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Stunning trucks brought the heat in September 2024 at the 8th Annual Cable Truck Show. Turn to page 15 for story and more photos. - Photo by Pam Pollock -

FMD Turbo Supply, LLC – Growing To Serve Their Customers



From Left to Right: Jade Lenig, FMD Turbo Supply's Administrative Assistant; Kevin Campbell, Owner and President; and Kalie Shearer, Sales Rep. - photo by Pam

By Steve Pollock

McALISTERVILLE, PA... Kevin Campbell, Owner and President of FMD Turbo Supply, LLC is proud to introduce his new

proprietary line of FMD Exhaust Manifolds. These ceramic coated manifolds are available for CAT C-15, ACERT, and Detroit Series 60 engines and Peterbilt

and Kenworth trucks. The manifolds are ready to bolt on and include exhaust studs, spacers, turbo studs, and all gaskets. continued on page 24

LCS Offers the Most Diverse Range of Tarp Systems



The LCS Corporate US Headquarters is located at 715 N. Rocky Ridge Road, Cadiz, Kentucky.

CADIZ, KY... LCS – Load Covering Solutions, now located in Cadiz KY, has made progressive inroads in servicing the local area, offering specialized load covering for a wide range of trailer applications. LCS offers service for all tarping systems relating to flatbed, agricul-

tural and aggregate trailers as well as parts. Originally focusing on servicing a 500 mile radius, their presence for the past three years has been bringing customers from far and wide that want LCS expertise in a load covering system installed by the original manufacturer. LCS is not just another

tarp company! They pride themselves in being a 45-year old company resolving load covering problems by leading Innovation into a world of the unknown and designing the right solutions for their customers. LCS will continue to continued on page 7

Peterbilt Recognizes Top Dealers of 2024



The Peterbilt Store was honored as the 2024 North American Dealer Group of the Year.

Denton, TX... Peterbilt announced The Peterbilt Store as the 2024 North American Dealer Group of the Year at its annual Dealer Meeting in Tucson, AZ held February 5-7. The prestigious Dealer Group of the Year recognition is achieved by the dealership group that earns the highest scores in Peterbilt's rigorous Standards of Ex-

cellence program, demonstrates commitment to customer satisfaction and leverages effective practices to increase Peterbilt brand advocacy.

"Recognizing The Peterbilt Store as the 2024 Dealer Group of the Year gives us great pride as we acknowledge their dedication to providing extraordinary service to

our customers," said Jake Montero, Peterbilt general manager and PACCAR vice president. "This dealer group has built a great reputation amongst customers. Their timely investments in facilities, ability to offer Peterbilt's full lineup of products and services, unparalleled parts availability and superior service to Peterbilt

customers are commendable."

"We are honored to receive this prestigious award," said John Arscott, The Peterbilt Store CEO. "The Rules of the Road that we established over two decades ago continue to serve as the guiding principles in how we operate and what to expect from The Peterbilt Store;

honesty, integrity, value and meaningful relationships."

The Peterbilt Store operates 30 dealership locations across the East Coast. This marks the 4th Dealer Group of the Year award for The Peterbilt Store who were honored in 2004, 2017 and 2019. Additionally, The Peterbilt Store received recognition as a Best-in-Class Dealer Group and 13 of their locations were honored with Platinum Service awards at this year's award ceremony.

Peterbilt also presented awards in the following categories:

- Sales Excellence Dealer of the Year: Dobbs Peterbilt
- Medium Duty Dealer of the Year: Rush Peterbilt Truck Centers
- Service Dealer of the Year: Stahl Peterbilt
- PACCAR MX Engine Dealer of the Year: Performance Peterbilt
- Parts Dealer of the Year: Ohio Peterbilt
- eCommerce Dealer of the Year: Dimmick Group Peterbilt
- TRP Dealer of the Year: TLG Peterbilt
- Red Oval & Used Truck Dealer of the Year:

TLG Peterbilt

Peterbilt also presented the Best-in-Class Dealer Group of the Year awards, which are based on a combination of Peterbilt's Standard of Excellence scores, financial performance, parts and service performance, and utilization of PACCAR trainings and programs. Dealer groups receiving Best-in-Class awards included:

- Allstate Peterbilt Group
- Stahl Peterbilt
- The Peterbilt Store
- Jackson Group Peterbilt
- LaBeau Bros. Peterbilt
- TLG Peterbilt
- Peterbilt of Atlanta
- Hunter Peterbilt

"We congratulate these award-winning dealers for achieving excellence across all areas of their business, for their commitment to delivering superior customer service and support to our customers and for being the best representation of Peterbilt Class," said Danny Landholm, Peterbilt director of dealer network development.

For more information about the Peterbilt dealer network visit: <https://www.peterbilt.com/why-peterbilt/dealer-network>.



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BY PAM POLLOCK

What In The Sam Hill Tarnation?!

I'm a born and bred Western Pennsylvanian, but when someone asks where I live, I simply say, "PA." Some might say I am from "Pennsylvucky." No offense taken. I alternate from saying "Yinz" and "Yuns". If I don't like someone or if I'm mad at a person, I will refer to them as a "Jagoff."

We swim in the "crick" and "red" up the table and "warsh" our clothes. I just bought a bunch of "gum bands" for the office. Best lunch meat ever? Do yuns even have to ask?! Of course it's Isaly's chipped ham!

I've been getting frustrated a lot lately over people's posts on social media about politics. I really try not to discuss politics or thrust my views on anyone. But so many people have really "chapped my hiney" in the past several months. I am also trying to curb my swearing because I have a very foul mouth and that's not a good thing to have. But some of these jagoffs have just been relentless and will not shut up – and I'm talking both political parties here. And then they posted, "And if you don't like what I'm saying, feel free to unfriend me!" And I thought about it for a couple of days and looked at their posts again and Geez Louise, I didn't want to say the "F" word because I am trying to be a better person but my buttons were being pushed. I was struggling not to swear and I was getting agitated and out of nowhere I blurted out, "What in the Sam Hill Tarnation is going on!"

Now, I was having the above conversation with myself, that's another thing that I do, I talk out loud to myself. And I realized that I had not heard the Sam Hill Tarnation expression for probably 50 years, when I was a child. And I had a good chuckle and then I proceeded to unfriend a bunch of people, who, upon reflection, really weren't my friends.

I have to admit, though, that I do miss saying the "F" word. And then I embraced my Irish roots (I am also Scottish from my Mom's side of the family) and started saying, "Feck." Is it basically the same word as the "F" word? Yes, yes, it is. But it's cuter when you type it out and people look at you funny when you say it in public. And if my Mom were still alive and I said, "What the feck is going on?," she probably wouldn't threaten to warsh my mouth out with soap. She threatened to do that a lot, even when I was 60 years old, just a few months before she died.

You're probably wondering, "What in the Sam Hill Tarnation" is Pam rambling on about?" Well, feck, it yinz guys, if you have to ask, I'm not telling...

TCA Announces Inaugural TCA Elite Fleet Certified Carriers

The Truckload Carriers Association (TCA) is excited to unveil the first-ever TCA Elite Fleet certified carriers. Forty-seven truckload carriers have earned the esteemed TCA Elite Fleet certification, recognizing them as the 2025 Best Place to Drive. This new initiative, developed in partnership with the University of Denver's Transportation & Supply Chain Institute, highlights North American for-hire truckload carriers that foster exceptional work environments, offer competitive compensation, and implement innovative practices to support their drivers.

The certified fleets were thoroughly evaluated based on key metrics such as safety, driver satisfaction, turnover rates, compensation, benefits, quality of life for drivers, company equipment, and operational efficiency. Surveys from drivers and independent contractors were also conducted to validate the results.

Honorees: AAT Carriers, Chattanooga, TN; American Central Transport, Kansas City, MO; Bison Transport, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Brenny Specialized, St Joseph, MN; Brown Dog Carriers, Biddford, ME; Cargo Transporters, Claremont, NC; Cheema Freightlines, Pacific, WA; Chief Carriers, Grand Island, NE; Christenson Transportation, Strafford, MO; Crawford Trucking, Des Moines, IA; Don Hummer Trucking, Cedar Rapids, IA; Dutch Maid Logistics, Willard, CO; Erb Transport, New Hamburg, Ontario; Fortigo Freight Ser-

vices, Etobicoke, Ontario; Fremont Contract Carriers, Fremont, NE; FTC Transportation, Oklahoma City, OK; Garner Trucking, Findlay, OH; Grand Island Express, Grand Island, NE; Halvor Lines, Superior, WI; Hill Brothers Transportation, Omaha, NE; Kriska Holdings Limited, Prescott, Ontario; Landair Transport, Greenville, TN; Landstar System, Jacksonville, FL; Liberty Linehaul, Ayr, ON; Lion Force Transport, Mississauga, ON; Magnum, Fargo, ND; Marten Transport, Mondovi, WI; Maverick Transportation, North Little Rock, AR; Melton Truck Lines, Tulsa, OK; Mill Creek Motor Freight, Ayr, Ontario; National Carriers, Irving, TX; NFI Interactive Logistics, Camden, NJ; Northern Logistics, Clare, MI; Nussbaum Transportation, Hudson, IL; PGT Trucking, Aliquippa, PA; R.E. Garrison Trucking, Vinemont, AL; Royal Logistics, Fargo, ND; Spring Creek Carriers, Beamsville, Ontario; Spur Freight Services, Austin, TX; Stokes Trucking, Tremonton, UT; TransLand, Strafford, MO; Transpro Freight Systems, Milton, Ontario; Truline Corporation, Las Vegas, NV; Veriha Trucking, Marinette, WI; Werner Enterprises, Omaha, NE; Western Dairy Transport, Cabool, MO; Wilson Logistics, Strafford, MO

TCA Elite Fleets will be honored at TCA's Annual Convention in Phoenix, with a special awards program scheduled for Monday, March 17.

Trucking Industry Backs Bill To End EVs' Free Ride - Fair Share Act Would Require Light-Duty Electric Vehicles To Contribute To The Highway Trust Fund

Washington, DC... The American Trucking Associations applauded Senator Deb Fischer (R-Nebraska) and Congressman Dusty Johnson (R-South Dakota) for introducing the Fair Share Act. The legislation would charge a one-time fee for light-duty electric vehicles to ensure that they are contributing to road maintenance.

"All Americans benefit from a robust and safe transportation system. When it comes to paying for the maintenance and expansion of our road network, no one should get a free ride," said ATA Senior Vice President of Legislative Affairs Henry Hanscom. "The trucking industry makes up just 4% of the vehicles on our nation's highways, yet we pay nearly half the tab into the federal Highway Trust Fund—all while moving over 70% of the domestic freight tonnage. Clearly trucks are doing their part to invest in the nation's infrastructure, and it is reasonable to expect

electric vehicles to do the same. As fuel efficiency rises and adoption rates for alternative fuels accelerate, we must find long-term, sustainable, and equitable sources of revenue for the HTF. We commend Senator Deb Fischer and Congressman Dusty Johnson for leading this effort to ensure that electric vehicles are paying their fair share."

The Highway Trust Fund makes up over 90% of federal funds used for transportation projects and primarily receives its funding through the federal gas tax: 18.3 cents per gallon of gas and 24.3 cents per gallon of diesel. It faces impending insolvency. Since 2008, over \$275 billion has been shifted from the general fund to sustain the HTF.

Although the previous Administration attempted to force the adoption of electric vehicles, light-duty EVs do not currently pay into the HTF.

By contrast, the trucking industry is the leading payer into the HTF, contributing

almost half of all revenues while representing just 4% of road users. Heavy-duty electric trucks also contribute to the HTF through the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax, the tire tax, and the federal excise tax. The American Trucking Associations has long advocated for a long-term, stable revenue source for the HTF that is paid for equitably by all road users.

The Fair SHARE Act would require EVs to contribute to the HTF through a two-tier fee structure similar to and modeled after the current federal gas tax and the heavy vehicle use tax. The bill would: 1) Impose a one-time fee of \$1,000 on all-electric vehicles at the manufacturer level and 2) Impose a one-time fee of \$550 on each battery module with a weight greater than 1,000 pounds at the manufacturer level.

The legislation was cosponsored by Senators Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyoming) and Pete Ricketts (R-Nebraska).

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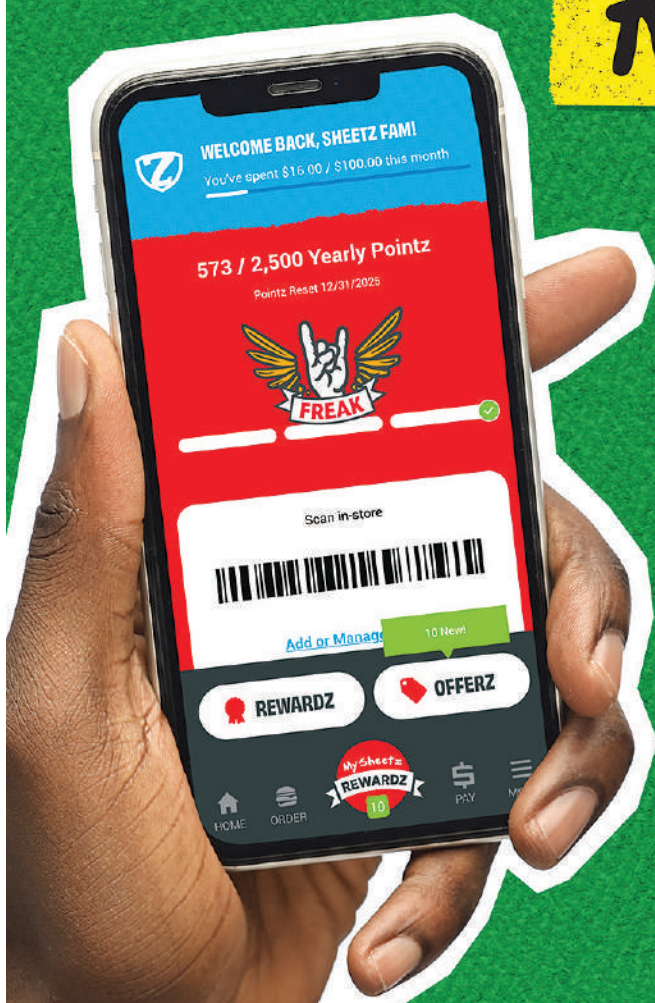
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High Performance Diesels with Bruce Mallinson

A Hot Rod Heart for a Historic Greyhound

When Steve Belsky jokes about making bad decisions for a living, one of them stands out—his “Pancake Engine” project. But if you ask anyone in the world of high-performance engineering, they might argue that this so-called “bad decision” is actually a masterpiece.

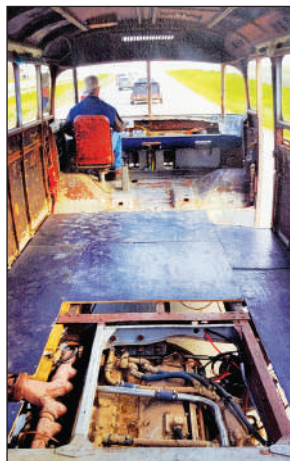
Steve’s passion project is a 1948 Greyhound bus, a relic of a joint venture between American Car and Foundry, known for making rail cars, and Brill, a company famous for its

trolleys. From 1946 to 1949, these two giants collaborated to produce Greyhound buses, with Steve’s specific model being built in 1948 and hitting the road in 1949 for inner-city routes. Today, the bus still carries its original marquee names—something Steve refuses to change, keeping a piece of history alive.

But nostalgia isn’t the only driving force behind this project. Steve has set his sights on a land speed record, joking that it’s all

part of his 30-year plan. With a previous engine, he has already clocked 105 mph on the freeway—twice. But with the Pittsburgh Power-built Pancake Engine and a specialized transmission, he aims to push the bus to an eye-watering 145 mph.

From Scrap to Speed
Steve’s journey started when he found the bus just three miles from his home in Austin, long before the internet made such searches easier. Scouring Hemmings Motor News,



record for a bus stood at 92 mph. With his racing background and that of his friends, he was convinced they could surpass it. Years later, after extensively researching online, he found no evidence that anyone had officially beaten that record—until his own documented 105 mph run.

Despite this achievement, Steve doesn’t believe the bus will ever make it to the Bonneville Salt Flats due to its sheer weight—15,000 lbs without glass and 19,000 lbs when fully reassembled. The fragile salt surface, along with strict regulations, makes it unlikely that the bus will see action there. However, that won’t stop him from pushing forward on other proving grounds.

The Pittsburgh Power Connection

Enter Pittsburgh Power and its legendary expertise with Cummins Big Cam engines. Steve first met with the late Pete, a key figure in the company, who helped him understand the intricacies of modifying a Big Cam to reach peak performance. What started as a backup engine quickly became the first in line as a primary powerplant, as Steve acknowledges that “when you’re going for any kind of record like this, you have to be willing to plant your foot and blow up the engine.”

For the past two and a half years, Pittsburgh Pow-

er has been crafting this one-of-a-kind Pancake Engine. It features Mechanical Variable Timing (MVT), originally developed as an emissions-friendly feature for California. However, in Steve’s case, the MVT system has been repurposed to advance timing and “throw the heat at it,” essentially hot-rodding the engine in a way that defies its initial regulatory intent.

More Than Just a Bus
Steve’s Greyhound has another claim to fame—it’s the same model used in the classic Marilyn Monroe film *Bus Stop*. While he has found scripts from the film inside his bus during restoration, a club of Greyhound enthusiasts insists that his isn’t the bus from the movie. But for Steve, that’s just a minor technicality. “It’s the same kind of bus,” he says with a grin. “So it was in a movie. That’s my story, and I’m sticking to it.”

Whether or not it’s a Hollywood icon, one thing is certain—this bus, with its custom-engineered Pancake Engine, is on a mission to carve its own place in history. If Steve Belsky has his way, his so-called bad decisions might just make him a two time record-breaker.

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Latest Trucking Industry News

PMTA Joins Coalition Urging Lawmakers To Ensure Reliable Energy Supply

By Megan Magensky, PMTA

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The Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association joined a coalition of business and industry organizations across PA urging Governor Josh Shapiro and state lawmakers to ensure a robust and reliable energy supply for the state's businesses and consumers.

The Stop New Energy Taxes Coalition sent a letter to Governor Shapiro and the General Assembly ahead of the governor's budget address.

The letter emphasizes the vital role Pennsylvania's energy sector plays in driving economic growth, creating family-sustaining jobs, and ensuring an affordable and reliable energy supply. It warns that new energy taxes would increase costs for families and businesses, making the state less competitive for investment.

The coalition calls for bipartisan collaboration to maintain tax stability, streamline permitting, and foster innovation, ensuring Pennsylvania remains a leader in energy production and economic growth.

The letter also highlights the success of the state's Impact Fee, which has generated over \$2.7 billion in revenue for Pennsylvania communities since 2012.

"Affordable energy is a cornerstone of Pennsylvania's economic competitiveness," the letter reads. "New energy taxes could increase costs for families and businesses while making Pennsylvania less attractive compared to states with more competitive, business-friendly environments."

The coalition is led by the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry and includes 16 other key industry associations from across the state, including PMTA, the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association,

the Keystone Contractors Association, the Pennsylvania Independent Oil & Gas Association, the Consumer Energy Alliance, and Associated Pennsylvania Constructors, among others.

"A budget that preserves Pennsylvania's energy tax structure," the coalition wrote, "reinforces the commonwealth's commitment to fostering economic growth and opportunity. Prioritizing stability in this area will help us retain existing businesses, attract new and innovative industries, and secure our commonwealth's long-term economic success."

Intermodal Closes Fourth Quarter Strong - Domestic and International Containers End Year Ahead

CALVERTON, MD... Total intermodal volume gained 7.5 percent year-over-year in the fourth quarter of 2024, according to the Intermodal Association of North America. While trailers dropped 6.2 percent, domestic container and international container originations grew 6.5 percent and 9.6 percent, respectively. For the year, total volume rose 8.5 percent.

All but one of the seven highest-density trade corridors, which collectively handled more than 60 percent of total volume, were up in the fourth quarter. The Southeast-Southwest jumped 23.5 percent, the Midwest-Southwest in-

creased 19.4 percent, and the South Central-Southwest gained 18.8 percent. The Midwest-Northwest rose 9.9 percent, the Trans-Canada delivered 4.9 percent more volume, and the intra-Southeast added 2.3 percent. The Northeast-Midwest recorded the only loss, 1.6 percent.

Total IMC volume rose 4.8 percent year-over-year in Q4, with intermodal up 12.2 percent and highway traffic down 4.9 percent.

Members of the press may request the 2024 Fourth Quarter Intermodal Quarterly report from Hope Kabik at hkabik@intermodal.org

Trucking Industry Reacts to Tariffs

Washington, DC... American Trucking Associations President & CEO Chris Spear released this statement in response to new tariffs imposed on the United States' largest trading partners:

"As the trucking industry recovers from a years-long freight recession marked by low freight volumes, depressed rates, and rising operational costs, we have concern that tariffs could decrease freight volumes and increase costs for motor carriers at a time when the industry is just beginning to recover. A 25% tariff levied on Mexico could see the price of a new tractor increase by as much as \$35,000. That is cost-prohibitive for many small carriers, and for larger fleets, it would add tens of millions of dollars in annual operating costs.

"Trucks move 85% of goods that cross our southern border and

67% of goods that cross our northern border, supporting hundreds of thousands of trucking jobs in the U.S. The trucking industry understands the crises motivating these tariff proposals, which is why we have been a leader in efforts to fight drug and human trafficking. We firmly support policies that will secure our borders and protect legitimate trade, but we also recognize the unintended consequences that substantial tariffs could have over the long-term, including higher consumer costs on the wide range of goods that cross our borders by truck, including food, automobiles, televisions, computers, furniture, and other key manufacturing inputs.

"The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement was a major achievement of President Trump's first administration. The American Trucking Associations worked hand in glove with all three countries to reach this historic deal, and we look forward to doing so again during the USMCA review."

ATA Truck Tonnage Index Contracted 1.1% in December

Washington, DC... Trucking activity in the United States contracted in December, according to the American Trucking Associations' advanced seasonally adjusted For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index, the second decrease in as many months.

"For the first time since March and April truck tonnage contracted for two consecutive months," said ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello. "Tonnage fell 1.8% in November, bringing the two-month total decrease to 2.9%, pushing tonnage to its lowest level since January 2024. Sluggishness in factory output continues to weigh on freight volumes, but another drag on the index has been fleet growth at private carriers, which is holding back how much freight is flowing to for-hire carriers."

In December, the ATA advanced seasonally adjusted For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index equaled 111.3 compared with 112.6 in November. The index, which is based on 2015 as 100, was down 3.2% from the same month last year.

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By Ron Fraser,
TFC Global President

Doing what is right doesn't always mean doing what is easy, in fact doing what is right can be as hard as being convicted of doing wrong. Pulling nails out of a board may be easy, but pulling out the holes that they leave behind is impossible. Leaders can enforce the law and reform nations conduct, but only God can change the human heart and produce the kind of character that wants to do what is right. God's Spirit can grab our attention when we have made a mess out of life; but even when we turn around and head in the right direction, we are often left with the scars and consequences of the choices we have made. When we pay close attention to God and His Word, we are much

less likely to have to retrace our steps because we went the wrong way! The psalmist was right. Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Ps119:105

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A Memoriam To Ronald Gross, Sr.



Ronald Gross, Sr. age 84 died on January 14, 2025, at his Cabot, Pennsylvania home. Ron Gross started driving truck at the age of 18, right out of high school in 1958 and continued driving until 2014. Ron purchased his first truck at

the age of 25, a used 1960 single axle Brockway. He founded Ron Gross Trucking in 1965, still operating with a single truck. He then purchased a second truck in 1974 and hired one of his cousins to drive it. Ronald Gross, Inc. has experienced

steady, controlled growth since then, growing the fleet to 45 company trucks and 9 owner-operators.

In the mid 1970s, Ronald Gross, Inc. began hauling for Moonlight Mushrooms, located near Butler, Pennsylvania. At the time, Moonlight Mushrooms was the world's largest producer of mushrooms. Ron and his drivers were pulling open top vans loaded with various types of compost into the mushroom mines. The fleet grew to 4 trucks and with the decline of Moonlight Mushrooms, Ron Gross started trip leasing steel out of Butler and Brackenridge, Pennsylvania. In 1982, he purchased their current location in Cabot, Pennsylvania. It wasn't long after the industry deregulated that Ronald Gross, Inc. applied for and received their own operating authority.

Today, Ronald Gross, Inc. is 100% flatbed with their primary commodity being steel. The hauls are mostly regional, running primarily east to west along I-70, I-80 and US 30 in a 450-500 mile radius of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1990

Ron decided to "lighten up", spec'ing trucks and trailers as light as possible to accommodate additional coil weight. This enabled a nice market niche for the company to be able to haul coils that are on the heavy side.

Ronald Gross, Sr.'s legacy lives on through his family who continue to operate the company he founded. Today, Barry Gross (son) serves as President, Ronnie Gross, Jr. (son) is Vice President and Connie Harbison (daughter) is Secretary/Treasurer. Connie's son Ben Harbison works in dispatch.

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Gearing Up For the 2025 Wheel Jam Truck Show – “Memories of Scot”



Scot Marone

By Pam Pollock

HURON, SD... The 2025 Wheel Jam Truck Show will be held on June 5-8 at the South Dakota State Fairgrounds in Huron, South Dakota. Entering its 22nd year of existence, this year's show will be the first one since the death of Scot Marone, the owner of 18 Wheel Truck Productions, LLC, who puts on the show each year. Scot died on August 28, 2024, from pancreatic cancer.

Scot was in the hospital during the 2024 Wheel Jam Truck Show, but he was adamant that no matter what,

“The Show Must Go On!” Scot's fiancée Tracy Bratland Bruns, son Tanner Marone, family members, and countless friends made sure that the show went off without a hitch.

I spoke with Tracy earlier this week about the upcoming Wheel Jam Truck Show and she shared with me that last year, when she and Scot were at the Mayo Clinic, he expressed his wish for the show to go on for years to come. Tracy said, “Scot blessed me with AMAZING people to help organize and produce the Wheel Jam Truck

Show. Last May, Scot asked Rich Barnes to take over as General Manager of the Wheel Jam Truck Show after he was diagnosed with cancer. Rich has been with the Wheel Jam Truck Show since the first year so he knows and understands how the show needs to run. Shanna and Brian Gray, of S&B Alignment, have also stepped up to the plate. The past couple years, Shanna was helping Scot with getting sponsorships for the show and promoting the show. Shanna has been doing a phenomenal job with getting sponsorships and promoting the show while also helping with several other aspects of the show! Shanna's husband Brian is the guy behind the screen doing all of the Wheel Jam Truck Show website/Facebook updates/ advertisements. There are several other people that also make this show happen. It takes a village to put on the Wheel Jam Truck Show. We are doing it for Scot “The Show must go on...”

Activities planned for the 2025 Wheel Jam Truck Show include the very popular Dynamic Engine Brake Competition, Judged Show with trophies, Light Show, Show 'N' Shine, Trucker meal & Social, Stock Car Races, Car Show, Bike Show, BBQ Championships and a FREE concert with Tony Justice and Long



One of the spectacular trucks at the 2024 Wheel Jam Truck Show.

- photo by Pam Pollock -

Haul Paul!

In 2023 I interviewed Scot about the Wheel Jam Truck Show. He was adamant that the Drivers come first. He stated, “Wheel Jam Truck Show is all about the North American Truck drivers and the truck owners. We are honored to have Drivers come back to Huron year after year and to also welcome new Drivers. Wheel Jam Truck Show has the best truck drivers in the nation in attendance. They are very professional.”

He also had high praise for the 18-Wheel Truck Production, LLC crew for all of their hard work in making Wheel Jam Truck

Show the huge success that it is. “We can't do this without everyone,” he said. He also thanked all of the Truck Drivers, Sponsors, and Vendors for their support year after year.

I had asked Scot what his future goals for the Wheel Jam Truck Show were. His reply was simple, “Keep growing and make the Wheel Jam Truck Show the premier Truck Show in all of North America! We had a lot of post-show comments from our contestants and sponsors/vendors that this is the best show in the country hands down. So this feat should be sustainable with continued growth in the years to come.”

I am confident that Scot's Legacy of the Wheel Jam Truck Show will continue to grow and thrive in the years ahead, just as he envisioned.

Interested in attending this year's Wheel Jam Truck Show? You can pre-register online at www.WheelJamTruckShow.com or register directly at the show. Tracy said that the Wheel Jam Truck Show crew is hard at work to make the show a loving tribute and memorial to Scot and they are hoping that drivers will show up and share their “Memories of Scot.”



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Centers achieved two additional accolades: the Volvo Financial Services Dealer Group of the Year and Southwest Region Dealer Group of the Year.

“The trucking industry is demanding and the need to deliver uptime and exceptional service to our customers is the top priority for every employee at South Texas Truck Centers,” said Mike Stricker, dealer principal, South Texas Truck Centers. “We’re

proud of our partnership with Volvo Trucks North America, Volvo Financial Services and the best-in-class products and services that we can bring to our customers through that partnership. But we couldn’t have won this prestigious award without all of the hardworking men and women at our South Texas Truck Centers locations who choose to deliver excellence every day.”

Truckstop and Bloomberg Intelligence Survey Reveals Broker Optimism for Rising Spot Rates and Increased Demand

This article was originally published on PR Newswire.

The Bloomberg | Truckstop semi-annual freight broker survey shows brokers are optimistic about this year as demand and spot rates improved significantly in the second half of 2024.

“Most brokers believe demand, rates and margins are poised to keep getting better,” said Lee Klaskow, senior freight transportation and logistics analyst at Bloomberg Intelligence. “They also anticipate that the new administration could drive load growth, while higher rates and technological advancements may continue to support margin expansion.”

The Bloomberg | Truckstop second half 2024 Broker survey shows:

* Brokerage volume having some relief: Demand appears to have rebounded for freight brokers in the second half of 2024, with 55% of respondents noting that load volume rose year over year, 26 percentage points better than in the first half of 2024. That’s led brokers to be more optimistic about load volume in 2025, with 77% expecting it to be up in the next 3-6 months, 28 percentage points more than in the first half of 2024.

* Spot rates could edge higher this year: Freight brokers are more optimis-

tic about spot rates with 52% of survey respondents expecting them to rise in the next 3-6 months, an 18-percentage point hike from the first half of 2024. Market conditions are still tightening, with Truckstop’s Market Demand Index up 28% on average in 4Q24 from 4Q23.

* Margins may expand: Brokers’ gross margins had a reprieve in the second half of 2024, with around 31% of respondents noting margin expansion – 7 percentage points better than the first half of 2024 – which is set to extend in 2025. About 67% expect margins to improve in the next six months, 30 percentage points better than the prior survey.

“Brokers are showing growing optimism for the year ahead, with our latest survey revealing that 52% of brokerages plan to expand their teams and 89% feel better equipped to combat fraud,” said Kendra Tucker, chief executive officer, Truckstop. “Truckstop is committed to delivering solutions that empower brokers to work with speed and confidence, helping them streamline operations, fight fraud and increase profitability.”

The Bloomberg | Truckstop survey of freight brokers provides timely channel checks into the market’s health. The most recent sample size was

159, consisting of freight forwarders, third-party logistics providers and broker agents, as well as asset and non-asset-based brokers. Most respondents (64%) have 1-50 employees. Of those surveyed, non-asset-based brokers made up the biggest group (30%), followed by third-party logistic providers (26%) and broker agents (23%).

The complete survey is available to Bloomberg Terminal subscribers via BI.

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8th Annual Cable Truck Show



Gorgeous International Cabover at the 8th Annual Cable Truck Show. - All photos by Pam Pollock -

By Pam Pollock
 SALTSBURG, PA.... The 8th Annual Cable Truck Show was held on September 14, 2024, at CTI Coordinators, 2876 State Route 286, Saltsburg, Pennsylvania. The 2024 Cable Truck Show was dedicated in the memory of Katie Beatty.

It was a gorgeous early fall day, although it was incredibly hot outside! The parking lot was filled with plenty of Big Rigs as well as Classic Cars, Pick-ups, Hotrods, and Motorcycles.

Food and Merchandise Vendors were set up both inside and out, hawking their wares. Music filled the air as hundreds of show attendees leisurely walked amongst the rows and rows of trucks, snapping photos, discussing the spec's of trucks, and just enjoying the day.

Trophy Winners :
 Truck Division: 1st: Johnathan Pinskey, 1998 Peterbilt, 379; 2nd: 2. Chris Alexander, 2023 Peterbilt, 389; 3rd: Cody Evans, 2016 Peterbilt, 389

Triaxle Division: 1st: Mike Foster, 2019 Kenworth W900; 2nd: Andrew Alese, 2011 Peterbilt 389; 3rd: Rick Gneiting, 2024 Peterbilt 389

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A collage of various trucks. On the left is a blue and white Mack truck. On the right is a red Mack truck. At the bottom left is a white Kenworth truck. In the center, there is a large text overlay.

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Bob Hunter: A Legacy That Lives On



Bob Hunter 1941-2025

With heavy hearts, we share the passing of Bob Hunter on Saturday, January 25, 2025. Bob was more than a dedicated leader in the trucking industry—he was a friend, mentor, and a beloved member of the Hunter Truck family. His kindness, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to serving others left a lasting impact on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Reflecting on his time with Bob, Jeffrey Hunter, CEO and President of Hunter Truck, shared, "It

was a privilege to work alongside Bob for over 30 years. He taught me invaluable lessons that have stayed with me throughout my career." Bob's legacy will continue to inspire and guide everyone at Hunter Truck, as well as the trucking industry as a whole.

Robert Hunter Obituary – Published by Legacy Remembers on Jan. 26, 2025. Shared with permission from Bob's family.

Robert ("Bob") Leroy Hunter was born on July 23, 1941, in Eau Claire,

Pennsylvania. He was the son of Homer John Hunter and Josephine Beatty Hunter. Bob attended Mercersburg Academy and Grove City College, where he developed a lifelong love of learning and forged enduring friendships. It was also at Grove City College where he met the love of his life, Gail.

Bob and Gail were married for 59 wonderful years, sharing a life filled with love, laughter, and unwavering support. He was a devoted husband and a proud and caring father to

his three children: Steve Hunter (Ann Hart Hunter), Nancy Hunter Mycka (Joe Mycka), and Susan Hunter Fleming. His legacy lives on through his seven beloved grandchildren: Jack Hunter, Sydney Hunter, and Elizabeth Hunter; Hunter Mycka and Meredith Mycka; and Lydia Fleming and Audrey Fleming, all of whom he adored and inspired.

A visionary and hard-working entrepreneur, Bob, along with his brother Harry, grew Hunter's Truck Sales from a single location founded by his father, Homer, into one of the largest truck dealerships in the United States. In 2016, he received the industry's highest honor,

being named Truck Dealer of the Year for the United States. Bob was also a founding member and served on the Board of Directors of Idealease, one of the largest truck leasing companies in the country.

Bob's leadership extended beyond the truck business. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Farmers National Bank of Emlenton for more than 50 years and was actively involved in his community, serving on the school board of the Moniteau School District. Bob also proudly served his country in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Outside of work and service, Bob enjoyed golfing with friends, snowmobiling, watching the Steelers,

and traveling with Gail. He had a passion for working on his "toys" in the garage and found great joy in mowing the grass or clearing brush on his tractor. His loyalty, friendliness, and quiet strength left an indelible mark on everyone he met. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at St. Barnabas for their loving and compassionate care during Bob's last few days.

Bob Hunter will be deeply missed but fondly remembered. His life was a testament to love, dedication, perseverance, and service, and his legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

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OOIDA Applauds Bill To Ensure Funding - Fairness on The Roads - EVs Currently Do Not Contribute To The Highway Trust Fund

WASHINGTON, DC... The Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA) announced its support for the Fair Sharing of Highways and Roads for Electric Vehicles (Fair SHARE) Act, which would support nationwide infrastructure investments and promote fairness among drivers. The bill, introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senator Deb Fischer (R-NE) and in the U.S. House of Representatives by Representative Dusty Johnson (R-SD), would ensure that electric vehicles (EVs) pay into the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) to support the construction and maintenance of U.S. roads and bridges.

Gasoline-powered cars pay into the HTF through the gas tax, but as of now, EVs do not contribute to the HTF at all. However, the average EV is significantly heavier than its gas-powered counterpart due to the weight of large EV batteries. The Fair SHARE Act would require additional investment in the HTF for EVs with heavier batteries to account for the road damage and increased maintenance costs they cause.

In addition to Senator Fischer, the legislation is

cosponsored by U.S. Senators Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) and Pete Ricketts (R-NE).

"America's truckers are the backbone of our supply chain and make significant contributions to maintaining our roads and bridges by paying several taxes that support the Highway Trust Fund," said OOIDA President Todd Spencer. "However, truckers are understandably frustrated that EVs currently pay nothing to the HTF despite having equal access to the roads and highways maintained by taxpayers. OOIDA and the 150,000 truckers we represent appreciate the leadership of Senator Fischer and Representative Johnson in ensuring fairness on America's roadways. We understand the importance of investing in the vital infrastructure that keeps our economy moving."

"EVs can weigh up to three times as much as gas-powered cars, creating more wear and tear on our roads and bridges. It's only fair that they pay into the Highway Trust Fund just like other cars do. The Fair SHARE Act will require EVs to pay their fair share for the upkeep of America's

infrastructure," said Senator Fischer.

"EV drivers use our highways just as much as gas-powered vehicles, yet they are currently exempt from paying into the Highway Trust Fund because the Biden administration wanted to score points with its radical climate change base. The days of liberal elites in their expensive EVs getting a free pass are over; they are contributing to wear and tear on our roads, and they should be forced to pay their fair share in repairs just like the rest of us," said Senator Lummis.

"EVs are heavier than other consumer vehicles, and increase the wear and tear on our roads. EV drivers also don't pay a gas tax like other drivers do," said Senator Ricketts. "That's wrong. This bill ensures Americans fueling their vehicles are not forced to pay for EV drivers."

"The Highway Trust Fund is on the road to insolvency," said Congressman Johnson. "It's time to consider real changes and ensure EVs pay their fair share to maintain our roads and bridges. I'm grateful for Senator Fischer's leadership on this bill that will undoubt-

edly create a more stable Highway Trust Fund, ensuring the government can continue to make meaningful investments in our road infrastructure needs."

Supportive Organizations:

American Trucking Associations, American Road and Transportation Builders Association, American Society of Civil Engineers, Associated General Contractors of America, National Association of Counties, National Association of County Engineers, National League of Cities, and the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association.

Additional Information: The HTF supports over 90 percent of federal highway aid to states. The HTF was meant to be funded primarily by the federal gas tax. However, since the gas tax was last raised in 1993, the HTF faces insolvency due to more fuel-efficient vehicles on the roads, leading to reduced fuel consumption.

EVs are not subject to the gas tax and do not contribute to the HTF. Furthermore, their heavy batteries (up to triple the weight of gas-powered cars) lead to more extensive road wear, causing

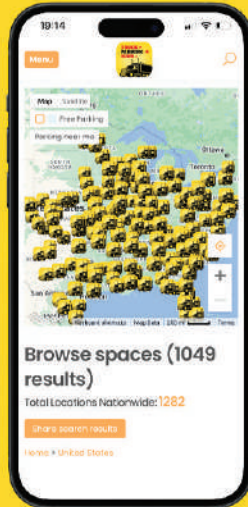
more maintenance and greater costs.

The Fair SHARE Act would fix this discrepancy by implementing a fee at the manufacturer level at the point of sale of


EVs. This ensures that every vehicle on the road is paying into the HTF and supporting critical repairs to America's infrastructure.



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Truck Freight to Bounce Back in 2025, ATA Projects

Washington, DC... In the latest edition of its annual freight forecast, the American Trucking Associations projects that after two years of declines, truck volumes are expected to grow 1.6% in 2025, and ultimately rise to nearly 14 billion tons by 2035.

The projection comes in ATA Freight Transportation Forecast 2024 to 2035, a joint report by ATA and S&P Global Market Intelligence.

"In this edition of Forecast, the trucking industry continues to dominate the freight transportation industry in terms of both tonnage and revenue, comprising 72.7% of tonnage and 76.9% of revenue in 2024," said ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello. "We project that market share to hold over the next decade as the country continues to rely on trucking to move the vast majority of freight."

Other key findings in ATA's Freight Transportation Forecast 2024 to 2035 include:

- * Total truck tonnage will rise from an estimated 11.27 billion tons in 2024 to 13.99 billion tons in 2035. Over that same period, trucking industry revenues will grow from an estimated \$906 billion to \$1.46 trillion, accounting for 76.8% of the freight market by the end of the forecast period.

- * Looking at other modes of transportation:

- * The overall share of freight tonnage moved by railroads will fall from 10.6% in 2024 to 9.9% in 2035, mostly due to declines in coal volume.

- * Intermodal rail tonnage will grow by 2.9% through 2030, and then 2.8% between 2031 and 2035.

- * Air cargo, domestic waterborne transportation and pipelines will all see increases in tonnage between 2024 and 2035.

"Knowledge is power, and the information in Freight Forecast is an enabler for the leaders who shape our industry," said ATA President and CEO Chris Spear. "Understanding the trends in our supply chain should be key for policymakers in Washington, in statehouses around the country and wherever decisions are being made that affect trucking and our economy."

ATA Freight Transportation Forecast 2024 to 2035, done in collaboration with S&P Global Market Intelligence, is available for purchase at www.atabusinesssolutions.com or by calling 866-821-3468.

TCA Statement on ACF Waiver Withdrawal

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has withdrawn its request for an EPA waiver to enforce its Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) rule upon our nation's trucking fleets, a move that can only be viewed as a major victory for our industry. It goes without saying that our messaging during our Call-on-Washington in September was lasting and impactful.

Of course, the withdrawal of this waiver request arrives less than a week before President-Elect Trump is sworn into office but represents a significant milestone in our industry's efforts to curb this unattainable regulation. Questions surrounding this rule centered on the achievability, affordability and reliability of the equipment that was required and highlighted issues with our nation's corresponding power grid and electricity generation.

TCA, as a founding member of the Clean Freight Coalition, worked endlessly with industry partners to support our message. We endorsed sound research,

engaged with renowned consultants to shape our story and advocated for comprehensive public policy with sensible solutions. It is imperative to our nation's supply chain that trucking leads these conversations to highlight the essential role that our industry has on the economy and the American consumer.

While this victory is one that must be celebrated, our work is just beginning. Our industry has long been advocates for equipment that is environmentally friendly to create a better tomorrow, and our history has demonstrated exactly that. Now is the time to begin engaging with our representatives to lay out a strategy with achievable standards with real world possibilities that places our industry in the driver's seat.

To our industry, thank you for your continued support and congratulations on a job well done. We will continue to keep you posted on information as it arises. Hope to see you at TCA's Annual Convention this March 15-18 in Phoenix.

Near Zero Emission Truck Incentive Program Bill Reintroduced With Bipartisan Support

By Megan Magensky, PMTA

Senator Brown has reintroduced the Near Zero Emission Truck Incentive Program legislation as Senate Bill 147. PMTA worked closely with Senator Brown on this important and bipartisan transportation legislation.

Senator Rosemary Brown (R-40) reintroduced the Near Zero Emission Truck Incentive Program legislation as Senate Bill 147.

This legislation creates the Near Zero Emission Truck Incentive Program, a grant program administered by the Department of Transportation (PennDOT), in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), to reduce air pollution from heavy duty diesel vehicles in Pennsylvania.

The federal government took steps to tightly regulate heavy duty truck emissions between the model years 2007 and 2010 by requiring the standardization of selective catalytic reduction and diesel particulate filters (40 CFR § 86.007-11 (Emission standards and supplemental require-

ments for 2007 and later model year diesel heavy-duty engines and vehicles) <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-40/chapter-I/subchapter-C/part-86/subpart-A/section-86.007-11> As a result, a truck that was sold in 2006 emits roughly 10 times the amount of NOx and particulate matter as a truck sold today.

Due to various market-driven factors, 34% of trucks registered in Pennsylvania are pre-2010 model trucks, which do not contain the latest emissions components. These trucks contribute most of the emissions from the trucking industry in the state. The proposed grant program will lead to the replacement of these trucks with newer, much cleaner trucks, resulting in lower emissions from the trucking industry and cleaner air for all. Moreover, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration research is clear that the older the truck, the higher the accident fatality rate. The addition of multiple standard safety technologies by original equipment manufacturers in post-2010 will directly save lives in Pennsylvania.

Specifically, it will require PennDOT and DEP

to apply for federal funds available for the purpose of reducing pollution. With these funds, PennDOT will provide a grant to incentivize the purchase of model year 2010 or later trucks to be titled and registered in Pennsylvania, if accompanied by a trade-in of a pre-2010 diesel truck that is also titled and registered in Pennsylvania but shall be prohibited from being titled or registered again in this state.

Pennsylvania's location, demographics, and mix of industries make it the perfect state for this legislation to be successful. The American Lung Association's 2023 Delivering Healthy Air report identifies nearly \$50 billion in associated health costs for the Commonwealth resulting from freight transportation between 2020 and 2050. We cannot afford to wait for solutions decades down the road when the technology exists today to make impactful changes. In the Governor's recent budget address, he correctly pointed out that one in three Pennsylvanians will be over 60 in 2030, and they are the most susceptible group to air pollution.

At the same time, one in every 15 jobs in the state is in the trucking industry, with almost 70,000 trucking companies in Pennsylvania. Most are small, locally owned businesses, with 96% having ten or fewer trucks. Many of these small businesses, which are more likely to be women- and minority-owned, likely will never be in the market for a new diesel truck, much less a new electric, truck, costing as much as two to three times what a new clean diesel truck does. Therefore, public policy should focus on the small businesses in the freight transportation sector that can benefit the most from upgrading to newer trucks, which are not only cleaner, but are also safer and more efficient.

Near zero emission clean diesel is an excellent technology. Whether it's a Mack - built right here in Pennsylvania - or another American-manufactured truck, 2024 models are more than 60 times cleaner than a 1988 model. That means a fleet of more than 60 new clean diesel trucks today operates with the same emissions as a single truck 30 years ago. Because well-maintained clean diesel trucks can operate for multiple decades, the environmental and public health benefits will continue beyond the year the grants are awarded. Near zero emission diesel trucks can also utilize cleaner biodiesel and renewable diesel without any modification, paving the way for further benefit as these fuels become more readily available and affordable.

No other single technology transfer can affect Pennsylvania's air quality and provide immediate health benefits as much as replacing pre-2010 trucks with post 2010 models.

The bill must now be considered by the Senate Transportation Committee.

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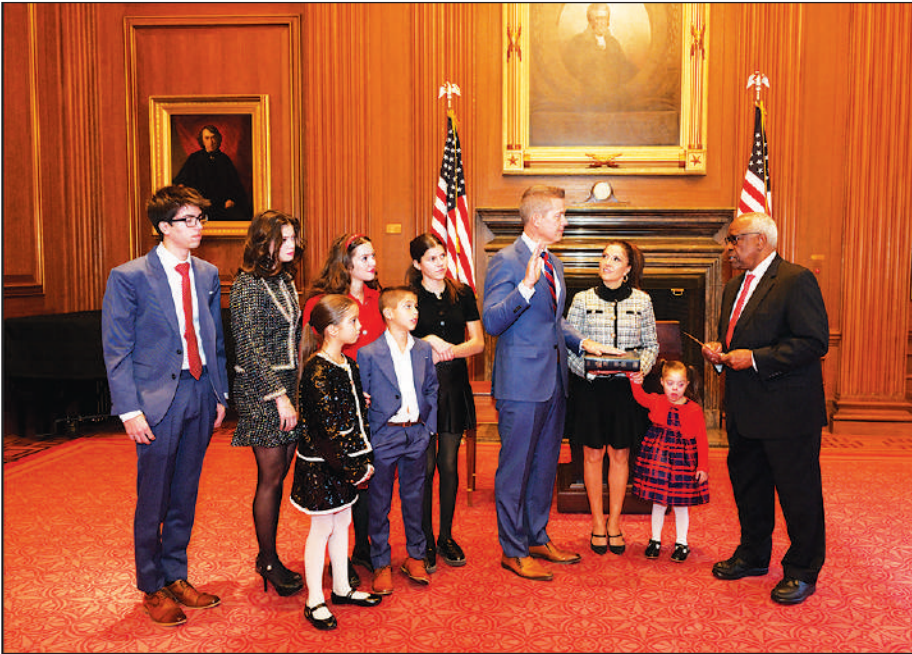








Sean Duffy Sworn In as Secretary of U.S. Department of Transportation



Secretary Duffy and Family with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thomas at swearing in ceremony.

WASHINGTON, DC... Sean Duffy was officially sworn in as the 20th Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). Secretary Duffy was administered the oath of office by Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas at the U.S. Supreme Court and was joined by his family. Upon arrival at USDOT headquarters, Secretary Duffy's first act was signing a memorandum directing staff to start the process of resetting Corporate Aver-

age Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards, which will ultimately lower the price of a car for American consumers and eliminate the electric vehicle mandate.

"I am deeply honored by the trust placed in me by President Trump to lead this important Department and for the Senate in swiftly confirming my nomination," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy. "We are already hard at work executing the President's vision to usher in a golden age of

transportation by taking immediate action to remove government overreach and lower costs for hardworking Americans. The memorandum signed today specifically reduces the burdensome and overly restrictive fuel standards that have needlessly driven up the cost of a car in order to push a radical Green New Deal agenda. The American people should not be forced to sacrifice choice and affordability when purchasing a new car."

The memorandum signed by the Secretary directs the Office of the General Counsel, the Office of the Undersecretary for Policy, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to immediately initiate a rulemaking to rescind or replace all existing CAFE standards.

As a result of the regulatory costs, fuel economy standards have diminished the strength of America's auto industry and denied Americans the full range of affordable vehicles they need.

According to data from Cox Automotive:

* From March 2021 to March 2024, the cost of a car increased by a total of 15.5%, from an average of \$40,881 to an average of \$47,218.

* Current rule requires all passenger cars and light trucks to meet a standard of 50.4 miles per gallon (mpg) in Model Year 2031. This government mandate has dramatically increased the average price of a new car to nearly \$48,000, driving up the cost and making it unaffordable for American consumers.

* The price of a car has continued to spiral. In March 2024, of the 275 new-vehicle models available for purchase, only eight had transaction prices below \$25,000. By comparison in March 2021, more than 20 vehicles had transaction prices below \$25,000.

This direction will implement Executive Order 14148, titled Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions, and Executive Order 14154, titled Unleashing American Energy, which were issued by President Trump on January 20, 2025.

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Southern Pines Trucking Hauled A Super Load



By Pam Pollock

On Tuesday, September 17, 2024, Southern Pines Trucking, based out of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, hauled a Super Load, a 150-ton steel cone, from Columbiana, Ohio to the Edgar Thomson Steel Works plant in Braddock, PA.

And it truly was a Super Load - measuring 136' long and 28' wide!

The load required hours and hours of advance planning.

The trip took several hours with Police and a truck escort service ahead and behind the truck. They traversed through Pennsylvania on Interstate 80, passing through Mercer, Venango, Butler, Clarion and Jefferson counties. It then traveled south along routes 36, 436 and 119 into Indiana County before turning west on Route 22 through Westmoreland County. In Al-

legheny County, the cone traveled south on Route 48 and west on Route 130, then along the Tri-Boro Expressway and Braddock Avenue before reaching its final destination at the Thomson plant in Braddock.

Editor Pam Pollock captured these images from an overpass bridge on I-80 in Clintonville, PA.



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The Big Rig Build-Off Returns to the Mid-America Trucking Show



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The competition is a featured attraction of the PKY Truck Beauty Championship, an annual event at MATS that celebrates the finest custom trucks on the road. Builders will compete for top honors, with winners being recognized for their craftsmanship and innovation.

The Mid-America Trucking Show is the largest annual trucking industry event, attracting

thousands of industry professionals, exhibitors, and enthusiasts from around the world. The return of the Big Rig Build-Off adds another exciting element to an already action-packed lineup of exhibits, educational seminars, and networking events.

For more information on the Big Rig Build-Off, visit <https://trucking-show.com/big-rig-build-off/>

The Mid-America Trucking Show (MATS) is proud to announce the return of the Big Rig Build-Off, one of the trucking industry's most exciting custom truck competitions. This premier event will take place during MATS 2025 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, bringing together the best truck builders in North America for an unparalleled showcase of craftsmanship, creativity, and innovation. The event is sponsored by First Class Services and is free to all badged

attendees.

The Big Rig Build-Off is a head-to-head competition where elite custom truck builders unveil their latest creations in a battle for industry recognition and bragging rights. Each participating builder will present a fully customized rig, demonstrating expert engineering, design, and artistry. Attendees will have the opportunity to see these incredible machines up close, speak with the builders, and witness firsthand the passion and dedication that go into each build.

The winner of the competition will be crowned at the PKY Awards Ceremony, taking place in South Wing Conference Room B102 of the Kentucky Exposition Center on March 29th at 10AM.

This year's featured builders will include Luke Rethwisch of Rethwisch Transport, Randy Manning of Randy M Manning LLC, Billy Warner Jr and Cody Warner of William R Warner Jr Trucking, Brian and Thomas Davis of Davis Brothers Design, and Jordan Henderson of JSH



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Truckworx Kenworth Receives Prestigious 2024 Kenworth Dealer of the Year Award



Truckworx received the prestigious 2024 Kenworth Dealer of the Year Award. From left are Kevin Haygood, Kenworth assistant general manager for sales and marketing; Mike Levering, Truckworx chief operating officer; Will Bruser, Truckworx president and chief executive officer; and Jim Walenczak, Kenworth general manager and PACCAR vice president.

TUSCON, AZ... Truckworx Kenworth was named the 2024 Kenworth Dealer of the Year for the United States and Canada at the recent annual Kenworth Dealer Meeting in Tucson, Arizona. This was the second

straight year Truckworx Kenworth earned this prestigious award. The meeting's theme was "The World's Best" and focused on driving sales growth and service excellence.

"Wow, what an honor it is to be named Kenworth's

North American dealer of the year back-to-back. I am so proud of the Truckworx team, and we are beyond blessed to have a partner like Kenworth," said Will Bruser, Truckworx president and chief executive officer. "This is

an amazing industry with such great people that help keep America moving every day and we are honored to be a part of it."

"Truckworx Kenworth again demonstrated what being a Kenworth World's Best Dealer is all about."

said Jim Walenczak, Kenworth general manager and PACCAR vice president. "Earning this award requires exceptional performance in our dealer excellence measurement categories, and to achieve this designation for two-straight years demonstrates next-level dedication, intention and passion. Congratulations to Will, Mike and the entire Truckworx Kenworth team on an outstanding year in 2024."

Truckworx Kenworth's key achievements included increasing heavy-duty market share, strong PACCAR engine mix, PremierCare Gold leadership, service bay capacity over 100%, reinvesting in their business, strong PACCAR Financial utilization and successful TRP stores.

Truckworx Kenworth executives were presented with the esteemed award, an Italian hand-crafted crystal eagle inlaid with 24 karat gold talons. Truckworx Kenworth was also honored with a Dealer Excellence Gold Award.

"Winning this award for two consecutive years is truly mind blowing, all credit goes to the Truckworx family. This team

truly embraces the responsibility that comes with serving the transportation industry and this award helps validate their hard work and commitment," said Mike Levering, Truckworx chief operating officer. "I'd like to sincerely thank Kenworth for the recognition and our entire team (and their families) for believing in and staying committed to our culture and mission "do what's right for the right reasons."

During the Dealer Meeting awards ceremony, Kenworth also presented eight Gold Dealer Excellence Awards, six Silver Dealer Excellence Awards and the following individual achievement awards:

Kenworth PremierCare Gold Dealer of the Year

CIT Trucks received the Kenworth PremierCare Gold Dealer of the Year award, which promotes the importance of service excellence and the reinvestment in their business and facilities. CIT Trucks maintained 100% PremierCare Gold at all eleven (11) of their locations throughout the entire year.

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PACCAR Engines Dealer of the Year

Kenworth of Louisiana received Kenworth's PACCAR Engines Dealer of the Year award. Kenworth Louisiana ordered trucks with PACCAR engines, achieved strong heavy-duty market share and impressive PACCAR engine mix. All eight of their locations are PremierCare Gold certified.

Kenworth Medium-Duty Dealer of the Year

MHC Kenworth – Kansas City was named Kenworth Medium-Duty Dealer of the Year. The dealer retailed medium-duty trucks, had strong medium-duty market share and is a PremierCare Gold leader with all five of their locations PremierCare Gold certified.

Kenworth Parts and Service Dealer of the Year

MHC Kenworth captured the Kenworth Parts and Service Dealer of the Year award. The dealer exemplified service excellence by achieving 100% PremierCare Gold at all 76 eligible locations. MHC Kenworth was a top performer with strong PACCAR Parts purchase growth, Parts retail sales

growth and Parts engine growth.

Kenworth Gold Awards The Kenworth Dealer Excellence Gold Award is presented to a select number of Kenworth dealers each year that achieve the highest level of performance in the Kenworth dealer network. Truckworx Kenworth was selected as Kenworth Dealer of the Year from among Kenworth's eight Gold Award winners for 2024. The other gold award winners are:

MHC Kenworth – Kansas City achieved impressive heavy-duty and medium-duty market share, achieved strong Parts purchase growth, Parts engine growth and service capacity over 100%.

GreatWest Kenworth was recognized for growing heavy-duty market share, Parts fleet growth, Parts engine growth and high service capacity.

MHC Kenworth – Oklahoma achieved strong heavy-duty market share and heavy-duty market share growth, Parts engine growth and all three of their locations

are PremierCare Gold certified

CIT Trucks was recognized for their heavy-duty market share growth, PACCAR engine mix, Parts purchase growth and are 100% PremierCare Gold certified at all locations.

Kenworth Northeast Group achieved strong heavy-duty market share growth, PACCAR engine mix, Parts purchase growth and Parts retail sales growth.

Inland Kenworth (U.S.) was recognized for their strong reinvestment rate, Parts engine growth, Parts purchase growth and are 100% PremierCare Gold certified at all 9 locations.

Wisconsin Kenworth ranked high in heavy-duty market share growth, PACCAR engine mix, PACCAR Financial heavy-duty market share and are 100% PremierCare Gold certified at all locations.

Kenworth Silver Awards The Kenworth Dealer Excellence Silver Award is presented to a select number of Kenworth dealers each year that exemplify service, sales, operations and facility excellence

among the Kenworth dealer network. These six dealers include: MHC Kenworth – Colorado, MHC Kenworth – Georgia, Roberts Kenworth, Wallwork Kenworth, Kenworth Maska, MHC Kenworth of South Texas.

Kenworth Dealer Major Anniversaries

Kenworth also celebrated major Kenworth dealer anniversary milestones reached in 2024: 75 years – Rihm Kenworth; 55 years – Wallwork Kenworth; 50 years – MHC Kenworth; 35 years – Sioux Falls Kenworth; 25 years – Gabrielli Kenworth.

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4 State Trucks Partners with Largest Chrome Shop in Northern Indiana, I-65 Truck & Accessories

4 State Trucks, home of the Chrome Shop Mafia in Joplin, MO., is proud to announce an exciting new partnership with I-65 Truck and Accessories Sales LLC, a chrome shop and truck service center located in Remington, IN.

As of January 2025, I-65 Truck and Accessories is now an authorized dealer of 4 State Trucks products.

"This joint venture is incredibly exciting for all of us, as it represents a shared commitment with the folks at I-65, to now be delivering top-quality products and service to more loyal customers that are based out the upper central USA," said Bryan Martin, owner of 4 State Trucks.

Get ready for an even bigger inventory selection. This recent partnership allows for a wider availability of 4 State Trucks chrome and accessories, repair parts and collision repair parts to the huge and concentrated customer base in Indiana, and even portions of Illinois, Ohio and Michigan.

Anyone looking to purchase a new part for their rig will now have greater access to top-of-the-line brands like BESTfit, Ven-

detta, Bawer, Legendary, Chrome Shop Mafia and TPHD, among others.

Conveniently located between Chicago and Indianapolis, I-65 Truck and Accessories is nestled right off Highway 24 and offers ample truck and trailer parking for customers.

Aftermarket parts can easily be ordered and shipped to I-65's store location in Indiana to be picked up and installed in one convenient spot.

Galen Hoover, owner of I-65 Truck and Accessories, stated "I couldn't be any more excited about the future! With our commitment to customer service, our conveniently located storefront, sizeable warehouse and our Installation dept..... and now- the addition of the 100's of thousands of unique, high quality, and affordable parts from our friends at 4 State Trucks, it's a whole new day for our shoppers."

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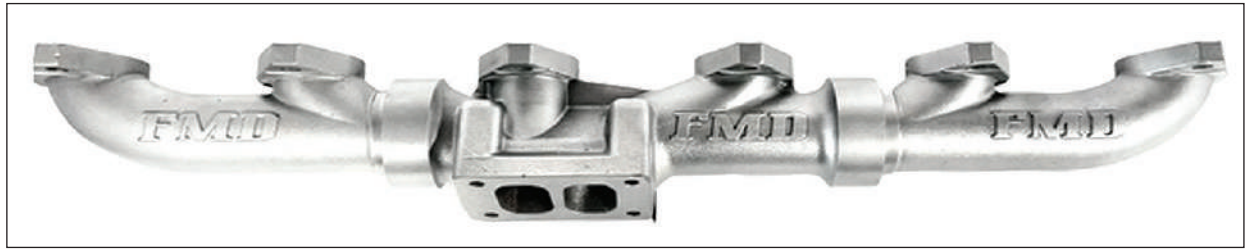
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Wayne Van Schoik is from Findlay, Ohio and is servicing the Ohio area. Wayne has sold turbos and truck parts for 40 years and he can help you find whatever you need. Call Wayne at 717-953-2365.

Kalie Shearer is based in Carlisle, Pennsylvania and is centrally located to serve Pennsylvania and Northern Maryland customers. Kalie is a graduate of Universal Technical Institute. After graduation, she worked as an auto mechanic before

doing inside part sales for 9 years at a Kenworth dealer. Kalie was also in parts sales for an aftermarket truck part supplier for 2 years. Kalie can help you find the turbo or manifold that you need, give her a call at 717-440-0559.

Jade Lenig is FMD Turbo Supply's Administrative Assistant. She ensures that the office is running smoothly and is always happy to assist. Jade handles billing, accounts receivable, shipping, as well as customer service.

Between Kevin in McAlisterville and Kalie in Carlisle, they have the entire state of Pennsylvania covered. You can also find FMD products at Antrim Diesel in Greencastle, Pennsylvania.

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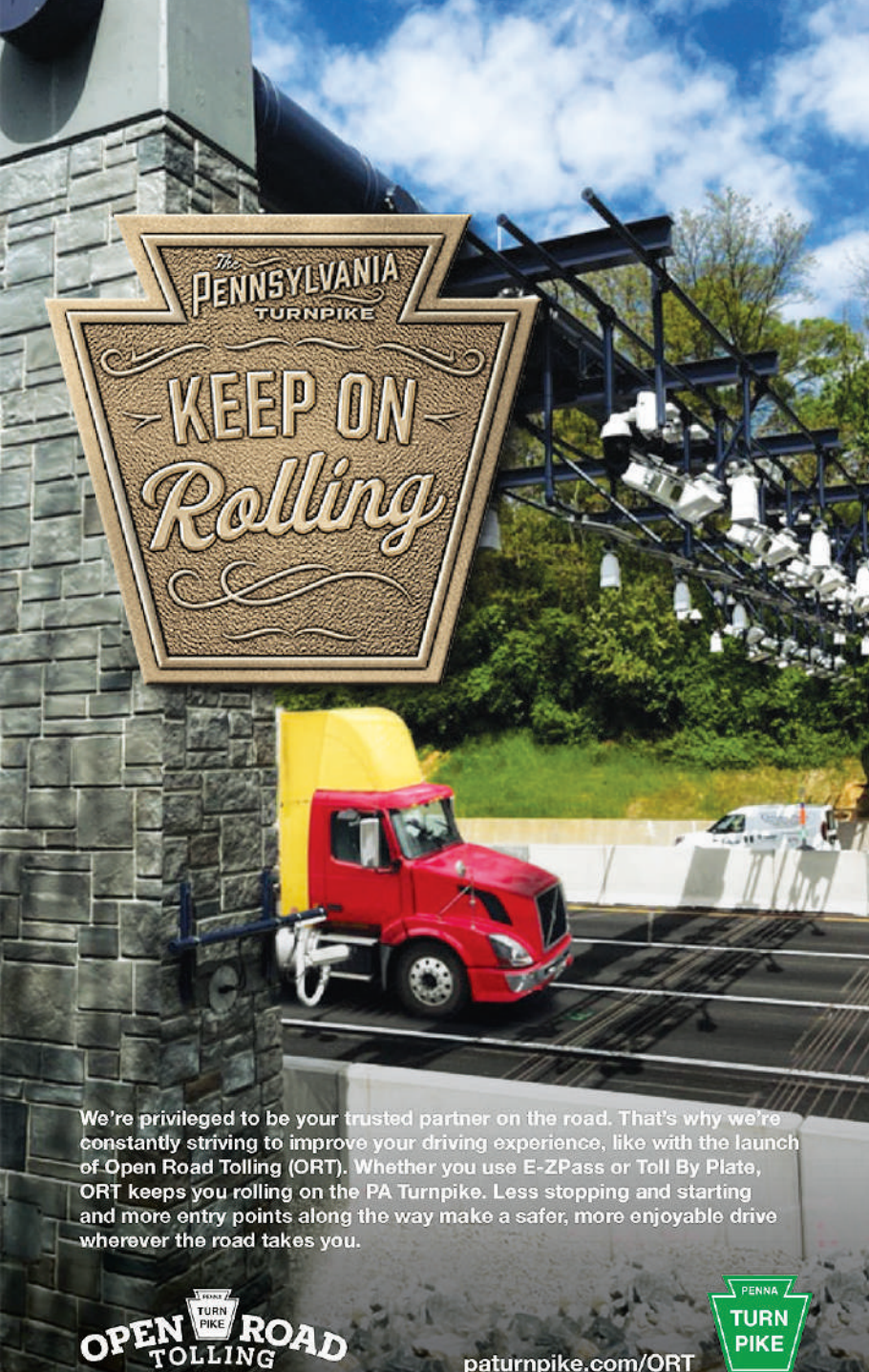
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Mid-America Trucking Show Announces Return of Friday Concert Featuring Tony Justice with Colt Ford



The Mid-America Trucking Show (MATS) is thrilled to announce the highly anticipated return of its iconic Friday Concert, sponsored by Bennett, Bridgehaul, and Ace Doran. This year's event promises to deliver an unforgettable evening of music, camaraderie, and celebration for the trucking community, featuring Tony Justice with Colt Ford.

Taking place on Friday, March 28th at 7pm at the Freedom Hall in the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, the MATS Friday Concert is a longstanding tradition that brings together trucking professionals, families, and music fans from across the nation.

Tony Justice, a full-time truck driver and chart-topping country music artist, will take the stage as the evening's headliner. Known for his heartfelt lyrics and deep connection to the trucking industry, Tony's music has resonated with drivers and fans alike. His performance will feature hits from his acclaimed albums, celebrating the hardworking spirit of America's trucking community.

Opening the show will be none other than Colt Ford, a trailblazing artist who has redefined the boundaries of country and hip-hop. With his high-energy performance and relatable storytelling, Colt Ford is sure to set the tone for an unforgettable night of entertainment.

"We're beyond excited to bring back the Friday Concert to MATS and to welcome Tony Justice and Colt Ford to the stage," said Toby Young, President of MATS. "This event is our way of thanking the trucking community for their unwavering dedication and hard work while providing an opportunity to relax, connect, and enjoy

great music."

The concert is free for all registered MATS attendees, with free tickets available at the booths of Bennett (booth #38801), Bridgehaul (booth #38801), and Ace Doran (booth #38901) on Thursday and Friday. Attendees can register for MATS and learn more about the concert at www.truckingshow.com.

Join us at the 2025 Mid-America Trucking Show for a night of incredible music, great company, and well-deserved appreciation for the men and women who keep America moving.

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STRATTANVILLE, PA... University Korner Travel Plaza has recently opened at I-80 Exit 70 in Strattanville, Pennsylvania. The full service travel plaza, open 24 hours/7 days a week, is a brand new construction, very clean both

inside and out, and offers a host of driver amenities.

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Something to Think About - Out of Your Mouth

by: Mike McGough

It was the 20th class reunion for these millennials. Their generation, those born between 1981 and 1996, was so named because they'd be the first generation to reach adulthood in the new millennium. In their 38 years, they had witnessed and lived through a lot.

Like every other generation, life experience and the steady march of time had changed them. In some, change was barely noticeable. In others, you could see it; it wasn't significant, but it was noticeable. And then there were those who seemed to have gone through a transformation, akin to a total make over. She was one of those.

Most anyone who knew her in high school would have described her as friendly but shy. She was a better-than-average student. Although she may not have been in what her parents' generation would have called the "in crowd," she had friends and got along with her classmates.

She was in some clubs, and she played volleyball. If there really ever is such a thing as a typical student, she'd fit that description.

She missed their 10th reunion, but her name came up. She had just recently begun writing a column on local and regional restaurants that appeared in the city newspaper. Her column was informative in nature. She provided a little history of the restaurant, a menu overview, location, operating hours, and contact information. She'd mention specials, unique events, and menu item for which they were known. Her columns normally followed a visit. She always thanked the owner and closed with some positive comment. Her column was titled, Time to Eat. Her friends were happy for her.

Over the next ten years, her column grew in popularity. She was picked up by additional newspapers. Saturday mornings she did a restaurant summary on a local radio station, which led to a blog and a podcast. That's when she changed her focus and the name of her column to Cathy's Culinary Critiques. Instead of offering summaries, she now focused on opinionated assessments. When approached for a national syndication she accepted.

Based on directives from producers and pressure from sponsors, her critiques became analytical,

even a bit bitey. (Pun intended!) Increasingly more of her comments were caustic in nature. She came under fire for some remarks about ethnic cuisine that were just out of line. If you looked at her reporting over time, there was an increasing negativity, and no resulting decline in her popularity. She was developing a reputation for her harsh reviews, her jabs at specific establishments, and her criticism of the food service industry in general. That same shift in focus crept into her personal life. Family and friends had noticed it. When they mentioned it to her, she brushed it off saying they were jealous or didn't understand her work. Nevertheless, she was changing and it was obvious. At her 20th reunion, she got a wake-up call.

Instead of being happy to enjoy the company of her classmates and share a pleasant evening together, she opted to put her critic's wit to work. She had a little something negative to say about anything anyone introduced into the conversation. When there was a lag, she quickly came up with something unfavorable to add. Clearly, she was not the person they remembered from high school. Initially no one chose to rebut her comments. Maybe she was just having a bad day.

She offered a full critique of the meal, everything

from hors d'oeuvres right through to dessert, which she termed "disgusting." The classmate who had arranged the meal was sitting at her table. He was visibly upset but said nothing. Then she crossed the line. In an effort to show her prowess as a foodie, she offered another classmate some help with a weight issue. Even though she had no training or experience as a nutritionist, she said, "Looks like you haven't missed many meals since high school; I could help you if you'd like." Wow, no one including the guy she was talking to knew what to say. She then broke the silence with "We're all responsible for what food and drink does to our image."

So as not to create any more uncomfortableness at their table, yet address feelings that had obviously been hurt, another classmate picked up the conversation. "Yes, there certainly does seem to be good reason to be mindful of the impact of what we eat and drink. It's also important to be mindful of the impact of what we write and say." With an abrupt adieu, Cathy excused herself.

It's prudent to choose wisely what goes into our mouth—your food and drink. With the same thoughtful prudence, choose wisely what comes out of your mouth—your thoughts and sentiments!

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Calendar of Events

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March 27-29 - Mid-America Trucking Show—Kentucky Fair and Expo Center, Louisville, KY. For more info visit www.truckingshow.com

April 25-29 - 75 Chrome Shop's 27th Annual Big Rig Truck Show -- 75 Chrome Shop, I-75 Exit 329 & SR 44, Wildwood, FL. Light Show, Food, Fun, Entertainment. Contestants from all over the USA will be competing for 75 Chrome Shop's "Prime Time" Trophy and The People's Choice Award. For more info visit www.75-chromeshop.com/truck-show

May 2-3 - Midwest Pride In Your Ride Truck & Tractor Show -- Tri-State Raceway, Earlville, IA. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. For more info call 563-580-8200 or 563-608-5564 or visit www.midwestprideinyourride.org

May 3-4 - Truck Meet At The Crossroads -- The Crossroads Shopping Plaza, 31716 Old Eighty Seven, California, MO. Hosted by Horse & Buggy Accessories. Non-Judged Truck Show, Supper and Light Show, Church Service For more info, call 573-796-1927. Email: Karen@horseandbuggychrome.com, Website: www.horseandbuggychrome.com

May 10 - 36th Annual Make-A-Wish Mother's Day Convoy - Manheim Pennsylvania Auto Auction, 1190 Lancaster Road, Manheim, PA 17545. For more info, visit www.wishconvoy.org

May 29-31 - 43rd Shell Rotella SuperRigs - Atlanta Motor Speedway, 1500 Tara Pl, Hampton, GA 30228. Over \$25,000 in cash and prizes to be awarded across more than 20 categories, including Best Chrome, Best Lights, and the prestigious Best of Show. The chance for 12 drivers to earn a coveted spot in the 2026 Shell Rotella SuperRigs Calendar. Registration details will be announced soon.

June 5-8 - 22nd Annual Wheel Jam Truck Show -- "Memories of Scot" -- South Dakota State Fairgrounds, 43118th St. SW, Huron, SD. Show N Shine, Awards, Jake Brake Competition. For more info visit www.wheeljamtruckshow.com

June 5-7, 2025 - American Truck Historical Society National Convention and Truck Show -- Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, WI 53713. More details will be released in upcoming months. www.ATHS.org

June 27-29 - Kuhnle Bros. Semi Stampede -- Kuhnle Motorsports, 8233 Sidley Rd., Thompson, Ohio. Ohio's only "Quebec -Style" Uphill, Semi Truck Drag Racing! For more info, visit www.kuhnlemotorsports.com/semistampede

July 10-12 - 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/>

August 1-3 - 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

September 13 - 9h Annual Cable Truck Show -- 2866 State Route 286, Saltsburg, PA 15681. Free Admission. Trophies, Food and Merchandise Vendors, Raffle Baskets, 50/50 Drawings.

September 20 - 5th Annual DMF Cancer Benefit Truck Show and Truck Pull -- Portage County Fairgrounds, Rt. 44 Randolph, Ohio.

September 25-27, 2025 - Guilty By Association Truck Show -- 4 State Trucks, 4579 Highway 43 South, Joplin, MO. Truck Convoy for Special Olympics, Food Vendors. Sponsored by 4 State Trucks, OOIDA, and Joplin 4 Petro. For more info visit www.chromeshopmafia.com

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Alissa Ranno/Charlie's
Water Wagon



By Robert Conrad

You won't find many moms in the school pick up line driving a tanker or dump truck with a car seat strapped in it, but Alissa Ranno has been there many times! She says that trucking was never part of her mother's plans for her and she never thought about a career in trucking while she was growing up. Alissa jokes that her

teachers used to yell at her in class for staring out windows, but now she gets paid to do it!

With nobody giving her a chance at a career in construction management, she left the doubters behind and decided to get her CDL and give trucking a go. She says that once she hit 21 there was no stopping her and she cut her teeth in Mack dump trucks paving

& hauling salt. Some of her best trucking memories actually came in a 1980 Superliner hauling trash with a live floor.

Fast forward and she was able to get a job with Todd & Beth Roccapriore, owners of Clean Slate Environmental & Charlie's Water Wagon based in Connecticut. Todd has built a number of award-winning show trucks and Alissa has

had the privilege of driving several of them - including the famous Water Wagon you see in our photos. Lincoln Chrome bumpers, Badass Customs fenders, plenty of Trux lights, and even a lighted "porthole" window in the back of the tanker are just a few of the custom features on this red hot ride that Alissa has delivered pool water in to countless customers.

She wanted to send a big thank you out to her mom Lucy, her sister Katie, and her loving husband Dean for helping her raise her daughter Mia, who is 6 but going on 25!

Just recently, Alissa made the decision to go out trucking on her own

and she's starting her next chapter in trucking. Movin' Out salutes Alissa Ranno this month, for her drive & determination to succeed in trucking, best of luck on the road ahead!

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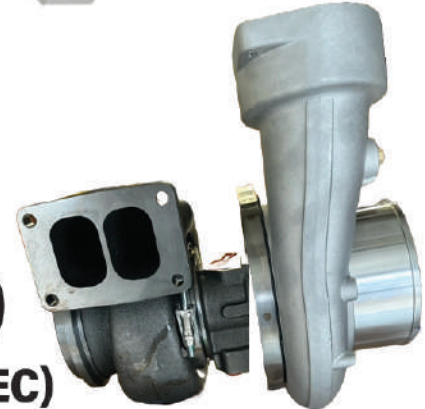
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