



RIICA NEWS

“UNDERGROUND & IN THE TRENCHES”

DECEMBER, 2008

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IMPORTANT TO RIICA SUCCESS !
 While we know the economy has taken its’ toll on all of us, it is extremely important to RIICA and to you that you renew your membership with RIICA. Your membership dues directly affect the effectiveness of RIICA’s support in bringing new business and more economic opportunities to our members. A lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes! The RIICA Officers and Board members are constantly working for your interests all across the state and in the State House. Your membership supports many legislative issues that we endorse and helps us fight against those that hurt small business.
PLEASE SEND IN YOUR RENEWALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Congress Continues to Debate Second Stimulus Package

Washington, DC– After failing in September to pass a second stimulus package, House and Senate members are renewing their efforts in passing a second package ranging from \$ 350 billion to \$ 700 billion with most earmarked for infrastructure projects. **Senator Jack Reed** recently spoke on the Senate floor indicated that of the proposed funding in the second package, **Rhode Island would provide for \$ 50 million in road improvement projects, \$ 14 million for transit operations and over \$ 19 million in water infrastructure projects.** While Congress attempts to figure out a second bill, Rhode Islanders see our economy getting worse. RIICA members should call **Senators Reed and Whitehouse, Congressman Kennedy and Langevin** and tell them **“WE NEED HELP NOW!”**

Call the following TODAY!:

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| Senator Jack Reed | 401-943-3100 |
| Senator Whitehouse | 401-453-5294 |
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| Congressman Patrick Kennedy | 401-729-5600 |
| Congressman Langevin | 401-732-9400 |

MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....

**RIICA 15th ANNUAL
 General Membership Dinner
 Election & Installation of 2008-2010
 Officers & Directors**

**Thursday, January 22, 2009
 West Valley Inn, West Warwick, RI
 Cocktails & Silent Auction 5:30-6:30 pm
 Dinner 6:30 pm
 7:30 pm Meeting & Swearing In
 Tickets are \$ 35.00 !!**

Join us for great food, great people and great times!...

Tickets available from Board Members or by calling the RIICA Office at 401-785-1830

RIICA ANNUAL DINNER MEETING... We are looking for event sponsors ...ONLY \$ 150.00 each!

Sponsors will be listed in dinner brochure!
 and
 Items for the silent auction !!
 Gift Certificates, paintings, hotel stays, sports memorabilia, sporting event tickets, etc...

**GET YOUR
 ANNUAL DINNER
 TICKETS
 TODAY !!!**



JOIN THE RIICA PAC TODAY !!!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP
 JOIN THE WINNING TEAM !**

You can become a RIICA PAC member for as little as \$ 25.00 !
 Directly supports legislative initiatives of RIICA !
 Call the RIICA Office at 401-785-1830 for a RIICA PAC Membership Form or for more information TODAY !!!

NEW RIICA WEBSITE UNDER REVISION !!
 The RIICA website www.riica.org is being revised and enhanced to provide you with more information and links in making it user friendly and help support your business. We will be providing links to more legislative, governmental and industry information to help make run your business more efficiently. If there is anything you would like to see on the website, please let us know.... Support RIICA and RIICA will support YOU!

UPCOMING TRAINING

EVENTS.... Dates to be announced

JANUARY...

- FORKLIFT/ LULL TRAINING
- ANNUAL RIGHT-TO-KNOW TRAINING

FEBRUARY...

- JOINT RIICA/UCARI LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT
At STATE HOUSE
- OSHA 10 TRAINING
- CONFINED SPACE/TRENCH EXCAVATION
TRAINING

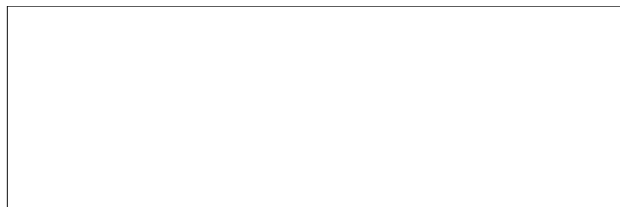
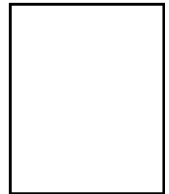
MARCH thru JUNE...

- STATE HOUSE LOBBYING

UCR REGISTRATION CHANGES SIGNED INTO LAW

In October of this year, Congress passed and was signed into law by President Bush provided that “trailers will no longer be required to be included in a company’s total fleet count for the purpose of the Unified Carrier Registration fee.” Section 701 of House Resolution HR– 2095 further stated that beginning with 2010 registration year, just power units will be required to be registered under the UCR agreement.

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SAFETY NEWS.....Bad Weather Driving Reminder

Driving during bad weather when road conditions are changing requires every driver’s full attention. Rain and snow can make the roads slick, and fog, rain, and snow can reduce visibility. Drivers should slow down and allow more room to stop during bad weather. This is also a time to watch out for the other guy, who is likely to make stupid and careless mistakes. To reduce the possibility of vehicle accidents during bad weather, drivers should:

- Inspect their vehicles before departing. Check tires, lights, turn signals, wipers, windows, defroster, mirrors and loads. Report defects to the mechanic and have them repaired before you go on the road;
- Keep windows and lights clean and clear of dirt, snow, and ice;
- Use wipers, defrosters, and headlights to improve your visibility day or night. Headlights also help other drivers see you;
- Avoid distractions, such as cell phones or radios;
- Watch out for puddles and icy patches that could cause hydroplaning or skids;
- Do not attempt to drive through puddles. You could get stuck or wet the brakes;
- Avoid quick or sudden stops or turns; Increase your stopping distance and Wear your seat belt at all times and require passengers to do the same.

*There is no time for mistakes during bad weather. Bad Weather affects all drivers. You must stay alert.
Watch out for the other drivers, too. Drive defensively!*