

STOCKHOLDER General Business Meeting

Greeting by Ron Moore, Chair

8:30 AM - Tuesday February 23, 2016

As you all know, this is the 80th Anniversary year of Trailways!

**Our visionary leaders began a journey in 1936 to build a network of INDEPENDENT bus operators devoted to quality...
...and it is still thriving 80 years later!**

Trailways was also founded on a tradition of service. I think dedication to the Mission of Quality Service has benefitted the traveling public for a long, long time.

Trailways is a vibrant company still today...80 years after it was founded.

The organization is more dedicated than ever before to quality, service and safety.

The Trailways founders shared a mission that brought them together: a desire to advance a bus network of independent companies in order to be competitive.

This mission propels the organization forward today.

Trailways came into existence during a time of renewal for the nation.

It was emerging from the Great Depression.

And the Trailways founders had plenty of reasons to look ahead:

It was FDR's second term as president;

Advancements were transforming society and connecting people across the country;

The Triborough Bridge and the Oakland Bay Bridge opened, for example;

The Pan-Am clipper connected Hawaii to the mainland with air service.

The Hoover Dam and bridge opened.

... so Americans were connected like never before.

At that time, the Trailways founders made a decision that set the course of the organization: they wanted *national reach* and *to remain independent*.

They forged a powerful network in the years following.

The founders stressed unity...and the network flourished.

The 1940s were the War Years and survival for most businesses was daunting.

But the dedication by Trailways owners never wavered.

By the late 1950s, it was stronger than ever and firmly established.

Today's Trailways owners find opportunity to network, lead and develop business *together*, just as they did 80 years ago!

It remains with all of us to see that Trailways grows even greater...THANK YOU for your support today and for the past 80 years...we especially thank the 25 sponsors here this year, and ALL the Affiliated Partners! – end-

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