



**DON'T Forget To Buy
Your Tickets!**

**The Tennessee Manufactured
Housing Foundation (TMHF) -**

**3rd Annual Charitable
Gaming Event - Fund Raiser**



July 8 - October 8, 2009

**1st Prize - Travel Trailer
Travel Star XLT by Starcraft**

2nd Prize - \$1,000

3rd Prize [4 of] - \$250 each

**Review the rules, see how to
buy tickets, and view more
detailed pictures on the web-
site at www.tnmha.org**

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Resources & Information

**\$8,000 Tax Credit - Used as
down payment in TN...**

<http://www.thda.org/>

USDA Rural Development

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tn/>

**Small Business
Administration**

[http://www.sba.gov/
localresources/district/tn/
index.html](http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/tn/index.html)

**→Consumer Construction
Planning Guide**

→2009 Quick Facts

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The Reporter - Snapshot

SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

T E N N E S S E E M A N U F A C T U R E D H O U S I N G A S S O C I A T I O N

Labor Day Holiday? - Where Did The Summer Go?

TMHA has had a very busy summer with members! We have enjoyed researching your projects, and many of you have provided excellent comments on the various requests we have made for industry rules and regulation drafts. In addition to your projects, TMHA also had several events and tasks.

June sported the conclusion of the Tennessee Legislative Session; the national summer meeting in Washington with legislators; and the member's Annual Meeting, including new Officer & Director elections.

July kicked off the Charitable Gaming Event for the Foundation; PAC was in full fund raising mode; and TMHA participated in several national, Southeast and local conference calls relative to industry changes and forecasts.

August started with TMHA's attendance to the industry's Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Elkhart, Indiana; we hosted the first meeting of the newly elected state Board of Directors; conducted a two-day initial retailer/installer licensing class as well as a continuing education class; and participated in an industry meeting with THDA staff relative to the Governor's Housing Summit set in October [more info at www.thda.org].

Additionally, TMHA participated in a SE Exec Director conference with seven other states. Discussions centered around lobbying efforts in Washington; a possible southern states educational conference; creative budgeting; and association projects for non-dues income.

Now, September is starting out just as busy. TMHA participated in a conference call with 27 other state association executives on Tuesday, of this week.

Items discussed were MHI's meeting with the new FHA Commissioner; activities of the Manufactured Housing Consensus Committee; legislation to create a Consumer Finance Protection Agency; energy legislative initiatives to provide rebates on new home sales replacing pre-1976 homes, and extension of the Energy Star tax credits for manufactured homes; extension of the First-time Homebuyer Tax Credit; the SBA floor plan pilot; and the SAFE Act.

As well, TMHA's national delegate will be traveling to the Annual MHI meeting in California, this month. In addition to gathering the latest information on national legislation set for congressional discussion, after the labor day break through Christmas, the subject of sprinklers will be a high priority. MHI staff will be looking to the attending industry associates to provide input and direction relative to an inevitable topic. Members will be updated on information, at the conclusion of this meeting.

September continuing education classes for installers and retailers will have TMHA staff in Memphis on the 10th, Nashville on the 17th, and Maryville on the 24th. Individuals are reminded that **you must pre-register** to attend one of these 5 hour classes. [Registration forms may be obtained at www.tnmha.org.]

INDUSTRY TRADE MAGAZINE MANUFACTURED HOME MERCHANDISER CLOSSES PERMANENTLY

8:56 a.m. Pacific Time. August 26, 2009

Manufactured Home Merchandiser magazine, the longest-running trade publication in the HUD-code housing industry, will announce today that it has ceased publication and is closing its office. The magazine's staff of three has been laid off.

"The reality was, we simply weren't able to maintain a reliable advertiser base during this long industry downturn," explained Publisher Dan Johnson, speaking from the magazine's Chicago, IL office during a phone interview just moments ago. "Rather than allow the magazine to go any further into the red, I have with great reluctance decided to cease publication." Merchandiser magazine was the sole industry publication to have an audited circulation of over 15,000. The magazine's web site, mhmerch.com, will remain online for now but will not be actively maintained. A full report will be in the September issue.

**THE TMHA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH,
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.**

PLEASE HAVE A SAFE WEEKEND!

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