



Greetings from Michigan!

It is hard to believe Christmas is upon us and we are already looking to a new year. This time of year seems to come so quickly. Even though we say every year, we will be more prepared next time it never seems to happen that way.

The Razenberg house is busy getting things together for Christmas and Holiday festivities as is yours I'm sure. Before we know it February will be upon us and another TARA meeting. Inside this newsletter you will find important information on registration, lodging and meeting format for this exciting upcoming meeting. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the HDAW event so that we may participate in an industry leading forum of seminars, technical sessions and networking opportunities. Make plans now to attend!

TARA has had a good year in 2008. Last winter we had our TARA meeting in conjunction with the TMC show in Orlando. We had some very interesting speakers and an opportunity to view the TMC trade show as well as some warm weather. Last spring The TARA tech session on fabricated front axle correction, splayed frame rail correction, frame gauge calibration and hydraulics maintenance took place at the Bee Line Training center in Bettendorf Iowa. This program was very well attended. The Fall TARA meeting took place in St. Louis with some in-depth information class room and hands on time in the garage presented by the Hunter Company on vibration diagnostics.

As we look into the year 2009, plans have already been made and are taking shape to keep TARA members in the forefront of industry issues and knowledge. Although times are trying it remains important to look through all the static to continue building for the future. Even if there are only baby steps taken to achieve your goals you won't be going backwards.

From my family to yours: Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Bob, Barb, Zachary, McKena and Tara Razenberg

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TARA & HDAW

Registration forms for our winter meeting are included in this mailing. Please note these registrations must be mailed or faxed into HDAW. The cost of the registration will be \$495 before January 7th. After that date the cost goes up to \$695. The dates for the convention are February 15-19, 2009. HDAW '09 will be held at the Orange County Convention Center, in Orlando, Florida. All TARA members should have received a registration packet in the mail. There are three host hotels within walking distance to the convention, The Rosen Plaza, the Rosen Centre, and the Peabody Orlando. To view these hotel options, go to the HDAW web-site and click on housing application. The Rosen Plaza rate is \$195/ night. The Rosen Centre rate is \$215/night and the Peabody Orlando rate is \$229/night.

TARA has set aside optional rooms if you are interested in other accommodations. The two options we have are as follows, with Crossroads Hospitality Company LLC agents for Hampton Inns and Homewood Suites. These properties are nearby the convention center, but may not be within walking distance.

Homewood Suites by Hilton: Rates are \$149.00 plus tax

Hampton Inn: Rates \$129.00 plus tax.

Rooms are available for Sunday Feb. 15th to Wednesday the 18th, 2009.

We have 15 rooms set aside at each location.

Cutoff date is Jan.16, 2009.

To make reservations call and identify yourself as a member of TARA.

Homewood Suites: 888-697-8745

Hampton Inn: 407-354-4447

Tentative plans include a TARA registration and social on Sunday evening at the Rosen Centre Hotel while the TARA business meetings will be held Monday morning with technical speakers on Monday afternoon. Tuesday-Thursday will include technical and educational seminars at the HDAW trade show. For a look at the attractions of this industry event go to the Heavy Duty Aftermarket week web-site at: www.hdaw.org.

Again, mark these dates for our winter meeting February 15-19 in Orlando, Florida.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again more intelligently."
~Henry Ford~

Web-Site Update

The TARA web-site is undergoing a face-lift. Sometime in December or early January 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 or Dudley Powell at psss@nemonet.com

**From TARA's administrative team, we wish you a very Merry
Christmas and a Blessed New Year!**

Wayne Reich

Bill Hinchcliffe

John Messina

Bud Olson

Paul Jones

Fred McCoy

Bob Razenberg

Mark Jayne

Dudley Powell

2009 Meeting Dates

February 15th — 19th, 2009

Orlando, Florida

September, 2009

Grand Rapids, Michigan



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