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2017 PKY Truck Beauty Championship At The Mid-America Trucking Show



There were an abundance of beautiful Big Rigs competing at the PKY Truck Beauty Championships at the Mid-America Trucking Show in Louisville, Kentucky, held this past March. Turn to Pages 14 & 15 for more photos and the latest news from MATS. - photo by Dan Pollock -

Cleveland Brothers – Much More Than Just Your Cat® Dealer



Cleveland Brothers offers bumper-to-bumper service for ALL makes and models of trucks.

by Steve Pollock

HARRISBURG, PA... In the past, when Cleveland Brothers was mentioned, one would think of Caterpillar service and genuine Cat® parts. However, today Cleveland Brothers means so much more! Cleveland Brothers now offers bumper-to-bumper service

for all makes of on-highway trucks. The company has approximately 100 factory trained and certified Master Technicians who provide service and overhauls for Cat, Cummins, Detroit and Navistar engines as well as Eaton, Bendix and WABCO products.

Cleveland Brothers has diversi-

fied their parts and service portfolio to now include Dana Spicer driveline, axle and differential carriers as well as the full line of Eaton Roadranger transmissions, both reman and new. Cleveland Brothers is also part of the Eaton Roadranger Service network, of-

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Wreaths Across America – Looking For 100 Additional Volunteer Trucks



Left to right: Morrill Worcester, Karen Worcester, Wayne Hanson and Rob Worcester. - photo by Steve Pollock -

by Steve Pollock

COLUMBIA FALLS, ME... Wreaths Across America was founded by Morrill Worcester from Columbia Falls, Maine. A visit to

Arlington National Cemetery as a young boy left a lasting impression on him. Years later, in 1992, Morrill Worcester's wreath company, Worcester Wreath Company, had

a surplus of 5,000 wreaths, which Worcester transported to Arlington National Cemetery and laid at the headstones of veterans. It was then that Morrill Worcester realized that each of these veterans was a unique individual with their own story to tell and that their name should not be forgotten.

It was a tribute that Morrill and his family quietly carried on for 10 more years. As the movement gained national attention, the project grew bigger and bigger each year. In 2007 a core group of dedicated volunteers formed Wreaths Across America as a non-profit organization. Today, Wreaths Across America provides wreaths to veterans' graves in cemeteries all across the USA. In 2016 the organization delivered 1.2 million wreaths and project that will they will deliver 1.5 million wreaths in 2017.

Wreaths Across America (WAA) is a volunteer driven organization. There are many ways to volunteer to help. An integral part of WAA is the transportation of the wreaths

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TravelCenters Of America Announces 2017 Citizen Drivers



WESTLAKE, OH...TravelCenters of America LLC (TravelCenters), operator of the TA® and Petro Stopping Centers® travel center brands, recently announced its fourth annual "Citizen Driver" honorees during the Citizen Driver luncheon ceremony at the 2017 Mid-America Trucking Show in Louisville, Kentucky. Citizen Driver recognizes professional drivers who help bring respect to the truck driving profession.

TravelCenters launched the Citizen Driver program in 2013 in an effort to honor the many great, hardworking professional truck drivers that keep our economy going. Citizen Drivers not only have an exemplary career in trucking, they are great examples of the kind of people who honor the great profession of truck driving. By dem-

onstrating their good citizenship, safety, community involvement, and leadership, they are shining examples of all of the hard working men and women in this industry with whom we are proud to be associated.

The 2017 Citizen Drivers are listed below. Each driver has picked their favorite TA or Petro Stopping Centers location, which will be named after them. Citizen Drivers will also be the recipients of individual banquets and unveiling ceremonies hosted by TA executives at their chosen locations.

• Marty Ellis -- TA Rogers, MN -- "Marty Ellis Rogers Travel Center"

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• Evan (Buddy) Haston -- Petro Amarillo, TX -- "Evan (Buddy) Haston Amarillo Stopping Center"

• Dick Pingel -- TA Madison, WI -- "Dick Pingel Madison Travel Center"

• Jim Wilcox -- TA Albuquerque, NM -- "Jim Wilcox Albuquerque Travel Center"

With this group of honorees, there are now 24 TA or Petro Stopping Centers locations across the country named to honor professional truck drivers.

"We are extremely proud of all our honorees this year and want to identify the drivers that have gone above and beyond to become the best of the best in the trucking industry. These individuals truly set the example for how to be a leader within their career and community and we are honored to have them

be part of our TA family," shared Tom O'Brien, President and CEO of TravelCenters.

TravelCenters accepted nominations for the 2017 Citizen Drivers throughout last year, and received nominations from a wide variety of people -- fleet owners and executives, other drivers, friends, husbands, wives, sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, trucking organization members, and trucking industry suppliers -- wanting to recognize the deserving drivers who have touched

their lives. The 2018 Citizen Driver nomination form, rules and other information will be posted to the TA and Petro Stopping Centers website in June 2017. Nominations will be accepted throughout 2017. In an effort to spread the word about the great professional drivers out there, beginning next year, the new honorees will be announced at the 2018 Drivers Award Ceremony at the TA branded Iowa 80 location in Walcott, IA.

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tered in Westlake, Ohio, conducts business in 43 states and Canada, principally under the TA® and Petro Stopping Centers® travel center brands and the Minit Mart® convenience store brand. For more information on TravelCenters, TA, and Petro Stopping Centers, please visit www.ta-petro.com. For more information on Minit Mart, please visit www.minitmart.com.

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Off The Beaten Path



by Pam Pollock

Food, Glorious Food!

If you have been a regular reader of my column over the past 28 (!) years, I think it's fairly obvious by now that I am not a high-society, classy lady. In fact, I own my red-neck, hillbilly title quite proudly!

Suffice to say, I am also not known for ANY sort of culinary talent. And I do NOT have a sophisticated palate for fine dining. I actually panic at the thought of going to a swanky restaurant. My stomach and I cannot tolerate spices of any kind – even pepper. Condiments? Just a teeny, tiny dab of Heinz ketchup, please. Salads? Can't stand the texture of the lettuce and that slimy salad dressing makes my skin crawl.

My family and friends think I am a weirdo. Heck, I know that I am a weirdo – but for the most part, I am a nice weirdo!

Two years ago we celebrated my birthday up at Lake Erie. It is tradition in our family for everyone to choose a restaurant for one's birthday dinner. We usually make the drive to Pittsburgh because there are so many great restaurants down there. We were shooting from the hip, not knowing the Erie area, plus it was early evening and we had 2 little ones and, quite frankly, we were all tired from a day spent on the beach. I had no idea of where to dine at that evening. We were traveling in 2 vehicles, Pap Steve and I and the 2 granddaughters in my Traverse and our son, daughter and son-in-law in another SUV. We passed one of those roadside little dairy huts – you know the ones I am talking about, they sell soft-serve ice cream and hot dogs and hamburgers and fries. The line snaked around the building; it was obviously a popular place. I pressed my face longingly to the SUV's window and sighed. "This, this is the place that I would love to celebrate my birthday at," I exclaimed. "Let's do it then," said my saint of a husband. I knew the others would not be keen on eating there, plus there were literally no tables left to sit down at. I don't remember where we ended up eating, other than that it was a chain restaurant. I do, however, recall vividly that the first words out of my son's mouth in the parking lot were, "I figured we would be stopping at that dairy hut place!" Bah – the boy knows his Mama so well!

Now that I have confessed my deep, dark secret about food, it is probably shocking to you that I watch some cooking shows on television! Well, not the ones where you cook along with the hosts... that would be stretching things. I watch Chopped, Top Chef and Cupcake Wars. Chopped is

ATA Calls on HHS to Set Hair Testing Standards

Arlington, VA... In a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price, American Trucking Associations President and CEO Chris Spear called for the federal government to quickly release guidelines and standards for the use of hair samples in mandatory drug testing of truck drivers.

ATA spearheaded efforts to allow carriers to use hair testing as an alternate test method to traditional urinalysis in the most recent highway bill, but to date HHS has yet to issue the necessary standards to allow those tests to go forward. This week, the HHS agency responsible for developing those standards, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, holds its Drug Testing Advisory Board meetings to consider hair testing, putting HHS well behind its congressionally mandated deadline.

"Many trucking companies are using urinalysis to meet federal requirements, while also paying the additional cost to conduct hair testing," Spear said in his letter. "We are frustrated that the previous administration failed to meet the statutory deadline and believe your leadership will finally see a resolution to this long-standing and important safety rule."

ATA, and many of its member carriers, believe based on experience that hair testing is more effective at preventing habitual drug users from obtaining jobs as truck drivers, thus improving highway safety.

"Making sure America's truck drivers are safe and drug-free is among ATA's highest priorities," Spear said. "This commitment is why ATA led the charge for mandatory drug testing of commercial drivers, for the creation of a clearinghouse for drug and alcohol testing results and the use of hair testing."

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about 4 chefs competing against each other. There are 3 rounds of competition and each round has a basket of mystery food items that the chefs must use. These mystery basket food items are strange – and that's putting it mildly... there could be squid ink, green tea leaves, cheese balls, maple syrup and cold smoked kippers in that basket and you MUST incorporate everything into either an appetizer, entrée or dessert – in 30 minutes.

Now, let's close our eyes and pretend that I am a chef (stop laughing, we are pretending) and on Chopped. I would open my mystery basket, look at the ingredients, dump everything on a plate and then tell the judges that I'm heading out to get a hog dog from one of the street vendors!

Top Chef usually has around 14 top-notch chefs competing at once. I love the drama and bickering. These chefs are skilled and talented and also pretty egotistical. The judges, for the most part, think they are all that and a ball of wax – except for Tom. I like Tom; he's a cool dude. I am confused by Padma's role on the show. She knows her food, I give her that – but her constant display of her, err... very impressive décolletage is distracting. Why, Padma, why? It's supposed to be about the chefs and their culinary talents – not your boobies!

All this talk about food has made me hungry. I do believe that I shall meander out to my kitchen and whip up something marvelous. Anyone care to join me? I am creating a favorite of mine --- Chef Boyardee Pizza, plain, of course. Ohhhh, me so classy! Bon Appétit!

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Goodyear Names 34th Highway Hero

Know A Highway Hero? Goodyear Wants To Hear The Story



Goodyear's Gary Medalis congratulates the 34th Goodyear Highway Hero David Webb as Webb's wife Carol looks on. – photo by Steve Pollock –

AKRON, OH... A truck driver who stopped an out-of-control dump truck and then saved the life of an incapacitated driver by performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is the 34th Goodyear Highway Hero.

Chosen from three finalists, **David Webb of Billings, Mont.**, accepted the 34th Goodyear Highway Hero Award during the Mid-America Trucking Show.

Webb and his wife, Carol, were driving through Washington State last June when they observed a dump truck in the next lane swerve. Webb pulled up to the dump truck and noticed that its driver was slumped over the steering wheel. As the dump truck slowed, Webb parked his

own truck and ran after the still-moving vehicle.

He jumped onto the dump truck's running board, opened the door, reached inside and applied the brakes, which brought the truck to a stop. As Carol called 911, Webb, working with a bystander, pulled the driver, who was not breathing, out of the truck and was performing CPR on him when help arrived. The driver was hospitalized and survived.

"David took immediate action to save a fellow truck driver and stop an out-of-control truck that could have injured others," said Gary Medalis, marketing director, Goodyear. "For his quick thinking

and courage, we are proud to name him our 34th Goodyear Highway Hero."

As the Goodyear Highway Hero Award winner, Webb receives a special Highway Hero ring, a \$5,000 prize and other items.

Webb and two other truck drivers were selected as finalists for the 34th Goodyear Highway Hero Award. The other finalists were:

Chris Baker, a driver from Chicopee, Mass. Baker was driving down a New Jersey highway when he spotted flickering lights ahead. Pulling closer to investigate, he found a minivan that had flipped over onto its side. Flames

erupted from the vehicle's engine. Grabbing his fire extinguisher, he ran to the van and put out the fire. By then, the van's passenger had escaped and crawled to safety, but its unconscious driver remained inside, hanging from a seat belt. Working with a bystander, Baker unfastened the driver's seat belt, grabbed him by the arm, and pulled him away from the van. Baker stayed by his side until rescue crews arrived. The man survived and did not suffer any significant injuries.

Tim Freiburger, a driver from Huntington, Ind. Freiburger was driving through Indiana when he saw a car lose control and drive into a creek, where it flipped and came to a stop, upside-down in standing water. Freiburger raced to the car, which contained a mother and her three children. He broke a window and pulled the children out of the car. After carrying them to the creek's bank, he returned to the car, ripped open its door, and rescued the mother. He stayed with the family until paramedics arrived. The family suffered only minor bruises as a result of the accident.

The Goodyear Highway Hero Award winner was selected by an independent panel consisting of members of the trucking trade press.

"We are proud of all three of our Highway Hero finalists," said Medalis. "Each is a hero in his own right and is truly worthy of recognition."



Goodyear's Gary Medalis (second from the left) with this year's Highway Hero finalists and winner. – photo by Steve Pollock –

Know a truck driver who has rescued another person from a life-threatening situation? The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company wants to hear the story.

Goodyear, which recently named its 34th Highway Hero Award winner during the 2017 Mid-America Trucking Show, is accepting nominations for its next Highway Hero Award recipient at www.goodyeartrucktires.com.

The Goodyear Highway Hero Award was established in 1983 to honor professional truck drivers who put themselves in harm's way to help others.

This year's Highway Hero Award winner, David Webb, a driver from Billings, Mont., stopped an out-of-control dump truck and performed CPR on its unconscious driver.

Past Goodyear Highway Hero Award winners include a truck driver who saved a law enforcement officer from being strangled by a prisoner he was transporting, a driver who rescued a woman from a gun-wielding attacker and others.

A full list of past Goodyear Highway Hero Award winners can be found at www.goodyeartrucktires.com.

"The Goodyear Highway Hero Award honors truck drivers who put their lives at risk as they travel the roads and highways of North America," says Gary Medalis, marketing director, Goodyear.

"If you know of a truck driver who has performed a heroic act, please let us know."

Goodyear is accepting nominations for the Highway Hero Award through Nov. 29, 2017.

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has new style camshafts, which are hollow, not a bad thing; very light weight, however the lobes are NOT machined into a steel billet.

John Walko, our mechanical engineer likes this engine, so I will let him explain the great features to you.

There are numerous things that I like about the DD15; it is a truly modern low friction high efficiency engine. The camshafts are of a modular design meaning that the lobes are ground separately from the shaft, the lobes are then fixtured to the hollow shaft and the shaft is expanded with hydraulic pressure to create an interference fit between the lobes and the shaft. The result is a durable part that has about half of the rotating mass of a conventional camshaft. The gear train that drives the cams is comprised of gears that are about half the width, half the weight and look like a clock maker made them. The benefits here are twofold, less friction due to less surface area on each gear tooth and again less rotating mass. Keep in mind that it takes fuel to make everything go around, low friction piston and ring assemblies and variable speed water pump also increase efficiency. I have yet to see the bottom end of one of these things apart (that's probably a good thing), but I'm sure that I will find more cool stuff there. Factory tuning has this engine making peak torque at 975 RPM, which I find amazing. I believe that as we get to diminishing returns with combustion efficiency down speeding will be the next frontier and Detroit seems to be on to this. These engines also respond quite well to our tuning and benefit greatly from our Soot Separator EGR filtration system. What's not to like?

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should only be used as covers. Exhaust manifolds can get cherry red pulling a mountain, so there is a lot of heat being generated and soaking into the water manifold. The water manifold also holds the EGR cooler, which is stainless steel. The picture of the water manifold gaskets clearly shows the failure causing the coolant leaks. This is a major repair, especially being the rocker assembly housing is cracked and must be replaced. Something else I see that has me concerned is there are NO cam bearings in the aluminum rocker assembly. Detroit considers this rocker housing to be a wear item, however it's \$1600.00. Now with no cam bearings and a 50,000-mile oil change, there is visible wear on the cam journal, enough that we now have to replace the cams because a new rocker assembly is being installed. The estimate on this repair is 33 hours, and that is according to an SRT manual. SRT stands for Standard Repair Time, which is usually low because the engines the OEM's use is new to establish these times. No dirt, rust or broken bolts. This engine also



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Understanding Oil Contaminants



By Tom Bock

In the past two months I have had numerous calls about fuel filter contamination issues. They usually start with my fuel filters keep clogging up or I have oil in my fuel because I see black residue in the fuel filter. Many of the callers are requesting that the fuel be analyzed to identify the problem. While fuel analysis is available it is costly and requires special containers to protect from leakage during shipping to the lab. (Never send fuel samples using glass jars or plastic bottles that degrade and rupture in transit) Fuel analysis is usually used by companies with underground tanks to ensure the fuel is not contaminated or not of the cetane levels they are purchasing. There is no need to spend \$\$\$ on analysis to identify the problem. There are a few types of fuel contamination that will clog that you can identify with a plastic tube and some white paper towels. Dip the tube down to

bottom of tank, place thumb over end and pull it out. The fuel will be in the tube with contaminants. If tube is clear, look for particles or discoloration in fuel or release some fuel on to a paper towel. Hard black tar like substance would be asphaltene, dark greenish/brown slimy particles would be bacteria and yellowish soft particles would be wax. Once you identify the contaminant I suggest you google the problem and start the removal process. Each contaminant has a different solution and may require tank removal and flush to fully solve the problem. I can tell you that the use of bio-diesel has increased the number of issues with bacteria and asphaltene in recent years.

Keeping with the fuel theme, here is a common question I receive. My oil sample results were showing high fuel dilution that caused my viscosity to drop a grade. I added a viscosity stabilizer to bring the viscosity up to correct grade. Am I putting my engine at risk for failure?

While the viscosity stabilizer will bring the oil back up to the proper grade, you are just masking a fuel dilution issue that eventually will cause serious damage to the engine. Bear in mind that most oil analysis labs will not perform a Gas Chromatography test if the viscosity is within the parameters for your grade of oil. They will

report a < 1% level based on the viscosity level without actually testing for fuel dilution. Therefore you would never know you have fuel dilution that is eroding the wear metal additive package in your oil that protects metal to metal wear. Gas Chromatography will report the actual level of fuel dilution in spite of the viscosity levels. I have seen fuel dilution at over 10% with a viscosity of 14.5 on a SAE15W40 oil (12.3-16.2) that would not have detected a serious fuel contamination issue. I find it is always best to fix a problem rather than mask it to avoid engine failures.

It is inevitable that some fuel will contaminate the oil during normal operation. The fuel mixes with oil on cylinder walls or bypasses rings. This usually has little to no effect on the oils condition. But a leaking injector or faulty injector seals that allows excessive amounts of fuel to contaminate oil can cause very costly damage. Too much fuel in one cylinder will result in unburned fuel and additional soot and too much fuel in oil lowers viscosity and reduces lubricity. Sampling oil regularly will identify a fuel contamination issue and save you \$\$\$ in the long run.

If you have any topics or questions for this column please email to me at: tbock@ops-1.com



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Walcott Truckers Jamboree Concerts Announced



Tony Justice



Mary Sarah

a great range of songs from old favorites to her own new material. Mary Sarah has performed and recorded songs with Dolly Parton, Vince Gill, Merle Haggard, The Oak Ridge Boys and more. Local Favorite Dani Lynn Howe and Band will open for Mary Sarah. It is going to be a fun-filled night for sure," says DeBaillie.

Friday, July 14th will feature trucker turned singer, Tony Justice. "He is the real deal and his music and high energy show will be one you won't forget," DeBaillie boasts. Tony will be opening for Collin Raye. Collin Raye is best known for his hits *Little Rock*, *One Boy-One Girl*, *That's My Story*, *My Kind of Girl and Love*, *Me* to name a few. DeBaillie says, "We gearing up for another great event full of great music!"

The 2017 Walcott Truckers Jamboree will also feature a Super Truck Beauty Contest, Antique Truck Display; Iowa pork chop cookout; over 175 exhibits, Trucker Olympics; carnival games; two fireworks displays, a 100th birthday party for Iowa 80 Trucking Museum's 1917 Velie (built in Moline, IL) and lots of fun for the whole family! Admission and parking are FREE! Shuttles will be provided from the parking area to the event grounds.

WALCOTT, IOWA... Iowa 80 Truckstop is pleased to announce its slate of performers who will take the stage to entertain attendees at this year's Walcott Truckers Jamboree.

"We are very excited about this year's line up," says Heather DeBaillie, Marketing Manager.

On July 13th attendees will enjoy a performance by rising star Mary Sarah from the 2016 season of *The Voice* (Team Blake). "We are thrilled to be able to have Mary Sarah perform this year. She has such an amazing voice and

The 38th Annual Walcott Truckers Jamboree, will be held July 13-15, 2017 at Iowa 80 Truckstop, I-80 Exit 284, Walcott, Iowa. More bands are still being added to the concert line up. The most up to date information can be found at www.truckersjamboree.com.

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by Steve Pollock

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Progressive's vendors and Progressive will give you a \$500 gift card for sharing data with them.

Progressive suggests that customers who get and begin using their ELD well before the mandate takes effect can acclimate themselves to the device and determine how/if the ELD will affect your business while still relying on

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Wreaths Across America – Looking For 100 Additional Volunteer Trucks

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of the wreaths to various destinations. This is achieved by a group of Professional Truck Drivers who volunteer their time and equipment to deliver a load of wreaths. In 2016 it required 370 trucks and WAA anticipates needing 450 trucks this holiday season. The wreaths are delivered the first two weeks of December. If you would like to volunteer your services as one of the additional 100 trucks, call Rob Worcester at 207-598-7519 or email him at robworcester@gmail.com. Drivers pick up the wreaths

on the East Coast at Columbia Falls, Maine, about 75 miles east of Bangor, for destinations east of the Mississippi. For destinations in the Midwest and West, wreaths are cross-docked at locations in Illinois and Mississippi.

On December 16, 2017 wreaths across America volunteers will meet at Arlington National Cemetery to honor our veterans by laying a wreath at their headstone and saying their name aloud to **Remember, Honor and Teach** as a tribute that they will not be

forgotten.

There are many ways to support Wreaths Across America, from hauling a load, donating wreaths or supporting your local cemetery. There are 1,200 cemeteries across the USA that participates in the Wreaths Across America program and WAA is always looking to add more. This year's theme is **"I'm An American, Yes I Am"**. To learn more about Wreaths Across America, visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org or phone 877-385-9504.

"Knock Out Bad Regs" Campaign Kicked Off At MATS

Grain Valley, MO... The Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, the nation's only organization representing professional and small-business truckers, launched an energetic campaign today at MATS to encourage its members to push back against excessive trucking regulations.

The "Knock Out Bad Regs" effort will give OOIDA members the tools to hold the Administration and Congress to their pledge to reduce regulations.

"We are concerned that the promise to reduce regulations will instead turn into an effort by policy makers in Washington D.C. to add even more burdensome regulations," said Todd Spencer, executive vice president. "Congress should be working to eliminate costly regula-

tions like ELD's and speed limiters rather than adding even more rules and red tape."

"Knock Out Bad Regs" will help educate and encourage members on what they need to do in identifying their lawmakers in Washington D.C. and reaching out to them effectively.

"Our members have always been highly engaged in the process," said Todd Spencer. "But there is an urgent need to increase the volume going forward."

Visit www.fightingfortruckers.com for more information.

The Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association is the only national trade association representing the interests of small-business trucking professionals and professional truck drivers. The

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Wreaths Across America Honors Wendy Hamilton with 2016 James Prout/Spirit of Giving Award



manager of sales and marketing at Pilot Flying J, the largest operator of travel centers in North America whose core customer base is truck drivers. Hamilton was introduced to Wreaths Across America by a colleague in 2010 and has since worked to make Pilot Flying J a significant corporate sponsor of the organization.

"When I heard about the idea of Wreaths Across America, I fell in love with the concept of honoring our military," Hamilton said. "I am honored to receive the Spirit of Giving Award and will continue to support Wreaths Across America through Pilot Flying J's relationship with truck drivers and by spreading the word throughout the industry."

The trucking industry is a vital group when it comes to helping WAA achieve its goal of honoring fallen soldiers each year. Hamilton and Pilot Flying J have supported WAA by hosting fundraising events at locations across the country and by offering promotions where a portion of sales proceeds go toward placing wreaths on headstones at Arlington National Cemetery.

"The trucking community has been extremely dedicated to Wreaths Across America over the years, but support doesn't come exclusively from drivers," Karen Worcester explained. "Some of the most important contributions come from those behind the scenes, like Wendy. Her commitment to helping Wreaths Across America fulfill our mission to **Remember, Honor, Teach** has proved invaluable, and we are grateful for the opportunity to honor her."

NASHVILLE, TN... Wreaths Across America (WAA) recognized Pilot Flying J's Wendy Hamilton as the third recipient of the organization's annual James Prout/WAA Spirit of Giving Award. Karen and Morrill Worcester, executive director and founder of WAA, respectively, presented Hamilton with the award at the 2017 Annual Truckload Carriers Association Convention.

The James Prout/WAA Spirit of Giving Award is named in memory of James Prout, owner of Blue Bird Ranch Trucking of Jonesboro, Maine – WAA's home state. Prout was the first person to volunteer to haul wreaths for WAA when the program was in its infancy. The award is given annually to a deserving professional truck driver, company or organization that has supported charitable causes in a way that will affect generations to come. Hamilton is a senior

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Meijer Fleet Driver's Career Spans More Than 5 Million Miles in 45 Years

GRAND RAPIDS, MI... When Paul Strodbeck became a Meijer fleet driver in 1972, he joined a team of 34 drivers who made daily deliveries to the retailer's 24 stores in Michigan.

Gas cost 36 cents per gallon, and Strodbeck drank "two gallons too much of coffee" while listening to "twangy" country music. Much has changed in the past 45 years, but one thing has remained constant: The Walker resident never imagined he'd drive more than 5 million miles, primarily hauling meat and produce daily from Grand Rapids to Lansing to Petoskey and back.

"He leads by always putting the customer first and making safety his top priority," said Tom McCall, Meijer Logistics Vice President. "We couldn't ask for more from a team member over the years than what Paul has done for all of us."

The driving milestone - combined with his exemplary safety record, work ethic and friendly demeanor with customers and other team members - earned Strodbeck recognition as one of the top 12 drivers by the Michigan Trucking Association. The statewide trade organization recognizes one driver a month each year.

"I certainly didn't go into driving with anything like that in mind," he said. "I appreciate the recognition but it's my job. I enjoy driving. I grew up knowing that anything is possible and if you try hard enough, you can do anything."

Strodbeck grew up on a farm, driving tractors and working hard around the clock. He joined Meijer at age 18 in the meat cutting ap-

prenticeship program at the Standale store. While he enjoyed the role, Strodbeck said he was ready for change after 10 years. That's when he went to truck driving school and joined the Meijer fleet. His CB radio call sign is Cutter.

Strodbeck said he's seen a lot on the road these past 45 years, and has stopped to help out other drivers at numerous car accidents along his route. Based on his experience, he's considered a mentor among the retailer's team of 350 drivers, and regularly tests and shares his perspective on prototype trucks.

"It's an honor and inspiring for our organization to have someone like Paul," said David Hoover, Director of Outbound Logistics for Meijer. "His dedication, expertise and service, not to mention the equivalent of safely driving to the moon and back 10 times, is a great accomplishment and puts him in an elite group of professionals."

Strodbeck said he has a lot to be thankful for: He loves driving, appreciates his dispatch team that helps him along his route, and working for a company that cares about community. And when he's not driving a truck for Meijer, he's snowmobile riding and enjoying the outdoors with family, and operating his snowmobile repair shop.

"I have six kids and I tell them all the time, 'you only have one life,'" Strodbeck said. "You're here for a reason and you should probably have fun doing it while you're here."

Additional information on Meijer can be found at www.meijer.com

Truckload Turnover Rate Plummet in Fourth Quarter - The Churn Rate at Large and Small Fleets Dropped by Double Digits

Arlington, VA... , American Trucking Associations said the driver turnover at large truckload fleets sunk 10 percentage points to an annualized rate of 71%, the lowest point in six years. The rate at smaller fleets tumbled 16 points to its lowest level in five years.

"Continued declines in turnover rate reflects the overall choppiness of the freight market," said ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello. "As inventory levels throughout the supply chain are drawn down to more normal levels, and freight volumes recover, we should see turnover rise along with concerns about the driver shortage."

The turnover rate at large carriers - fleets with more than \$30 million revenue - has now fallen for four straight quarters.

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Pirelli Unveils Product Lines For North America At 2017 MATS



Rome, Georgia... Following their announcement last year to enter the commercial truck tire market, the Pirelli brand dedicated for this market segment recently previewed their tried and tested product tire line under the TP Commercial Solutions entity at the 2017 MATS show, the largest annual heavy duty trucking show in the world. After a successful testing process, TP Commercial Solutions is ready to launch the sales and marketing of the Pirelli Brand of Radial Truck Tires, Agricultural Tires and Off-The Road Tires along with the Formula Brand to the US and Canada.

"We are excited to announce at MATS that we have the start of a solid product line-up now available for sale – and most importantly, all of these products uphold Pirelli's iconic brand values and quality after exhaustive testing on our end in this market," said Clif Armstrong, President of TP Commercial Solutions.

After a rigorous R&D and testing process with multiple fleets in multiple applications to develop tires for the specific needs of the US market, the products being shown

at MATS include:

1) **Pentathlon D** – a premium long haul drive tire that is SmartWay verified, offering fleets the best of both worlds – extremely high mileage, and thanks to Eco-Impact features, fuel savings and low emission benefits. Pentathlon will be the name of the premium long haul Pirelli product family in the US/Canada. Pentathlon D will be the first to launch and as the name connotes, this tire has five distinct areas that distinguish it – high mileage, energy efficiency, even wear, high traction and high retreadability. Incorporating a dual layer tread compound for long lasting performance, a special undertread compound to equal low rolling resistance and fuel consumption, an optimized pattern geometry and 3SB belt evolution for durable, even wear; a directional tread pattern for excellent grip on wet and dry, and finally, Pirelli's patented SATT (Spiral Advanced Technology for Truck) technology and Hexa Bead Wire to deliver on retreadability needs. Pentathlon D provided excellent results in testing against the industry's most important performance bench-

marks of mileage and traction in all conditions.

2) **G:85 Series for On/Off Road** – Rugged, durable and long lasting products, the FG:85 and TG:85 are specifically designed for the steer and drive on/off road application. The G:85 Series comes in both an All Position rib product as well as an aggressive Drive companion. These tires are true workhorses for mixed use vehicles, designed to enhance structural integrity while resisting extreme stress factors and laceration. Equipped with a durable casing for multiple retreads, both tires were placed in the most demanding service environment tests possible and performed at the highest levels versus the competition.

3) **FH:01 Motor Coach** – Designed for the demanding bus fleet market, the long haul and regional all position FH:01 Motor Coach tire tested extremely well. Its key product features include durability and a smooth comfortable ride. An optimized tread pattern promotes steering precision and grip on both dry and wet surfaces. A Pirelli patented innovative shoulder tread contour allows even distribution of pressure, ultimately resulting in

even wear and high mileage.

4) **Formula Driver II All Position rib** – This product is part of the Formula Brand, a Pirelli Tier II brand that will be launched in the US/Canada, including the Formula Driver II All Position rib, which will start with limited sizes and then expand to a full product line. Formula Driver II delivers great value in mileage, handling and durability thanks to Pirelli SATT technology, engineered to enhance uniformity of wear, tire life, handling characteristics and retreadability.

"All of these products offer best in class benefits for North American fleet needs. This was proven during our dedicated local testing phase thanks to ongoing innovations in Pirelli's tire technology. Pirelli has been a world leader in tire technology for over 140 years. We're confident in the results, and in providing superior products for truck and fleet applications. We look forward to building relationships and discussing our products' features and benefits in-depth at the show," added Armstrong.

TP Commercial Solutions is an entity that supplies commercial truck tires and fleet solutions with the Pirelli brand to the global market. Dedicated to the North American market, TP Commercial Solutions LLC maintains the renowned quality and heritage of the Pirelli family. Its headquarters are in Rome, Georgia. For more information, including more detailed product information and brochures, visit www.pirelli.com/commercial/us.

Founded in Milan in 1872, in its 144 year history the Pirelli brand has become one of the world's largest tire manufacturers, with a focus in the high end range. Through its commitment to R&D, its products are synonymous with Italian excellence in the world, where Pirelli counts 20 tire factories - and a commercial presence in 160 countries.

For Commercial/general enquiries, contact Joe Delia, TP Commercial Solutions: +1 706-368-5431 / joe.delia@pirelli.com

Mack® MP®8 with TurboCompounding Now Available for Order



The 2017 Mack® 2017 MP®8 engine with turbo compounding is now available for order, offering highway customers increased fuel efficiency.

Mack Trucks announced that the 2017 Mack® MP®8 engine with turbo compounding is now available for order, offering highway customers increased fuel efficiency.

"The new MP8 engine with turbo compounding is just one of the many engine upgrades Mack made to further enhance fuel efficiency for customers," said Roy Horton, Mack director of product strategy. "The turbo compounding system enables an improved operating range and allows a truck to hold top gear when cresting a hill, even with the engine rpm decreasing."

Available exclusively with Mack's Super Econodyne® downspeeding package, the MP8 with turbo compounding converts wasted energy from the exhaust into mechanical energy that is fed back to the engine. The system adds up to 50 additional horsepower, improving fuel efficiency by up to 8.8 percent. The additional power generated by the turbo compounding system allows the engine to maintain full torque as low as 900 rpm.

Several of the revised components and technologies found on Mack's 2017 MP series engines – including the patented wave piston, turbo compounding and the common rail fuel injection system – were derived from research and development work associated with the U.S. Department of Energy's SuperTruck program.

The SuperTruck program, a cost-shared, public-private partnership, aims to help accelerate the research and development of advanced efficiency technologies to improve the freight-hauling efficiency of heavy-duty Class 8 long-haul tractor-trailer trucks.

Along with its involvement in the SuperTruck program, and now SuperTruck II, Mack also has been involved in several advanced technology projects that have unique features and benefits for specific applications.

For more information about Mack, visit our Web site at www.macktrucks.com

Peterbilt Introduces Enhanced PTO Clearance As Standard Option For Model 220



DENTON, TX... Peterbilt has introduced an enhanced frame layout on the Model 220. The new design features better clearance for PTO installation through the left-hand rail and enables faster and easier PTO mounting and serviceability.

The new design is standard on all Model 220s ordered after January 2017.

"This new design allows body outfitters to complete their work more efficiently and with reduced downtime for our customers" said Kim Lawton, Medium Duty Marketing Manager.

"The Model 220 is already a success in applications such as street sweeper and beverage delivery. With this enhancement we reaffirm our focus on the work truck industry and our commitment to support body outfitters with innovative solutions. Serviceability is also greatly enhanced, so our customers benefit from increased uptime."

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Hear from One of Our New Drivers

In past issues, we have often quoted some of our veteran drivers. For this edition of Movin' Out, we thought we'd change things up a little and have you hear directly from one of the new guys, Bob Fornelli. Bob has been with Mawson and Mawson, Inc. for two months now, and has two years flatbed experience. He was recommended by a fellow Mawson

driver. After two weeks paid securement training, Bob was ready to hit the road and be out on his own. (The training period varies based upon each driver's experience). "Mawson treats you like a family member. They genuinely care about the drivers. The dispatchers have a good attitude and there's no added

pressure. They give you time to get from Point A to Point B," Bob said. "It's been a wonderful experience working with all the dispatchers, the guys in the shop, or the girls in Safety, the workers are professional and polite. I recently referred Mawson to a friend of mine and he should be signing on soon. It's just a great

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DDEC IIs Part 3: DDEC II Programming



by Fernando DeMoura



I've never seen a DDEC II 12.7 GU program that could produce over 500 horsepower. The only thing I've seen are DDEC II programs that have had their digital data tag renamed from a 430 to a 550 horsepower. This is the equivalent to selling a 430hp GU DDEC II and writing 550hp on the case with magic marker.

Over the last two months I've been studying the code I pulled from the eight DDEC IIs I pur-

chased. The programming procedures required to program a DDEC II are from back in the days when engineers got excited about using the word "Digital" to describe their work. DDEC II programming is simple but raw and much like my test bench, designed to be used by the engineers who created it. The programming directly references analog to digital conversion, serial communication protocol and proportional integral derivative



controls. These are old but fundamental technologies which have formed the building blocks for modern control systems. Over the last year I've grown more and more old school when it comes to electronics so I feel fairly comfortable with the DDEC IIs software design.

Early bench testing shows that this ECM will do what it is told very consistently and given the simplicity of its programming that's not a huge surprise. I created a test only DDEC II program to establish the limits of the ECM hardware. I was able to produce a large enough injector pulse to make roughly 1200 horsepower if it were to be used on a 02 Series 60 but this ECM's production years were from 1988-1993 so this program will never be tested on an 02 S60 and not likely any other S60 because of the damage it could cause. The MY 88-93 12.7 GU and 88-93 11.1 WU were not designed for that kind of horsepower. If this was a converted GU DDEC II 12.7 to GK DDECIII 12.7 engine I'd only suggest 550hp 1700 ft-lbs and that's only if the owner/operator is vigilant and watches his gauges.

I've set converted GU and GKs up with switchable programs that have one setting going beyond 650 horsepower but anyone who asks for this needs to understand the risks they run when they're climbing a big hill and turn up that dial. I routinely repair marine DDEC III/IV ECMs with factory 12.7 800hp 2400 rpm programs. In the marine industry, an inframe every 5000 hours is considered normal for water cooled "pleasure craft" applications. In the trucking industry an engine needing an inframe after 5000 hours is considered a failure. Abnormal engine wear can take a while to detect. You usually don't know you've overdone it till a year or more later when the liners start getting scored up or you start seeing lots of bearing material in your oil samples. I am ready to start offering DDEC II programs but let's start small at first. We can always go for more later.

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OOIDA Appeals To U.S. Supreme Court On ELD Mandate Lawsuit

Grain Valley, MO... A national association of small-business truckers filed an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court regarding a lawsuit against a government mandate to electronically track commercial truck drivers.

The Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association filed the petition seeking a review of a ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. The court had ruled against the Association last year on its lawsuit against the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

OOIDA says mandating electronic logging devices (ELDs) is the equivalent of warrantless surveillance of truckers and that the government's weak excuses for doing so fail to justify violating their Fourth Amendment rights.

Jim Johnston, president and CEO of OOIDA, said that the Association will also continue to pursue the issue on the congressional side as part of its "Knock

Out Bad Regs" campaign and will continue to communicate with the Administration about this and other regulations.

"We were very disappointed and surprised by the ruling against us by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals," Johnston said. "That same court had ruled in our favor on a previous lawsuit of ours on this same issue," said Johnston.

Commercial truck drivers are restricted to a limited number of working and driving hours under current regulations. The FMCSA's mandate requires that truck drivers use ELDs to track their driving and non-driving activities even though such devices can only track movement and location of a vehicle. OOIDA contends that requiring electronic monitoring devices on commercial vehicles does not advance safety since they are no more reliable than paper logbooks for recording compliance with hours-of-service regulations.

In its petition to the Supreme

Court, OOIDA also asks the court to determine whether the ELD rule violated the Fourth Amendment by failing to establish a regulatory structure at the state and federal levels that serves as a substitute for a warrant.

"We believe that the Seventh Circuit erred in allowing warrantless searches of 3.5 million drivers, designed specifically to uncover evidence of criminal activity," Johnston said. "In doing so, the Seventh Circuit decision splits directly with rulings by both the Fifth and Eleventh Circuit Courts.

"This is also the first time that the pervasively regulated industry exception has been applied directly to the search of an individual to serve the ordinary needs of criminal law enforcement."

Concerned truckers can contact their lawmakers about ELDs at <http://fightingfortruckers.com>

The Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association is the only national trade association representing the interests of small-business trucking professionals and professional truck drivers. The Association currently has more than 150,000 members nationwide. OOIDA was established in 1973 and is headquartered in the Greater Kansas City, Mo., area.

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ATA Announces First Annual Economic Summit

Arlington, VA... American Trucking Associations announced it will be hosting the first annual ATA Economic Summit July 20 in Arlington, Va., for its motor carrier and private fleet members.

"We know trucking is the backbone of the supply chain," said ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello, "and with this summit, we want to bring together experts from other adjacent industries to explore the

state of the economy and trends that impact trucking and the U.S. economy at large."

The Summit will bring together chief economists from several trade associations for an outlook on their respective industries, spanning from manufacturing to construction to retail. Attendees will gain a broad perspective on the state of the economy and forecasts in the

supply chain ecosystem that they can use to strategize their budgets and future plans.

"Knowledge is power," said ATA President and CEO Chris Spear, "and this Summit will offer the opportunity for fleet executives to gain the insights and knowledge necessary to make informed decisions."

Among the organizations expected to be represented at the Summit are ACT Research, the American Chemistry Council, the Associated General Contractors, the Beer Institute, the National Automobile Dealers Association, the National Association of Manufacturers, the National Restaurant Association and more to be announced later. Bob Costello will also give an outlook for the motor carrier industry.

The first annual ATA Economic Summit will be held July 20 at the Westin Arlington Gateway in Arlington, VA.

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Red, White and Blue Kenworth T680 – “The Driver’s Truck”



LOUISVILLE, KY... Coming off a year with record Class 8 market share, Kenworth marked its return to the Mid-America Trucking Show highlighted by its classy red, white and blue decaled Kenworth T680 Advantage 76-inch sleeper – “The Driver’s Truck” – taking center stage in the Kenworth booth.

“The Kenworth T680 has established a high standard for excellence with its superior fuel efficiency, performance and comfort.

There’s been a phenomenal customer response ranging from large fleets to owner-operators since the T680’s introduction five years ago at Mid-America,” said Mike Dozier, Kenworth general manager and PACCAR vice president. “The T680 truly is ‘The Driver’s Truck,’ and has become the fastest selling model in Kenworth history. It’s helping our customers reduce operating costs through its fuel-saving aerodynamics, while enhancing

driver retention and recruitment by keeping drivers extremely happy piloting an exceptional truck. And the T680 is made by our employees at the Kenworth assembly plant in Chillicothe, Ohio.”

The special Kenworth T680 Advantage on display at Mid-America is specified with the latest technology, components and driver amenities. The truck starts with an optimized powertrain of a 2017 PACCAR MX-13 455-hp engine, new

PACCAR 40K tandem rear axle, and Eaton Fuller Advantage(R) automated 10-speed transmission. Then, add the lightweight Meritor MFS+(TM) 12,500-lb front steer axle with integral knuckle for air disc brakes, and new Kenworth taperleaf lightweight springs for a comfortable ride.

The T680 Advantage is loaded with driver technology features. “The Kenworth Nav+ HD system with virtual gauges features a high-resolution 7-inch color screen for navigation, audio control – including satellite radio – along with internet access,” Dozier noted. “Our Driver Performance Center with useful technology aids for the driver, and Predictive Cruise Control both help enhance fuel economy. We also spec’d the Bendix(R) Wingman(R) Fusion(TM) driver assistance system, as well as a lane departure system. Plus, the T680 comes with Kenworth TruckTech+ Remote Diagnostics to help drive uptime by speeding service and repair at Kenworth dealerships.”

The T680 also includes the “Driver’s Studio” with a range of premium features that combine to create a luxurious, relaxing and comfortable living environment. For eating meals, there’s the 180-degree swivel passenger seat and

rotating table to accommodate two people, a drawer-style refrigerator and a convenient space ideal for a microwave. Kenworth’s premium audio package – with 320-watt amp, 10-inch subwoofer and eight speakers; swivel TV mount for up to a 28-inch flat screen TV; and the optional EpicVue pre-wire for satellite TV, provides the entertainment. The Driver’s Studio offers a full-size wardrobe space for hanging clothes, multiple storage drawers, and a large storage space under the

lower bunk. And when it’s time to get some restful sleep, there’s the 8-inch thick, luxury pocket coil mattress.

“While we feel the T680’s ride is unmatched, so too is its comfort level and design. For those who have not stepped inside our 76-inch sleeper, they’ll be impressed,” Dozier said. “We don’t think you’ll find a more comfortable sleeper on the market. It’s a home-run for those who spend extensive time on the road.”

Kenworth T680 Offers Special \$1,000 Savings For Premium “Driver’s Studio” Package

LOUISVILLE, KY... The new Kenworth T680 “Driver’s Studio” premium option program offers special savings on qualifying purchases of Kenworth’s T680 on-highway flagship.

The program features a \$1,000 savings direct to customers for each purchase of the Kenworth T680 76-inch sleeper specified with Kenworth’s Driver’s Studio. The special option package is loaded with premium features that provide a comfortable home-away-from-home living experience for drivers while out on the road for extended periods of time.

The Driver’s Studio includes the 180-degree swivel passenger seat and swivel table option set, which maximizes the driver’s living space by combining the cab and sleeper into a large studio. This feature provides an expanded environment for the driver to easily relax in comfort. Convenient LED lighting provides ample interior light throughout the sleeper. An LED light, directly above the swivel table, with an independent light switch creates a brightly lit workspace.

The Driver’s Studio includes a swivel TV mount ideal for flat screen TVs up to 28 inches, a premium audio package with 320-watt amp, 10-inch subwoofer and eight speakers, and the optional EpicVue pre-wire for satellite TV. For dining, the Driver’s Studio includes both a drawer-style refrigerator and a convenient space ideal for a microwave. The 1,800-watt inverter includes a shore power connection and four standard 120-volt sleeper outlets to power a range of electrical devices, such as a microwave, a DVD / Blu-ray player, gaming consoles, and other items.

The Driver’s Studio also features abundant storage space, including a full-size wardrobe for hanging clothes, multiple storage drawers, and a large storage space under the lower bunk. Drivers are able to sleep comfortably with the factory-installed, luxury 8-inch thick, pocket coil mattress. The sound-deadening sleeper design minimizes exterior noise inside the sleeper.

In addition, the optional Kenworth Idle Management System, a battery-based air conditioning system, and diesel fired heater option can be specified to optimize interior climate control. These systems greatly reduce the amount of idling required to maintain comfortable interior temperatures while the truck is parked. Drivers can control the heating and cooling from a conveniently located climate control panel located adjacent to the sleeper bunk.

“Fleets can use the T680 Driver’s Studio to reward their top drivers, and aid in driver recruitment and retention efforts, while owner-operators can treat themselves to an excellent and comfortable environment to live, work and drive during their hours on the road,” said Kurt Swihart, Kenworth marketing director.

To qualify for the T680 Driver’s Studio Sales Program, orders must be received by April 14, 2017, and must retail by July 31, 2017. Limit for a single customer is 10 qualifying Kenworth trucks per year. This offer is limited to the first 100 units sold. Other limitations apply on the Kenworth Driver’s Studio program. See your Kenworth dealer for more details.

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The undertaker asked, "What's Daddy doing out of the casket?! And the person replied, "We got him out to take some pictures."

The story teaches the same lesson as the song, "Give me my flowers while trying to help me along. Useless the flowers you bring after the soul is gone."

Have you waited until it is too late to get the picture? If you have, it is not likely you will ever have a good remembrance, nor is it likely that you will be able to do anything about that which you have missed.

When the road has come to an end and the two words at the end of the novel, "The End" appears, there's little we can do but go back to the beginning. However, if we have failed in one particular way, let us take up another. If we didn't get Daddy's picture before he passed away, let's do all we can for Mother. Let us do all we can for brother and sister. You serve God best as you serve one another. The commandment Jesus gave is to love one another. While we have time and opportunity, let us be at our best and do our best for the Master.

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ATA Truck Tonnage Index Decreased 0.1% in February

Arlington, VA... American Trucking Associations' advanced seasonally adjusted (SA) For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index slipped 0.1% in February, following a 2.9% increase during January. (January's index was unchanged from our press release on February 21, 2017.) In February, the index equaled 138.7 (2000=100), down from 138.9 in January. The all-time high was 142.7 in February 2016.

Compared with February 2016, the SA index decreased 2.8%. In January, the index rose 2.6% on a year-over-year basis. Year-to-date, compared with the same two months in 2016, the index is off 0.1%. For all of 2016, tonnage was up 2.5%.

The not seasonally adjusted index, which represents the change in tonnage actually hauled by the fleets before any seasonal adjustment, equaled 125.5 in February, which was 4.6% below the previous month (131.7).

"February's numbers, especially the year-over-year drop, might surprise some as several other economic indicators were positive in February," said ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello.

"However, I'm not worried about the decline from February last year as it was really due to very difficult comparisons more than anything else: February 2016 was abnormally strong.

"Looking ahead, signs remain mostly positive for truck tonnage, including lower inventory levels, better manufacturing activity, solid housing starts, good consumer spending, as well as an increase in the oil rig count - all of which are drivers of freight volumes" he said.

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- Enter via **FACEBOOK** at facebook.com/towtimesmagazine Enter as many times as you wish, but each tow truck may be entered in only one category and each photo

must have an entry form. No email entries accepted.

Winners to be announced in *Tow Times* November 2017 issue. For questions, email art@towtimesmag.com.

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Trucking Efficiency, Shell And Pepsico Set The Wheels In Motion For A First-Of-Its-Kind Cross-Country Roadshow To Showcase Fuel Efficiency In Long-Haul Trucking

Shell, PepsiCo, the North American Council for Freight Efficiency (NACFE), and Carbon War Room (CWR) announced Run on Less, a first-of-its-kind cross-country roadshow to showcase advancements in fuel efficiency. The event will take place in September 2017.

Run on Less will demonstrate how Class 8 trucks can use different technologies to achieve the best fuel economy possible. The three-week experience will kick off from multiple locations across the United States and culminate at the North American Commercial Vehicle (NACV) inaugural show in Atlanta, taking place September 24 to 28, 2017. Run on Less will be led by NACFE and CWR's Trucking Efficiency Operation, with Shell and PepsiCo as the title sponsors.

"Shell consistently works to raise awareness about the energy challenge facing us and the Run on Less collaboration is the perfect way to demonstrate our commitment," said Annie Peter, fleet sector marketing manager, Shell Lubricants. "With new fuel economy regulations on the horizon and the need for continuing advances in fuel economy, Shell Lubricants recognizes that a holistic approach to making fuel economy gains is important. This includes advances in engine and drivetrain technology, the use of low viscosity lubricants, aerodynamic designs, efficient driving methods, and more."

"Delivering products using a more efficient fleet is a key com-

ponent of achieving PepsiCo's goal to reduce absolute greenhouse gas emissions across our value chain," said Mike O'Connell, senior director, supply chain, PepsiCo. "Run on Less provides a unique opportunity for us to join other forward-looking fleets to demonstrate best practices when it comes to MPG, and provide real-world confidence to encourage widespread adoption of fuel-efficient technologies, ultimately improving the bottom line for North American fleets."

Run on Less will feature six to ten Class 8 trucks, using current, commercially available technologies that will haul real freight around the country. The trucks will be equipped with different efficiency technologies, and drivers will demonstrate how to achieve the best fuel economy in today's highway tractors. With a goal of achieving 9.0 MPG or more, the technologies fitted to the trucks will range from 6x2s and automated transmissions to aerodynamics and other technologies that assist with improved freight efficiency. Driver progress, as well as the dollars and

carbon emissions saved, will be tracked and reported in real time throughout Run on Less via a live online site.

The roadshow will end at Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta on September 24, where the final results will be announced, and drivers will showcase their equipment and share learnings and best practices on fuel economy. Technology manufacturers will be available throughout NACV to help attending fleets accelerate their adoption of technologies that make sense for their operations.

The inaugural NACV Show 2017 will take place at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. More details about Run on Less will be announced in coming months. During April, event organizers will be accepting fleet applications to participate in the Run. Sponsorship opportunities will remain open until June 1.

For more information, please contact Mike Roeth at mike.roeth@nacfe.org or visit www.runonless.com.



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Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Recognizes Truckload Carriers Association Members for Hauling The Wall That Heals in 2016

NASHVILLE, TN... The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) presented awards to recognize the efforts of Truckload Carriers Association (TCA) members who volunteered their time and equipment to haul The Wall That Heals in 2016. Tim Tetz, director of outreach for VVMF, recognized the 16 members during TCA's Annual Convention at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville, Tennessee.

"Because of our partnership with TCA, we were able to bring a national memorial to the hometown of hundreds of thousands in 2016," said Tetz. "Leading each procession was a truck owned and operated by a TCA member demonstrating dedication and commitment to our veterans—young and old—and to our nation."

The following TCA-member companies were recognized: American Central Transport, Inc., Liberty, Missouri; Baylor

Trucking, Inc., Milan, Indiana; Cargo Transporters, Inc., Claremont, North Carolina; Dart Transit Company, Eagan, Minnesota; Delaware Technical & Community College, Georgetown, Delaware; Don Hummer Trucking, Oxford, Iowa; Fremont Contract Carriers, Inc., Fremont, Nebraska; Halvor Lines, Inc., Superior, Wisconsin; Hirschbach Motor Lines, Inc., East Dubuque, Illinois; Interstate Distributor Co., Tacoma, Washington; Regency Transportation, Inc., Franklin, Massachusetts; TMC Transportation Services, Des Moines, Iowa; TWT Refrigerated Services, Cheney, Washington; WDS Enterprises, Shepherd, Michigan; Werner Enterprises, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska; Wil-Trans, Springfield, Missouri

The Wall That Heals is a 250-foot replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. With the help of TCA's partnership and the companies

mentioned above, the traveling exhibit honors the men and women who served and sacrificed their lives in the Vietnam War.

Trucking companies are needed to haul The Wall in 2017. Interested companies may complete an online interest form at www.vvmf.org/haul-the-wall.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is the nonprofit organization that built the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C. in 1982. VVMF is dedicated to honoring and preserving the legacy of service in America and educating all generations about the impact of the Vietnam War and era through programs, ceremonies, and education materials. To learn more about VVMF, visit www.vvmf.org or call 202-393-0090.




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“Farmers Helping Farmers” - Convoys To Kansas To Bring Much Needed Relief To the Wildfire Victims Drivers and Trucks/Trailers Desperately Needed



Cory Stuchal delivers a truckload of hay donated by Kellogg Farms, LLC of Slippery Rock, PA - photo by Cory and Nikole Stuchal -

JR Byers and Matt Eakin, who work at the Tractor Supply Company in Franklin, Pennsylvania, organized a relief trip on the evening of March 26th. Word spread quickly and donations of hay and fencing supplies were soon ready to be delivered to Kansas. Eleven people made the trip on April 1st and 2nd, 3 pick-ups with trailers and a semi-truck driver by Professional Truck Driver Dustin Davis. Everyone is a volunteer; they are not paid to provide their time and services. JR Byers said, “Women packed us lunches to take with us. Dustin Davis has been making the majority of trips to Ohio to deliver loads of hay and he also made the trip to Kansas. He has worked tirelessly to haul the hay for us. Greg Davis, Jon Proch and Cory Stuchal have also made trips to Ohio with loads of hay.”

JR continued, “These guys [farmers in Kansas] need help! One farmer lost 32,000 acres, 3 houses, fencing and half of their livestock in 45 minutes. We want to help meet the needs of those who have suffered devastating losses.”

They are planning another trip to Ashland, Kansas on May 6th to rebuild fences for a week. There are also 5-6 truckloads of hay in the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area that needs to be picked up and transported to Ohio. They are looking for drivers who will volunteer their time and trucks to help out.

Monetary donations for fuel and fencing supplies are being accepted to offset the relief efforts. You can send a check to JR Byers, c/o Tractor Supply Company, 6885 US-322, Franklin, PA 16323. If you would like to donate money or your time and truck/trailer, you can contact JR Byers at JR Byers at 814-657-6128 or email: ender5050@yahoo.com

Another group, Ohio To Kansas Wildfire Relief, has made one trip to aid to the farmers in Kansas.

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by Pam Pollock

Some days it appears that this old world is nothing but a “dog eat dog society”. We live in a fast paced environment, full of people taking selfies and thinking “What’s

in it for me? How will this benefit me?” And then there are moments, such as the one I am about to describe that reassure me that there are hardworking, caring people that can and do make a difference.

It’s not surprising that they are Farmers and Professional Truck Drivers!

Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado suffered devastating wildfires in March of this year.

Over 1 MILLION acres of land have been destroyed by the wildfires. 1 MILLION acres, folks! Farmers in Pennsylvania and Ohio immediately rallied support and organized convoys to deliver much needed hay

and fencing supplies to farmers who lost practically everything in Kansas. I would like to tell you about 2 groups of extraordinary people – and how you can help in rendering aid to the farmers in Kansas.

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Book Family Farm of New Castle, PA donated hay to the Kansas farmers. The hay was transported to Ohio. - photo by Cory and Nikole Stuchal -

We've got ourselves a hay convoy! Drivers and trucks and flatbed trailers are desperately needed to render assistance to farmers in Kansas. - photo by Cory and Nikole Stuchal -

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Kansas on March 24th and is heading back on April 21st. The group is comprised of Ohio farmers and volunteers, with the majority being from the Portage County area. According to Brittany Basinger, one of the group's coordinators, "We have one goal in mind, to help

our fellow ranchers/farmers in their time of need." The majority of the relief trucks will leave from Duma's Meat Market, 857 Randolph Rd, Mogadore, OH 44260.

Farmers in Pennsylvania and Ohio have generously donated much needed hay – but – there is

a serious lack of drivers with trucks and flatbed trailers to deliver the hay! Brittany said, "I fear that we may not have the number of trucks to pick up and deliver the hay. We are seeking drivers and their trucks to join our convoy."

You can contact Brittany Bas-

inger at 330-281-2860 or email 1290cowgirl@gmail.com or visit their Facebook Page – "Ohio To Kansas Wildlife Relief – Part 2".

Transporting one truckload of supplies to Kansas costs approximately \$1,000 in fuel. Ohio To Kansas Wildfire Relief's goal is

to send at least 50 trucks full of fencing and supplies. Checks can be made out to "Rancher's Wildfire Relief Fund" and can be mailed to Portage Community Bank 1311 E. Main St. Ravenna, OH 44266, Portage Community Bank, 1532 S. Water St., Kent, OH 44240. or

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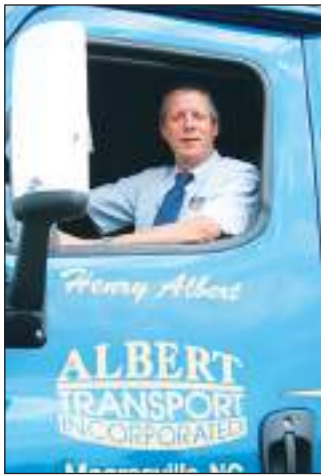
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by Henry Albert

A driver friend of mine called me and asked a question in regards to a situation which happened recently on the highway. This driver was passed by another semi-truck and noticed that one of the tires on the trailer was shredding and coming apart. The only thing left on the tire was the sidewalls as the tread was gone. My friend backed off away from the truck as the fear from this tire failure could have major implications for someone on the highway. My driver friend was speaking with an individual who is involved with safety for another carrier. He asked my friend "why didn't you call 911?" My friend was

discussing this situation with me and asked me what would I have done under these circumstances. I would have first tried to contact the driver of the semi on the CB radio. Also, if no response was given and if it was safe, I then would have pulled alongside of the truck in order to get the attention of the driver. If that also failed, I would contact drivers who were directly around us to see if they could attempt to convey the message to the driver. I cannot honestly say that I would have called 911 myself in this particular situation.

It just so happens that the very next day, I had a similar situation to



How quickly do we call 911 when there is an issue on the highway related to our fellow drivers?

thoughts. Just then, a State Trooper came by and I thought surely he would notice and do something. Unfortunately, he didn't. Shortly, another driver managed to get his attention and I watched as the truck and flatbed pulled off an exit to take care of this problem. I would say we traveled over 30 miles trying to get the driver to understand what was going on with his shipment.

In closing, the question still remains... how quickly do we call 911 when there is an issue on the highway related to our fellow drivers? As drivers, we realize there are penalties for safety violations however public safety and our own safety are all at stake when we come upon a dangerous situation on the highway. How far would you go to get involved or would you just mind your own business?

contend with myself. I was driving along when I noticed a semi pulling a flatbed trailer with dunnage, which was unsecured. The dunnage was stored behind the landing gear legs and was sliding out and sticking approximately 1.5 feet beyond the edge of the trailer. I was beside his truck and signaled that he

had a problem and he nodded in acknowledgement. The problem was that this driver never stopped to do anything about the issue. I warned other drivers on the CB for them to get his attention and be aware themselves of this dangerous situation at hand. The question of when to call 911 was stirring in my

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New arts program will connect student artists to PA Turnpike

New partnership, Art Sparks, will develop public art created by local students



HUMMELSTOWN, PA... The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) and Pennsylvania Council for the Arts (PCA) announced a new partnership that connects student artists with art being developed for stops along the PA Turnpike. The new program, called Art Sparks, will utilize the PCA's Arts in Education residency

program to develop student-created, original pieces of art for Turnpike service plazas across the 550-mile system. These public art pieces will be on display in service plazas across Pennsylvania over a five-year cycle.

The Turnpike's Lawn Service Plaza is where Art Sparks will make its debut. The pilot residency

project is being conducted with art students at Lower Dauphin High School in partnership with HMS Host at the Lawn Service Plaza. The PCA's regional Arts in Education partner, Jump Street, is coordinating the residency program, which began in late February and will end by mid-April. Students in the High School Art 2 Class are working with

a teaching artist, Megan Davis, to create a mural that will reflect the Harrisburg/Hershey region.

Mark Compton, PA Turnpike CEO, joined the art class to see how the project is going and to join in the artistic process. "I see how art can spark a mind and transform a place," Compton said. "I also understand the great value in the creative process, and am very anxious to see this mural move into its new home along the Turnpike to spark interest and excitement among our travelers."

Phillip Horn, Executive Director

of the PCA, was also onsite to help with the progress. "Art Sparks is an excellent example of a teaching-artist residency that engages students as well as the community," said Horn. "It will also put young artists on the road to success."

The PTC will determine the order of the service plazas to host Arts in Education residencies. A school that resides in the municipality of a chosen service plaza will be selected to host a 20-day teaching artist residency led by a local PCA teaching artist. The students will work with the artist and members

of that community to create a piece of art that reflects the region. The work will then be installed at the respective service plaza with a community unveiling event to help engage stakeholders and community members in the project.

The Lawn Service Plaza mural is slated to be installed and unveiled in mid-May. For more information on Art Sparks visit www.paturnpike.com/artsparks. For more information on the PCA Arts in Education program visit www.arts.pa.gov.

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May 14 – Mother's Day Truck Convoy – Burle Industries, 1000 New Holland Ave. (Rt. 23), Lancaster, PA. Raising awareness and funds for make-A-Wish® Philadelphia, Northern Delaware & Susquehanna Valley. Fun filled day for the entire family. 500+ trucks, food, games, live bands. For more info call 717-283-4880

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May 25-27 – ATHS National Convention & Truck Show – Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, IA. For more info phone 816-891-9900 or visit www.ATHS.org June 2-4 – Wheel Jam – South Dakota State Fairgrounds, Huron, SD. For more info go to <http://www.wheeljamtruckshow.com/>

June 3 – Paul Riggle & Sons Truck Show – Riggle's Shop, 601 Marco Road, Apollo, PA 15613. Non-Judged – Bring What You're Proud Of! Light Show at dusk. Various Sponsors & Vendors, Music, Plenty of Food, Fun for the entire family! For more info call Pat Riggle @ 724-448-7809, Matt Riggle @ 724-994-9115 or Chris Riggle @ 412-418-2091.

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June 17-18 - 6th Annual Ohio Vintage Truck Jamboree - Ashland County Fairgrounds, 2042 Claremont Avenue, Ashland, OH 44805 Hosted by the Ohio Chapters of the American Truck Historical Society. Vintage Truck Show both days, Huge Trucking Memorabilia Display, Swap Meet, On-Site Camping with RV Hookups available. Slow Race, Jake-Off, Light Show, Diorama Display, Truck Swap Meet, Country Convoy, 50-50 Door Prizes Raffle Swap Meet Food T Shirts and More! In place of Registration and Admission fees - donations to Ashland Food Bank and Shriner's Transportation Fund appreciated. Presented By: ATHS Ohio Chapters Proceeds to: Ashland Food Bank & Shriner's Transportation Fund.

June 24 – Down Home Truck Show – Humboldt, Nebraska. For more info call Susie Shupp at 402-414-7021 or follow us on Facebook @Down Home Truck Show.

June 24 - The Jane Harting Cancer Benefit Truck Show Picnic – Elite Services Inc., 905 Stone Hill Road, Denver, PA. Delicious Food, Entertainment provided by DJ Boots. All proceeds go to families affected by cancer and help the fight.

June 24-25 - Transport For Christ Truck Rally – Lebanon Valley Expo, 80 Rocherty Rd., Lebanon, PA 17042. Parade of Trucks, Vendors, Children's Activities, Benefit Auction, Food, Gospel Music, Worship Service. For more info contact Doris High at tcner@dejazzd.com

July 9 – Spencer's Chrome Truck Show – Spencer's Chrome Parts & Service, 12975 State Rt. 405, Watsonstown, PA. For more info email: kevinspencerchrome@gmail.com

July 13-15 – 38th Annual Walcott Truckers Jamboree – Iowa 80 Truckstop, I-80 Exit 284, Walcott, IA. Super Beauty Truck Show, Antique Truck Display, Trucker Olympics Games, Exhibits, Fireworks, Live Music and much more!! For more information go to <http://iowa80truckstop.com/trucker-jamboree/>

July 14-15 – Expedite Expo – Lexington Center, Lexington, KY. The only trade event focusing exclusively on the expedited trucking industry. People from all over North America will come to learn about the newest trucks, career opportunities and products geared specifically to owner operators and drivers. For more info phone 859-746-2046 or go to www.expediteexpo.com

July 15 – 18th Annual ATHS Steel Valley Chapter Antique Truck Show – Kenworth of Pennsylvania, 530 North enter Ave., New Stanton, PA 15672. Free registration, food, DJ, Dash Plaques, Door Prizes. ALL Trucks Welcome! For more info contact Dale Campalongo 412-670-7492

July 22 - Made in the Shade Truck Show & Shine – Butler County Fairgrounds, David City, Nebraska. For more info contact Big Benny Schultz @ 402-641-3991 or Randy Schultz 402-367-8266 or email bigbennyschultz@hotmail.com.

July 28-30 – 10th Annual Top Gun Largecar Shootout – Rantoul National Aviator Center, Rantoul, IL – Live music, beer garden, good. For more info call Tom at 217-202-1473 Email: topgunshootout@yahoo.com or visit www.topgunlargecarshootout.com

August 4-6 – 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 11-12 - The 26th Annual Waupun Truck N Show - Truck-n-Show festival grounds (Spring Street in Waupun), Waupun, WI. For more info visit www.waupuntrucknshow.com. Phone: 920-324-9985 · Fax: 920-324-0353

August 18-20 – 8th Annual Eau Claire Big Rig Truck Show – Northern Wisconsin State Fair Ground, Chippewa Falls, WI. Park and Pride Truck Show with NO scoring, Monster Truck Throwdown, Truck Parade, Barbeque competition, Live music. For more info phone 715-832-6666. Email: info@ECTruckShow.com or visit www.ECTruckShow.com

August 19-20 – Chi-Town Large Cars "Lucky 13" Truck Show & Benefit – Porter Country Fairgrounds, Valparaiso, IN. Raising awareness to Veteran Suicide. All proceeds will go to a Military Officer/Family in need. Chrome vendors, food, beer garden, live entertainment, jump house for the kids, fun for the whole family! For more info visit www.Chi-TownLargeCars.org

August 26th - Kenworth of PA. and /Susquehanna Valley Chapter of ATHS Antique Truck Show– Route 11, 198 Kost Road (near Carlisle) Rain or Shine from 10 A.M. to 3:00 P.M./For details write Ken George, 75 S. 36th Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011 or call 717 737-8897.

September 16 – 2nd Annual Country Roads Truck Show – Jane Lew Truck Stop, directly off Interstate 79, exit 105, Jane Lew, WV. Truck Show - Over \$1,000 in cash and prizes. Trophies for Top 3 in Classes. Music & Food, Vendors, Games, Raffles Awards Ceremony – FUN FOR ALL! Free Admission. For more info call 304-884-7219. Email: Contact@wvtruckshow.com or visit www.jltruckstop.com

September 16 – 41st Annual TBG / ETC / XDP sponsored U.S. DIESEL TRUCKIN' NATIONALS & MOTORSPORTS SPECTACULAR - RACEWAY PARK, ENGLISHTOWN NJ. The largest single day all diesel truck show & race in the USA. Over 2,000 participants, 200 exhibitors & vendors and the biggest evening diesel thrill show. Fast family fun for all. Now in it's 41st year. For more info go to: www.usdieselnationals.com or www.racewaypark.com. Phone: (732)-446-7800. For further e-mail: info@racewaypark.com – FUN FOR ALL! Free Admission. For more info call 304-884-7219. Email: Contact@wvtruckshow.com or visit www.jltruckstop.com

September 23-24 - Guilty by Association Truck Show & Customer Expo - 4 State Trucks, Joplin, MO. Family Friendly fun-filled weekend with the crew at 4 State Trucks and Chrome Shop Mafia for the Guilty By Association Truck Show (GBATS) in Joplin, MO. For more info phone 888-875-7787 Ext 161 or email: gbatsinfo@4statetrucks.com

September 25-29 – North American Commercial Vehicle Show (NACVS) – Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA. For more info visit <http://nacvsshow.com>

September 30 - Special Olympics Convoy and Truck Show – South Carolina Farmers Market West Columbia SC. Come Join us for the convoy around the Capitol of SC and truck show hosted by the Palmetto Classic Iron Chapter of the ATCA. Fun for all, please contact Phil Hrynenko @ 843-925-1173 or Michael Still at 803-530-1791.

October 14 – LCM Southern Classic 2017 Truck Show - LeeHi Travel Plaza, Lexington, Va. Non Judged event hosted by LargeCarMag. For more info: www.largecarmag.com or 717-806-8907.

If you would like to list an upcoming show or event, send all the details including a telephone contact number to
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Carlisle Events Partners with new App for 2017 MatchMyStuff to Offer Unparalleled Automotive Services for Enthusiasts

CARLISLE, PA ... As the 21st century speeds forward and the automotive world blends its 14-decade history into modern technologies, Carlisle Events is doing something similar. Effective this year (2017), the minds behind America's Automotive Hometown will blend its five decades of excellence with a piece of modern technology; an app known as MatchMyStuff.

MatchMyStuff is the brain child of "carguy" David Cannizzo, a technology and long time automotive enthusiast. His love for both helped forge this partnership and the goal is to offer a vast search engine for not only the more than half a million guests who pass through the Carlisle Events gates, but the millions of gear heads around the world. The app, available for iOS and Android devices, helps auto enthusiasts create an inventory list of wants and needs and best of all, keeps track of said list. This way, when the enthusiast returns to the page they don't have to re-enter any of their data. The point to the memory aspect is that with just one click/tap on the page, its search engine enables those looking to buy with those looking to sell. Once stuff has been matched, buyer and seller can connect and negotiate deals direct.

Cannizzo isn't just a run of the mill car enthusiast, he's a Carlisle lifer. He's been attending shows at the Carlisle PA Fairgrounds since he was a kid, over 30 years ago, and spent many a weekend at Carlisle with his dad. While he recognizes that value of the person to person dealings at Carlisle within the swap meet, he also believes a tech app can be the perfect complement (not a replacement) to how business is done for enthusiasts like him.

"I have observed customer behavior at Carlisle along with the general marketplace and how the internet's role has helped to evolve people's transactions and behaviors," noted Cannizzo. "Mobile has played a big role and to date, there is still a huge hole in the marketplace for an easy to use tool for people to keep track of their items to buy and sell and work directly with each other," continued Cannizzo. "People should not use a third-party platform like auction sites because the person to person aspect is still very important to making the right deal with the right person for the right products and that's why I have developed this app."

The app is expected to go live on April 1 of this year and will be free to download. With swap meet season right around the corner, the MatchMyStuff app just might be the perfect complement to every car buff who attends Carlisle in 2017 and beyond. More details on the app can be found at www.MatchMyStuff.com and a link to download it will also be available via www.CarlisleEvents.com (posted at the bottom of each event page).

Working Show Truck Of The Month – Monika Herrington/Jr Judson Horse Transportation



to work for him and learning how to drive trucks in the process. He told her it was easier to teach "horse people" how to drive trucks than to teach truck drivers how to care for & transport horses.

Monika made the move, and JR and his drivers and friends taught her how to drive trucks in 1995. She moved to Tennessee for a period of time and drove a tri-axle dump truck and a flatbed while living there. When she moved back to Massachusetts she went back to work for JR and she's been able to combine her love for horses and her truck driving career ever since. Monika said that JR and the entire JR Hudson team have always been like family to her.

Her current truck is a 2016 Freightliner Columbia glider kit and she pulls a 2008 52' Doyle Manufacturing horse van. Speaking of hoses, her Freightliner has a Series 6 Detroit engine with 515 "horses", along with a Rockwell 10 speed transmission and a set of Eaton Fuller 3:58 rears. Monika said she loves driving her truck and she always makes sure she leaves the company yard shining in order to show the customers that their prized horses are going to ride in style! She travels throughout the

U.S. and Canada, transporting everything from million dollar show & race horses, to backyard family pets, and everything in between. No matter where she goes, her truck is always sparkling, even if it means washing it at 2 a.m. to leave the next day! She credits Jesse "Mop" Jakubajty's, the company truck washer, for helping keep her "baby" shiny and clean and for doing as good of a job washing the truck as she does. Monika has certainly changed her career path in a big way and she's loving every minute of it!

She wanted to thank JR Hudson and Joe Medico for teaching her how to drive and getting her trucking career started. She also wanted to thank JR's wife Robin, who she says is more like her sister than her dispatcher.

Movin' Out would like to thank Monika Herrington and JR Hudson Horse Transportation for all of their hard work and for representing the trucking industry with class and professionalism across the miles! If you want your horses transported safely and well taken care of during the trip, JR Hudson Horse Transportation and Monika Herrington are the ones to call.

by Robert Conrad

All of us travel down many different roads in our lives and, for many of us, the career path we choose to follow isn't always the one we stick with for the entire journey. Monika Herrington is living proof of this. She has worked and been involved with horses her entire life but her career path took a different turn after an act of nature cause her to cross paths with JR Hudson, owner of JR Hudson Horse Transportation. Heavy snow caused the roof of the horse barn that Monika was managing to collapse and JR and his longtime driver friend Joe Medico came out to move the horses and equipment.. After speaking with Monika, JR was able to convince her to start a new career by going



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