



Sharing Best Practices in Chassis Maintenance at FlexiVan

FlexiVan once again held its popular **Chassis Maintenance & Repair Seminars**, gathering M&R technicians, management and supply vendors from throughout the country to share best practices in the optimal repair and preventative maintenance of FlexiVan chassis. Started in 2008, these three-day seminars help to further verify high quality repair practices are established at all FlexiVan Service Center and depot operations.

Under the direction of Thomas Slattery, Director of M&R Operations, this year's first seminar took place in April at FlexiVan's headquarters in Kenilworth, NJ. With a similar schedule and lineup of speakers, the second seminar was just conducted this past week at FlexiVan's Service Center in Carson, CA.

Focus was given to the standardization of company-wide repair procedures in accordance with IANA's newly published ***Guide to Chassis Inspection & Repair: Intermodal Recommended Practices***. "From safety and inspection steps to proper wheel-end and slack adjuster installation procedures, key topics of the Guide are carefully reviewed during the seminar to make sure our strict standards are being met at all facilities," says Thomas Slattery. Together with Craig Butler, Technical Services Manager at FlexiVan, Thomas served on the IANA committee that developed the Guide, which took over three years to complete.

In attendance at both seminars were FlexiVan Service Center Managers and Assistant Managers, together with Regional Managers from FlexiVan's Managed Fleet program under Peter Shevlino, National Director of Pool M&R. Participants also explored a multitude of topics involving day-to-day operations of FlexiVan's Technical Services Department, safety issues, LED light and radial tire conversion program, as well as technical presentations from several leading manufacturers that provide equipment to the intermodal industry.

Charlie Wellins, FlexiVan's President and Chief Operating Officer, also addressed the group to express the organization's gratitude and appreciation for their hard work and dedication, emphasizing the need for a cohesive team effort to better serve and ensure a safe and satisfied customer base.