

2008 General Meeting

by Richard

One of the things I enjoy the most about the PWA General Membership meeting is how well it is organized but yet in a very relaxed way. You just don't feel like you are moving along but you are. We asked John Towle, Executive Director of PWA, how they do it? "We work hard on fine tuning it every year. We know we are limited in time and we have a lot to cover in an hour and half," he told me. And cover it they do. The General Membership meeting starts with a really nice buffet breakfast. There was open seating so you can spend time with your colleagues and customers and not feel rushed.

At 8:00 a.m. John Towle opened the meeting and introduced Anne Graves, President of PWA. Anne took over the meeting introducing the Board of Directors, drawing attention to Donnie Eatherly, the new President-elect and past President Gary Light. Anne introduced the two outgoing Board of Directors, John Duda and Marc Weinthal and presented them with an Appreciation of Service plaque for all their hard work. Anne then asked Chris Kersting, President of SEMA and Scooter Brothers, SEMA Scholarship Chairman, to come up on stage. She presented them with a \$2,000.00 check. "PWA is proud to contribute this money to the SEMA/PWA Scholarship Fund. This contribution comes

from the proceeds of the PWA Conference Annual Golf Outing," Anne stated. Scooter thanked PWA and its membership for their support and said they looked forward to doing more for the Scholarship Fund.

Chris talked to us about how we had to work together to make sure that the people in Washington don't pass bills that would hurt our industry. He told us how writing our Senators would help to voice our concerns about bills that would hurt their state. He stated that the industry was a little soft but was still strong.

Greg Parker joined Scooter & Chris on stage and presented a check to SEMA for money raised from the Silent Auction at the PWA Conference. We were then told about two of the most important awards that PWA gives out each year: the Person of the Year and the Manufacturer of the Year awards. Anne told the membership what each award stood for. The PWA Person of the Year Award is in recognition of outstanding contribution to the warehouse distributors and in appreciation of conscientious dedication as an individual member of the specialty equipment industry and The PWA Manufacturer of the Year is in recognition of outstanding contributions to the specialty equipment industry and in appreciation of conscientious efforts in support of the warehouse dis-



It was a great buffet to start out the day.



Anne Graves, PWA President, welcomed everyone to the meeting.



From the left: Chris Kersting and Scooter Brothers



There was a full house for the meeting.



Scooter Brothers thanking the PWA membership for the \$2000 check for the Scholarship Fund.

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