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Greetings from Michigan!

The days are getting shorter here in Michigan, the leaves are coming down in full force and the temperatures are dropping. Snow won't be too far around the corner. There doesn't seem to be enough time to get things done outside in preparation for winter. Each year the change of season seems to catch me a little more off guard.

There are some things that I hope do not catch you off guard. The first is the next TARA meeting. If you were not aware TARA has joined the Heavy Duty Aftermarket Week or HDAW. This is shaping up to be the industry leading trade show for heavy truck service and parts business in the country and we are proud to be a sponsor of it. The next TARA meeting will be held in conjunction with HDAW and we will have the opportunity to take advantage of great seminars, one on one meeting with many of your parts manufacturers and enjoy networking with top companies and people.

The second is to make the opportunity to be with family in the upcoming holiday season. So many times we let things get in the way of spending quality time with the ones we love. It all seems good if there is one more estimate that we could write or one more business opportunity we could map out. We all tend to feel the ones we should be spending time with will understand and most of the time they will because they love you.

I have had the great pleasure of watching my son play football on Friday nights this fall. As of this writing they are still in the playoffs and doing well. I realized the other night how special and brief this opportunity is. It is my hope for you this holiday season that you cherish time with your wife, your kids, your grandkids, your parents and all those that you consider family.

From my family to yours: HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

*Bob Razenberg*

Bob, Barb, Zachary, McKena and Tara Razenberg

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As I am writing this November newsletter, three things come to mind. Our recent election, deer season here in Missouri, and Thanksgiving. History has been made with the election of Barack Obama as this country's 44th president. After many months and countless dollars spent, we the people have spoken and elected a new president. What a privilege to live in a free country where every four years we have the opportunity to elect our leaders. While there are many differences of opinion during this election year, it is my hope and prayer that we as a nation can come together and support our elected officials. While our nation has many challenges ahead of it, we are still that beacon on the hill that others only wish they could emulate.

November in Missouri in the Powell household generally means deer season. As we prepare for the big hunt, nervous anticipation comes over the household. Some years are better than others but either way it's a family tradition that has been passed down from one generation to the next. It's a few days off of work, and an opportunity to spend some quality time with my two sons that have grown up way too soon. My brother and sister-in-law from Wasilla, Alaska are here for November, so they also will be hunting. And, yes Wasilla, Alaska is the hometown of Sarah Palin which was the vice-presidential nominee of the Republican Party. Pete and Marilyn are good friends of the Palins so this year's election had a little sense of history in their household.

And Thanksgiving is right around the corner. A few family traditions of the Powell's include a huge Thanksgiving meal where venison and wild turkey are served, just like the Pilgrims and Indians had on the first Thanksgiving. This year we are going to have to settle for store bought turkey, as the spring turkey season didn't go as planned.

As Bob mentioned, family and friends here celebrate our heritage. We as Americans have a lot to be thankful for.

From the TARA e-board, and administrator, we wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving!

## Web-Site Update

The TARA web-site is undergoing a face-lift. Sometime in December it should be complete. Our old web-site has served us well, but it just needed a new look. Some new features will be added as well as making the updates a lot easier to install. So take a look next month and let us know what you think.

## Pictures Needed

We are in need of pictures for the TARA booth and for the new web-site. We need collision pictures showing before and after repairs. Items that we are looking for include, frame repairs, collision damage, new suspension parts, wheel alignments and paint restorations. The TARA booth will be on display at the HDAW event in February in Orlando. Please send the pictures to Wayne Reich at [w.g.reich@att.net](mailto:w.g.reich@att.net) or Dudley Powell at [psss@nemonet.com](mailto:psss@nemonet.com)

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

***"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."***  
~Winston Churchill~

### Address Change

One of our new TARA members has an address change.

Please make a note:

Pro-Fleet Collision & Refinishing

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## 2009 Meeting Dates

**February 15th thru 19th, 2009 Orlando, Florida**

**September, 2009 Grand Rapids, Michigan**

Orlando, Florida and Grand Rapids, Michigan will be the sites of our 2009 meetings. Our winter meeting will be held February 15-19, 2009 in conjunction with the Heavy Duty Aftermarket Week. HDAW '09 will be held at the Orange County Convention Center. All TARA members will be receiving a registration packet in the mail. All registrations and hotel arrangements must be made thru HDAW. There are three host hotels within walking distance to the convention, The Rosen Plaza, the Rosen Centre, and the Peabody Orlando. When filling out the registration form be sure to mark TARA as your host trade association. For a look at the coming attractions of this industry event go to the Heavy Duty Aftermarket week web-site at: [www.hdaw.org](http://www.hdaw.org).

Tentative plans include a TARA registration and social on Sunday evening while the TARA business meetings will be held Monday morning with technical speakers on Monday afternoon. Tuesday-Thursday will include technical and educational seminars and the HDAW product trade show. More information along with hotel accommodations will be published in the coming month's newsletter. Again, mark these dates for our winter meeting February 15-19 in Orlando, Florida.

September 2009 will find us in Grand Rapids, Michigan for our annual fall meeting. Highlights of the fall meeting will be election of officers, a tour of our host, Weller Truck Parts facilities, and possibly a tour of their rebuilding shop. More information will be provided in future newsletters.

We received this note from Bill Glasgow in regards to HDAW registrations.

Please note: We have had an outside company soliciting our HDAW suppliers and distributors to book hotel rooms at our 3 hotels: Rosen Centre, Rosen Plaza, and Peabody Orlando. We have sent them a letter on 2 occasions from Marc Fleischaker, attorney for HDAW, to no avail. We intend to pursue this issue with the attorneys further.

Please make a note to book all hotel rooms at [www.hdaw.org](http://www.hdaw.org).