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23rd Annual 75 Chrome Shop Truck Show



After a year's absence due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, The 23rd Annual 75 Chrome Shop Truck Show roared back with a vengeance! Over 160 trucks were registered for the show - their largest turnout ever! Turn to pages 12 & 13 for more photos. - Photos courtesy of 75 Chrome Shop -

American Bulk Commodities – Leading The Way For Over 50 Years



Throwback photo - Mark Carroce, Gary Carroce, Tim Black, Bob Stabile, Ron Carroce, Kevin Carroce, Troy Carroce and Rob Reed.

By Steve Pollock

R&J Trucking was founded in 1960 by Ron Carroce with one truck. Ron did well right out of the gate as construction of part of the Interstate Highway System was taking place in Ohio. A few years later construction of the General Motors plant in Lordstown, Ohio kept the R&J Trucking

fleet busy. The early growth of R&J Trucking was fueled by hauling construction materials.

Industrial markets (supplying steel mills with raw materials) looked to be a less cyclic market than construction materials and R&J began to service the industrial market, which remains a significant

part of their business today.

By the time deregulation arrived in 1982, the R&J fleet had grown to 33 trucks, that were contracted to other carriers with ICC or Ohio PUC Authority. In 1984, R&J Trucking secured operating authority for their core operational areas inside Ohio. By continued on page 2

Cargill – One of Their Fleets Will Fit You



By Steve Pollock

WICHITA, KS.... One hundred and fifty-six years ago William Wallace Cargill established Cargill with the idea of connecting farmers with consumers. It is a concept that still drives the company today. However, now Cargill has plants in 60 countries and employs over 150,000 people. The company has 30 meat processing plants in the USA. There are many owner-operators leased to haul the livestock into the plants from feedlots in Texas and Kansas, but far

more are leased to haul the refrigerated meat to consumer outlets. The meat is fresh or frozen and palletized, there is no swinging meat.

In 1982 Cargill purchased the assets of Excel Beef Processing in Wichita, Kansas and with it came Excel Transportation. With this acquisition, Cargill entered the transportation business. From that base came Cargill Meat Logistics Solutions, Inc., the transportation arm of Cargill. Today the Cargill Meat Logistics Solutions, Inc. fleet consists of 200 plus

owner-operators.

There are some very unique advantages when leasing to Cargill – at the top of the list is earnings. You will be hauling direct from the shipper with no freight brokers in between, ensuring substantial revenues. Contractors are paid on percentage and settlements are made twice a week. The freight is consistent and steady year-round. Owner-operators are welcome with or without a refrigerated trailer, but there is no charge to pull Cargill's continued on page 14

American Bulk Commodities – Leading The Way For Over 50 Years



Ron Carroce, the founder of R&J Trucking.



Current Management Team of American Bulk Commodities: Mark Carroce, Mark Carroce, Jr., Stephanie Carroce, Gary Carroce, Tiffany Carroce, Kevin Carroce & Troy Carroce

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the late 1980s, R&J was back hauling scrap metals and steel by-products and also became one of the first U.S. carriers to secure Ontario, Canada operating authority. Local operations were expanded to plants in Southern Ohio and Northern West Virginia, which created the need for a second terminal in Marietta, Ohio in 1989. Subsequent growth came quickly with the company's opening of terminals in Toledo, Ohio in 1992, Lorain, Ohio in 1994, Dayton, Ohio in 1995, Shelby, Ohio in 1998, Canton, Ohio in 2002, Gaston, South Carolina in 2014, and Barnesville, Ohio in 2017.

R&J Trucking purchased the assets of John Brown Trucking (35 trucks) of Portersville, Pennsylvania in 1995, expanding service to Western PA. In 1999, the company purchased the assets of Southern Haulers, LLC, based in Calera, Alabama. The 125 truck fleet was already serving R&J customers based in

the south, so it was a very good fit for the company. Since the acquisition, Southern Haulers has opened terminals in Decatur, Alabama in 2002, Brewton, Alabama in 2006 and Mobile, Alabama in 2016.

In 2002, the company diversified to include service to the plastics industry. The acquisition of DSI Bulk Transportation in Mantua, Ohio in January 2021 further enhances these plastics services.

Today, American Bulk Commodities and its subsidiaries, R&J Trucking, John Brown Trucking, Southern Haulers, and DSI Bulk Transportation continues to lead the way with bulk services to their customers. Mark Carroce serves as President and Gary Carroce as Vice President. Many other family members work at the company as well. Their fleet of over 600 company owned trucks, 1,000 trailers and 150 independent carriers provide semi-dump, triaxle, roll off and plastic trailer services.

The company is very proud of their safety record and in hiring top quality drivers. 2020 Million Mile Awards were presented to:

Youngstown - R & J Trucking, Inc. - 2 Million Miles Earned In 2020: Kenneth Cappitti; Robert Young

Marietta - R & J Trucking, Inc. 1 Million Miles Earned In 2020: Mitchell Williams, Curtis Harris; Loid Boney; David Runnion; Robert Deem

R & J Trucking, Inc. - 3 Million Miles Earned In 2020: Christopher Crouser

Perrysburg - R & J Trucking, Inc. - 2 Million Miles Earned In 2020: Stephen Petchtle

Shelby - R & J Trucking, Inc. - 1 Million Miles Earned In 2020: Ivan Comer

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John Brown Trucking, Inc. - 2 Million Miles Earned In 2020: Eugene Courson

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Left to right: R&J Trucking Vice-President Gary Carroce and President Mark Carroce.

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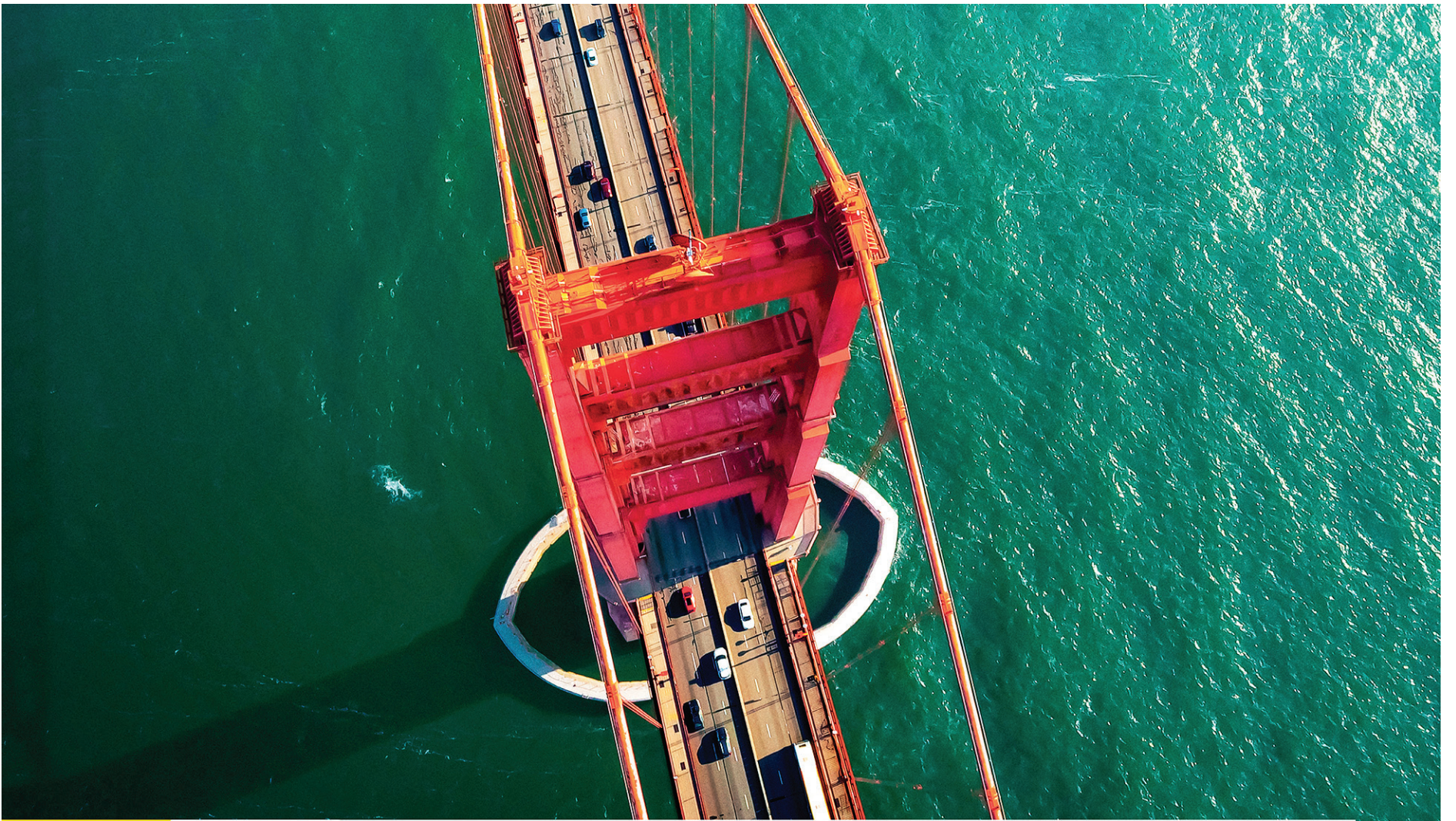
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Off The Beaten Path



by Pam Pollock

That's Just The Way It Is...

I recently drove over to my daughter and son-in-law's to pick up my grandkids for the day. They were waiting for me in the driveway, jumping up and down with excitement. As I opened my car door and prepared to exit my vehicle, my six-year-old granddaughter greeted me bent over and using a stick as a cane, "Hi!" she said, "I'm Gaga Pam and I have a bad back!"

I had to laugh; it was funny. But I chided her by replying, "Hey now Missy! I have TWO bad knees, not a bad back! Your Pap Steve has the bad back!" Yeah, she totally nailed it. I am around 45 days away from turning the big 6-0. I have arthritis in my neck and shoulders as well as both knees. I am still walking around with a torn meniscus from 3.5 years ago. I have thyroid and esophagus problems that I have chosen not to treat because I am petrified on needles and don't like having blood drawn.

I stopped dying my hair three years ago and was hoping for an immediate head of glorious gray hair. You don't always get what you wish for - all I have is a huge patch of gray in the middle of my forehead.

I have wrinkles and bags and dark circles under my eyes. I feel like the Little Mermaid, I have drawers full of creams and lotions and probably potions. I have pills galore. Thingamabobs? I've got them and I keep buying more. (But I end up not using most of them...)

My daily Facebook Memories that pop up in my newsfeed is my friend and my foe. I see photos from 11 years ago when I weighed 113 pounds. I don't see any wrinkles. The photos depict me jumping and running and being carefree - and well... younger! Nowadays, I get on the floor to play with the kids, and I struggle for 5 minutes to pull myself back up. I get cranky when the neighbors crank up their music, Jeeps and ATVs past nine o'clock. In my defense, they do this until sometimes after 2:00 am. I have never been an early riser, I loved to sleep in but now, like clockwork, I wake up before 6:00 am every single morning.

My two oldest grandkids recently loudly exclaimed in the bathroom of a restaurant, "Oh my Gaga, what big panties you have! Why are your panties so big?" I could hear snickering from other patrons awaiting their turn to use the facilities as I replied, "Well girls, I guess it's because I have a big old butt." More outside snickering occurred and when we exited the stall, I felt 3 pairs of eyes focusing on my derriere. They didn't deny that I had a big old butt. And now I make the older kids use their own stall in the bathrooms.



So, yes, I am getting old. But I am not going without a fight. My body may think that it's time to be put out to pasture, but my mind says, "Hold on there, Nelly. Not so fast. I still want to have some fun." Body says I'm 90 years old, mind says that I am 10. Who will win this epic battle?

I still like to wear crazy socks adorned with sloths in Santa Hats or birds or Harry Potter. My attire consists mainly of t-shirts with humorous sayings and cartoon characters. I am typing this story while sitting cross-legged on my chair and wearing a Goofy tee. When my knees aren't giving me fits, I am bouncing on the trampoline with the kids and looking for Bigfoot. I love to play with Monster Trucks and get wasted on root beer floats. I still

believe in fairies; aliens and I always listen for Santa's reindeer on Christmas Eve. I just purchased a Foamo machine for the grandkids, but let's get honest here - I really, really, really wanted to play in that foam and I did just that when my daughter hosted a Fun Day two weeks ago in celebration of the end of school and the start of summer. And yes, I did romp in that foam and slather it all over my body whilst wearing a Let The Wild Rumpus Start shirt. Off topic, I sincerely want to thank EVERYONE for the phone calls, letters, and emails about last month's column. I can't stop smiling and appreciate your kind words more than you will ever know. Sorry Kevin, a lot of people like me and my column and that's just the way it is...

An open letter to the President of the United States

Mr. J. Biden
President of
The United States of America

Dear Mr. President,
Recently, during an interview held in the house of representatives, a member of your administration identified a collective group of American women as, "birthing people". I shall not speak for every woman in that group but as a female and parent of three sons I now stand in my own defense.

I am the proud and loving Mother of three sons. For twenty-six years of my life, I dried their tears, saw them through illness and injuries, shared in their triumphs and guided them through their failures. For over a quarter of a century I helped shape their values and spent more than one sleepless night fearing for their youthful endeavors. I am a Mother doing what Mothers do.

My three sons are grown and gone now with children of their own. Somewhere between then and now they stopped being children, but I am still their Mother.
Motherhood was the finest moment of my life and quite possibly the very reason for my life. Motherhood was and remains my finest honor, my best achievement.

Do you hear me Mr. Biden? I am not a "birthing person" - the process of giving birth lasts for a few minutes or hours - the honor of being a Mother is forever. I am not the human element in some petri dish experiment. I am a Mother. I am not the humanoid in a demonstration of a baby making production line. I am a Mother.

If you still doubt my rancor over having been labeled, "birthing person", might I suggest you pay a visit to the grave of your late beloved Mother.

Read her tombstone. Are you going to replace her eternal title of "Mother" with birthing person? On your recent visit to England, you chuckled with the press when you said Queen Elizabeth reminded you of your Mother. Can you render me the same courtesy to identify me as a Mother or is that honor reserved for the chosen few?

I am powerless to change your position on this matter or, in all probability, even get this missive past your staff members for your attention. I have no influence. I have no political clout. But the last time I looked this is still the United States of America and I have the right of free speech - and speak I shall!

Copies of this letter will be sent to several local newspapers, every media outlet I can think of, House members, Senators and Fox News.
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Audrey Pollock

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"We're excited to open our 17th Love's in Colorado, which

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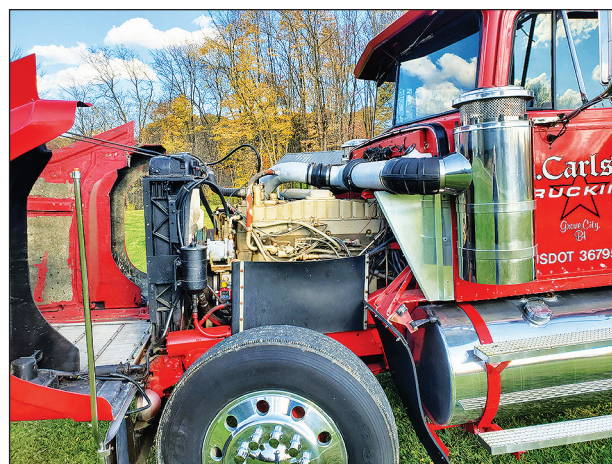
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Chuck Carlson's 4300 IHC.



Chuck Carlson's 4300 IHC.

you have inlet and outlet temperatures sensors. The DOC has inlet and outlet pressure sensors, and the SCR has inlet and outlet NOx sensors. That's a lot of sensors. If not maintained carbon buildup and oxidation can permanently damage them. In addition, the sensor bungs can oxidize and seize so it's difficult to remove a sensor without damaging the bung or sensor. If you take a look at the photos included here, they are from a DD15 with 600,000 miles and the emissions system was never serviced and never cleaned. We tried to clean the DPF but there was a sizable chunk of the filter missing. You can also see the poor conditions of the sensors, specifically the rusted threads. As you know, in addition to servicing your emissions system every 250,000 miles, we recommend running the Max Mileage Fuel Borne Catalyst to keep everything clean and working correctly.



Pistons designed by Mark Chappell.



dirt. And as always, we installed a new Torsional Damper to keep it running smooth for another half a million miles. Chuck currently drives a much newer electronic engine powered truck, however this 35-year-old IHC has a special place in his heart.

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Hunter Truck Body Shop Fully Operational After Fire



By Steve Pollock

BUTLER, PA.... As Tyler Hunter was locking up Hunter Truck's Body Shop around 4:30 pm on April 16th, he noticed flames and called 911. When it was finished, over 17 fire departments had responded and Hunter Truck Body Shop's offices, parts warehouse, 6 service bays, the lunchroom and a DPF machine were a total loss. The paint and thinners survived the fire as they were in a fire-proof room. The adjacent paint booth and an empty building were also spared.

The Hunter family reacted quickly to get things up and running again. The fire was on a Friday, and they were back to work on the following Monday. It took about a week to get new computers and replenish the parts department, but 2 months later, all services are available and the DPF machine will be replaced soon.

The burned areas have been cleaned up and complete body shop and painting services are available. If Hunter Truck Body Shop can be of service to you, call Body Shop Manager, Doug O'Neil at 724-282-1456.

Federal Panel Issues Recommendations on Border Reopening and Future Border Policies

TORONTO... A federal COVID-19 Testing and Screening Expert Advisory Panel issued a report with proposals that could pave a path toward reopening the Canada-US border while balancing public health.

The report, entitled "Priority Strategies to Optimize Testing and Quarantine at Canada's border", contained several proposed measures for future land and air border ports in the future, including sustained use of the ArriveCAN app as well as vaccine "certifications."

In November 2020, the federal Minister of Health created the panel to provide evidence and science-informed advice to the federal government related to existing and innovative approaches to testing and screening in Canada.

The expert panel also recommended the following measures to help support and meet these objectives:

- * Border measures must be simple, easy to understand, equitable and consider both benefits and harms;
- * Recommending the Government of Canada continue to use the ArriveCAN app to manage traveller information reporting;
- * The panel acknowledged considerations regarding vaccine "certification," and recommending a system to validate proof of vaccination for arriving travellers should be made available as soon as possible;
- * The panel recommends the federal government continue screening positive cases among international travellers for variants of concern;
- * Land and air border measures should remain as consistent as possible;
- * The requirement for all air travellers to quarantine in government-authorized accommodations be discontinued;
- * The panel recommends phased implementation of new border measures and consideration for the implementation process, including enforcement, which could take additional time to implement for certain measures.

A delegation of Canadian Trucking Alliance carrier members from each region met with the panel in March to provide the industry's perspective on managing and preventing the spread of COVID-19 throughout the supply chain, with specific emphasis on cross-border operations.

Voluntary COVID-19 testing was the recommended approach for exempt travellers arriving at the border by air and land. The report states:

"Voluntary testing on arrival for exempt travellers with lab-based PCR or rapid test: (i) Take-home sampling kit and/or scale up pharmacy capacity (ii) Self-monitoring for symptoms and no quarantine required unless the test is positive. Note: The voluntary arrival testing program should provide useful information on further potential recommendations for this group."

The report also highlighted what was essentially a zero positivity rate among truck drivers from three voluntary testing programs at multiple locations across Canada last year.

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* Active Lane Assist (ALA) with Auto Stop: Exclusively available with the Freightliner Cascadia, ALA with Auto Stop actively brakes the truck to a safe stop rather than letting the truck roll to a stop in case of an incapacitated driver or if the driver's hands are off the

steering wheel for more than 60 seconds, which can help protect the driver as well as other vehicles on the road. When ALA's Auto Stop function activates, Lane Keep Assist (LKA) keeps the truck centered in its lane while the truck safely and gradually brakes, all the way down to 0 mph, further contributing to ALA's effectiveness and safety. After coming to a stop, the vehicle doors automatically un-lock and the interior lights flash in an S.O.S sequence, alerting other motorists that assistance is required.

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Daimler Trucks North America Launches New OEM Detroit Extended Warranty Product

PORTLAND, OR... Detroit DD13, DD15 and DD16 engines that have expired warranties are now eligible for the new Detroit OE Advantage extended warranty coverage from Daimler Trucks North America (DTNA).

Detroit OE Advantage provides comprehensive coverage, similar to other Detroit extended warranties, with multiple plan options and terms of one year/125,000 miles or two years/250,000 miles. This product is different from existing aftermarket products because it is an easy to understand OEM coverage that offers flexibility on when it can be added without caps, deduct-

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"We want to provide our customers with the best support for their Detroit engines at every stage of their ownership experience," said Kevin Holland, sales and marketing manager for DTNA. "Detroit OE Advantage provides the highest level of OEM protection for customers with expired Detroit engine warranties, giving them confidence that their engines are fully backed by Detroit."

DTNA Product Manager Shawn Hinson added, "This

product is truly unique, in that it is a time-flexible, hassle free OEM coverage supported by the Freightliner and Western Star dealers and the Detroit service network."

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Kenworth Adds 52-Inch Flat Roof Sleeper, Targeted for Low Cab Height Applications



KIRKLAND, WA... Kenworth introduces a 52-inch flat roof sleeper especially targeted for Class 8 crane, pump, car hauler and other applications that may require a low roof.

With the addition of the 52-inch flat roof sleeper and the Kenworth AG400L rear suspension's new 6.5-inch ride height – two inches lower than previously available – Kenworth has created a perfect combination for low roof applications. The new specification and sleeper are available for the Kenworth T680, T880 and W990 models.

To support the new ap-

plication, the W990 added a righthand side horizontal tailpipe under the DPF/SCR to match the current T680 and T880 offering. An under rail DPF/SCR exhaust system is also available on the T680 and T880 models.

To further reduce overall truck height, the set forward front axle Kenworth W990 and T880S models have a 5-inch drop front axle option that lowers the front of the truck by 1.5 inches over the standard 3.5 inches drop. Kenworth low-profile tire options include 275/80R22.5 front tires and 255/70R22.5

rear tires, 295/60R22.5 front and rear tires. The smaller 22.5-inch diameter fuel tanks allow for maximum ground clearance.

Marker lights, beacons, airhorns and vertical stacks are also available, making the Kenworth 52-inch flat roof sleeper an excellent option for image-conscious fleets and truck operators.

The 52-inch flat roof sleeper model is equipped with the

2.1-meter wide cab providing a premium driver experience. Key features include fully trimmed premium interior, 56-inch interior cab height, triple-sealed door for a quiet ride, 15-inch Digital Display, Kenworth SmartWheel® available with cruise and radio control on the steering wheel, and under door light which illuminates the steps and ground. Also

available are the latest driver assistance features, including adaptive cruise control and collision mitigation.

In addition, remote PTO controls are available from the factory for easy upfit and a full truck kit provides air and light lines to the end of the frame.

"Truck height is extremely critical in many low-roof operations," said Laura

Bloch, Kenworth assistant general manager for sales and marketing. "The 52-inch flat roof sleeper, plus the other supporting options, will help our customers specify their trucks to meet the needs of their low-profile applications."

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Locomotion and PGT Trucking Inc., Agree to Autonomous Relay Convoy Deployment

PITTSBURGH, PA... Locomotion, the world's first technology platform to offer human-guided autonomous truck conveying, has announced a multi-year agreement with PGT Trucking Inc., a leader in flatbed transportation, to deploy Locomotion autonomous truck technology for use on PGT Trucking routes.

During the eight-year agreement, PGT Trucking will deploy 1,000 Autonomous Relay Convoy™ (ARC) systems on over 30 separate ARC segments. Each ARC segment is engineered for maximum yield by Locomotion's freight network optimization team headed by industry veteran Tom Kroswek, VP of Strategy and Business Development. ARC enables one driver to pilot a lead truck equipped with technology augmentation while a follower truck operates in tandem through Locomotion's fully autonomous system. This allows the follower driver to log off and rest while the truck is in motion.

"We are thrilled about this partnership," said Dr. Çetin Meriçli, Locomotion's co-founder and CEO. "We've built our ARC technology and network strategy to leverage the value of long-established trucking routes and systems, and PGT Trucking is a great fit for operating a supply chain custom built for autonomous trucks."

PGT Trucking is a multi-service transportation firm offering flatbed, dedicated, international and specialized services. PGT operates in excess of 1,000 power units and over 1,500 trailers nationwide and is headquartered in Aliquippa, PA.

"Part of PGT's mission is to grow innovatively by improving efficiencies through the use of technology," said Gregg Troian, President of PGT Trucking. "As PGT Trucking celebrates its 40th anniversary, this partnership allows us to stay abreast of progressive transportation advancements as we continue to evolve our fleet as the premier flatbed carrier. We expect this technology to significantly reduce costs and improve freight efficiency, as well as save energy and improve safety."

Under the terms of the agreement Locomotion will initially provide a two-truck convoy with safety staff and will work in tandem with the PGT Trucking operations team to execute the most efficient freight movements possible. At full commercialization, Locomotion's autonomous vehicle technology is expected to produce an estimated 30% reduction in operating cost per mile, including an 8% reduction in fuel expense that removes over 40 metric tons of carbon dioxide from the air per convoy annually.

Locomotion is a Pittsburgh-based autonomous trucking technology company founded in 2018 by some of the world's foremost experts in autonomous vehicles, robotics, and artificial intelligence from Carnegie Mellon's National Robotics Engineering Center, along with trucking industry leaders.

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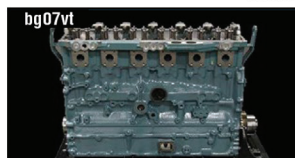
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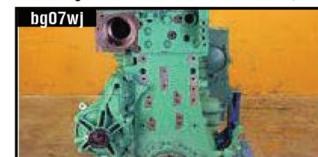
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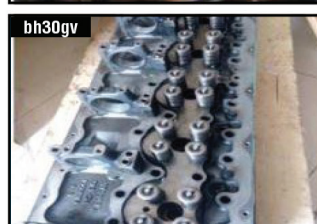
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How To Save On Insurance Costs



By Steve Pollock

MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OH... Peter Niro, Truck Product Development Manager for Progressive Insurance, has some tips to save money on insurance premiums.

First and foremost, a pattern of safe driving is what is going to save truck owners money. Owner-operators and carriers are going to save on their premiums.

Today's ELD mandate has enabled commercial insurance providers to assess risks more comprehensively. In 2018, Progressive launched a telematics based program for owner-operators and carriers called "Smart Haul". Smart Haul uses the truck's ELD device to share driving data with

Progressive, and customers can get a 5% discount just for enrolling. Safe drivers can qualify for a discount of up to 18%. Progressive customers that enroll in Smart Haul save an average of \$1,106.00 annually on the initial policy term. For drivers that don't require an ELD in their truck, Progressive will send them a free device when enrolling in the "Snapshot ProView" program, a voluntary telematics-based insurance and fleet management program for business owners. At enrollment, every customer who signs up for Snapshot ProView saves a minimum of 5% on their Progressive auto policy, with savings up to 18% annually. Snapshot ProView also provides monthly emails to the driver with personalized

safety insights to encourage safer driving. For companies with 3 or more vehicles, Progressive offers a free Vehicle Management Dashboard with near real-time trip tracking by GPS with a geo fencing feature.

At renewal, Progressive reviews the last 90 days of driving behavior and provides the corresponding discount they have earned with Smart Haul or Snapshot ProView.

No matter what truck insurer you choose, here are a few guidelines:

- Look for a company that is well established, with an "A" rating from AM Best
- You want an insurance carrier that is easy to work with, especially when it comes to claims
- You will want an insurance

carrier that has experience in commercial insurance and that strives to keep downtime to a minimum during a claim

• As a truck could be potentially anywhere in the country when an accident occurs, you will want an insurance carrier with a nationwide adjustment process.

• You will also want a company that understands commercial insurance and can offer the insurance you need. As you know, trucking is not a "one size fits all business!"

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Walcott Truckers Jamboree Concerts Announced

WALCOTT, IA... Iowa 80 Truckstop is pleased to announce the musical acts who will take the stage to entertain attendees at this year's 42nd Anniversary Walcott Truckers Jamboree.

Thursday, July 8th - 5:00 PM-Dani Lynn Howe & Band; 7:00 PM-Casey Muessigmann

Friday, July 9th-5:00 PM-North of 40 ; 7:00 PM

-Lonestar Saturday, July 10th-1:00 PM-Mo's Garage

"We are very excited to be back to an in-person event this summer. Our large outdoor area is perfect for enjoying live music in the fresh air. The Walcott Truckers Jamboree truly is an iconic summer event and we look forward to seeing everyone and celebrating America's truckers",

says Heather DeBaillie, Vice President, Marketing.

Join this year's Jamboree fun and experience the Super Truck Beauty Contest, Antique Truck Display; Iowa pork chop cookout; vendor exhibits, Trucker Olympics; two fireworks displays, a 100th birthday party for Iowa 80 Trucking Museum's 1921 International and plenty of fun for the whole family!



Admission and parking are FREE! Concerts are FREE! Complimentary shuttles will be provided from the parking area to the event grounds.

The 42nd Anniversary Walcott Truckers Jamboree, will be held July 8-10, 2021 at Iowa 80 Truckstop, I-80 Exit

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ATA Truck Tonnage Index Decreased 0.3% in April

Arlington, VA... American Trucking Associations' advanced seasonally adjusted (SA) For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index decreased 0.3% in April after increasing 2.3% in March. In April, the index equaled

114.7 (2015=100) compared with 115.1 in March.

"After a revised increase in March of 2.3%, the April index declined just slightly," said ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello. "The outlook is solid for tonnage going forward as the country approaches pre-pandemic levels of activity, with strong economic growth in key areas for trucking - including retail, home construction and even manufacturing.

"Additionally, the index increased on a year-over-year basis for the first time since March 2020. Part of the reason for the gain was due to an easy comparison with when the index fell significantly in April 2020," he said. "But I'm expecting increases, albeit smaller than April's, on a year-over-year basis going forward. Trucking's biggest challenges are not on the demand side, but on the

supply side, including difficulty finding qualified drivers."

March's reading was revised up to +2.3% from our April 20 press release.

Compared with April 2020, the SA index jumped 6.9%, which was preceded by a 2.4% year-over-year decline in March.

The not seasonally adjusted index, which represents the change in tonnage actually hauled by the fleets before any seasonal adjustment, equaled 114.3 in April, 4.2% below the March level (119.3). In calculating the index, 100 represents 2015. ATA's For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index is dominated by contract freight as opposed to spot market freight.

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Wreaths Across America's Mobile Traveling Exhibit Rolled Into Smith Transport



Pictured at the left, Smith Transport employees and drivers, along with Karen and Barry Smith, and Todd Smith (pictured far right) toured the Wreath Across America's Mobile Traveling Exhibit.



Joe Musselman, VP of Operations at Smith Transport and his father, Army Veteran Elwood Musselman.

Stefan explained that many Vietnam Veterans were met with contempt and disdain by US citizens when they arrived home from the Vietnam conflict. Stefan and Jennifer give the Veterans a special "Welcome Home" that they never received over 50 years ago by holding a pinning ceremony. The Veterans are also presented with a Certificate signed by the President of the United States. Elwood Musselman and Ira Roudabush, both members of the Blair County Honor Guard and Vietnam Veterans were recognized and honored during the "Welcome Home" ceremony at Smith Transport. Musselman was 19 years old and Roudabush was 20 years old when they were sent to Vietnam with the Army.

A Veterans' Wreath is a symbol of Honor, Respect and Victory. Morrill Worcester, owner of [Worcester Wreath Company](#) and the founder of Wreaths Across America is shown in a video during the Traveling Museum's Tour making a Veterans' wreath. Worcester explains that 10 balsam bouquets make up each Veterans' wreath, representing the 10 special qualities that our Veterans embody:

- Their Belief in a greater good
- Their Love for each other
- Their Strength, work ethic and character
- Their Honesty and integrity
- Their Humility, selflessness, and modesty
- Their Ambitions and aspirations
- Their Optimism for America
- Their Concern for the future

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Vietnam War Army Veterans Elwood Musselman and Ira Roudabush were "Welcomed Home" by Stefan Brann.

by Pam Pollock
Remember
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Teach

Wreaths Across America is known for providing wreaths for Veterans graves each year at Christmas time at over

2,500 locations nationwide, including Arlington National Cemetery. They also have a Mobile Education Exhibit, a 48-foot trailer, which hosts a 24-person screening room, interactive computers, and an education wall of information

about Wreaths Across America. The Mobile Education Exhibit travels throughout the year to schools, fundraisers, pop-ups, and community events.

Smith Transport of Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania is a staunch supporter of Veterans. They have a fleet named "Defenders of Freedom", which are driven by Veterans of the Armed Forces. A special decal on the side of every tractor depicts the branch of military the driver served in. Smith understands, respects, and appreciates Wreaths Across America's mission to Remember our Fallen U.S. Veterans, Honor those who serve, and Teach your children the value of freedom.

Jenn Hillegass, Marketing Brand Manager of Smith Transport coordinated and organized a stop during the 2021 Tour of the Wreaths Across America Mobile Traveling Exhibit on

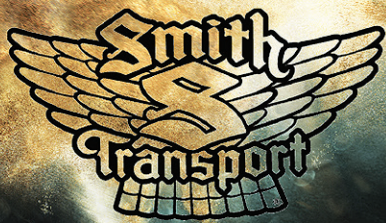
June 8th at Smith Transport's corporate offices located at 153 Smith Transport Road, Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania. The public was invited to tour the traveling museum. Stefan Brann and Jennifer Merrill, Ambassadors for Wreaths Across America welcomed all attendees. Stefan is also the Mobile Education Exhibit driver.

Members of the Blair County Honor Guard came out for the tour. Smith Transport's Wreaths Across America truck, driven by Wayland Massengill, an Army Veteran and Smith's

Flag Truck, driven by Richard Fertig, an Army Veteran were on display in the parking lot. Massengill delivers wreaths for Veterans graves each December to cemeteries throughout Pennsylvania and New York. Sixteen-year-old Drake Troutman, a local race car driver sponsored by Smith Transport and his crew chief Kevin Van Horn, an Army Airborne Veteran were on hand as well.

Stefan and Jennifer conduct "Welcome Home" ceremonies for Vietnam Veterans at stops on their traveling exhibit tour.

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Guard against the evils that tempt you along the paths of life. Never allow a little deed of wrong to come in. You say, "But it is small..." How much does it take to break a dam? Not the whole gush of water, but one drop getting through a crevice will lead the way for the whole body of water that is in the back of it.

So, it is with the wrongdoings in life. Now for the brighter side, the same thing is true. You invest into life a good living every day. Little deeds done in the name of Jesus Christ will receive great rewards. It is the little things that make the difference in whether we stand or fall.

Fort Mill, NC... As a way to recognize and thank our nation's veterans, SelecTrucks is proud to offer an increased discount or down payment match of \$5,000 with the Proud To Serve program on qualifying SelecTrucks vehicles.

"Our veterans are an essential part of our nation's workforce and responsible for keeping the world moving, so we want to make sure they have the help they need to give them a successful start in their career in transportation," said Brian Daniels, director of sales and distribution for SelecTrucks. "There is a large population of veterans who start careers in the trucking industry after their time in the service. SelecTrucks is proud to support those who have served through community service and special discount programs."

This offering is now also combinable with either the Women In Trucking Membership or OODA Membership discounts. In addition to the discount program, SelecTrucks will continue to participate in volunteer work for military charities across North America to enrich the lives of those who have served.



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OOIDA Opposes House Highway Bill

U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, Chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, released his highway bill proposal which includes an unnecessary increase in minimum liability insurance for motor carriers that the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association says is a poison pill. While the association was pleasantly surprised the bill included a remarkable \$1 billion to address the serious shortage of truck parking, OOIDA will aggressively oppose the "INVEST in America Act" until the insurance increase to \$2 million and several other anti-trucker provisions are removed.

"Everyone knows this increase will do absolutely NOTHING to improve safety on our highways and will destroy small trucking businesses," said Todd Spencer, President and CEO of OOIDA. "What good is a highway bill when it does more to support the unbridled greed of trial lawyers than truckers?"

The bill features several other provisions OOIDA opposes, including required screening for sleep apnea, restrictive limits on personal conveyance, the return of CSA scores to public view, new authority for congestion pricing, an automatic emergency braking (AEB) mandate and a potential side override guard mandate.

While OOIDA opposes the bill for its inclusion of harmful requirements that will needlessly jeopardize small trucking businesses, the \$1 billion investment in truck parking projects is a major victory for OOIDA.

"For years, we have been pushing the federal government to take the lead in addressing the number one concern for truckers – the lack of truck parking," Spencer explained. "We're pleased Chairman DeFazio's proposal includes \$1 billion to expand capacity. We just wish he would have left the other junk out of it."

Beyond the truck parking investment, the bill does include other positive policies, including increased funding for highway construction, efforts to combat both excessive detention time and predatory lease-to-own schemes, and also further analysis of questionable H-1B Visa use within the trucking industry.

In the end, the poison pill of an insurance increase overshadows the beneficial features of the bill, forcing OOIDA to oppose the legislation.

"Increasing minimum insurance requirements from \$750 thousand to \$2 million on the heels of a major economic disruption will be nothing short of disastrous for many small motor carriers and owner-operators," Spencer continued. "If the economic impacts of COVID-19 didn't destroy their businesses, Congress will be enacting this catastrophic policy."

Brake Safety Week Set for Aug. 22-28

Greenbelt, MD... This year's Brake Safety Week is scheduled for Aug. 22-28. During Brake Safety Week, commercial motor vehicle inspectors emphasize the importance of brake systems by conducting inspections and removing commercial motor vehicles found to have brake-related out-of-service violations from our roadways. At the same time, many motor carriers work to educate their drivers and maintenance service providers on the importance of brake system safety.

Throughout the week, inspectors will conduct North American Standard Inspections of commercial motor vehicles, focusing on the vehicle's brake systems and components. In addition, inspectors will compile data on brake hoses/tubing, the focus area for this year's Brake Safety Week, to submit to the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA). CVSA will report its findings later this year.

Jurisdictions devote a week to conducting commercial motor vehicle inspections,

identifying brake violations and removing vehicles with out-of-service brake violations because:

* Brake system and brake adjustment violations accounted for more vehicle violations than any other vehicle violation category, accounting for 38.6% of all vehicle out-of-service conditions, during last year's three-day International Roadcheck inspection and enforcement initiative.

* "Brake system" was the third most cited vehicle-related factor in fatal commercial motor vehicle and passenger vehicle crashes, according to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) latest "Large Truck and Bus Crash Facts" report.

* Brake-related violations accounted for eight out of the top 20 vehicle violations in 2020, according to FMCSA's Motor Carrier Management Information System.

* During last year's Brake Safety Week, 12% of the 43,565 commercial motor vehicles inspected were placed out

of service for brake-related violations.

The dates for Brake Safety Week are shared in advance to remind motor carriers, drivers and commercial motor vehicle mechanics/technicians to proactively check and service their vehicles to ensure every commercial motor vehicle traveling on our roadways is safe, mechanically fit and compliant. Recent research has shown that announcing enforcement campaigns ahead of time improves overall compliance better than surprise enforcement campaigns and for longer periods after the event.

August, the month of CVSA's Brake Safety Week, is also Brake Safety Awareness Month. Law enforcement agencies will work to educate commercial motor vehicle drivers, motor carriers, mechanics, owner-operators and others on the importance of proper brake maintenance, operation and performance through outreach, education and awareness campaigns.

Peterbilt Delivers First Production New Model 579 to Smith Transport



First Delivery image from left to right: Jeff Hunter (Hunter Peterbilt President and CEO), Jason Skoog (Peterbilt general manager and PACCAR vice president), Todd Smith (Smith Transport CEO) and Robert Woodall (Peterbilt assistant general manager - Sales and Marketing).

Denton, TX... Peterbilt Motors Company is pleased to announce the delivery of the first production New Model 579 to Smith Transport.

Based in Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania, Smith Transport has a long, 40-year history of delivering excellence for their customers. An early adopter of the UltraLoft when it launched in 2018, Smith

Transport through the years has seen the value of incorporating Peterbilt trucks into their fleet and the positive effect the partnership has had on their business. An employee-owned company, drivers at Smith Transport have a voice in what equipment they choose to drive and with the introduction of the New Model 579 and its many enhancements Smith drivers are looking forward to having them added to the fleet.

"We are excited to receive Peterbilt's first production New Model 579 with world class comfort and overall performance and safety. For more than 80 years, the iconic Peterbilt brand has been leading the way in the transportation industry and we are proud to have them as our partner," said Todd Smith, Smith Transport CEO. "Smith Transport's first truck over 40 years ago was a Peterbilt, and for a majority of those years Hunter Peterbilt has been a dedicated partner of Smith Transport allowing us to provide our professional drivers with the best driving experience. The culture at Smith Transport is People Make a Difference and with Peterbilt's first class line of trucks, together we make a difference in Service, Safety and our People", added Smith.

The New Model 579 is the most technologically advanced Peterbilt ever with an aerodynamic and fuel-efficient design, a revolutionary 15" digital display and Advanced Driver Assistances Systems providing drivers the latest safety technologies. The interior of the New 579 includes soft-touch materials with a fit and finish that delivers an outstanding driver experience and when configured as an UltraLoft with an integral sleeper featuring 70 cubic feet of space, drivers have more storage than any comparable integral sleeper. Drivers will feel right at home with plenty of headroom from the eight-foot-high ceiling. The cabin has room

for small appliances, including a 1.1 cu ft microwave, a 32" TV, a tall wardrobe closet, multiple power outlets and optional bunkbeds with a clever fold-away ladder.

"The superior features and quality of the New Model 579 combined with the UltraLoft sleeper have made it a truck that drivers aspire to drive, and with Peterbilt's legendary durability, the truck companies want to have in their fleets. We are excited to hand the first set of keys to Smith Transport. We can't wait to see this new product start hitting the road now that they are in full production and rolling off the assembly

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July 16-17 - 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 16-17 - Expedite Expo - Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne, IN. 46805. For more info visit www.expediteexpo.com

July 17 - Class 8 On The Lake Truck Show - Indian Creek Camping Resort, 4710 Lake Rd. E, Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio. Presented by ATCA Penn-Ohio. Benefits the Ashtabula County Animal Protective League and the VFW Riders Post 6846. Chinese Auction, Food, Miniature Golf, Music, Parade of Lights Saturday Night. For more info call Scott @ 814-460-2506 or Brian @ 440-339-1871.

July 23-25 - 14th Annual Working Class Truck Show - Rantoul National Aviation Center, Rantoul, IL. Live Music, Food, Beer Garden, Vendors on site. For more info, www.topgunlargecarshootout.com, Email: topgunshootout@yahoo.com

July 24 - Keystone Chapter Truck Cruise-In - 139 Municipal St., East Freedom, PA. Trucks, Tractors, and Pick-ups welcome. No cars or street rods. Dash plaques while supplies last. No Judging. Food and drinks on Sat. For more info, visit www.keystonetruckers.org or call 814-224-2084

July 29-31 - 39th Annual Shell Rotella SuperRigs® - Love's Truck Stop, I-90 & US 20, Hampshire, IL.

July 30-31 - 4th Annual Gear Jammer Magazine Truck Show - The Monadnock Speedway, 840 Keene Rd., Winchester, NH on July 30-31, 2021 - All proceeds donated to The Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Children with Autism. Over 100 trophies, Vendor midway, Beer Pavilion, Tony Justice in Concert - Friday evening, Light Show - Friday evening, NEW FOR 2021 - TRUCK PULLS Big Raffle - Saturday, Kids activities & more! Questions: Call Bob @ 508-212-9998 or email to: mttconrad7@aol.com

July 31 - "Burning Diesel For A Cause" Truck Show - Indiana Mall, 2334 Oakland Ave., Indiana, PA. All proceeds to be donated to the Ox Hill Fairgrounds. Food Truck. For more info, call Brad Fisher @ 724-422-5255 or Devin Dalessio @ 412-289-7990.

August 6-8 - 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 7 - 16th Annual AHS Iowa-Nebraska Classic Truck Show - Sapp Bros. Truck Stop, Omaha, NE. Northwest parking lot. I-80 and Exit #440. 9 am till 3 pm. FREE to public & entries. For more information, contact Russell Spawn Jr. @ 402-680-6121.

August 13-14 - Waupun Truck-n-Show - Waupun Community Center, 510 E. Spring St., Waupun, WI. For more info, phone 920-324-9985.

August 20-22 - Big Rig Truck Show - Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds, Chippewa Falls, WI. Truck Show, Night Truck Parade, Indoor and Outdoor Exhibits, Live Music, Food, Kids

August 21-22 - Old National Pike Truck Show, Antique Truck Club of America - Washington County Ag Center, 7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro, MD 21713. Museums and events for the whole family. Pre Registration Fee \$5.00. Day of show registration fee \$10.00. All Trucks Welcome. More details 301-582-2304.

September 10-11 - Big Iron Classic - Dodge County Fairgrounds, Kasson, MN. Visit www.bigironclassic.com or email: info@bigironclassic.com

September 11 - Bedford County Convoy of Diesel Dreams - Bedford Fairgrounds, Bedford, PA. Truck Show and Convoy benefiting Make-A-Wish.

September 11 - 5th Annual Cable Truck Show - 2876 State Route 286, Saltsburg, PA. 15681. Sponsored by Hunter Truck Sales, Kenworth of PA & American Legion Riders. Trophies, Raffles, Music, Food and Beverages. Bobtail Trucks Only. For more info, call 724-639-9043.

September 11 - Blessing of the Trucks - Elkhart County Fairgrounds, Goshen, IN. For more info, contact Lavern Cross at 574-596-8957.

September 24-25 - Truckers 4 Hope Truck Show - Clinton County Fair, 98 Racetrack Road, Mackeyville, PA. 17751. Benefits the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. 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

September 23-25 - 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>

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October 16 - 12th Annual LargeCarMag Southern Classic Truck Show - Whites Travel Center, Raphine, VA. For more info www.largecarmag.com

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Pacifico Reflections - Nails

by: Mike McGough

It started in a trench in the Argonne Forest during the Great War in 1918. As each day passed, he drove a nail into a beam that supported the sides of the trench he was in. There was little he could do to end the fighting, nor could he ever set right all of the wrongs it had wrought. Each nail was just a reminder of the painful passage of time.

He promised himself that if he made it home, he'd open a hardware store. He was comforted by thoughts of hammers and nails, new-fangled electrical appliances, and all the stuff that made a hardware what it was. That helped to lessen the sounds, smells, and sights of the wounds, disease, and death in the trenches.

He made it home and true to his promise, he opened a hardware store. With money he had saved and with a loan that he'd be paying on for decades, he bought an old railroad depot along the tracks near his hometown of Kroy. It needed some work, and he tackled the job. His goods arrived by train to the back of his store, and he offered them for sale out the front of the store. A small apartment over the depot became his home.

The economy was good in the early Roaring Twenties. His store did well. The wooden floors creaked when you walked on them. The smell was a pleasant combination of everything from oil-coated garden tools and bags of seed, to fresh lumber and root beer barrel candy. The sights were enticing. The

staples were always there, and there was generally something new to look at as well.

When his girlfriend became his wife, she joined right in quickly. Raising their kids in and around the store, made them a fixture in the community. They were appreciated for what they provided, and they were respected for how they did it. Helpfulness and generosity were benchmarks of what they were about.

When the stock market crashed in October of 1929, he wasn't overly concerned. By the fall of 1930, he, along with millions of other struggling Americans, realized that this wasn't a periodic downturn. It was instead a depression of the first magnitude. If his family and his business were to make it through, some changes had to be made. Anguish about having to do what had to be done to survive troubled him. He knew he had to take care of his family, but he felt an obligation to the larger community as well. There had to be a balance, and he was determined to find it.

Next to the store there was a large oak tree. When he made a decision that went against his helpful, generous nature, he drove a large nail half way into the trunk of that tree. Each nail was a reminder of a debt he felt he owed. It was his personal accounting system for marking hard times like those he had experienced in Germany. This one was also moral ledger he planned to balance as soon as possible, one act of kindness and generosity at a time. It was a visual reminder of a good man trying to survive a difficult time.

In the late spring of 1933,

he received some contracts from President Roosevelt's new Civilian Conservation Corps. His store was responsible for receiving and then providing needed supplies and equipment for CCC Camps in southcentral Pennsylvanian and northern Maryland. He received additional contracts in the summer of 1935 when the Works Progress Administration began its massive public works initiatives. For he and his family the depression was essentially over. For his neighbors and his customers, it remained very real.

With no fanfare, the kindness and generosity that had been his moral stock in trade was back. One at a time, he began pulling those half-driven nails from the oak tree beside the store. It took time, but finally he pulled the last nail from the tree. On that day he let it be known that there would be a community picnic in the shadow of that tree. Oh, the marks of those nails were still plainly visible, but he knew in time they would heal, leaving only a faint reminder that they had ever been there. For him it was a time to celebrate.

Certain troubles in life are like those nails driven into a beam during World War I. Even if later removed, their harsh marks remain permanently. A lifeless beam never heals. Other wrongs, like nails driven into an oak tree in Kroy, can be set right. When they are and the nails are withdrawn, the life-filled tree begins to heal, leaving only faint evidence of past wrongs.

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A Likely Story - "It's Funny Now"

By Roger Clark

Driving for a large national carrier often leaves me feeling uncomfortably visible or unusually anonymous. I often appear to be the lead mouse, in our highway rat race, or completely invisible. Particularly on the scene of an incident or accident, it's often impossible to tell if we're the cause, consequence, perpetrator, or victim.

Approaching Toronto in 1990, I was trying to find the exit to Mississauga, Ontario before I could even pronounce it. Turning left at the top of a ramp, I immediately put me going back south on the 401. A few minutes later, turned back north, I found the same exit, and the same left turn put me back on the 401 South again.

Now getting frustrated, I again made my way through a double cloverleaf, two collector lanes, and the proper exit ramp. Then for the third time, I turned left again, right back to the wrong side of 401. Once again righting the wrongs and forsaking the lefts, I came to the corner and stopped.

Shortly thereafter, to my immense relief, an O.P.P. officer stopped to render assistance. The Ontario Provincial Police were a contented bunch, in that era, because crime was still against the law in Canada, and Motorist Assist was not yet labeled police brutality. Thus, he happily asked if he could help.

When I explained my difficulty in locating the correct turn, there was a momentary doubt in his eyes, but then he brightened up. "I've got it, Mate." He said cheerfully. "Just wait right here, aye, because I've already seen three of you

blokes go by in just the past hour!"

In another non-incident, upon crossing the Ambassador Bridge into Windsor, there were three side-by-side mailboxes for inbound paperwork, and I put my GM manifest in the Chrysler mail slot.

Believing this to be a grave error, I immediately parked outside Customs Enforcement to report my transgression. That's when an officer escorted me out to the mailbox, positioned a ladder against it, and requested I climb up and retrieve the runaway paperwork. When I opened the box, of course, I learned it was, in reality, a single box with three separate mail slots. I was laughing before hitting the ground, and so was Transportation

Ministry officer.

In yet another almost-international incident, this time out of Mexico, I hooked up to a load of artificial Christmas trees. Turning north out of Laredo late one night, the weekend dispatcher told me to make sure they were watered before delivery. On Sunday, trying to be funny, I advised a different dispatcher that I had, indeed, watered down the artificial Christmas trees.

Unknown to me, at that moment, he took it seriously, and followed the exact protocol for reporting and mitigating a crisis. That meant moving the information rapidly up the chain of command. The entire chain of command, including a world-acclaimed CEO not afraid to use earthy language.

Although he didn't speak directly to me, every #@%&*% word was relayed to me by fully aware middle managers from several departments.

That same CEO was once the lead negotiator with that carrier's largest customer, and their counterparts made a demand my boss wouldn't entertain. At the time, we had 800 trailers tasked to that customer, in three different countries, and they demanded to know how soon we could remove them. Our Chief Executive Officer, who led us through a ten-fold expansion in less than ten years, answered with a three-word question of his own. "Midnight soon enough?"

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By Steve Pollock

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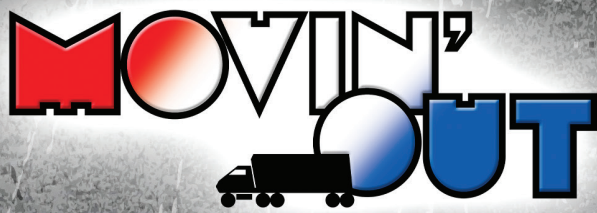


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Working Show Truck Of The Month Dave Mitchell



until 2000 when he started his first trailer job for Halvor Lines out of MN. After 3 years there, Dave moved over to JRC, and then to Jones Motor where he met Tami Gallagher. She was an up-and-coming agent and eventually her and Dave got married. They both went to West Motor Freight 8 years ago and have been together ever since.



Dave is keeping the old school values of trucking alive today, and says he hopes to retire driving his classic Western Star someday. He sends a big thank you out to Jim & Becky Moffitt for teaching him to run things like a business, and all of the other people who've helped him along the way. Most importantly, he thanks Tami Gallagher, for being a great

wife and agent. He says she has helped him succeed and stay focused. Dave Mitchell and his '95 Western Star are both shining bright as our July Working Show Truck of the Month recipients.

By Robert Conrad
Dave Mitchell calls his '95 Western Star Annabelle, and he purchased her back in May of 2003. He says that he's trucked with Annabelle in all 48 states, logging almost 2 million miles. Typical loads are machinery, construction equipment, vehicles, and anything else that "keeps his coffee cup filled!"
Annabelle pulls a stepdeck for West Motor Freight's agent in Thomasville, PA. Dave says he's pulled flatbeds and

stepdecks the entire time he's owned the truck. Power comes from a 3406-C mechanical engine that's paired up with a 15 over transmission and a set of 3:70 rears. The truck has an old school look with the white mudflaps and blue stars accenting the white base color. Annabelle was given a frame off restoration back in 2016, giving this "old girl" new life! The truck features a clean, simple look with a polished bumper & bug shield up front,

a set of straights, and custom boxes behind the fuel tanks. The headache rack behind the factory sleeper is painted to match the truck and trimmed with round lights.
Nobody in Dave's family was ever in the trucking industry but he says he's been a "truck nut" ever since he was born. He actually started driving right out of high school, and got into the refuse business at age 19, doing that for 12 years. His flatbed career didn't begin



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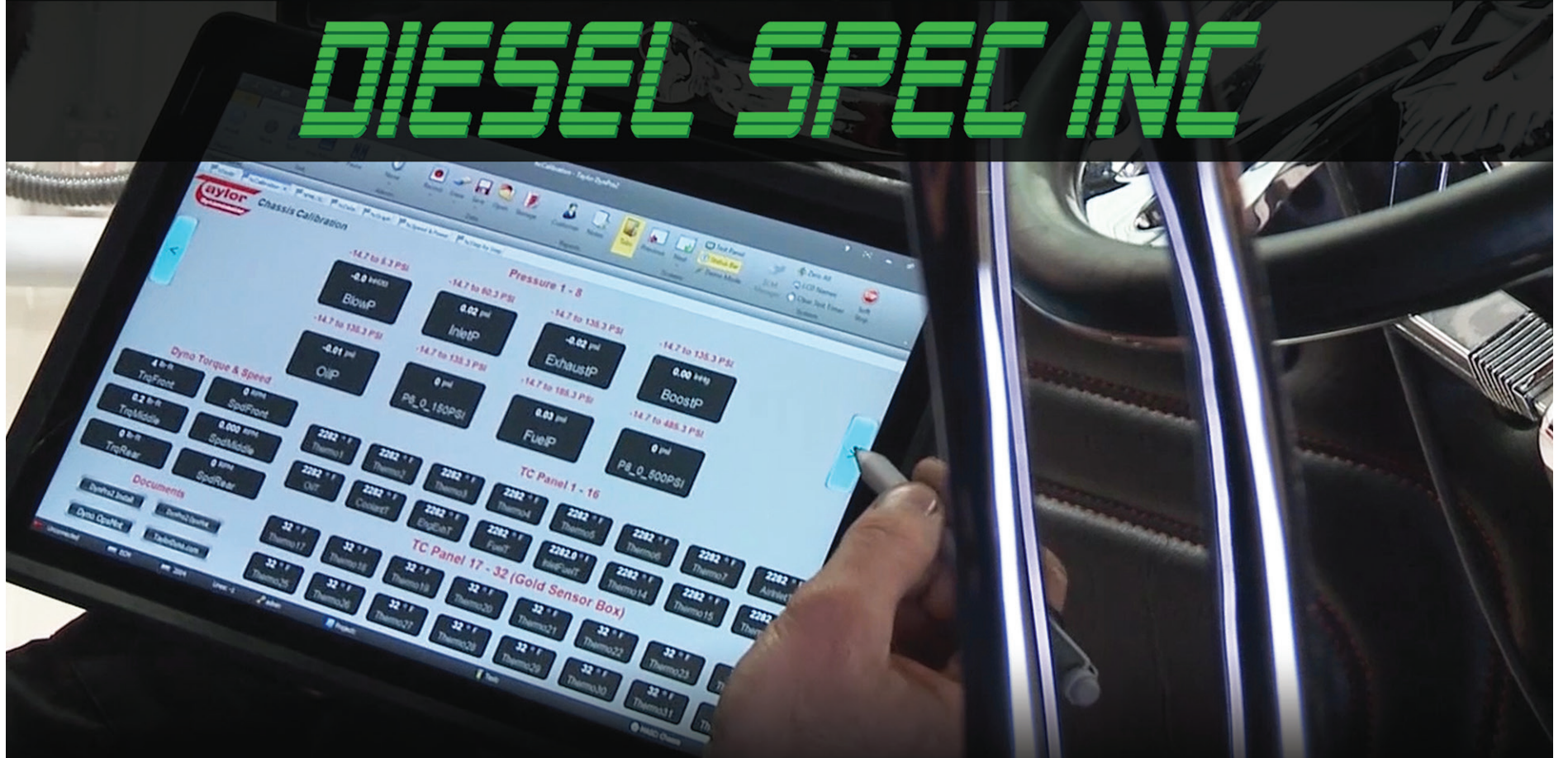
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