

TARA Legislative Report

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As always, I think it is important that TARA members are provided up to date information, The association just finished our last TARA Compliance Seminar in San Antonio and now is preparing for the ARA Conference on October 20-23, 2010 in Austin, Texas. If you have not been to a National Conference, this is a great opportunity and our GREAT STATE will be hosting 50 vendors, educational seminars and lots of good fun. For those that cannot come the whole week, ARA is offering a special "TEXAS PACKAGE" that will only cost TARA members \$150.00, which includes the Friday night BBQ and Bull Riding Contest and the tradeshow on Saturday. Also, TARA's 2010 General Meeting for all members will be held at 4:00 pm on Saturday, so now you have a really good reason to attend! Contact ARA at 888-385-1005. ARA has been extremely instrumental in protecting and informing our industry and the tradeshow is a great venue to learn and get ideas.

TDLR LICENSE APPLICATION

APPLY FOR YOUR LICENSE IMMEDIATELY. Deadline - is September 1, 2010. Don't wait until the last minute. Forms available from the TARA website (www.texasara.com) or go to TDLR's website and click on Used Auto Parts Recyclers.

WEBSITE

Look for new changes in our website. You can now search TARA members' inventory on the website and take advantage of the associate members. These associate members offer tremendous support to us and some offer services that help you navigate your license compliance. Direct members are now listed by districts, giving you the advantage of working as a team in your district.

WARNING

TCEQ is NOW out doing yard inspections. I had a four hour inspection with them. Anything that you have been waiting to make compliant do it now. TCEQ does offer assistance and they will help you get up to speed. Don't be caught unprepared.

PAC FUND

OK – Money – Money. In 2009, TARA used the majority of the Pac Fund and we need to replenish these funds. PAC money can only be given by personal funds, not business. Our goal is to raise 15-20k for this coming legislative session. I will donate the first \$1,000. DO NOT BE PASSIVE about protecting your industry. You might not agree with this system, but for now it is the only system we have to work with. PLEASE UNDERSTAND that only through your donation, no matter the amount, can this industry take a "set at the big table". We all have the same complaints and TARA needs to have a strong visibility with the legislature. SILENCE never works. Remember evil prevails when good men do nothing. Five of TARA's members are

on the TDLR Advisory Board. If anyone on the state level wants information they come to TARA and it is extremely necessary to continue to be the first to provide information not the last.

TARA has gotten a lot of calls from members and we have been working to address the issues and problems. Working with our members provides us knowledge that we can provide to everyone.

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