lies the key to unlocking endless possibilities.”

Fawzi Qaisi

Assistant Service Manager, Carrier Truck Centers
Marketing Director, Windsor Transportation Club



2024

PRESIDENTS NIGHT

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Windsor Transportation Club, we extend our sincere appreciation for your attendance at our recent President's Night dinner. Your enthusiastic participation contributed immensely to the success of the event, and we are deeply grateful for your support.

We are delighted to announce that the proceeds from this memorable evening have been directed towards two important causes: The Windsor Transportation Club Scholarship Fund and the Fight Like Mason Foundation.

Your generosity will enable us to continue our commitment to supporting aspiring students in their educational pursuits and to making a meaningful difference in the lives of families supported by the Fight Like Mason Foundation.

Your dedication to our club's mission and your contributions to our community exemplify the spirit of unity and generosity that defines the Windsor Transportation Club. Thank you for your unwavering support and for being an integral part of our shared journey.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Scholarship & Industry Awards Gala

TICKET PRICE: \$100 | TABLE OF 10 \$900

LOCATION: CABOTO CLUB

DATE: APRIL 25, 2024

COCKTAILS: 6:00PM

DINNER: 7:00PM



Charity Golf Tournament

TICKET PRICE: \$250

LOCATION: AMBASSADOR GOLF CLUB

DATE: JUNE 19, 2024

START: 7:30AM

T-OFF : 9:00 AM

LUNCH/PRISE: 3:00PM



INTERESTED IN SPONSORING AN EVENT

Email: events@windsortransportationclub.com



THE WINDSOR TRANSPORTATION CLUB



AWARDS GALA

2024 Scholarship and Industry Awards



YOU'RE INVITED!

THURSDAY APRIL 25, 2024 AT 6:00PM

TO OUR ESTEEMED ANNUAL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP GALA WHERE WE WILL HONOR INDUSTRY TRAILBLAZERS AND EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS IN A MAGNIFICENT EVENING OF CELEBRATION.

CABOTO CLUB | 2175 PARENT AVE

TICKETS: \$100/PER | TABLE (10): \$900

FOR TICKETS CALL GRANT WOLF 519-300-3134 OR EMAIL AWARDSGALA@WINDSORTRANSPORTATIONCLUB.COM



The Windsor Transportation Club



AWARDS GALA

2024 Scholarship and Industry Awards



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Autobahn Freight Lines
Wolverine Freight System
Deol Road Carrier

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE! WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED
APRIL 25, 2024 AT OUR AWARDS GALA!
FOR TICKET INFO CALL: 519-300-3134

AUTONOMOUS SHUNT TRUCKS REVOLUTIONIZE TRUCKING YARDS

Autonomous shunt trucks are transforming the landscape of trucking yards, offering a glimpse into the future of efficient and safe logistics operations. These driverless vehicles are designed to handle the repetitive and often labor-intensive tasks of moving trailers and containers within trucking yards, providing a cost-effective and reliable solution for fleet management.

One of the key advantages of autonomous shunt trucks is their ability to operate round the clock without fatigue or human error, significantly improving productivity and reducing operational downtime. With advanced sensors, cameras, and artificial intelligence algorithms, these vehicles can navigate complex environments, avoid obstacles, and execute precise maneuvers with precision.

Companies adopting autonomous shunt trucks are experiencing notable benefits such as:

- 1. Increased Efficiency:** By optimizing route planning and eliminating manual tasks, autonomous shunt trucks streamline operations and reduce turnaround times for trucks entering and leaving the yard.
- 2. Enhanced Safety:** With their advanced collision avoidance systems and adherence to strict safety protocols, autonomous shunt trucks contribute to a safer working environment, reducing the risk of accidents and injuries.
- 3. Cost Savings:** The automation of shunting operations leads to reduced labor costs, lower fuel consumption, and minimized equipment wear and tear, resulting in significant cost savings for trucking companies.
- 4. Scalability:** Autonomous shunt trucks can be easily integrated into existing fleet management systems, allowing for scalability and flexibility to meet growing demand and operational requirements.

As the technology continues to evolve and gain widespread acceptance, autonomous shunt trucks are poised to revolutionize trucking yards globally, paving the way for more efficient, sustainable, and competitive logistics operations in the transportation industry.

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THE ROAD TO ZERO-EMISSION CONTAINERSHIPS

Veer, a maritime startup based in The Bahamas, is gearing up to select a shipyard for the construction of its groundbreaking wind-powered containership, as reported by Offshore Energy.

The innovative solution from Veer combines wind propulsion with auxiliary fuel cell propulsion using green hydrogen as fuel and DynaRig sails. The company's inaugural ship design, named 'Design N°1', promises to be the first absolute zero-emission containership capable of ocean crossings.

With a secured €50 million Letter of Intent (LOI) to fund the design and construction, Veer has received bids from five reputable European shipyards and is poised to announce the chosen shipyard in the coming weeks.

The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) has recognized 'Design N°1' as an exemplary vessel for two industry studies focused on wind and hydrogen propulsion, underscoring Veer's commitment to cutting-edge sustainable shipping solutions. In conjunction with these developments, Veer is launching a Series A investment round, inviting investors to participate in revolutionizing the shipping industry. Veer's initial fleet comprises 100-meter containerships powered by hydrogen fuel cells and wind propulsion, aiming to provide a swift and eco-friendly container shipping service. This initiative addresses the challenges faced by the shipping sector in reducing emissions.

In a significant milestone, Veer received Approval in Principle (AiP) from the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) in October 2022, reinforcing the feasibility and potential impact of its zero-emission ship project.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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We provide customer-focused solutions in applications ranging from On-Highway, Off-Highway, Power Generation, Hydrogen Fuel Cell, and Battery Electric components.

We partner with global OEMs including Daimler, Paccar, Navistar, Hino, Mack, and Volvo, bringing reliable, durable, and efficient powertrain solutions to our diverse customers.

Our mission is to make people's lives better by powering a more prosperous world. Our On-Highway engines (B6.7, L9, X12, and X15) lead the way in the North American truck market, powering our customers' success. Cummins Sales and Service North America has 180 locations across North America and over 250 sales associates interacting with customers daily.



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OUR GOAL

To improve the lives of each and every one of our clients through a comprehensive financial planning process - and it's not a 'one size fits all' kind of approach.

Creating custom plans, based on the goals, lifestyle, and situations of our clients, and ensure that they are on the road to financial freedom.

BECOME A MEMBER

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Joining the WTC you can look forward to meeting new friends, supporting our community through continued charitable sponsorship and donations along with an exciting venue of events for 2024!

Membership in Windsor Transportation Club is open and available to anyone. If you would like to learn more about becoming a member, please email member@windsortransportationclub.com

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