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2nd Annual Gear Jammer Magazine Truck Show



552 big rigs attended the 2nd Annual Gear Jammer Magazine Truck Show, held in July 2019 in Massachusetts! Turn to pages 12 & 13 the story and more photos. - photo by Matt Conrad -

The TII Family of Companies



By Steve Pollock

PITTSBURGH, PA... Transport Investments, Inc. was founded in 1988 to serve as a holding corporation for trucking companies the firm owned, as well as any future acquisitions. Since then, "TII" has grown to be a leading flatbed and specialized

carrier group. The TII Family of Companies that have been around for many, many years, including Jones Motor, who has been in operation for over 125 years and holds one of the oldest active ICC numbers in the nation.

CEO R. Bruce McAdams states, "Everyday the TII Family

of Companies serves this great nation. This fantastic group of employees, agents, owner-operators and carriers help to keep the American economy moving by delivering products to plants, distribution centers, project sites and ports across the United States. It is an in-

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Women In Trucking Announces Its 2020 March Member of the Month



Su Schmerheim

Plover, WI... The Women In Trucking Association (WIT) recognizes Su Schmerheim, one of the few female solo horse haulers in the nation, as its March 2020 Member of the Month.

As a lifelong horse enthusiast, Schmerheim's passion for horses began in her teenage years. Since the age of 23, she has been showing Arabian and Half-Arabian horses in Michigan and at regional/national events around the United States.

Finding a career that involved her love of horses always had seemed like just a dream, but when she left her corporate job in 2011, a friend suggested that Schmerheim consider finding work in the horse transport industry. Later that year, she began working for a local horse transport company, where she had the opportunity to obtain her CDL.

Five years later, a new opportunity presented itself. After connecting with Schmerheim through social media, Kyle Ecclestone, president of Ecclestone Horse Transport (EHT), offered her a new job. EHT is an international equine logistics company, providing worldwide horse transportation by both road and air.

This opportunity allowed Schmerheim to grow her career. Today, she is involved in both driving and logistics planning for EHT. She was assigned her own truck, a custom Kenworth T800 with a

Doyle 15-horse trailer. Her feline co-pilot Jake often travels with her. "The most exciting part of the horse transport industry is the unknown,"

said Schmerheim. "Loading and hauling a live load certainly presents its fair share of challenges at times. No two days are ever the same."

In the past year, Schmerheim has presented her truck at several truck shows, including the Trucker's Jamboree in Walcott, Ia.; the Shiawassee County Truck Show; and the Richard Crane Memorial Truck Show in St. Ignace, Mich. She was also the recipient of the Women In Trucking Award, presented by association president and CEO Ellen Voie at the Richard Crane show.

Schmerheim encourages anyone interested in a trucking career to check out a truck show near them. She points out that it is a great way to connect and network with other people from the industry.

ATA Truck Tonnage Index Rose 0.1% in January Index 0.8% Higher than January 2019

Arlington, VA... American Trucking Associations' advanced seasonally adjusted (SA) For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index rose 0.1% in January after rising 0.5% in December. In January, the index equaled 117.4 (2015=100) compared with 117.3 in December.

ATA recently revised the seasonally adjusted index back five years as part of its annual revision.

"Over the last two months, the tonnage index has increased 0.6%, which is obviously good news" said ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello. "However, after our annual revision, it is clear that tonnage peaked in July 2019 and, even with the recent gains, is down 1.8% since then. Softness in manufacturing and elevated inventories continue to weigh on the truck freight tonnage."

Compared with January 2019, the SA index rose 0.8%, which was preceded by a 3.1% year-over-year gain in December. In 2019, the index was 3.3% above 2018.

The not seasonally adjusted index, which represents the change in tonnage actually hauled by the fleets before any seasonal adjustment, equaled 114.6 in January, 1.1% above the December level (113.3). In calculating the index, 100 represents 2015.

Note: ATA's tonnage data is dominated by contract freight.

Trucking serves as a barometer of the U.S. economy, representing 71.4% of tonnage carried by all modes of domestic freight transportation, including manufactured and retail goods. Trucks hauled 11.49 billion tons of freight in 2018. Motor carriers collected \$796.7 billion, or 80.3% of total revenue earned by all transport modes.

ATA calculates the tonnage index based on surveys from its membership and has been doing so since the 1970s. This is a preliminary figure and subject to change in the final report issued around the 5th day of each month. The report includes month-to-month and year-over-year results, relevant economic comparisons, and key financial indicators.

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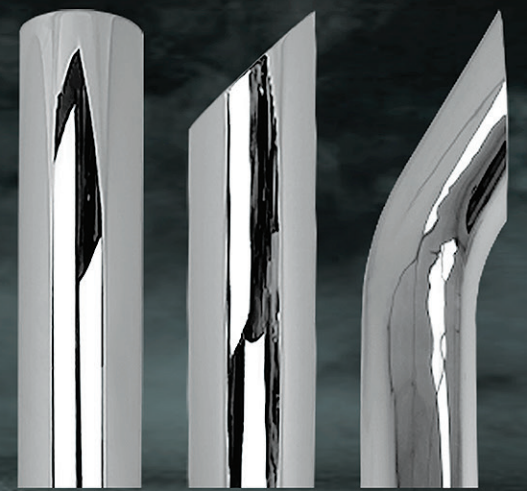
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Off The Beaten Path

by Pam Pollock



The Things You Do For Your Grandkids...

Karma. Oh, karma, you really came back hard and bite me in the butt...

It all started last summer, when I saw on the internet that the YouTube kiddie personality/sensation Blippi would be embarking on a national tour in 2020. My grandkids watch this dude and my grandson is obsessed with him. The guy dresses pretty funky and sings songs about Monster Trucks, Pizza, Brushing Your Teeth and Tractors. He bounces all over the place and films at museums, aquariums, firehouses and other cool places. But, to be brutally honest here, his voice starts to grate on my nerves after about 10 minutes.

My grandson was turning three in January and the Blippi tour was coming to Pittsburgh in February, so I messaged my daughter and asked if we could get tickets for her and Declan as a birthday present. She said yes and then asked if I wanted to take Declan myself. "Oh, hell to the no!" was my immediate response. I bought the tickets and then, later in the fall, I read where The Lumineers were coming to Pittsburgh, so I bought tickets for my son, daughter and son-in-law as Christmas presents. You know where there is leading to, don't you??!

About two weeks before the Blippi show, my daughter texted me because she just discovered that the Blippi show and the Lumineers concert was on the same night. I asked if she was offering me her Lumineers ticket as she had to go to Blippi. She just laughed.

And so, dear friends, this is the story of a little old Gaga loading up her grandson and heading into the big city to see a show where the real Blippi didn't want to go on tour, so he hired a faux Blippi to take his place and parents were outraged and demanded their money back but Gaga didn't really give a rip and took her grandson and declared that, by Jove, we were going to have the best time ever!

And you know what, I really did have fun – it was impossible to not join in the merriment when you have a 3 year old jumping in his seat, waving to Blippi on stage and singing about Monster Trucks. And to be honest, we never noticed that it wasn't the real Blippi, but I was happy that faux Blippi's voice was actually not as shrill as the real Blippi's.

The highlight of my night was during the intermission, when Declan looked up at the ceiling of the Byham Theater and noticed the mural of multiple women who had long, flowing hair and were topless. "That's a lot of boobs hanging out," Declan remarked. Several people seated near us guffawed. I wasn't really sure how to proceed with this topic and then I thought, what would Blippi do? How would he handle this? He always sings in his opening



song, "Come on everyone, let's make learning fun!" So, I took the Blippi approach and told my grandson, "Wow, there sure are a lot of naked boobs up there! Maybe they have babies that need some Mommy milk." Declan pondered this thought and then shook his head in agreement. "Look! I found a baby," he said as he pointed to the lone cherub in the mural. Thankfully the intermission

ended and Blippi came back on the stage and began his frenetic dancing and singing and Declan forgot about boobs.

It's been three weeks since we attended the show and I still have all of those songs stuck in my head. I also still wonder why there's all of those topless women and only one cherub. That's a lot of Mommy milk for one little baby. Oh, Blippi!

Magnum Expands Warehouse & Launches Quick Ship Program

Abbotsford, BC... Magnum Trailer & Equipment Inc, a manufacturer and service provider for the heavy-duty truck and trailer industry, has added an additional 7,300 ft² to their warehouse facility in Abbotsford. That expansion has enabled the launch of a new Quick Ship Program that will increase inventory levels and reduce lead times on shipping. David McLucas, VP of Truck Accessories for Magnum Trailer & Equipment said, "We have changed our manufacturing model to enable larger stocking of high moving products that

will reduce delivery lead time for customers and make life easier for our dealers and distributors." The new program will allow dealers to minimize carrying large amounts of these products and practice just-in-time inventory management.

The Quick Ship Program is designed for next day shipping and reduced lead times on a wide selection of Magnum's most popular Moose and Tube Bumpers, Chain Hangers and Cab Guards. While the overall warehouse footprint has increased by 20% the inventory storage capacity has

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Boyle Transportation and Nussbaum Transportation Revealed as 2020 Best Fleets to Drive For Overall Winners



The Truckload Carriers Association (TCA), and its partner CarriersEdge, have unveiled the overall winners of the 2020 Best Fleets to Drive For contest and survey.

The Best Overall Fleet in the small carrier category, an award sponsored by Truck-Right, was presented to Boyle Transportation, of Billerica, Massachusetts.

The Best Overall Fleet in the large carrier category, an award sponsored by EpicVue, was presented to Nussbaum Transportation, of Hudson, Illinois.

Now in its 12th year, the Best Fleets to Drive For Contest, is an annual survey and contest that recognizes North American for-hire trucking companies who provide the best workplace experience for their drivers.

To be considered, fleets must

be nominated by a company driver or independent contractor working with them, after which they are evaluated across a broad range of categories reflecting current best practices in human resources. The contest accepts nominations from Labor Day to Halloween each year.

Both Boyle Transportation and Nussbaum Transportation have been named to the Best Fleets Top 20 multiple times, with Nussbaum recently winning the 2019 Best Overall Fleet in the small carrier category. The categorization is based on how the Top 20 is broken down according to fleet size.

Nussbaum Transportation, with 442 drivers, was noted for its approach to new technology adoption, where a focus on personal needs ensures the enhancements optimize, rather than disrupt, driver efficiency.

The company's creative approach to HR and professional development programs also earned top scores across a variety of categories.

Boyle Transportation, with 133 drivers, stood out for its investments in driver support programs and operational efficiency improvements. Its guaranteed pay, provision of cell phones and connectivity tools, and a generous scholarship offering all demonstrated a willingness to invest in areas many fleets are reluctant to explore.

CarriersEdge Chief Executive Officer Jane Jazrawy noted that both Boyle Transportation and Nussbaum Transportation are seeing impressive results from their programs: both have driver satisfaction above 93% and driver turnover under 20%.



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life possible. You and the truck have to make the truck, trailer, mortgage, car, pickup truck, food, clothing, entertainment, vacations, and utility payments each month. Another thing that needs maintaining are your relationships. Your relationships with your spouse, children, parents, relatives, fellow workers, dispatchers, shippers, receivers, DOT and scale house employees, and of course the people that help you keep your truck operating at its peak all deserve your time

and respect.

Thinking of purchasing a used fleet truck powered with a Cummins ISX-450 hp engine? 2012 and newer Kenworth or Peterbilt trucks with this engine will make you a very happy owner-operator if you perform a few necessary maintenance items. Clean the combustion chamber and the entire emissions system with the Diesel Force cleaning machine and follow with an oil and filter change. Now that the engine is clean internally, it's time to



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CRST International Inc. Acquires NAL Group

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OOIDA Hails Bipartisan, Truck Parking Legislation

Washington DC... , U.S. Representatives Mike Bost (R-IL) and Angie Craig (D-MN), members of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, introduced the most comprehensive piece of legislation in decades to increase truck parking capacity.

H.R. 6104, the Truck Parking Safety Improvement Act, would dedicate hundreds of millions of dollars to projects that increase truck parking spaces so that truck drivers can safely comply with hours-of-service regulations. Funding would be awarded on a competitive basis and applicants would be required to submit detailed proposals to the U.S. Department of Transportation. The primary focus would be to construct new truck parking facilities and convert existing weigh stations and rest areas into functional parking spaces for truck drivers.

"After decades of ignoring the problem, Congress is finally getting serious about fixing the severe lack of truck parking across the country. Finding a safe place to park is something most people take for granted, but it's a daily struggle for hundreds of thousands of truckers," said Todd Spencer, OOIDA President and CEO. "Congressman Bost and Congresswoman Craig have shown they not only understand truckers are experiencing a crisis, but have the mettle to address it through groundbreaking, bipartisan legislation."

While Congress and the Federal Highway Administration have tried to address this issue with the enactment of Jason's Law and launching of the National Coalition on Truck Parking, OOIDA believes substantive federal investment to expand capacity is long overdue.

Knowing the lack of parking is affecting every segment of trucking, OOIDA worked closely with Reps. Bost and Craig to develop meaningful legislation that would garner support throughout the industry. In addition to OOIDA, H.R. 6104 also boasts the support of the American Trucking Associations, Truckload Carriers Association, National Association of Small Trucking Companies, and the National Motorists Association.

"Growing up in a family trucking business, I learned at early age what a rewarding career it could be," said Rep. Bost. "However, I also understood that trucking can be a tough, demanding, and even dangerous job. One concern for truck drivers is the lack of enough safe parking spots where they can get the rest they need without risking collisions on the shoulder of the highway or being forced to push their limits to find the next rest stop. This puts the truckers and other motorists as significant risk. That's why I'm proud to lead this effort to create sufficient rest parking options for long-haul truckers."

"Right now, there is a lack of places for truck drivers to safely stop, forcing them to pull over to the side of the road, or continue driving, both of which are risky," said Rep. Angie Craig. "That's why I am proud to be working my colleague, Rep. Mike Bost from Illinois to increase truck parking spaces, increasing safety for folks transporting goods to

and from Minnesota's Second Congressional District."

David Heller, TCA Vice President of Government Affairs, said "Truck parking consistently ranks as one of the most important issues for the Truckload Carriers Association (TCA) and trucking stakeholders across the country. On a daily basis, our companies' drivers face dangerous conditions due to the lack of safe and convenient parking options. TCA applauds Representatives Bost and Craig for their dedication to resolving this critical safety obstacle through this legislation, which will devote significant funding toward the development of suitable parking on our nation's highways."

David Owen, President, National Association of Small Trucking Companies, said "The availability of truck parking has become so scarce that, in many parts of the country, it's reached crisis levels. The scope of the problem is such that the solution must be multifaceted. The legislation sponsored by Reps. Bost and Craig represents an important part of the solution — grants dedicated to putting truck parking along federal roads."

Automated Work Zone Speed Enforcement Program Now In Effect In Pennsylvania

As of Wednesday, March 4, drivers speeding through certain active work zones in the state of Pennsylvania could find themselves being cited for the offense through the new Automated Work Zone Speed Enforcement (AWZSE) program.

The AWZSE program uses vehicle-mounted systems to detect and record motorists exceeding posted work zone speed limits using electronic speed timing devices. Work zones will be marked with signage in advance of the enforcement area, and the systems are operational only in active work zones where workers are present. Locations are posted on the project website, WorkZoneCameras.PennDOT.gov.

A 60-day pre-enforcement period, which has been in place since January, ended in early March. Registered owners who are found to be speeding will receive a warning letter for a first offense, a violation notice and \$75 fine for a second offense, and a violation notice and \$150 fine for third and subsequent offenses. These violations are civil penalties only; no points will be assessed to driver's licenses.

In 2018, there were 1,804 work zone crashes in Pennsylvania, resulting in 23 fatalities, and 43% of work zone crashes resulted in fatalities and/or injuries. Since 1970, PennDOT has lost 89 workers in the line of duty. The PA Turnpike has lost 45 workers since 1945.

DOT Office of Drug and Alcohol Policy and Compliance Notice

The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, Pub. L. 115-334, (Farm Bill) removed hemp from the definition of marijuana under the Controlled Substances Act. Under the Farm Bill, hemp-derived products containing a concentration of up to 0.3% tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) are not controlled substances. THC is the primary psychoactive component of marijuana. Any product, including "Cannabidiol" (CBD) products, with a concentration of more than 0.3% THC remains classified as marijuana, a Schedule I drug under the Controlled Substances Act.

We have had inquiries about whether the Department of Transportation-regulated safety-sensitive employees can use CBD products. Safety-sensitive employees who are subject to drug testing specified under 49 CFR part 40 (Part 40) include: pilots, school bus drivers, truck drivers, train engineers, transit vehicle op-

erators, aircraft maintenance personnel, fire-armed transit security personnel, ship captains, and pipeline emergency response personnel, among others.

It is important for all employers and safety-sensitive employees to know:

1. The Department of Transportation requires testing for marijuana and not CBD.

2. The labeling of many CBD products may be misleading because the products could contain higher levels of THC than what the product label states. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not currently certify the levels of THC in CBD products, so there is no Federal oversight to ensure that the labels are accurate. The FDA has cautioned the public that: "Consumers should beware purchasing and using any [CBD] products." The FDA has stated: "It is currently illegal to market CBD by adding it to a food or labeling it as a dietary supplement."* Also, the FDA has issued several warning letters to companies because their products contained more CBD than indicated on the product label. **[i]

3. The Department of Transportation's Drug and Alcohol Testing Regulation, Part 40, does not authorize the use of Schedule I drugs, including marijuana, for any reason. Furthermore, CBD use is not a legitimate medical explanation for a laboratory-confirmed marijuana positive result. Therefore, Medical Review Officers will verify a drug test confirmed at the appropriate cutoffs as positive, even if an employee claims they only used a CBD product.

It remains unacceptable for any safety-sensitive employee subject to the Department of Transportation's drug testing regulations to use marijuana. Since the use of CBD products could lead to a positive drug test result, Department of Transportation-regulated safety-sensitive employees should exercise caution when considering whether to use CBD products.

[i]* What You Need to Know (And What We're Working to Find Out) About Products Containing Cannabis or Cannabis-derived Compounds, Including CBD: The FDA is working to answer questions about the science, safety, and quality of products containing cannabis and cannabis-derived compounds, particularly CBD." <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/what-you-need-know-and-what-were-working-find-out-about-products-containing-cannabis-or-cannabis>

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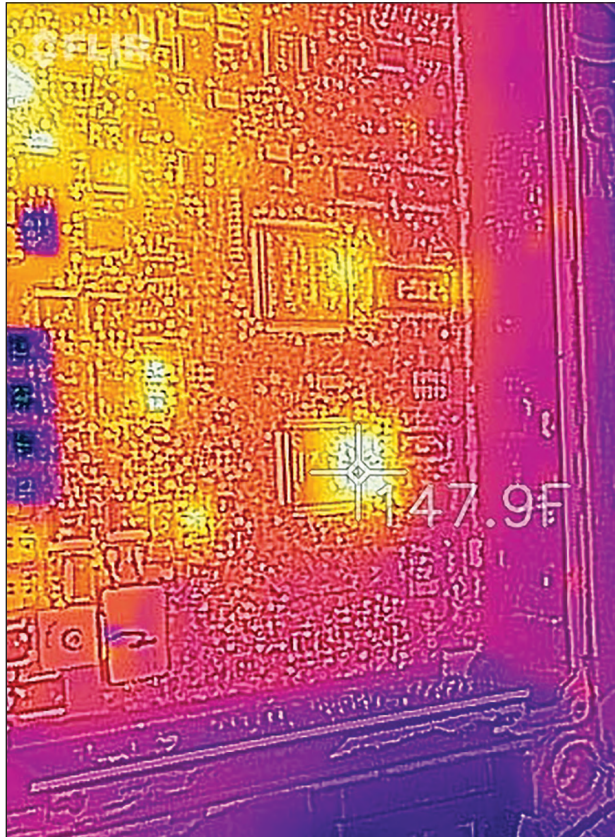


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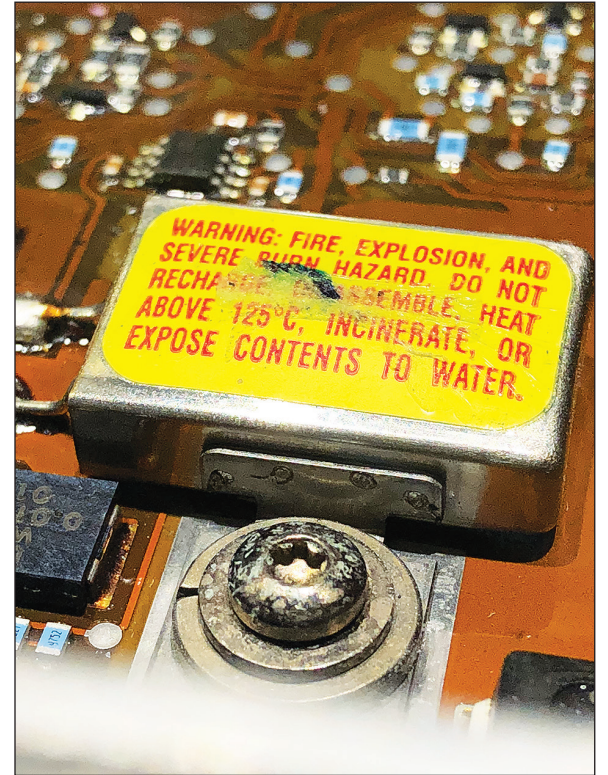


I needed to get more air in and out of the cabinet. The guys who designed that stand didn't think much about the cooling needs of the electronics that stand was designed to hold. By the looks of it things are even worse these days. Some of these TV stands have a built in electronic heater that looks like a fireplace. If your house is so cold that you need a heater to prevent the electronics from being damaged, then keeping the electronics warm would be the least of your problems. Machines that do work get hot and processing data is work. I knew a guy in Pittsburgh who heated a 3500 square foot house one winter with nothing but bitcoin miners. The heat generated from the microprocessors in those bitcoin generating computers was enough that he had to leave a few windows open to make the house livable. Excess heat kills engines and

I've got a toddler who likes pushing buttons and if it's a glowing button, a button on a touch screen display or a button that controls a TV that's even better. What better way to learn what that button does then to push it right? That's all well and good but eventually that stuff needs to be put some place where her little hands can't get to them. It's been a while since I shopped for furniture let alone a TV entertainment stand. I took a 4 inch hole saw to the back of the last entertainment stand I bought because the stereo receiver kept overheating and



This DDEC microprocessor is working and is about 80 degrees hotter than the air temperature.



This DDEC battery swelled up when it was overheated but thankfully it didn't leak.



Toddlers love iPads.

electronics alike so if it's got vents, cooling fins or a fan make sure it gets cool air.

Last week I did a repair on an ECM that didn't start after the owner used a big diesel powered forced air torpedo heater to heat up the oil pan of his Series 60. The last time I used one of those it was to thaw out a dynamometer cooling tower. Anyways, a DDEC dissipates heat though it's aluminum case. In industrial and marine

applications, a fuel cooled heatsink bolts up to the case to help cooling. This DDEC IV had seen enough heat to cause the primary microprocessor to detach from the circuit board. The case had to be heated to at least 400 degrees Fahrenheit for that to happen. The connections between the microprocessor and the circuit board are made by a robot when the ECM is made. The contacts on the circuit board are closer together then

the ridges on the edge of a quarter. This kind of damage isn't considered repairable but some new micro solder tools had just come in and I wanted to test them out. I worked on that repair all night and when I looked up from the microscope it was morning again. I got it running a few hours later and now it's back in service and has been running ever since. If you want to get a full life out of the parts inside the box, I suggest

keeping the case temperature below 200 degrees Fahrenheit. On the cold side these DDECs should be fine to operate as low as -40 degrees Fahrenheit but that isn't something, I have been able to test yet.

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2nd Annual Gear Jammer Magazine Truck Show



By Matt Conrad
 The 2nd Annual Gear Jammer Magazine Truck Show was one for the record books. The show was held July 19-20, 2019 and brought in a total of 542 trucks. With the help of all involved we were able to raise \$23,533 for the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation to help children with autism. The show was held at a new location at the Brimfield Winery and Cidery in Brimfield, Massachusetts. The Winery and Cidery was a big help to keep all attendants cool as the weather reached the highest temperatures of the year at over 100 degrees. The heat, however, didn't stop trucks to come from all over the U.S. as well as Canada. There were tons of activities for truckers as well as local visitors, including a vendor row, moon bounces, great food, a huge raffle, wine and hard cider, over 100 trophies, Lights On For Autism Light Show, and finally a great concert performed by Tony Justice.



One of the big draws for drivers were the custom best of show trophies built by Empire Sheet Metal out of NH. These trophies had the front of the truck placed on the base of an autism puzzle piece. Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Gear Jammer Magazine Truck Show, which will be held this July 31st and August 1st. You can pre-register or sponsor the show by emailing mttconrad7@aol.com or calling Bob Conrad at 508-212-9998. We want to thank all of the sponsors, truckers, attendants, and everyone else involved in making this show the success it is. We hope to see you at 35 Main Street in Brimfield MA for what's sure to be a can't miss show.

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The Road to Lease Purchase Ownership: 3 Keys to Success



By: Darren Coast, PGT Trucking, Inc., Chief Operating Officer

In an environment where the unemployment rate is at an all-time low 3.6%, those in the job hunt are looking to the transportation industry, where despite this rate, there is a growing need for professional drivers and jobs are readily available. The door is open for those who want to start or expand upon their driving career.

For someone in this industry, earning potential is unlimited, and Owner Operators are averaging six figures annually. The question recruiting departments often hear is, "How can I move from a Company Driver to an Owner Operator without breaking the bank by purchasing my own truck?" A quality lease purchase program



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1. Initial research is needed: Lease programs and lease purchase programs are very different. A lease program through a third-party provider will require drivers to put money down, and depending on the Agreement, drivers may have to meet strict credit requirements. This isn't always the most practical option for a driver starting their path to truck ownership.

A lease purchase program allows drivers to pay a monthly fee and part of that payment is put toward the final purchase price. Per the lease terms, there may be a final balloon payment, or, at the end of the Agreement, the equipment is paid off. When choosing the lease-to-own option, make sure you take the time to research the company. Ask about lease purchase success rates. According to a survey conducted by Truth About Trucking, 77 percent of drivers fail to complete their lease-to-own program. At PGT, we pride ourselves on a purchase success rate above the industry average. Many of our drivers have gone on to purchase multiple trucks through our program, becoming Fleet Owners, and truly maximizing their earning potential.

"I've paid off three trucks with PGT's Lease Purchase Program. Great revenue and overall great program. There's obviously a reason I came back for a fourth!" said Cortez Hogan, PGT Lease Purchase Operator.

2. Know the equipment's history: Many companies purchase their lease equipment at auction with little to no known history of the truck. They may have their maintenance team do a quick once-over to make sure it is initially drivable and place it on the sale list. Reoccurring issues after the fact? It's the driver's responsibility. How much is a driver willing to pay into a truck with no maintenance history before chalking it up to a loss?

It is in a driver's best interest to partner with a company who offers used fleet trucks in their lease purchase program as opposed to auction equipment. These trucks are purchased new, and once offered in the program, an entire history of that truck has been recorded. Drivers can see how the truck has been maintained and cared for, where it has gone, and what it has hauled. Additionally, some companies guarantee the success of the truck. If there is a persistent issue, a reputable company will move the driver into another available lease purchase unit to keep them moving and making money.

"I started at PGT Trucking nine years ago as an Owner Operator. My equipment was old and needed a lot of work. PGT's Lease Purchase Program allowed me to update my equipment with no money down and keep working. They stand behind you and make sure you're making good money and always have a quality piece of equipment. I've upgraded my

truck four times now, and have never had any issues," Tony Sheehan, PGT Lease Purchase Operator.

3. Ensure the company will help along the way: While the thought of truck ownership and independence are extremely attractive, we often find the reason drivers fail is because they aren't prepared for the additional administrative tasks related to running a trucking business, such as money management and out of pocket expenses, record keeping and taxes.

Work with a company who can assist in various aspects of being an Owner Operator, including load management, license plates, Federal Highway Use Tax, truck insurances, IFTA, and more. Having these resources and experts make the transition smooth and successful. Once the truck is paid off, you can still rely on this internal support system to help you manage your business. Additionally, partnering with a company like PGT provides lease purchase operators with deep discounts on fuel, tires, parts, and shop labor rates.

Also essential to the success of a Lease Purchase Operator is the relationship the driver has with fleet management. A dedicated Lease Purchase Fleet Manager knows what it takes to be a leading Independent Contractor, and works with their drivers toward strategic career growth.

"Start with the basics. Learn the freight, routes and the customers. Work closely with your manager to ensure your success. If you are looking to get into the lease purchase program, you need to have the right business mindset and act like an Independent Contractor prior to making the jump. You have to be committed!" said Tremaine Abner, PGT Lease Purchase Operator.

Making the move from Company Driver to an Owner Operator takes planning, research and support. The trucking industry opens a lot of doors for business owners who want to work hard and make a great living. A quality lease purchase program can help a driver meet their professional and financial goals. Be selective in your equipment and in your partnerships, and keep in mind these three keys to success.

About the Author: Darren Coast is PGT Trucking's Chief Operating Officer, accountable for the company's assets, drivers, facilities and agents with over 25 years of experience in the transportation industry.

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Guy Fieri Bites into Disaster Relief with Help of Freightliner Trucks



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Fieri's fully equipped 48-foot mobile kitchen includes multiple cook surfaces, ovens, deep fryers, a smoker, an ice machine, abundant cold storage, a 30-quart mixer, a 12-kW generator and more. The new kitchen will join his fleet of two smaller 24-foot cooking trailers.

Fieri was inspired to assist in disaster relief after he helped feed thousands of workers and displaced residents during the 2017 Tubbs Fire in Northern California, which devastated more than 6,500 homes. Since then, Fieri has supported numerous disaster locations and served more than 120,000 meals.

"I'm delighted that Freightliner stepped up to help serve the dedicated first-responders who help save lives and provide relief during times of extreme need," said Fieri. "When we get the call, a reliable and comfortable tow vehicle is essential in getting us on site efficiently and safely. Freightliner has the right truck to do that, hands

down!" "Guy's passion to help first responders during these extremely difficult situations is inspiring to the Freightliner team," said Kelly Gedert, VP market development for Freightliner Trucks. "We jumped at the opportunity to partner with Guy in this effort; and the Freightliner M2 112 will be right at home among first responders who depend on their Freightliner M2-based fire trucks, ambulances and utility trucks."

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Chef, restaurateur, New York Times Best Selling author and Emmy Award-winning TV host, Guy Fieri, is one of the world's most recognizable and influential culinary stars. In 2019, Guy received a star on the celebrated Hollywood Walk Fame, a rare feat for a chef. Guy and his team at Knuckle Sandwich, LLC, have opened 75 restaurants around the world. On land and at sea, from the Las Vegas Strip to the Atlantic City Boardwalk, from South Africa to Colombia and from Costa Rica to Dubai, Guy's culinary creations are enjoyed globally, every day.



PORTLAND, OR... Guy Fieri is cooking up a new recipe – but this time, it's not one dish at a time in one of his famous restaurants – he's serving first responders with a new mobile kitchen hauled by a custom Freightliner crew cab tractor.

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weBoost Cell Phone Booster Keeps Team Drivers In the Revenue Stream



mounting, and all brackets and hardware were included in the kit. It would be a simple installation; however, I don't like to see any wires to power accessories. I was on a mission to hide all wires and have a clean neat install. I suppose it would take about an hour to install if one didn't hide the wires as well as I did.

After deciding where to mount the components, I began with the external antenna. The bracket was easy; one option was a rigid mount, that is what I decided to do. The antenna comes in multiple sections to allow for different installation heights. My bracket was at a height that I only needed two sections to get the antenna above the cab. After assembling the antenna, I mounted it to the bracket. I ran the coax down the back of the cab and up through the floor behind the driver's seat. This is where I planned on mounting the booster.

A 12v power supply will be needed for the booster, that is what I did next. I would have liked the ability to hardwire the booster, but it came with a plugin for a lighter outlet, I installed an outlet behind the seat. The booster has an easily mounted bracket, and the booster snaps into the bracket. The antenna coax threads onto the booster on one end, the internal antenna the other.

weBOOST recommends

placing the internal antenna on the driver's seat near your shoulder. We do not hold our phones while driving, so to keep the antenna within three feet of the telephone, the antenna was placed near the dash where we keep the phone. It would be a great addition to have a second internal antenna connected to the booster to be placed in the sleeper.

Installation complete, I plugged in the booster and turned it on. I got a green light on the booster, indicating it was working.

There was not an immediate change to our phones or the computer as we were in a good area of the country with very good signal. When the difference became apparent was in a very bad cell signal area. Normally in that area if we sat at the perfect angle with the phone held just right we might be able to talk with someone. The computer was impossible to use on internet. This time though we were in for a pleasant surprise as we did have enough signal to talk and to use internet while sitting in the cab of the truck. When I went back to the bunk, I once again could not use the phone or internet.

In our business the phone is what keeps us connected for weBoost Cell Phone Booster is one more item we have in our arsenal to keep our trucking business in the revenue stream.

Make The Most Of Today

We hear of all kinds of schemes, plans and projected offered to us for better living, only to find out that people do not grow better, rather, they grow worse.

It has been said, that for better living, a man should fancy his deathbed and its profits and how you spend your time and how you live. In the light of death's candle, what would you do? If you knew at the end of this present day that you would go out of this world into the next, what would you itemize as being the most important?

This kind of investigation is what produces the best of life. There are many things we would leave undone, there are other things we would go out and do immediately if we knew this day would be our last. It is positively true that when you came into this world you brought nothing with you, and it is likewise true that when you leave this world you are not going to take anything out with you. And if you think on these things too much, they can become a bit depressing until you ask yourself the question, "Why live anyway?"

If I brought nothing with me, and if I'm going to take nothing out, why live in this thing called life? The answer to that is no what you brought - nor what you take out, but what it is that you are going to leave for the next generation. Will you build a bridge over the troubled water you had to cross, or will you leave the future generations to work it out for themselves?



Bob & Linda Caffee

By Linda Caffee

The weBOOST cell signal booster was delivered to our home packaged well with no damage. Inside the package, the unit was placed in the carton, well organized with installation instructions on top. I read the instructions thoroughly before removing anything else from the box.

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Freezin' For A Reason – The 10th Annual Pittsburgh Polar Plunge



Pittsburgh Police Chief Scott Schubert addresses the crowd during the Opening Ceremony at the Polar Plunge.



By Pam Pollock

It was a different view at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on Saturday, February 29th. There were no footballs being tossed by uniformed Steelers, but I did spy several Polar Bears in the crowd!

Thousands of Plungers, tailgaters and spectators braved the cold weather (temperature was in the 20s with a Real Feel of 9°) in support of the 10th Annual Pittsburgh Polar Plunge, which

is presented by Law Enforcement for Special Olympics PA. This popular event raises funds for local PA Special Olympics athletes. Almost 1,500 brave souls took the “plunge” into swimming pools, which were donated by Pool City. An elite group of people raised a minimum of \$2,500 each to do The Super Plunge and committed to plunging into a cold pool of water, twenty-four times, over the course of a 12 hour period.

Tri-State Trailer Sales had

their Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Pennsylvania in the parking lot of Heinz Field and also gave out free Bruster’s ice cream to attendees.

The 2020 Pittsburgh Polar Plunge, held on Leap Day, shattered their goal and raised \$570,800! The Pittsburgh Police Polar Plunge Team raised the most money - \$132,610 and Pittsburgh Police Chief Scott Schubert was the top individual fundraiser with \$87,621.

It truly was a wonderful experience to see Special Olympics athletes, law enforcement personnel, students and

community members all come together for this amazing event. To see more photos of the 10th Annual Pittsburgh Polar

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Gypsum Express Provides Semi-Trucks To TDDS Technical Institute To Upgrade Truck Driver Training



Frank Speziale (Sr. Instructor), Rick Rathburn, Jr. (TDDS CEO), Bob Lingyak (Gypsum Express) and David Dann (Instructor)

LAKE MILTON, Ohio - Looking to increase their recruiting foothold on new truck driver training graduates and signing them on with Gypsum Express, Ltd., the Baldwinsville, NY-based company has recently committed to providing TDDS Technical Institute, Lake Milton, OH, with a second updated semi-truck to help further strengthen the school's truck driver training program.

Recognizing schools like TDDS Tech have limited resources and a need for upgraded vehicles in today's truck driver education arena, Gypsum Express owner John Wight and his staff continue to show their confidence in and appreciation for the job that TDDS Technical Institute does preparing inexperienced truck driver students for the Trucking Industry and more specifically, for their

company. Rick Rathburn, Jr., CEO/Owner of TDDS Tech, says "Although, other companies have provided semi-trucks and trailers in the past, none have shown this high of a level of commitment to our students. We are truly grateful for their pledge to transportation education excellence." "By offering these semi-tractor trailer units to TDDS

Technical Institute, Gypsum solidifies delivering the highest quality education possible to TDDS trainees," says Driver Recruiter, Bob Lingyak. "In turn, TDDS Tech provides us with high-quality job-ready, entry-level truck driving graduates that we come to expect. Plus, it also gives TDDS students the opportunity to learn on the type of trucks they will be driving at Gypsum."

Proudly, Rathburn states, "This is a great example of what the educational and transportation communities can do together and what a true partnership is all about."

Gypsum Express is currently hiring professional drivers for their Aliquippa, PA and Wheeling, WV terminals. To find out more about a driving career with Gypsum Express, Ltd. go to www.Gypsumexpress.jobs or you can call Driver Recruiters Bob Lingyak or Nick Kogiones Toll Free at 800.621.7901. If you would like to learn more about transportation careers at TDDS Technical Institute go to www.tdds.edu, Friend or Like TDDS on Facebook or call us at 1.800.475.8337.

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VA... The American Trucking Associations applauded the Transportation Security Administration for taking the long overdue, but important, step to allow drivers who hold a Transportation Worker Identification Credential to also obtain a hazardous materials endorse-

ment on their license without an additional security threat assessment or associated fee. In 2018, ATA along with National Tank Truck Carriers, submitted comments to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regarding the issuance of a hazardous ma-

terials endorsements. As part of these comments, ATA and NTTC urged the agency to modify the requirements on states for issuing HMEs to align with federal law. Specifically, ATA and NTTC requested the agency acknowledge language in the Federal Aviation Reau-

thorization Act of 2018, which explicitly empowers states to issue HMEs to drivers who already hold a valid TWIC. ATA and NTTC also requested that FMCSA issue guidance to the states regarding the best method to ascertain whether a TWIC is valid.

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by Roger Clark

Recently I had the opportunity to see my state taxes hard at work, when I went to renew my CDL. The Department of Motor Vehicles is a study in

discrimination. There isn't any. Whether you're a minority or majority, rich or poor, CEO or See You Later, you're gonna have to take a number from the same red dispenser.

In grocery stores, movie theaters, funeral homes, and Trump rallies, I've seen preferential treatment for those of us overweight, underpaid, kind of dead, or sort of pregnant. Not at the DMV. There is no credit for the color of your collar, make of family car, or size of individual bank accounts. If you're on crutches, Medicaid, meth, or on fire, the only thing that matters is that number in your hand.

DMV's everywhere have the same interior design. Black plastic chairs over gray & black carpeting, accented by gray & black walls, which are plastered with gray & black posters illustrating what the state will not allow. No smoking. No firearms. No burglary tools. No food. No humor.

They also all have the posters that say all applicants for any license must be able to read and speak English. They're also all printed in Spanish, French, Farsi, and Mandarin. In small print, in English, they say we should call 211, if we don't understand.

Behind every three-cornered cubicle is an agent who cares, a bureaucrat that doesn't, and a uniformed police officer playing Grand Theft Auto on his cellphone. The agents and bureaucrats have thousands of regulations at their fingertips, just a keystroke away on a bank of double computers. The poor cop, meanwhile, can't find a plug-in for his rapidly draining phone battery.

Customers have it even worse. First, because they don't know if they even ARE customers, or if they're clients. Or just shoppers. Or perhaps

immigrants. Secondly, regardless of their citizenship status, they're all just out of reach of USB ports, so their wireless devices are about to be chargeless as well.

To imbed the DOT physical data into my license, I need a Social Security card. To get the card, I have to produce a passport. For a passport, it's necessary to carry a birth certificate. To be issued a birth certificate, from my home state of Wisconsin, I just have to dispatch my brother. He shows up without his wallet, and they hand it over faster than you can order a whopper from the drive-up line.

Luckily for both of us, identity theft is not a problem. Nobody wants to be us. It's so bad that when thieves discover what we really have in the bank, they try to make a deposit, not a withdrawal.

On any given day, the state DMV is populated by the most diverse group of people outside of Walmart. I see business suits, hijabs, western wear, and Carhartt coveralls. There are preachers, teachers, protesters and leaders, all clinging quietly to their religion, education, politics, and paper number. There are bikers, truck drivers, Uber contractors, and limo chauffeurs, all clinging to someone's birth certificate, most unaware they'll have to go through this again in four years.

The good news is, the same agents will still be on the job, still wearing the same red shirt and Christmas tie in July. You can also anticipate that computer technology will dramatically evolve, in 48 months' time, and allow you to take the same paper number quite a bit quicker. The wait for service won't change, of course, and your new Enhanced Driver License will cost a fortune, but let's face it. You were going to retire then anyhow!



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May 2- LargeCarMag "United We Roll" Family Gathering Truck Show – Berks County Fairground, 1216 Hilltop Road, Leesport, PA. 19533. All proceeds donated to Relay For Life, American Cancer Society in honor of Sal Castiglione. For more info visit www.largecarmag.com, phone 717-806-8907 or email: Michele@largecarmag.com

May 7-9 – 8th Annual East Coast Truckers Jamboree - Kenly 95 Petro, Kenly, NC. For more info, visit <https://kenly95.com/trucker-jamboree/>

May 10 – 30th Annual Make-A-Wish Mother's Day Convoy – Manheim Auto Auction, 1190 Lancaster Rd., Manheim, PA. 17545. This truck show began in 1990 with a call for at least two trucks so a Wish child could ride in a Big Truck and talk on the CB radio to his sister! 44 trucks showed up in 1990 and has grown since then to include games, food, costumed characters, an auction and HUNDREDS of Big Rigs! For more info, visit www.wishconvoy.org or phone 717-283-4868.

May 16 – 20th Annual Greater Cincinnati Chapter of ATHS Truck Show – Howard Trucking, 10955 Haddix Rd., Fairborn, OH 45324. Rain or shine! All Trucks Welcome! Door prizes all day long, 50/50 Raffle, DJ spinning your favorite trucker tunes! Full menu for both breakfast and lunch. For more info email: Howardtrk@yahoo.com or phone 937-878-3370.

May 28-30 - ATHS National Convention & Truck Show – Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL. For more info call 816-891-9900 or visit www.aths.org

June 4-7 – 17th Annual Wheel Jam Truck Show - South Dakota State Fairgrounds, 431 18th St. SW, Huron, SD. For more info visit www.wheeljamtruckshow.com

June 4-6 – 38th Annual Shell Rotella® SuperRigs® - Texas Motor Speedway – Fort Worth, Texas. Show will be part of a high-powered IndyCar Series and NASCAR Truck Series weekend! Truck Beauty Contest will be held inside the track in front of thousands of racing fans. For more info visit www.Rotella.com

June 4-7 - Joplin 44 Petro Truckers Jamboree - Joplin 44 Petro, Joplin, MO. For more info visit www.joplin44.com/truckers-jamboree

June 6 - Paul Riggle & Sons Show & Shine Truck Show - Paul Riggle & Sons Trucking, Apollo, PA. For more info phone 724-448-7809

June 12-13 - Oak Grove Truckers Jamboree - Oak Grove Petro, Oak Grove, MO. For more info, visit www.oakgrovepetro.com/trucker-jamboree

June 13 - Jane Harting Cancer Benefit, Truck Show & Picnic - Elite Service, 905 Stone Hill Rd., Denver, PA. 17517. For more info call Ron and Rebecca Yoder at 717-475-4630 or 717-419-5737 or visit <http://www.eliteattitude.com/cancerbenefit.html>

June 19-20 - Antique Truck Club of America's 41st Annual National Meet - Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie, PA. More Info: <http://antiquetruckclub.org/forms/2020macungie.pdf>

June 20-21 – 9th Annual Ohio Vintage Truck Jamboree – Ashland County Fairgrounds, 2042 Claremont Ave., Ashland, OH 44805. Vintage Truck Show, Trucking Memorabilia Display, Swap Meet, Truck Light Display, Dorr Prizes, Raffles, Jake Brake Competition, Country Convoey Dinner Cruise, and much more. For info, visit www.ohvintrkjam.com or call Bill Peters at 330-682-1707 or email: wep515@gmail.com

June 27 - Trucks For Smiles - 6th Annual Somerset Area Make-A-Wish® Truck Convoy - Somerset County Fairgrounds, Meyersdale, PA. Hosted by W.W. Friedline, Inc. All proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish®. For more info or to preregister, contact Mark or Keri Friedline at 814-445-2193, email: Keri@wwwf101.com or visit www.TrucksForSmiles.com

June 27 – 7th Annual Southern Idaho Truck Show - Hazelton, Idaho. For more info phone 208-731-6459 or visit them at <https://www.facebook.com/Southern-Idaho-Truck-Show...>

June 28 – American Truck Historical Society ATHS Nutmeg Chapter Truck Show – Brooklyn Fair Grounds, Route 169, Brooklyn, CT. 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more info call Don @ 860-274-4758.

June 27-28- Transport For Christ Truck Rally - Lebanon Valley Expo Center, 80 Rocherty Rd., Lebanon, PA. For more info phone 717-665-6347 or visit www.transportforchrist.org

July 9-11 – 41st Annual Walcott Truckers Jamboree – Iowa 80 Truckstop, I-80 Exit 284, Walcott, IA. Super Beauty Truck Show, Antique Truck Display, Trucker Olympics Games, Exhibits, Fireworks, Live Music and much more!! For more information go to <http://iowa80truckstop.com/trucker-jamboree/>

July 11 – 8th Annual International Motor Truck Gathering – Sones Farm and Home Museum, 92 Industrial Park Rd., Muncy, PA. 17756. All Trucks Welcome, No Registration Fee, Auction. For more info, call Leny/Lanni Ohnmeiss @ 570-435-0647 or Robert Myers @ 570-772-3773.

July 17-18 – Gulf Coast Big Rig Truck Show – Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, 2350 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS. 39531. For more info call 985-630-9171 or email: pattimccleney@gmail.com

July 24-25 – Keystone Chapter ATCA Truck Show - East Freedom, PA. Trucks, tractors and machinery welcome. Dash Plaques while supplies last. No Judging. Friday night dinner and ice cream convoy. Food and drinks on Saturday. For more info call 814-224-2084 or visit www.keystonetrucks.org

July 24-25 - Keystone Truckin' Nationals - Maple Grove Raceway, 30 Stauffer Park Ln., Mohnton, PA. 19540. For more info call 610-856-9200 or visit www.maplegroveraceway.com

July 24-26 - Top Gun Large Car Shootout - Rantoul National Aviation Center, Rantoul, IL. Phone 217-304-3332 or visit www.topgunlargecarshootout.com

July 31-August 1 - 3rd Annual Gear Jammer Magazine Truck Show - Brimfield Winery & Cidery, 35 Main St., Brimfield, MA. Proceeds to benefit children with Autism. Competition Truck Show, Lights at Night Show, Raffle, Vendors, and More! For more info call 508-212-9998, email: mttconrad7@aol.com

August 1 – 16th Annual Iowa-Nebraska Classic Truck Show Plus the Nebraska Trucking Association Working Truck Show – Sapp Bros. Truck Stop, I-80 Exit 440, Omaha, Nebraska (Northwest Parking Lot). Food, Fun, Vendors, Music. Classic Pick-ups, El Caminos, Fire Trucks and Sedan Delivery Trucks Welcome! For more info, contact Russell Spawn, Jr. at 402-680-6121.

August 7-9 - Carlisle Truck Nationals – Carlisle, PA Big Rig Show and Shine. Monster Truck Shows, Vendor Midway and Truck Themed Swap Meet, Kids at Carlisle Activity Center. For more info call 717-243-7855 or visit www.carlisleevents.com

August 14-15 - Waupun Truck-n-Show - Waupun Community Center, 510 E. Spring St., Waupun, WI. For more info, phone 920-324-9985.

August 14-16 – Big Rig Truck Show – Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds, Chippewa Falls, WI. Truck Show, Night Truck Parade, Indoor and Outdoor Exhibits, Live Music, Food, Kids Zone. Drivers can register online at www.bigrigtruckshows.com

August 14-15 – Great Salt Lake Truck Show - Thanksgiving Point, Lehi, Utah (just south of Salt Lake City). For more info go to www.saltlaketruckshow.com or phone 800-877-1320.

August 14-15 - ATSC/Dynaflex Shootout - Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City, MO. For more info visit www.atsc.world/mo or phone 333-724-1555

August 21-22 - Brooks Truck Show - Pacific Northwest Truck Museum, Brooks, OR. For more info call 503-463-8701 or go to www.pacificnwtruckmuseum.org

August 22 – The 2020 All Wheels Show – Presented by Cerni Motors & Penn-Ohio ATCA, Cerni Motors, 5751 Cerni Place, Youngstown, Ohio. 44515 – 9 am - 4 pm. Showcasing Antique and Unique Vehicles of all shapes and sizes to Benefit Local Non-Profit Organization, Project MKC. In lieu of registration or entry fees, you are asked to make a monetary donation or bring school supplies to support Project MKC. Food, Raffles, Door Prizes, Vendors, Fun! For more info contact Joelle Hallis at 330-652-9917 or email: jhallis@cerni.com

August 27-29 - Great American Trucking Show (GATS) - Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, Dallas, TX. www.truckshow.com

August 29 – Bedford County Convoy of Diesel Dreams – Bedford Fairgrounds, Bedford, PA. Truck Show and Convoy benefiting Make-A-Wish.

September 5-6 - No Coast Large Cars Truck Show - Hancock County Fairgrounds, Britt, IA. Phone 641-860-0837 for more info or find them online at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/164862380373955/>

September 11-12 - Big Iron Classic - Dodge County Fairgrounds, Kasson, MN. Visit www.bigironclassic.com or call Jim at 507-208-0222 for info.

September 12 - 9th Annual Eastern Shore Large Cars - Caroline County 4-H Grounds, Denton, MD For more info email: eslc@comcast.net or visit <https://www.facebook.com/ESLargeCars/>

September 12 – Cable Truck Show – 2876 Route 286, Saltsburg, PA. For more info, call 724-639-9043.

September 18-19 - Busted Knuckle Truck Show - Wilkins Oklahoma Truck Supply, Tonkawa, OK. For more info visit www.wilkinstruckchrome.com or phone 800-299-5308

September 18-20 - Richard Crane Memorial Truck Show - St. Ignace, MI. Phone 800-338-6660 or visit <https://stignace.com/event/annual-richard-crane-memorial-truck-show/>

September 19 - 7th Annual Lanita Specialized Truck Show - 7630 Lancaster Ave., Mt. Aetna, PA. For more info phone 717-933-5100

September 19 – Snow Shoe Fall Festival of Trucks – Snow Shoe Park, I-8- Exit 147, turn left, Snow Show, PA. Proceeds to benefit U.S. Veterans in Snow Show, PA. Bob Tail Trucks Only, Car Show, Fall Festival, Food and Vendors. For more info call JR at 814-321-1170. Facebook: www.Facebook.com/snowshoefallfestival

September 24-26 - CSM'S Guilty By Association Truck Show (GBATS) – 4 State Trucks, Joplin, MO. A cross between a truck show, a customer expo, and an open house, GBATS is jam-packed with much fun, good food and great friends! Come for this incredibly action-packed 2-day weekend event filled with big rig burnouts, storewide sales, bull riding, concerts, truck & tractor pull, world's largest convoy, shop tours, kids pedal pull, downtown Joplin street party + much more bring the whole family for a weekend of trucking fun! For more information, go to: <http://www.chromeshopmafia.com/guilty-by-association-truck-show>

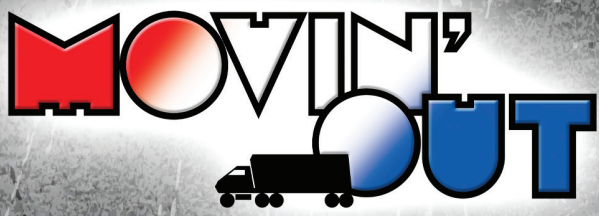
September 25-27 – Truckers 4 Hope Truck Show – Clinton County Fair, 98 Racetrack Road, Mackeyville, PA. 17751. Non-judged Truck Show. Semi-Pulls, Tractor Pulls, 4x4 Pulls. Family friendly. Live Music, Beer Tent, Kids Activities, Vendors, Camping, Light Show and Much More! For more info contact Jason Smith @ 570-660-7281 or email: truckers4hope@gmail.com

October 17 - 11th Annual LargeCarMag Southern Classic Truck Show - LeeHi Travel Plaza, Lexington, VA. For more info email: michele@largecarmag.com or phone 717-806-8907

If you would like to list an upcoming show or event, send all the details including a telephone contact number to:

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Working Show Truck Of The Month

Gary & Devery Jones -
SPB Trucking, LLC



He wanted to send a big thank you out to Ryan Piana and the entire Globe Trailers staff for building such a great trailer and providing unmatched customer service. Gary's truck is powered by a Cummins engine that's paired up with an 18 speed transmission and a set of 3:36 rears. His truck is custom from front to back with single headlights, a painted drop visor, lighted lower cab & sleeper panels, and single hump fenders over all of the rears. Gary wanted to credit Jones Customs & Collision, Peast-erbilt Customs, Road Works Mfg., and Talladega Fiberglass for making both trucks look incredible! He also wanted to thank his dad, Gary Jones Sr. for everything he's done. Gary & Devery Jones are definitely trucking in style with their hot heavy haulers and they are both excessively cool!

hood. Gary has nicknamed Devery's truck "Excessive Behavior" and his truck "Excessive Behavior II", and as you can see from our photos, both trucks are excessively cool! Both trucks have a 308" wheelbase and over 2,000 hours of some of the coolest air brushed flames between the 2 of them.

Gary pulls a 2019 55 ton Globe Trailers lowboy that's air brushed to match his tractor.



By Robert Conrad

There is definitely a lot of trucking experience and history in the Jones family, and Gary Jones is following in the footsteps of his grandfather and his father, Gary Jones, Sr., every time he steps up into the driver's seat of his 1999 Peterbilt 379 extended hood.

Gary is a 3rd generation trucker from Lawson, MO and he operates SPB Trucking, LLC with his wife Devery Jones. In many trucking families, the wives run the office or handle the billing, but in Devery Jones' case, she plays a much more "hands on" role, driving her own Peterbilt, a 1995 short



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