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## MEX Welcomes the Portland Air Cargo Association

to its Group of Association Accounts

This Spring, the Merchants Exchange welcomed the Portland Air Cargo Association (PACA) into its administrative family of transportation associations. The Merchants Exchange now assists PACA with its book-keeping, banking, and tax filing.



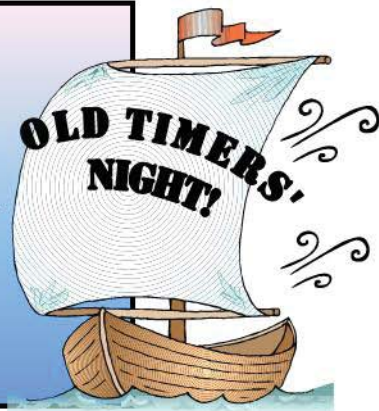
The Portland Air Cargo Association started meeting in 1961 and was fully incorporated by 1976. Their goal from the start has been the advancement of the air cargo industry as a whole for both the Portland area and the world. Membership in PACA is open to all those who wish to promote the air cargo industry. Members include: airline representatives, freight forwarders, customs brokers, trucking companies and others with an interest in air cargo shipping.

PACA has a track record of representing industry interests in key transportation projects including: the Columbia River Crossing, Airport Way Interchange Project and Airport Futures projects, as well as transportation funding meetings. PACA Officers participate in subcommittees, testify at Metro and City Hall and send letters of support for industry projects.

PACA holds member meetings on the second Wednesday of each month September through May, as well as social events including: a casino fun night, an annual golf tournament and a holiday gala. They have thrown their support behind various charitable organizations including Airway Science, an organization that uses aviation to engage underprivileged youths in science, reading and mathematics while exposing them to the joy of flying.

For more information about PACA you can visit their web site at [portlandaircargo.org](http://portlandaircargo.org) or by e-mail at [admin@portlandaircargo.org](mailto:admin@portlandaircargo.org)

# 18th Annual Industry Reunion Night "Old Timers' Night"



Hugh Ackroyd, Hugh Ackroyd Photography & Doris Allen, Propeller Club

with attendance in 2008.

As illustrated in the photo, Hugh Ackroyd kindly donated five editions of the *Gunderson: A History in Photographs*. The books were brought by Jim Deis, and featured photos by Hugh Ackroyd. The clubs marked plates at each table, and the diner with the marked plate got to take a book home!

This year's Portland Shipping Club and Propeller Club, Port of the Columbia River, event was a great success. As is traditional, the dinner and cocktail hour was held in downtown Portland at the Governor Hotel. Fifteen Old Timers (folks who have retired from the Maritime Industry after many years of hard work) attended the dinner and shared what they have been up to since last year. In addition, twenty-four in-industry men and women attended. Despite the grim economy, the Portland Shipping Club and Propeller Club, were glad to see ten more attendees this year, as compared



Elsie Heuerman, Portland Lines Bureau & Russ Urry, Retired



DO YOU SHIP?

## COLUMBIA RIVER SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION

We look forward to answering any questions you may have and would welcome the opportunity to work with you in the near future.

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Celebrate the 76th Annual  
Maritime Day  
May 28, 2009  
4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Vancouver Landing  
Port of Vancouver  
Terminal 1

A Great Outdoor BBQ Featuring:  
Chicken, BBQ Ribs & Burgers  
Salads & Fresh Fruit  
Cookies  
No Host Beer & Wine Bar

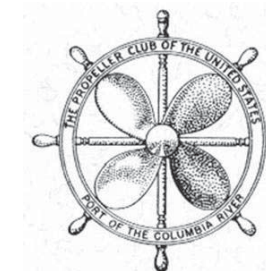
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Contact Doris Allen @ 503-220-2098

The Security at the Port of Vancouver U.S.A. on the afternoon of Harbor Splash will coincide with Federal Security Guidelines for the threat level in place that day. Please have photo identification with you.

### Ticket Order Form



Harbor Splash 2009!

Tickets \$30.00 Each

Includes Harbor Splash T-shirts food, fire-  
boats displays, music and more.

Checks Payable and Mailed to

The Propeller Club  
200 SW Market Street Suite 190  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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No. Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30ea.

Ticket order form must be received by  
May 21, 2009

Tickets must be purchased prior to event

## MEX Announcements

### No Summer Open House for 2009

In light of the current economic climate the MEX board has elected not to hold an Open House this Summer.

Stay tuned for future MEX member event announcements on the MEX website and in the Quarterly Newsletter.

In the meantime, our doors are open to members, literally 24/7. If you're interested in visiting the office or learning more about our services feel free to contact Robin Wright. [wright@pdxmex.com](mailto:wright@pdxmex.com)



### Employee Spotlight: Jim Harrison



Many of our Members have noticed a new voice coming over the line in the Communications Center. The new man in the Marine Room is Jim Harrison and he's not replacing any of the Communications Specialists. He is in a brand new position developed to enhance MEX services. Jim is our new Communications and Operations assistant. He fills a vital role, offering telephone and technical support in the communications center and helping the Merchants Exchange staff to maintain a high service level for members.

Jim comes to the Exchange with a diverse background. He has worked in software quality assurance, welding, and even adult care. He is finishing an associate's degree from Portland Community College, in web development and he hopes to have a growing role in the development of Merchants Exchange Web services.

When he isn't helping MEX members or working on his degree he loves to spend time with his 7 year old twin sons and his 16 year-old daughter. He also lists computers, art, design, psychology, music and learning among his interests. **You can contact Jim by e-mail at [Harrison@pdxmex.com](mailto:Harrison@pdxmex.com)**

**MEX**  
**Scholarship**  
**\$1,500**  
**Deadline June 16, 2009**  
**Awarded to Sophomore or higher level college student studying Maritime Transportation, or International Business**  
**[www.pdxmex.com/scholarship](http://www.pdxmex.com/scholarship)**

## Clean Rivers Cooperative Inc. Maritime Fire & Safety Association

On **June 11, 2009**, Clean Rivers will host its 2nd quarter member training at NuStar Energy Terminals in Portland, Oregon. This training will, again, feature the mutual aid equipment deployment starting with notifications to members of a "spill" and a request for mutual aid assistance. Member crews will be given field assignments for completion including GRPs and source containment. Participating members as well as the MFSA can receive credit from State agencies for their efforts.

For more information about receiving agency credit or to sign up with your crew, contact Marisa Chilafoe at [Chilafoe@pdxmex.com](mailto:Chilafoe@pdxmex.com).

Mark your calendars, the 3rd Quarter Member Training is scheduled for **September 10, 2009**. We're looking for members to participate in our annual Boom Rodeo Competition which includes: boom marrying, site assessment, and the boom obstacle course. This year's event will also feature new activities. First, second and third place teams will receive a commemorative rodeo belt buckle and other fun prizes.

For more Info contact Marisa Chilafoe at [Chilafoe@pdxmex.com](mailto:Chilafoe@pdxmex.com).



NRCES' Ken Koppler instructing the group on the proper use of LEL meters.

The 1st Quarter Member Training was held **March 3rd and 5th**, in Portland at the Shilo Inn at the Airport. Members gathered for an annual 8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher. The session included training by NRCES' Ken Koppler as well as an oil spill presentation by Bob Hyke. CRC had 120 participants over the course of the two trainings which included members, contractors and staff members.

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Presented by the Portland Shipping Club & Propeller Club, Port of the Columbia River

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

Thursday, June 25th  
1:30 PM Shotgun Start

## INCLUDES

- ◆ Fees and Cart
- ◆ Range Balls
- ◆ Shoot for Dough
- ◆ Long Drive Contest
- ◆ Closest to the Pin
- ◆ Raffle
- ◆ Dinner
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Limit is 100 players, so  
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- ◆ Check in by 1:00 PM
- ◆ Easy all in one Package
- ◆ Registration form for single or foursome

RESERVATIONS DUE BY JUNE 15TH

KATE DEEKS, Portland Shipping Club, deeks@pdxmex.com, 503.220.2092

## MARITIME FIRE & SAFETY ASSOCIATION

### TRAINING ACTIVITY

**April 19—23**—MFSA sent 7 fire agency representatives to Beaumont, Texas for a Specialized Industrial Foam Training sponsored by Williams Fire & Hazard. The training included classroom and field operations and was reported by those attending to be excellent training.

**April 30**—The Annual Round Table training session was held at the Cowlitz County Regional Conference Center in Longview, Washington. With 35 fire agency personnel in attendance the focus was on Communications.

PowerPoint presentations were delivered by Joel Harrington, ADCOMM Engineering who reviewed the microwave tower communication system; Hans Meere of the Merchants Exchange reviewed the Merchants Exchange/MFSA Base Station and its coordination with the microwave system and Ernie Quesada, Clean River Cooperative/MFSA who reviewed the Clean Rivers/MFSA Mobile Command Unit—emphasizing communications.

Stan Kisamore, Cowlitz Co. Fire District #5 demonstrated the ICRI (Incident Commanders Radio Interface). Three ICRI devices have been purchased by MFSA and distributed to Astoria Fire, Cowlitz Co. Fire District #5 and Vancouver Fire for use in providing interoperability for shipboard fire incidents. They function by plugging portable radios with the frequencies of the involved responding agencies into the ICRI and thereby patching such frequencies together.

The ICRI permits the easy linking of VHF, UHF and 800 MHz frequencies together.

The ICRI with the 250' cables can extend remote transmitter / receivers to the proximity of a working crew insuring constant and clear communications with other working crews and "command."

An ICRI device can be utilized on all shipboard fire incidents requiring assistance in getting a radio signal out of radio poor locations of the ship, or when multiple agencies on different radio spectrums will be involved.

**September 19**—The Annual Shipboard Drill/Training Session will be held at Cascade General and hosted by Portland Fire. Training will be in form of Training Stations so various shipboard fire scenarios can be addressed. It is expected that 75—100 fire personnel from Astoria to Portland/Vancouver will participate.

