

Subject: April 2008 Newsletter & Mobile Meeting
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April, 2008 Newsletter

Welcome new members: We had a number join at Expo & after.

The expo was certainly a success, with 35 booths taken. We had a very full slate of speakers, yet still ended on time. If you want to visit the expo '08 web site, the link has been moved and added to the bottom of our home page at the "past meetings and expos" link.

<http://www.alabamassa.org/pastmeetings.htm> is the actual page with all the past info on it.

Mobile, May 6, 2008. The link with all the details, map, agenda, etc. is

<http://www.alabamassa.org/meeting-may-6-08-mobile.htm> Please visit this page. We have some very good speakers and will end the meeting with Special Guest Speaker, Col. Glenn Frazier. Meeting will start at 10:59 a.m. and end no later than 2:30 p.m. Enjoy a good buffet lunch (\$20) and our meeting. Notice as in several past years, Mississippi is having their state conference the next two days after ours, for those who want to attend both meetings (see our web site for link details).

State Lobbyist Greg Masood will speak at our May meeting in Mobile. You can send him email at agmasood@govtstrategies.com, but you should copy me with any questions and I will forward to our officers/board.

A sponsor of our May meeting is Open Tech Alliance, makers of the INSOMNIAC[®], self-storage kiosk. Kevin Mehan will be there on behalf of the company to discuss the kiosks and how they are revolutionizing the self storage industry. Please visit their website at www.opentechalliance.com

Our fall Huntsville meeting has been set for Wednesday, October 1, 2008. The next week, from Oct. 7-10, the ISS and the Tennessee SSA will have a big conference at the Opryland hotel complex. Visit <http://www.insideselfstorageexpo.com/> for all that info.

Next year, our EXPO '09 will be in MONTGOMERY, at the Renaissance Montgomery

Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center. This new location will be a big change for us, but we are really expecting a major event, and thanks to Ben Terrell for serving as the Expo Chairman again for 2009. Visit this link to this brand new, wonderful location for the Expo. <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mgmbr-renaissance-montgomery-hotel-and-spa-at-the-convention-center/>

The Password for the Members Only section will change very soon. Renew now so you don't get denied access to those pages for 2008.

I am perfectly happy to include state news of changes, new locations you buy or construct and basically anything that might interest our state members. Just let me know and keep me informed. Certainly keep me informed of any county or city changes or proposed changes in the tax as it affects self-storage.

Regards,
M.D. Smith, President