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## The 2020 Carlisle Truck Nationals Wowed Guests!



Todd Gribble's spectacular 2012 Peterbilt 389 took home a truckload of trophies from the 2020 Carlisle Truck Nationals. Turn to pages 10 & 11 for the story and more photos. - Photo by Steve Pollock -

### Southern Haulers Honors Safe Drivers



By Steve Pollock

CALERA, AL.... Southern Haulers, a subsidiary of American Bulk Commodities, recently recognized and rewarded the company's Safe Drivers and also employees who have longevity with the company. American Bulk Commodities gave drivers cash and premiums as a reward for

their efforts toward safety and longevity working at Southern Haulers. The following Southern Haulers Safe Drivers were honored:  
1st Year - Jackets:  
Miles Weston  
Quentin Hale  
Kaleb Speegle  
Brian Huffstutler  
David McGuire

Nikki Norman  
2nd Year - \$50.00:  
Jaye Fullerton  
James Poe  
Richard Glenn  
Clifford Cox  
Steven Ray  
Willis Fuqua  
Robert McKay  
Eric Swern  
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### Ohio Machinery Co. Marks 75th Anniversary in 2020



Ken Taylor, third-generation owner of Ohio Machinery Co.

Broadview Heights, OH... Ohio Machinery Co. celebrates 75 years of equipment sales and service to customers throughout its business territory beginning February 2020. As a privately held, locally owned and operated company, Ohio Machinery Co. gained strength and size over time through its representation of premium products, ongoing dedicated leadership, and a strong commitment to customer

service and product support excellence. Ohio Machinery Co. serves its product territories under several brand names, including Ohio CAT, The Cat Rental Store, Ohio Peterbilt, Ohio Ag Equipment, SITECH, Complete Hydraulic Service, International Fuel Systems, and Thomas Built Bus by Ohio CAT. Founded in February 1945, Ohio Machinery Co. initially operated out of one location

in Columbus, Ohio, with 39 employees. The following year, with 109 employees, the headquarters moved to Independence, Ohio in the Cleveland area. In 1971, due to continued growth and the need for more space, the headquarters moved to its current location in Broadview Heights. In 2003, Ohio Machinery Co. acquired Holt Company of Ohio. At that time, the orga- continued on page 16



# Southern Haulers Honors Safe Drivers

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Mark Ward  
**3rd Year - \$60.00:**  
 Richard Mosely  
 Jason Wiley  
 Timothy Franks  
 Alphonso Coleman  
**4th Year - \$70.00:**  
 Stony Fairley  
 Michael Potts  
 Jamy Cook  
 Lynn Jerkins  
**5th Year - \$80.00:**  
 David Sewell  
 Aaron Demastus  
 Michole Love  
 Curtis Lewis  
 Derwin Nelson  
 James Ballard Jr  
 Kenneth Philip  
**6th Year - \$100.00:**  
 Z Kent Coupland  
 Timothy Sims

Bradley Williams  
 Stanley McVay  
 Mack Hucherson  
 Wesley Watkins  
**7th Year - \$150.00:**  
 Stephen Oliver  
 Jason Boggs  
**9 Year - \$250.00:**  
 Donald Barefield  
**11 Year - \$350.00:**  
 Edward Wilson  
 Joseph L Aultman  
 Gilbert W McGill  
 Terry L Smith  
**12 Year - \$400.00:**  
 Barry Patterson  
 Charles McDaniel  
 Rickey D Coburn  
**13 Year - \$450.00:**  
 Mark A Verbitski  
 Rickey E Qualls  
**16 Year - \$600:**

Timothy J Tice  
**18 Year - \$700.00:**  
 Michael D Rodgers  
**1 Million Miles Accident Free Driving:**  
 Charles McDaniel  
 Rickey Coburn  
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# Off The Beaten Path



by Pam Pollock

## Who Is That Masked Lady?

I'm just going to come right out and say it, I HATE wearing a mask. When our state first mandated the wearing of masks inside businesses, etc. in mid-April, I really struggled to adapt and adhere to the requirement. I am asthmatic and I have never liked having anything cover my nose and mouth. I have lost count of how many anxiety attacks I have experienced since April. Sometimes I will sit in my car and just shake before putting on my mask to go into a building.

I have quite the collection of mask, I am always buying new ones in my quest to find one that I can breathe in. I have not been successful yet in that task, but I have a couple that do not make me freak out as badly as the other masks have done.

I am swayed into purchasing new masks by the fabric patterns. I have masks to fit most of my moods (and personalities)! I have a mask that clearly states what I think of the governor of my state, which I won't share here because I don't want my Mom to yell at me for being bad [yet again]...

I have a custom made mask with a photo of my dog on it. I get a lot of compliments on that one. I have 2 masks, which are some of my favorites, with photos of the Assateague Island wild ponies. I love these light-weight masks, not only because I can breathe in them, but AI is my happy place and I love photographing the wild ponies when we visit there - which we did not do this year because of COVID-19. Another favorite is one I just bought from Norwex, and it, too, is lightweight.

I have a whimsical Tinkerbell mask and masks that show my love of the Pittsburgh Penguins and Steelers. I have masks with otters and elephants, which my spouse stole to use for himself. I have a polka-dot one, which reminds me of I Love Lucy. I have masks with Panda Bears and cameras and masks with Patriotic American Flags. I have masks ordered with the face of Mike Rowe, the host of Dirtiest Jobs. I have a box of the blue paper masks.

I have a mask telling everyone who frowns at me and runs the other way when I sneeze or cough (and I am wearing that mask at the time) to: "Calm Down Karen, It's Allergies!" Because, well, I do have allergies and it's high allergy season right now. For some reason, this mask does not make people smile. Good thing that they can't see my entire face, because underneath that bad boy I am definitely smirking at their displeasure.

Somedays, ok, most days, I am grumpy and that's when I wear my Hannibal Lecter mask to warn everyone to engage

me in conversation at their own risk.

I had to make a FasterCare emergency visit back on May 5<sup>th</sup> and I asked the nurse how much longer he thought we would have wear our masks. He replied, "I am guessing through June." His guess was wrong. Who would have thought that we would all be masked and mysterious six months later and that businesses would still be shuttered, and others only permitted to operate at 25 or 50% capacity? Or that we still can't get in to see our loved ones in personal care and nursing homes?

I never get political and never share my thoughts and views, but I am going to close this column by remarking that for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time ever during an election year, I am scared. The 1<sup>st</sup> time was 4 years ago, and I was relieved at who won the election. This year, I am in fear of what will happen to our Country if the other candidate wins. I urge everyone to sit down and read what changes and laws could be implemented. Ask yourself if this is really what you want for our nation.

## A Likely Story - Warning Labels Part 2

Trucking and country music have always been tied together, and no one knows, actually, which came first. And while rock & roll is sub-divided into doo-wop, rockabilly, bubble-gum, and novelty tunes, country music has always been, well, country.

But some country music is best heard in the light of day. There are lyrics best left muted, if you're going through divorce, while driving through the night, and arrangements that'll tear your heart out before road trash can take out a drive tire. I've got the receipts to prove it.

Just one month before she died, Patsy Cline recorded Bob Will's "Faded Love" in a Nashville studio. Produced by Owen Bradley, and backed up by the Jordanares, this top-10 record took eight hours to finish. So exhausted by the marathon recording session, Patsy ends the song with a wrenching salute to the title. They almost deleted that part, but it was responsible for one of the biggest hits of 1963.

"Help Me Make It Through The Night" was written by Kris Kristopherson for Ray Price, but it didn't get much attention. Then Sammi Smith recorded it, with no backup singers, and made it a #1 crossover hit for the Monument label in 1970.

"Carolyn" was recorded by Merle Haggard in 1971 and starts with the most heart-wrenching fiddle riff you've ever heard. Written by Tommy Collins, this song will keep your foot off the gas pedal even when you're in a hurry. Produced by Capitol Records, it was Merle's eleventh #1 hit.

Also in 1971, Conway Twitty recorded Harry Compton's "How Much More Can She Stand" at the Owen Bradley studio in Nashville. Only in this song have I ever heard a steel guitar, (played by John Hughey), sound so menacing. The sixth of forty #1 hits for Conway, this song will make you stop cheating, or get you to start drinking.

"Blood Red And Goin' Down" by Tanya Tucker is one of the most fascinating and frightening songs I've ever heard. The fascinating part includes the backing of the Jordanares, and the harmonica of Charlie McCoy. The frightening thing about this song are the lyrics, written by Curly Putman. Recorded on the Columbia label, it was 14 year-old Tanya's second #1 hit.

"The Cold Hard Facts Of Life" was a #2 country song recorded by Porter Wagoner for the RCA Victor label in 1967. Backed by Johnny Gimble's fiddle, this lyrical tragedy was written by Whisper'n Bill Anderson. Yup, that Bill Anderson. Porter had other tear jerkers, including "Green Green Grass Of Home" and "The Carrol County Accident", but made up for this by introducing the world to Dolly Parton. Yup, that Dolly Parton.

Everyone has favorite sad songs, and mine is by an artist whose incredible talent was matched only by his moral bankruptcy. George Jones brought tears of joy and rage to millions of fans, with over a hundred hit recordings and just as many arrests for public drunkenness, domestic battery, and contract failures. He should've died young, and perhaps he did at the age of 81, but not before recording a song that single-handedly revived a career almost better off dead.

"He Stopped Loving Her Today" is probably the most popular sad song ever recorded. Written in the late seventies by Bobby Braddock and Curly Putnam, then recorded on the Epic label, Jones and producer Billy Sherrill struggled with it in the studio for two years before it was released. When it was, the result shot to #1 in 1980 and became Jones' signature hit for the rest of his life.

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Owner-Operator Tom Shaffer, who is leased to Warren Sauers, washes his trailer out at the new self-serve trailer washout bay at Hurricane Truck Wash.

Helwig driver Karen and her fiancé Dusty are leaving Hurricane Truck Wash with a clean tractor and trailer.

By Steve Pollock  
 BROOKVILLE, PA... Hurricane Truck Wash, located ¼ mile south of I-80 Exit 78 in Brookville, PA, has opened a self-service trailer washout bay. The trailer washout bay was designed and built by owner Brian Riddle. The “back in” bay is designed so that any debris, such as pallet nails, will be pushed to a trap and effectively eliminates drivers taking their rig through the debris. The wash equipment accepts credit cards, cash or tokens available from Brian. Hurricane Truck Wash was established by Brian Riddle in September 2006. Brian was a Professional Truck Driver and Owner-Operator for many years. Hurricane Truck Wash also

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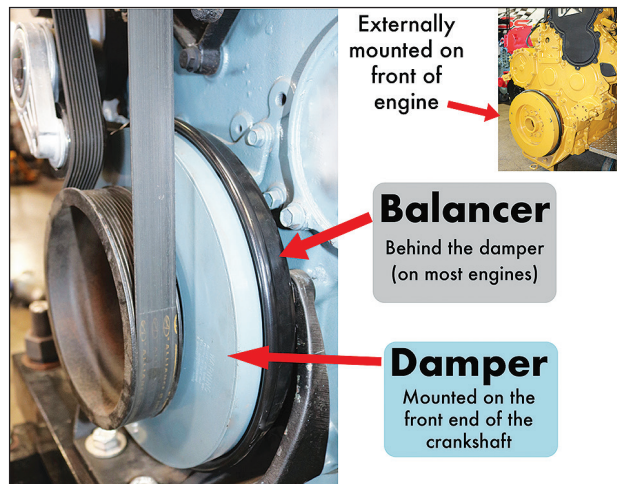
# High Performance Diesels with Bruce Mallinson

Many owner-operators ask us about the difference between a damper and balancer, do they need one or both, and what is the purpose? Let's start with the Torsional Viscous Damper and why you should replace it every half a million miles. Every semi-truck engine is equipped with a torsional damper from new. It's a heavy circular object that sits on the end of the crankshaft externally from the engine. It's job is to dampen vibrations coming from the crankshaft. This is an important job because your

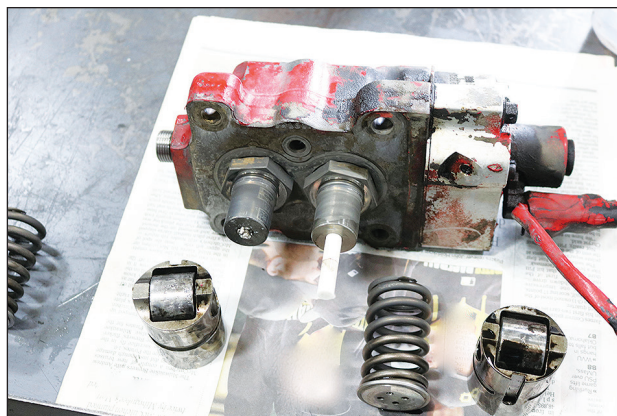
crankshaft deals with a lot of vibration which overtime can weaken the metal and eventually lead to failure. Torsional dampers are made from steel and filled with silicone. Over time, that silicone hardens and becomes ineffective. This is why all manufacturers recommend replacing the damper every 500,000 miles. If not replaced, not only will you feel the vibrations through the cab, but your engine and your back will be taking a beating. It's a small investment compared to

having to replace a crankshaft, or even the whole block. Harmonic balancers are similar in function but different. They are basically a smaller damper for your car's gasoline engine, use rubber instead of silicone, and often double as a pulley.

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Damper and Balancer location



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The mercury will move to the lighter side, correcting any imbalances in the rotating mass. If one of your connecting rods is a few ounces heavier, it's going to throw off the balance of the whole engine. As a result, you will have increased vibrations. The damper will help reduce those vibrations, but it can't correct an imbalance like a balancer can. Balancers are optional equipment, but they have a lifetime warranty and will increase the longevity of your engine. We recommend installing both a damper and a balancer, but in the very least you should have your damper replaced every half a million miles.

If your truck has a common-rail fuel system, listen up, you may want to learn how to perform a High Pressure Fuel Pump Performance Test. On most common-rail fuel systems, the high pressure fuel pump is creating over 29,000 psi of pressure! Unsurprisingly, it's a common point of failure in the fuel system. Sometimes the internals on high pressure fuel pumps can break apart, but other times there may

be a subtle issue creating too much or too little pressure. Now the procedure is slightly different for every engine, so please look up the manufacturer's instructions before you begin the test. Basically, the test consists of the following: First, relieve pressure from the system by loosening the nut on the pump-to-rail line. Second, tighten it back up. Third, block off five injectors at the fuel rail, leaving the most accessible injector unblocked. You're going to need a high-pressure fuel pump service tool to plug into that 6th injector line. Clear any debris or residual fuel from

the area before installing the tool. Fourth, you're going to crank the engine 15 seconds at a time. Be careful not to crank longer than that as you could burn out the starter motor. Fifth, disconnect the fuel pump actuator and injector pass through from the electrical harness. Sixth, connect a drain line from the fuel pump service tool to a graduated beaker (yes like the one you used in chemistry class). Crank the engine to purge any air from the system. Finally, crank in two 15 second intervals and measure how much fuel you have in your beaker. Too little fuel can mean weak pressure, and too much fuel could mean the pressure is too high. The volume of fuel will differ for different engines and RPM speeds so refer to your manufacturer's guide for this procedure. You'll want to be within a specific range to make sure the high-pressure fuel pump is working properly.

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# PI&I Motor Express Saves Fuel With Windmaster



JW Welsh, Director of Maintenance at PI&I.

By Steve Pollock

MASURY, OH.... PI&I Motor Express is saving fuel with Load Covering Solutions' Windmaster series of tarping systems. The Eastern Ohio based flatbed carrier has been using Windmaster Tarping Systems for 8 years and has 27 units in their fleet. PI&I presently has 3 Windmaster SmartLook aerodynamic "flattop" and 24 Windmaster

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Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, PI&I's priority has been to protect our most vital asset: Our Employees (The vast majority of which are proud residents of the Steel Valley). Before any State issued a "Stay at Home" order or restricted non-essential business activities, PI&I was already weeks into its efforts to protect all our employees and customers from this invisible enemy. We sent "at-risk" employees to work from home and isolated all those who remained. We limited non-essential movements within the workplace to reduce face-to-face contact whenever possible. We provided hand sanitizer and other cleaning supplies to office employees and

drivers alike, while simultaneously implementing a cleaning regiment of all high-touch surfaces. We implemented mask requirements at all terminals and customer locations weeks before they were mandated. And we put all these measures into place without laying-off a single employee.

While we are proud of our track record, as the Valley should be of its own, the past is not the subject of this article. The subject of this article is the future. Specifically, the future adaptations and innovations which are required for all the Valley's businesses to survive in during these unprecedented times.

The CARES Act's Payroll Protection Program (PPP) has given companies the breathing room necessary to flex their innovative and adaptive might. We here at PI&I are proud of what we were able to put together for the benefit of all our company drivers, so much so, that we wanted to give our neighbors a look behind the curtain in hopes of inspiring other novel ideas.

The funds made available by the PPP has allowed the company to implement what has been coined as the "PI&I Payroll Stabilization Package". This unique program, developed by the company's executive team, gives company drivers

the option to join a temporary pay structure which locks them in to a fixed wage for 8 weeks (later extended to 12 weeks). Each driver that chooses to opt into the program has their wage calculated on a case by case basis. This allowed us to keep our drivers at a wage that is as close as possible to what they earned for last year.

Drivers who were with our company for the entirety of the 2019 calendar year had their pre-tax wages for that year divided by the number of weeks they worked. As for those who were hired during the 2019 calendar year, a different approach had to be taken to ensure that they were still able to provide for their loved ones. Drivers hired in the early months of 2019 had their existing working record extrapolated to a 52-week figure. While drivers hired in the later months of the 2019 calendar year were given wages based on our existing, "New Driver Guarantee". This is a package that every new company driver who graduates our "Steel Hauling Finishing Course" is placed on for 12 weeks.

Without the PPP funds, we would have been unable to implement this groundbreaking program, and our drivers would have inevitably suffered as a result. So, we challenge each individual taking the time to read this article to innovate and adapt the principles and spirit of our program into something that can help them, and their employees overcome these trying times.

In closing, we would like to extend our gratitude and praise to all those on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response. This includes the doctors, nurses, and first responders putting their own well-being on the line to protect those they don't even


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us to continue to lead our lives with as much normalcy as possible during these trying

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## OOIDA Pushes Congress To Waive HVUT In Next COVID-19 Relief Package

Washington, DC... The Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association has asked Congress to provide needed economic relief to struggling small-business truckers by way of suspending the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT) for one year as part of the next COVID-19 response package.

"Truckers are still on the front lines, filling store shelves and supplying hospitals," said Todd Spencer, president of OOIDA. "Suspending the HVUT is a way that Congress could easily offer fast, direct relief to all motor carriers. And believe me, they need it, much more than just a 'thank you.'"

OOIDA sent a letter to both House and Senate leadership today expressing concerns about how the economic downturn has lowered freight rates and created uncertainty for those who have put their own well-being on the line to do their jobs.

The HVUT is an annual fee that typically costs about \$550 per truck. The Association points out that compared to the federal excise tax (FET), the HVUT is a more immediate and equitable way to provide assistance since suspending the FET would only benefit motor carriers in a position to purchase new equipment.

"Congress and the American public have heaped praise on truckers for their work on the front lines of this crisis," said Spencer. "This action would provide tangible, meaningful help to carriers of all sizes, not just those large enough to have the resources to afford new equipment in the midst of an historic economic downturn."

## Individuality Is All Important

An old saying goes, "Every tub sits on its own bottom," which is another way of expressing that we are individuals in this world.

We are living in a day when they are trying to stamp out individualism and everybody wants to do things in a complicated manner. When individualism goes, you can't find anyone who has the answer, but you are put into the proverbial hamster cage that revolves but never gets anywhere.

The world did not come into being except by an individual God, "In the beginning God" and from Him all creation came into existence. All the way through time, it has been individuals who have been in position of leadership. Groups cannot lead. It takes pioneers who are willing to face the roughs and the toughs and go ahead in the face of opposition at all costs.

When we try to do away with the individual, we seek to do away with the source of progress. Every person is an important person with a gift and a talent from God. He has a place in this world and God has a purpose for him. We are to abide within our calling and stay in the place where God has placed us and do what we do as unto the Lord. This is progress. It is the will of God that we prosper and be in health and that our spiritual life be aglow with the power and presence of our Lord.

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## Cooper Tire Launches New Roadmaster RM258 WD Winter Drive Tire for Regional Haulers



FINDLAY, OH... For optimum winter traction performance, Cooper Tire's Roadmaster brand has introduced the Roadmaster RM258 WD™. Featuring an open shoulder design with four rows of lugs, the tire is Three-Peak Mountain Snowflake certified. Helping the tire achieve that rating are shoulder notches and chevron grooves for excellent bite in winter conditions. It was designed for regional applications, and comes in 11R22.5 and 11R24.5 sizes with load range H.

"This Roadmaster tire is all about traction," said Gary Schroeder, Executive Director of Cooper's Global Truck and Bus Tire Business. "It's Roadmaster's best performer in the snow and other adverse conditions for regional operators. The tire features an entirely new tread pattern and curb guards, coupled with enhanced compounding, to ensure excellent performance around town, including when hitting curbs and while on the interstate. Where other tires might slip and slide in the snow, the Roadmaster RM258 bites to give excellent performance."

Deep tread, 26/32nds, along with full-depth 3D siping in the lugs, help the tire connect closely with the road for improved traction. Tie bars in the shoulders keep the tread from squirming, to help with uniform wear, and stone ejectors in the tread grooves help keep small rocks from drilling into the casing, improving casing life.

The foundation of the Roadmaster RM258 WD is its four steel belt construction, which allows for multiple retreads. It comes with a six-year, two-tread warranty.

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## Peterbilt Dealers Focus on Service



Denton, TX... In an effort to eliminate downtime, Peterbilt dealerships are continually increasing their focus on delivering a level of service that is a Class above. Peterbilt dealers are investing in growing service abilities through new locations, upgraded facilities, remodels and expanded mobile service capabilities.

Earlier this year Peterbilt launched the Platinum Service Center Program and subsequently recognized the very first Platinum Service Centers. In just a few months since, there has been a 90% increase, to 132 dealerships

passing the rigorous certification process. In order to attain Platinum Service Center status dealers must achieve high utilization of PACCAR Solutions Service Management, reduce overall dwell time for customer repairs, prioritize Peterbilt's RapidCheck® triage service, and maintain exceptional parts availability.

Peterbilt dealerships are also evaluated on their availability of mobile service vehicles, which enhances customer satisfaction by getting trucks back to work quicker than ever before. Peterbilt dealers say mobile service is

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## PA Turnpike Approves 2021 Toll Increase, New TOLL BY PLATE Rates

HARRISBURG, PA... The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) approved a six-percent toll increase for all E-ZPass rates systemwide and for PA Turnpike TOLL BY PLATE rates that had been established before the permanent conversion to All-Electronic Tolling (AET) at these locations:

- Beaver Valley Expressway (I-376);
- Delaware River Bridge (NJ border);
- Gateway Toll Plaza (Ohio border);
- Greensburg Bypass (PA Turnpike 66);
- Keyser Ave. and Clarkes Summit Tolls (Northeastern Extension); and
- Southern Beltway (PA Turnpike 576).

The increase — slated to take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 3, 2021 — will enable the PTC to continue to maintain and operate its system and ensure safe travel for up to 500,000 daily customers.

"The primary driver of the annual toll-rate increases continues to be our quarterly transit payments to PennDOT and the resulting debt service that comes along with the legislatively mandated funding obligation," said PA Turnpike CEO Mark Compton. "As a result, the PA Turnpike has delivered almost \$7 billion in funding to PennDOT in the last decade, primarily to support mass-transit operations in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh."

New TOLL BY PLATE Rates Set

As part of its recent system-wide change in toll operations, the Commission also approved new TOLL BY PLATE rates at toll facilities converted to AET in June. The new rates, which also take effect Jan. 3, 2021, include an average 45% increase over the 2020 cash rate for TOLL BY PLATE motorists to reflect the costs of collections for this tolling method. The new rate will not be applied at the previously mentioned TOLL BY PLATE facilities converted before 2020.

The most common toll for a passenger vehicle will increase from \$1.50 to \$1.60 for E-ZPass customers and from \$2.50 to \$3.90 for those choosing TOLL BY PLATE. The most common toll for a Class-5 tractor trailer will increase from \$12.20 to \$13 for E-ZPass and from \$17.30 to \$26.60 for PA Turnpike TOLL BY PLATE customers.

With the PA Turnpike TOLL BY PLATE option, high-speed cameras capture license-plate images as vehicles pass by. The registered owner receives an invoice for trips made through the tolling point. Invoices can be paid online, by phone or by mail. Upon receipt of a TOLL BY PLATE invoice, recipients do have an option to open an E-ZPass account and pay the lower rate.

The PTC is exploring options to offer TOLL BY PLATE discounts to motorists through pre-registration options. More details on these programs will be announced later this year.

The PA Turnpike no longer accepts cash or credit cards on the system after having permanently converted to All-Electronic Toll (AET) collection last month. Since the PTC began studying, planning for and implementing AET, more than 30 agencies in 14 states have established systems using proven AET technologies.

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# The 2020 Carlisle Truck Nationals Wowed Guests!



It's always great to see the younger generation get excited about trucks!

"Hey young man, your wish came true - the real Optimus Prime is at the Carlisle Truck Nationals!"

**- All photos by Pam Pollock -**

CARLISLE, PA ... If you build it, they will come. We all know the famous Field of Dreams movie line. Well, if Carlisle Events and the Carlisle Truck Nationals, presented by A&A Auto Stores, may, if you host it, they will come...and come they did. While the 2020 Carlisle Truck Nationals didn't match numbers from the past few years, it actually saw a larger turnout of trucks than the 2014 show offered. With a nice mix of 106 years of truck history on display combined with family friendly activities, the event happened in a unique and different way, during unique and different circumstances.

Gates opened at 7 a.m. daily and while most of the afternoon Friday was a wash, there was enough sunshine to enjoy the Showfield, midway and indoor displays. In addition, the aforementioned family fun took center stage where possible. Dialed Action Sports presented Mountain Bike stunt exhibitions, while Lawrence Frederick and his world champion Disc-Connected K9s soared above the infield, much to the delight of guests of all ages. If ever there was a time for indoor truck viewing, mid-day Friday reminded guests that yes, it's August and yes, it rains. Though outside was best suited for a slip and slide, inside Buildings T and Y were about three dozen super cool trucks. For Building Y, it was the SyTy display, while Building T hosted the annual Featured Vehicle display. Within T was a 1916 Fire Truck, classic car haulers, lowered trucks, lifted trucks and more.

In addition, more family fun came to fruition as the Optimus Prime replica rig anchored the

Big Rig display AND played host to kids of all ages during its time onsite. The Big Rigs also closed out the day, with their popular glow show lighting up the Carlisle night.

Next year's Carlisle Truck Nationals take over the fairgrounds once more between August 6-8. Details about this event and all others promoted by Carlisle Events are available at [www.CarlisleEvents.com](http://www.CarlisleEvents.com) or by calling 717-243-7855.

## Carlisle Truck Nationals Big Rig Show & Shine 2020 Winner's List

- BEST OF SHOW: Todd Gribble- 2012 Peterbilt 389
- Best Interior: AG Milam / Summer Breeze Farms- 1989 Peterbilt
- Best Custom Chrome: Todd Gribble- 2012 Peterbilt 389
- Best Graphics: Rick Prine, McClymonds Supply & Transit - 2020 Peterbilt 389
- Best Truck Name: Chuck Gamber (Jack the Rapper)- 1958 Reo A63203
- Best Sleeper: Brian King- 2017 Kenworth W900L
- Best Paint: Jacob Bonham- 2007 Peterbilt
- Best Fleet: HJ Towing / John's Towing
- Best Lights: Todd Gribble- 2012 Peterbilt 389
- Movin' Out's Choice: Todd Gribble- 2012 Peterbilt 389
- Bill Miller's Choice: Todd Gribble- 2012 Peterbilt 389
- Large Car Magazine's Choice: Josh Weaber- 2013 Kenworth W900L
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## TravelCenters of America Inc. Names Jamie Hubbard as Senior Vice President of Procurement

WESTLAKE, OH.. TravelCenters of America Inc announced another senior addition to its team to help support its reorganization and turnaround plan. Strategic procurement expert, Jamie Hubbard, has joined the Company as Senior Vice President of Procurement. Mr. Hubbard will head the newly created Procurement Department and lead the Company's strategic initiative to consolidate purchasing in order to create better execution, improve economies of scale in pricing and drive overall efficiency across the organization, to enable it to pass savings to the benefit of TA's fleet customers and professional drivers.

Mr. Hubbard brings more than 25 years of industry experience to TA. He most recently oversaw the procurement efforts for Ascena Retail Group, the parent company of Ann Taylor, Loft, Lane Bryant, Catherines and Justice. In this role, Mr. Hubbard helped build a Procurement Center of Excellence to leverage spend across 3,200 stores and Corporate Headquarters. He also spent more than a decade at Burlington Coat Factory, where he held

roles including Vice President of Procurement.

"Jamie joins TA with a vast amount of experience in procurement, supply chain and change management, with a proven track record of developing innovative solutions," said Jon Pertchik, CEO of TA. "We are confident his leadership will help TA develop better execution and vendor management strategies while providing cost savings. We welcome him and are looking forward to his team helping TA execute the initiatives outlined in our new strategic company plans."

Mr. Hubbard received his Bachelor's degree from Siena College in Loudonville, New York.

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## Pacifico Reflections - The Art Of Being Wrong

by: Mike McGough

She was starting the first of a five-year surgical residency. On that particular Monday morning she was attending her first grand round. In addition to the other four surgical residents in her class, there was the hospital's chief resident, a general surgery professor from the medical school, three medical students, and a surgical scrub nurse. Grand rounds provided those involved with an opportunity to discuss specific cases, engage in clinical reasoning skills, and share new research information, while making their rounds seeing patients. It was a critical element of surgical training.

She had been on grand rounds before, but this one was different. This time, she was to be an active participant. She was not there to observe; she was there to participate. She was self-confident, and she believed in herself. She wore that self-confidence on the inside, which produced a strong personal assurance. She never wore it on the outside as arrogance. On that morning, she was obviously a bit anxious, but she wasn't fearful or uneasy. Instead, she was focused and eager. That morning they visited seven patients. All were either in post-op care or awaiting surgery.

As they walked into the first patient's room, she remem-

bered one of the first and most basic lessons from a course she took as a first-year medical student, Foundations of Medicine. On the first day of that course, the professor entered the lecture hall and immediately said, "Please notice what I'm wearing, and never greet a patient without it." Everyone in the class looked. He had a stethoscope around his neck, and he was wearing a lab coat. On that coat he had a badge with his name, the name of the medical school, and his position. He wore a white shirt with a tie under his lab coat.

After several guesses from the class, he said, "No, you've missed it." He wasn't wearing it anymore. He then put it back on. "Ladies and gentlemen, always wear a smile when you greet patients. Generally you will not be seeing them for a social call. Patients come to you in search of healing and in need of help. A smile should be the first thing you offer them."

So on that Monday morning, she put on her best smile. The first patient they reviewed was an older male who had a knee repair. He had no residual complications. When called on for her input, her response was spot on. Her smile grew. When she nailed it again with the second patient, a young lady in for a gallbladder removal, she was feeling good. Her growing smile showed it.

The third patient was a bit of a challenge. Many years of substance abuses compromised his health. This was complicated further by his failure to respond sooner to obvious signs that his health was failing. He needed surgery. Under the best of circumstance, it was a difficult procedure, and his general health made it all the more problematic. The residents were all slow to respond when the chief asked for input. With her smile still in place, she spoke up and gave it her best shot.

Had it been a textbook case, she would have been right, but with the mitigating circumstances she missed the mark. Her smile disappeared. She was distressed. The chief shared a thorough diagnosis, outlining surgical protocols and safeguards. The other residents remained silent, avoiding eye contact with her and the chief.

As they walked to the fourth patient, the previously smiling resident said, "Pardon me, but I have some questions." The chief turned, and looked directly at her. "What did I miss with that last patient?" He usually involved everyone on the team during grand rounds, but in this instance he spoke directly to her. He shared a rationale for specific procedures and safeguards. The others just stood and listened. He never chastised her, and she never

offered an excuse.

There were lessons to be learned. The chief was teaching and the resident was learning. When their exchange was over, she thanked him. He paused, smiled, then said, "No--thank you!" They were both smiling. The last two patients on this grand round were routine.

The chief concluded the round with some general comments. When he was done, he asked to see the still smiling resident, after the others had moved on. "Ours is an exacting line of work," he said. "Our best efforts are largely based on our willingness to know when we are wrong, and do everything in our power to learn, move ahead, and get it right. Today, with that third patient, you showed that you know how to be wrong, and you know how to react when you are. Never lose that, or your smile."

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# Latest Trucking Industry News

## ATA Truck Tonnage Index Jumped 8.7% in June

Arlington, VA... American Trucking Associations' advanced seasonally adjusted (SA) For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index increased 8.7% in June after falling 1% in May. In June, the index equaled 115.3 (2015=100) compared with 106.1 in May.

"Not surprisingly, as more states lifted restrictions in June, truck tonnage was robust," said ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello. "While the gain in June was the single best month since January 2013, the solid gain was not enough to put tonnage back to pre-pandemic levels, but it is close. I am hearing good anecdotal freight reports for July, but I am concerned that freight could slow as more states reinstate restrictions due to increasing Coronavirus cases."

May's drop was unrevised at -1% from our June 23 press release.

Compared with June 2019, the SA index contracted 1.3%, the third straight year-over-year decline, but the smallest over that period. Year-to-date, compared with the same period in 2019, tonnage is down 2.4%.

The not seasonally adjusted index, which represents the change in tonnage actually hauled by the fleets before any seasonal adjustment, equaled 115.5 in June, 5.2% above the May level (109.8). In calculating the index, 100 represents 2015. ATA's For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index is dominated by contract freight as opposed to spot market freight.

Trucking serves as a barometer of the U.S. economy, representing 72.5% of tonnage carried by all modes of domestic freight transportation, including manufactured and retail goods. Trucks hauled 11.84 billion tons of freight in 2019. Motor carriers collected \$791.7 billion, or 80.4% of total revenue earned by all transport modes.

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

## OOIDA: USMCA Interim Rules Should Be Adopted ASAP

Washington, DC... Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association sent a joint message with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters encouraging the U.S. International Trade Commission to adopt interim rules to implement the provisions of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. USMCA empowers the Commission to investigate whether the U.S. long-haul trucking industry is materially harmed by an increase in cross-border trucking services provided by Mexican suppliers.

USMCA was ratified earlier this year, establishing a thorough review process to restrict operating authority for Mexican-domiciled carriers. After decades of opposing the original provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement, OOIDA worked closely with other organizations over the past three years in a renegotiation process that

resulted in USMCA.

"We believe prompt adoption of these interim rules will enhance and expedite the investigation process outlined in USMCA," said OOIDA President, Todd Spencer. "Because Mexico-based trucking companies and drivers are not held to the same, rigorous U.S. safety and security regulations, they are endangering the American public and taking away jobs and profits from American drivers and carriers."

OOIDA also reiterates support for the USITC's funding request to implement USMCA. The USITC sent a letter to Congressional appropriators in July seeking a \$2.75 million increase to its FY 2020 funding level.

OOIDA will continue working with USITC and other federal agencies on behalf of small-business truckers to ensure that cross-border trucking is a fair and mutually beneficial endeavor.

## FMCSA Extends Emergency Declaration

The FMCSA has extended—and modified—the emergency declaration that was set to expire on August 14th. The modified declaration provides regulatory relief for motor carriers and drivers providing direct assistance in support of relief efforts related to COVID-19, and has been expanded to include emergency restocking of distribution centers and stores.

Specifically, the declaration is limited to the transportation of:

1. Livestock and livestock feed;
2. Medical supplies and equipment related to the testing, diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19;
3. Supplies and equipment necessary for community safety, sanitation, and prevention of community transmission of COVID-19 such as masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, soap and disinfectants, and;
4. Food, paper products and other groceries for emergency restocking of distribution centers or stores.

Please note, this modified declaration is not effective un-

til 12:00 A.M. (ET), August 15, 2020 and expires on September 14th, 2020.

Under this declaration, emergency regulatory relief is provided from parts 390 through 399 of the FMCSRs, including the hours-of-service regulations. Emergency relief does not include certain FMCSR's related to the safe operation of CMVs, such as controlled substance and alcohol testing, financial responsibility requirements, CDL requirements, operation of a CMV while ill or fatigued, size and weight requirements, and additional FMCSR's which are outlined in the declaration. We encourage everyone to review the applicability, restrictions, and limitations which are included in the exemption posted to the FMCSA's website.

## DriverCheck COVID-19 Testing Moving Location to Flying J, London, ON

TORONTO, CANADA... In an effort to expand the accessibility of COVID-19 testing for truck drivers, the DriverCheck truckstop location will move to the Flying J Truck Stop in London. Testing availability at the Flying J in Ayr will no longer be available after Friday August 14, 2020. Testing in London will be available until Tuesday September 8, 2020.

The Province of Ontario is covering the cost of COVID-19 testing through DriverCheck, so there is no charge to drivers, individuals or companies. Drivers taking a COVID-19 test do not have to self-isolate while awaiting the test results. DriverCheck is returning results rapidly directly to drivers following the strictest privacy protocols.

The following options are available for COVID-19 testing through DriverCheck:

- Commercial drivers and other individuals working in the trucking industry can get tested at the Flying J Truck Stop in London, ON located at 3700 Highbury Ave. South London, ON N6N 1P3 – Hwy 401 Exit 189; Hours Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Walk-ins available.

- Commercial drivers and other individuals working in the trucking industry can get tested at the Kitchener DriverCheck Clinic – 31 McBrine Dr, Unit 8, Kitchener ON, N2R 1J1; Hours Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Walk-ins available. Call (519) 748-4658 if you would like to book in advance.

For more information on the options available from DriverCheck for COVID-19 testing please call (800) 463-4310, option 8, or send an email to [ProgramConsultant@DriverCheck.ca](mailto:ProgramConsultant@DriverCheck.ca).

Unsure about COVID-19 testing and all that is involved? Visit the FAQ section of DriverCheck's website to learn more: <https://www.drivercheck.ca/trucking-pilot-faq>

## IMCC Sues OCEMA to Stop Abuse of American Truckers

Arlington, VA... The American Trucking Associations' Intermodal Motor Carrier Conference filed suit with the Federal Maritime Commission, alleging foreign-owned ocean shipping lines engaged in unjust and unreasonable conduct in violation of the Shipping Act. Their unlawful actions have overcharged truckers and their customers for intermodal container chassis at ports and inland terminals throughout the United States.

IMCC filed its complaint with the FMC on August 17, alleging that the Ocean Carrier Equipment Management Association and 11 ocean carriers have denied trucking companies choice when leasing this essential equipment, forcing unjust and unreasonable prices upon trucking companies. Hoping to avoid legal action, IMCC sent a Cease and Desist letter to OCEMA and to the ocean carriers in May, but OCEMA failed to address the violations that were raised.

"By denying motor carriers their choice of chassis provider to haul goods in and out of ports, OCEMA's overseas members have held US motor carriers hostage and forced them to subsidize the shipping lines," said ATA Chairman Randy Guillot, and president of Triple G Express and Southeastern Motor Freight. "So far OCEMA and its members have rejected all of our attempts to reach a fair and equitable arrangement, but we believe they'll have less success ignoring the FMC."

In its complaint, the IMCC outlined a number of ongoing violations of the Shipping Act and is seeking injunctive relief against OCEMA and the shipping lines.

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## Smith Transport Driver First On Scene At Crash, Helps Impaired Driver

The Truckload Carriers Association has named Kirk Shepherd, from Raleigh, North Carolina a Highway Angel for helping an erratic driver who crashed into a highway median.

Shepherd was traveling on I-76, near Knightstown, Indiana on the afternoon of June 3, when he witnessed a car driving erratically. He watched as the car swerved back and forth across the road. This went on for three or four miles. "What's up with this dude?" Shepherd thought. He called 911. "I was afraid he would cause a wreck and kill someone. I told the dispatcher there was a dude eastbound on I-76 and reported the mile marker." Other drivers were trying to avoid the erratic driver. "Then he sped up like a bullet out of a gun, leaving a cloud of dust along the median," recalled Shepherd. He could only watch as the driver hit the guidewires along the median. "He tore four posts out of the ground and that stopped him. His front bumper came off and the hood was crumpled. I stopped on the right shoulder, right across from where he wrecked." Traffic slowed enough for him to run across the highway. "Two other westbound guys stopped as well," said Shepherd. He checked on the driver. "Because of the impact, I think he was in shock. I tried to get him out of the vehicle, but he wouldn't take his left hand off the steering wheel. Flames and smoke started coming out of the side of the hood." Shepherd ran back to his truck to grab a fire extinguisher as the other two men pulled the driver to safety and sat him on the ground away from the vehicle. "When the patrol officers arrived, they took his vitals and checked his pupils," he added. "He was high on something. A deputy hit him with Narcan and that brought him back."

Looking back, Shepherd believes God was there that day. "It would have been just a short time before that driver collided with someone. Those guidewires stopped him from crossing to the other side." For his willingness to assist a fellow driver, TCA has presented Shepherd with a certificate, patch, lapel pin, and truck decals. His employer has also received a certificate acknowledging their driver as a Highway Angel.

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TRIVISTA's Uhl Truck Sales dealerships, located in Louisville, KY and Palmyra, IN will be the primary selling and inventory locations where Grain, Drop Deck and various other trailers will be stocked and serviced. Uhl's third location in New Albany, IN will be a satellite service and parts location. The Neville Built trailer line is a perfect complement to Uhl's agricultural, custom harvester and heavy equipment customer

base. With more than 67 years in the trucking and transportation industry, Uhl's certified technicians and sales staff are fully equipped to handle any trailer or trailer part need.

TRIVISTA Companies, Inc. was officially formed in May, 2017 when Cerni Motor Sales (Ohio), O'Halloran International (Iowa) and Uhl Truck Sales (Indiana and Kentucky) joined forces to better serve its employees and customers. With a combined 165+ years of experience in the trucking industry, TRIVISTA Companies has built its brand on a solid foundation of dedication and grit provided by the founders of its three core

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## Trucking Voices Appreciation for End of New York Trusted Traveler Dispute

Arlington, VA... The American Trucking Associations expressed their gratitude to the Trump administration and Gov. Andrew Cuomo for coming to an agreement that will result in New York residents once again being able to obtain trusted traveler credentials.

"The inability of New York residents to get a variety of trusted traveler credentials, including Free and Secure Trade cards, put unnecessary burdens on New York truck drivers," said Bob Costello,

ATA chief economist and senior vice president of international trade policy and cross-border operations. "Trucks moved \$343 billion in goods between the U.S. and Canada in 2019 - a significant amount of that through New York. By reinstating these trusted traveler programs for New York residents, the Department of Homeland Security is taking an important step to keeping our economy moving while maintaining our safety and security."

"We are pleased that Gov.

Cuomo and the Trump administration were able to resolve their differences in a way that will allow New York residents to once again receive trusted traveler credentials, said Trucking Association of New York President Kendra Hems. Travel between New York and Canada is critical to our economy and today's announcement will keep trade across our shared border flowing swiftly and securely."

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# Ohio Machinery Co. Marks 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020

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-ganization operated out of 16 locations with 837 employees covering a territory including Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Southeastern Indiana. With the Holt acquisition, Ohio Machinery Co. rebranded and commenced doing business as Ohio CAT.

Since that time, the organization has diversified its offerings and has continued to grow. Ohio Machinery Co. acquired International Fuel Systems in 2008, the Ag Division went to

market under a new name in 2012, Ohio Ag Equipment, and in 2017 it became the Thomas Built Bus dealership for Southern Ohio. Then, in 2018, Ohio Machinery Co. acquired the Ohio assets and personnel of Allstate Peterbilt making it a dealership for the sales, parts and service of Peterbilt heavy-duty and medium-duty on highway trucks operating under the name Northern Ohio Peterbilt. At the end of 2019, the company acquired AMG Peterbilt LLC and its

Peterbilt territory in Central and Southern Ohio, allowing the company to rebrand under the name Ohio Peterbilt. Ohio Machinery Co. currently operates 36 locations and employs nearly 1,700 employees.

Looking back, seventy-five years included strong swings in economic conditions and Ohio Machinery Co. weathered many storms. Through good times and bad, the company recognized its people as the foundation for its success. Today, third-generation owner,

Ken Taylor, leads the organization with a balance of keen business-sense while being highly engaged with employees, customers, Ohio's communities and Ohio's non-profit, charitable organizations.

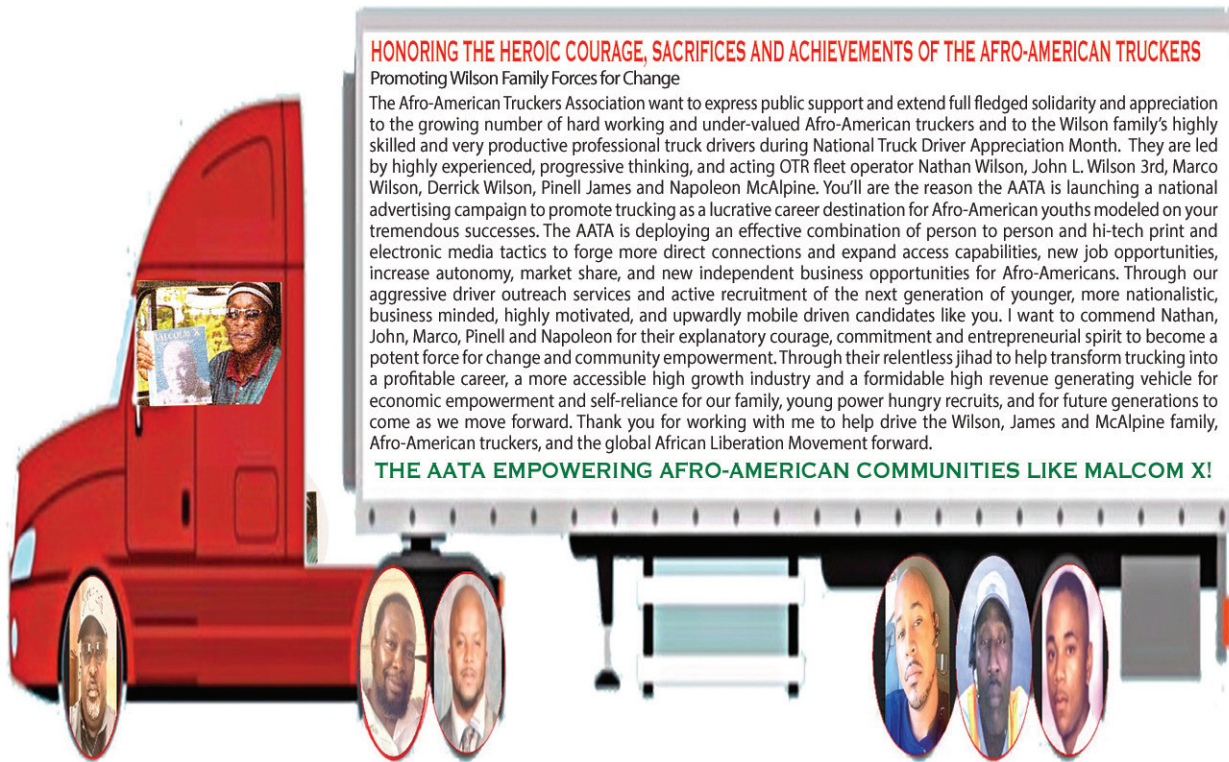
At all levels of the Ohio Machinery Co. organization, the vision is clear: to be the top performing, dynamic industry leader and trusted partner of choice for the products and solutions that help customers build, improve, feed, power, move and protect our world.

Additionally, the employees understand that Ohio Machinery Co.'s corporate mission, as a sales and service enterprise, is to create exceptional value for its Customers and Communities through proud, knowledgeable and engaged employees who consistently exceed customer expectations. Employees' dedication to this core vision and mission has brought tremendous growth and success to Ohio Machinery Co. over an extended period of time.

As the company celebrates its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, festivities will focus on employee and customer appreciation, facility improvements and signage, tooling and technology, philanthropy and charitable service, and reflection on the organization's legacy. Store locations and company vehicles throughout Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Southeastern Indiana will display 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary signage and decals throughout the year. Ohio Machinery Co. and its people are grateful to have participated in the success and growth of the businesses and communities they have served over the past 75 years.

About Ohio Machinery Co.:

Ohio Machinery Co., primarily as a Caterpillar Dealer, has been serving the equipment and power systems needs of local businesses in the state of Ohio since 1945. Over the past 17 years, the company diversified into the agricultural equipment distribution business as well as the on highway truck distribution business. Specializing in rental services, The Cat Rental Store provides Cat and non-Cat rental solutions on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. Ohio Peterbilt sells and supports heavy duty, medium duty and vocational Peterbilt trucks, and its parts stores carry both OEM and aftermarket truck parts. The company's Ag Division, Ohio Ag Equipment, sells and supports a full line of AGCO and CLAAS agricultural equipment. And component repair and remanufacturing services are provided by its Growth Opportunities Division through Complete Hydraulic Service in Bolivar and International Fuel Systems in Findlay. Ohio CAT's Corporate Headquarters is located at 3993 East Royalton Road, Broadview Heights, Ohio. More information about the company can be found online at [www.ohioecat.com](http://www.ohioecat.com).



## ATA Truck Tonnage Index Fell 5.1% in July Index 8.3% Below July 2019

Arlington, VA... American Trucking Associations' advanced seasonally adjusted (SA) For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index decreased 5.1% in July after surging 8.9% in June. In July, the index equaled 109.6 (2015=100) compared with 115.5 in June.

"After a very strong June, for-hire contract freight tonnage, which dominates ATA's index, slipped in July for a couple of reasons," said ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello. "It is likely that tonnage was down because many fleets didn't have the capacity to take advantage of stronger retail freight volumes. Therefore, much of that overflow freight moved to the spot market, which did increase in July. Other ATA data shows that for-hire truckload fleets are operating 3% fewer trucks this summer than a year earlier, so it can be difficult to take on a significant amount of

additional freight. Also, while retail volumes have snapped back strongly, manufacturing output and international trade freight is lagging well behind."

Despite July's decline, the index was 3.3% above the recent low in May. June's increase was revised up slightly to 8.9% from our July 21 press release.

Compared with July 2019, the SA index contracted 8.3%, the fourth straight year-over-year decline. Year-to-date, compared with the same period in 2019, tonnage is down 3.2%.

The not seasonally adjusted index, which represents the change in tonnage actually hauled by the fleets before any seasonal adjustment, equaled 112.9 in July, 2.5% below the June level (115.8). In calculating the index, 100 represents 2015. ATA's For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index is dominated by contract freight as opposed to spot market freight.

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# The Lone Toilet

By Linda Caffee

Google marks a lot of funny things on their maps, but this is the most awesome!

While driving in California recently, I saw something that made me look twice and then once again. Over to my right was what looked like

an outhouse with a porcelain toilet facing the highway with no door. The glistening white of the toilet was unmistakable inside the small building.

Where is this priceless work of art? You guessed it! California. This majestic masterpiece stands alone in a watery/grassy,

not gassy field, only reachable by raft. Many people driving on Highway 37 / Sears Point Road near Sonoma are startled when heading west and look to their right and see this lovely vision.

The masterpiece known as "The Lone Toilet" on Google Maps is not easy to see when

traveling on the eastbound side of Highway 37. I found a little history of the area, and there used to be a small town here called Tubbs Island in the 1920s. I do not know what happened to the town, but it could have sunk in the marshland all around. Yes, this is California, and there is a water wildlife area here. The little fancy outhouse is the lone survivor of the long-forgotten town, Tubbs Island.

Looking at Google Maps, there is a point marking "The Lone Toilet," and the reviews are a riot. Many people have made the journey to take a selfie with this piece of art, and the pictures are hilarious. I had as much fun looking through the reviews as I did viewing the



"Lone Toilet" that is outstanding in a field. google "The Lone Toilet" or "The Worlds Loneliest Toilet". If you have some extra time

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**Calendar of Events**

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

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

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

**September 18-19 - Busted Knuckle Truck Show** - Wilkins Oklahoma Truck Supply, Tonkawa, OK. For more info visit [www.wilkinstruckchrome.com](http://www.wilkinstruckchrome.com) or phone 800-299-5308

**September 18-20 - Richard Crane Memorial Truck Show** - St. Ignace, MI. Phone 800-338-6660 or visit <https://stignace.com/event/annual-richard-crane-memorial-truck-show/>  
**September 19 - 7th Annual Lanita Specialized Truck Show** - 7630 Lancaster Ave., Mt. Aetna, PA. For more info phone 717-933-5100

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

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

**October 3 - Victory Road Truck Show** - hosted by Pittsburgh Power and Long Haul Custom Detailing, held at the Victory Road Business Park, 3600 S. Noah Dr., Saxonburg, PA 16056. Activities include: Show 'N Shine, Live Dyno Runs on the Pittsburgh Power Chassis Dyno, Food Trucks, Kids Activities, Raffle Prizes, Giveaways and much more! Dyno Runs discounted to \$275 and ECM Tunes are discounted 25%. All entry fees donated to Charity and Raffles will benefit Local Volunteer Fire Departments. For more information or to schedule a Dyno Run or ECM tune on the day of the show, call Pittsburgh Power at 724-360-4080

**October 3 - Trucks For Smiles** - 6th Annual Somerset Area Make-A-Wish® Truck Convoy - Somerset County Fairgrounds, Meyersdale, PA. Hosted by W.W. Friedline, Inc. All proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish®. For more info or to preregister, contact Mark or Keri Friedline at 814-445-2193, email: [Keri@wwwf101.com](mailto:Keri@wwwf101.com) or visit [www.TrucksForSmiles.com](http://www.TrucksForSmiles.com)  
**October 17 - 11th Annual Large CarMag Southern Classic Truck Show** - LeeHi Travel Plaza, Lexington, VA. For more info email: [michele@largecarmag.com](mailto:michele@largecarmag.com) or phone 717-806-8907

**July 16-17, 2021 - Expedite Expo** - Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805. For more info go to [www.expediteexpo.com](http://www.expediteexpo.com)

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# Working Show Truck Of The Month

Scott Matheson - Spring Brook Farm



for a full makeover. All of the work was done in house at Spring Brook Farm, and Scott repainted it adding pearl & metallics to the original midnight blue color. He also added new drive shafts, new straight pipes, a new clutch, and a small, aluminum bumper to give it that "old school" look. This midnight blue beauty is powered by the factory Cummins KTA 600 19.0L engine that's paired with an Eaton Fuller 18 speed road ranger, and a set of super 40 rear ends. The 255" factory wheelbase was kept, along with the original 36" bunk. Scott got his CDL, he started looking, and wound up finding this '84 359 that had spent most of its life in Colorado before making it to the East Coast in 2010. Equipped with a factory KTA, Scott knew this was the truck he had to buy! Scott did tires and brakes to make it road worthy and ran this fine 359 for 2 years before deciding to tear it apart

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Brook Farm, located on Great Road in Littleton, MA, has plenty of cool tractors along with some cool trucks as well! This midnight blue metallic 1984 Peterbilt 359 belongs to Scott Matheson, who is part of 3 generations of Mathesons currently running this beautiful New England farm. Spring Brook Farm has been in the Matheson family since 1713, when it was granted to the them by the King of England. They feature everything from farm raised meats, to field picked fruits & vegetables, to hand crafted baked goods both in their country store on Great Road and at their farm stand across town. They grow a wide variety of crops on the farm including vegetables, hay, straw, pumpkins, soybeans, and peaches. Scott says he and his brother would ride with their dad, JR, and remember him talking about trucks while hauling in his cabover Mack MH613 with a sleeper. Scott's dad called it his "single stack Mack with a shack on the back" and Scott knew that he would drive trucks someday just like his dad. His dad always wanted an extended hood Pete with



By Robert Conrad most farmers also have trucks tucked away in their sheds close ties to each other, since with their tractors. The Spring



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