



# CHAPTER CHATTER

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## Ontario Chapter AGM Update

Thank you to all members who were able to attend the annual general meeting of the Ontario Chapter on October 18<sup>th</sup>. We had many great conversations, and it was exciting to see some new faces during lunch! As per your votes, the chapter will be changing its operating name to the Ontario Petroleum Transporters and Technicians Association – OPTTA – in order to continue to grow as an organization, better serve our existing members, and also attract new members. We look forward to many more networking opportunities in the upcoming year.



## Ontario Chapter Board Update

The Ontario Chapter welcomed a new board member at this year's annual general meeting, and said goodbye to two others. Please help us in welcoming Ken Carmichael, from Bray's Fuels to the board! Ken spent some time on the National board prior to the reorganization, and brings a wealth of industry and technical knowledge with him. We are very excited to have him aboard!!

Basil Etmanskie tendered his resignation to the board earlier this year, due to scheduling issues, and Kelly Jackson, past chair of the Ontario Chapter board, has also stepped down. Kelly has dedicated MANY years of service to both the Ontario Chapter, and the National board – as well as the conference committee – and she will be sorely missed. Kelly was presented with a plaque, in appreciation of her service, during the board meeting.



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## Chapter Activities and Training Update

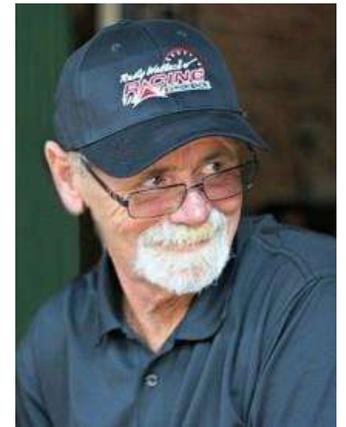
The full day driver training that was held in Napanee on October 31, focused on ensuring that commercial vehicle operators and their drivers were in compliance with current regulations under the Highway Traffic Act, Ontario Regulation 199/07. The training was provided in two distinct stages; formal in-class training on legislative requirements, defect identification and report recording, as well as hands on instruction on conducting a proper Daily Inspection. This was the first of what we hope to be many of this type of training, with new dates and locations to come in the spring of 2018.

**We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Upper Canada Fuel and Burner for providing us with both classroom and garage space for the day.**



## In Memoriam

For those who are not aware, it is with great sadness that I advise you of the passing of Bob Smith, on October 10, 2017. Bob was a great friend and supporter of the Canadian Oil Heat Association representing us on numerous boards and committees. We will miss his great sense of humour and his vast knowledge of our industry



# Ontario Chapter Online Training

The COHA On-Line Training Program is a comprehensive, effective, on-line training system providing flexible reporting, simple administration and program management at both the association and member level. The program consists of two “flex” packages, the “Summer Package, and the “Winter Package”. This allows for COHA members to receive driver training (i.e. Defensive Driving & Winter Driving) annually, but have flexibility to select any additional course as the second course within each package. For example, this will allow COHA members to select TDG training every three years and other relevant training as desired (e.g. WHMIS, practical vehicle inspection). *See website for course descriptions.*

Courses are presented visually in a “show me, tell me, let me try it, and test me” approach. Tests administered upon completion ensure that the driver comprehends all course material with results being tracked to identify any gaps or areas where drivers require extra attention.

Courses will be available for members through the COHA website at a price of \$60 per package. **COHA members within the Marsh insurance program will receive courses at no charge through the use of a promo code.**

*Please note that you must contact the office to obtain both the COHA member code and the Marsh promo code.*

For more information, please click on the below link:

<http://www.coha-ontario.ca/education/training.html>

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# Ontario Chapter Member Benefit Programs

## COHA Insurance Program

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## COHA Multi-Employer Plan

COHA is pleased to remind you of the employee benefits program designed exclusively for our members. A survey conducted in the Spring of 2009 had an overwhelming response with members expressing interest in having access to competitive group benefits programs at a reduced cost. Our members feel that employee benefits are very important to their organization.

After an extensive search of the insurance marketplace, we now have a program that provides extensive employee benefits coverage for COHA member organizations. The benefits available through the program include the following:

- Life Insurance and Accidental Death and Dismemberment
- Disability (Short Term and Long Term coverage)
- Medical, Drugs, Hospital, and Out of Country Emergency coverage
- Visioncare
- Employee Assistance Plan
- Group Critical Illness
- Health Care Spending Accounts

Coverage is available for full time employees with an average of 20 hours per week.

The COHA program is designed to be **competitively priced in all group size ranges** starting as low as one employee ranging to over 1,000 employees. For groups with more than three employees, the program can be customized to meet your company's requirements.

The COHA program provides a volume based discount and enhanced financial underwriting arrangements to all COHA members, which offers **sustainable savings** to your organization over the long term. **The savings are estimated between 5% and 25%.**

The program is offered exclusively through The Leslie Group Limited. The Leslie Group has extensive expertise and experience in the employee benefits industry. For a proposal, please contact:

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