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AUGUST 2017

E-Newsletter

TTA Newsline

We would like to thank the [attached](#) members for their support of the Tennessee Trucking Association in sponsoring TTA Newslines for 2016.

We would also like to thank the below members for their 2017 sponsorship. They have all been spoken for.

2017 SPONSOR MONTH	COMPANY	NAME
January	Averitt Express, Inc.	
February	Tri-State Carriers	
March	FindATruckerJob.com	
April	Vertical Alliance Group, LLC.	
May	Vertical Alliance Group, LLC.	
June	Joe Morten & Son, Inc.	
July	Vertical Alliance Group, LLC.	

August	Worldwide Equipment Inc. of Tennessee (Chattanooga, Crossville and Knoxville)
September	FindATruckerJob.com
October	Vertical Alliance Group, LLC.
November	Pressure Guard
December	Vertical Alliance Group, LLC.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

TTA Welcomes the following New Members:

Williams-Sonoma, Inc., Brian Smith, Sr. Transportation Manager
4637 Sonoma Cove, Memphis, TN 38118 / **Phone (662) 892-5505, Fax (901) 375-8724**
Referred by: Mike Gilmore, Ozark Motor Lines, Inc., Memphis, TN

Don Shipper, LLC, Don and Laleta Shipper, Owners, Donald & William Shipper, Junior Partners
P. O. Box 35, Watertown, TN 37184 / **Phone (615) 812-1149, Fax (N/A)**

Referred by: Donna Tomlinson, TTA, Nashville, TN

ABOUT US: “Don Shipper, LLC, offers full intrastate trucking services, as well as shuttle and switching services. In addition, our van trailer rental business contains over 1200 trailers that go to meet storage, cartage, and OTR applications. The company is head quartered outside of Nashville in Watertown, TN where our office, trailer yard, and repair shop are located.”

WE'RE SO SORRY TO SEE YOU GO – CANCELLED MEMBERSHIP(S)

Penske Logistics	Thomas Bosson	Member Since 2006
Bear Trucking LLC	Bill Gray	Member Since 2016
Carolina Casualty Insurance Company	Jeff Barnhill	Member Since 2015

2017 Convention planning is underway! Below is this year's Convention Theme and Logo. There is a tab on the TTA website (www.tntrucking.org) titled 2017 CONVENTION. Sponsorships are also listed as soon as a Member commits! REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

THE CONVENTION THEME THIS YEAR IS:

“IT STARTS WITH US!”

RED WHITE AND YOU!”

Please click [HERE](#) to download a Convention Registration Brochure.

Join us for the Opening Reception at Sunset on Sunday Night, September 17th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.! Festive Beach Attire! Patriotic Music!



IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE CONVENTION!

You should have received your 2017 Convention Registration Brochure in your last issue of the Tennessee Trucking News Magazine! Contact the TTA office if you need one or download [HERE!](#)

Please make plans now to join us for the 87th Annual TTA Convention in Destin, Florida at the [HILTON SANDESTIN BEACH GOLF RESORT & SPA.](#)

LOCATION & REGISTRATION

With the beautiful beaches of the Emerald Coast, great shopping, dining and entertainment, the **HILTON SANDESTIN BEACH GOLF RESORT & SPA** is the perfect location. For information on things to see and do, visit their Web site at www.sandestinbeachhilton.com. Make reservations online [HERE](#) or call 1(800) 367-1271, Use Group/Convention Code: **TNT**. Registration packets have been mailed with the last issue of the Tennessee Trucking News Magazine. If you need to receive another, please call us at (615) 777-2882.

CONVENTION FOUNDATION AUCTION UPDATE

Major Dan Rooney with Folds of Honor is our Keynote speaker, and we're proud to once again have a patriotic theme for our auction this year. There will be some really special items relating to the theme and something for everyone!

Our Auction Committee this year is once again chaired by Greg Shipman with Vertical Alliance Group. He along with Randy Hooper with Katz, Sapper & Miller, LLP and Joe Smith with Kenco Distribution have put in a lot of their time to contact TTA members and ask for donations for the 2017 Auction. Many of you have either sent items or committed an item in support of our Road Team.

There won't be any bidding prior to auction, but some of the items are available for Presale during the month of August on the TTA website for anyone who wants to make a purchase at full value of an item. [Click Here for Presale List.](#) These items will remain on the website for purchases up to Noon on Thursday, August 31st. If you wish to purchase a presale item and support the Road Team, you will be required to call the TTA office with the item number and make your payment by credit card. Once the credit card payment is received, the item is confirmed as sold. The list will remain on the website, so you will have to call the office to confirm that an item you wish to purchase is still

available. Anyone who purchases an item at Full Price during the month of August will be entered into the drawing below. Bidding on all auction items will start at the Auction opening at Convention.

Occusure Workers' Compensation is once again the sponsor for the Auction Party and the drawing for \$1,000 for one person who bids full value on an item before or during the auction.

Thanks to those of you who have donated items for the auction. We will still take items right up to convention, but if you want your item listed in the Convention and Auction Guide, please confirm your donation with a description and a value on the Donation Form by mid-August. Our Road Team is now up to 22 Captains serving a two-year term. With your support, we are equipping them with the tools, knowledge and training they need to make a positive impact for our industry as they spread their safety message across the state. We expect next year to be full of even more opportunities. If you have an item you would like to donate, you can click [HERE](#) for the form to submit or call Catherine Stuart, Foundation Coordinator, (615) 777-2882. Additional information will be available as we get closer to Convention.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO BECOME A SPONSOR! CALL TTA AT (615) 777-2882

TTA CONVENTION: SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The TTA 87th Annual Convention will be held **September 17-19, 2017 at the Sandestin Hilton Resort in Destin, FL**. TTA is able to have such a great meeting because of our sponsors! We have sponsorship opportunities to fit every marketing plan from \$500 to \$10,000. Download a [Convention Sponsorship Form](#) and the [Benefits Form](#). For more information, call Carol Foster at (615) 777-2882 or email your Sponsorship Form to cfoster@tntrucking.org.

THANK YOU CONVENTION SPONSORS!!

Please click through the link above to view the sponsors of our 2016 Convention. Our sponsors are great every year and we really appreciate their continued support! TTA is able to have a convention that is second to none because of our sponsors!

2017 SPONSORSHIPS

Many of you are budgeting for 2017. If you would like to make a commitment for 2017 you can email Cfoster@tntrucking.org.

2017 NATMI CERTIFIED TRAINING SCHEDULE

TTA has partnered with the North American Transportation Management Institute (NATMI), the premiere professional development organization for transportation industry professionals, to offer the following training classes in 2017:

February 8-9	Safety & DOT Compliance Download Form
March 2-3	Certified Maintenance Certification Course Download Form
March 20-24	Certified Safety Supervisor or Certified Director of Safety Download Form
April 25	Accident Investigation Download Form
May 23-24	Safety & DOT Compliance Download Form
June 13-14	Driver Trainer Certification Download Form CANCELLED
July 11-12	Safety & DOT Compliance Download Form

August 8-9	Maintenance Certification CSME & CDME Download Form
October 3-4	Safety & DOT Compliance Download Form
November 1	Transportation Risk Management Certification Download Form
November 6-10	Certified Safety Supervisor or Certified Director of Safety Download Form
December 12-13	Safety and DOT Compliance Download Form – CORRECTED DATE

Registration for all courses is available at www.natmi.org. For more information call us at 615-777-2882. **Register 60+ days prior, take \$20 off.**

BIG RIGS FOR LITTLE KIDS GOLF TOURNAMENTS – REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

Knoxville – May 4, 2017 – Egwani Farms Golf Course – **Check the TTA Facebook Page for pictures of the 2017 event.**

Nashville – May 10, 2017 – Hermitage Golf Course - **Check the TTA Facebook Page for pictures of the 2017 event.**

Chattanooga – October 4, 2017 - Windstone Golf Club (**NEW LOCATION**) – Click [here](#) to Download a Registration Form

Memphis – October 5, 2017 - Memphis National Golf Club Click [here](#) to Download a Registration Form.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

RELIANCE PARTNERS, LLC ANNOUNCE PROMOTION

Reliance Partners to Expand Its Market Presence in the Northeast with a Fourth Office Location. Reliance Partners has announced the opening of the company’s new Buffalo, NY location. Reliance Partners has been recognized by numerous publications for its growth and top work environment. The company was most recently featured in *Inc. Magazine’s* 2017 "50 Best Workplaces", in *Fortune* as one of "America’s Best Workplaces" and *Inc.com* as a member of its 500 | 5000 Fastest Growing Privately-Held Companies. [Rob Anderson](#) will lead the new Reliance operation. A Buffalo native, Anderson has been with Reliance Partners since 2016, is familiar with the Buffalo market and looks forward to growing Reliance’s presence in the Northeast. “Rob has been a dynamic part of Reliance’s growth and has emerged as a leader on our sales team,” says Jason Coleman, Vice President of Sales at Reliance Partners.

WORLDWIDE EQUIPMENT INC – KNOXVILLE DIVISION

Worldwide Equipment Inc – Knoxville Division has opened a heavy duty Volvo Mack dealer satellite service and parts operation in Morristown, TN. This full service “all makes” facility is focused on fleet maintenance and customer warranty parts/service support and is located at 1524 South Davey Crockett Parkway, Morristown, TN 37813. Hours of Operations are Monday – Saturday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Scott Hickman is the shop foreman in charge (C: 865-599-6172, E: scott.hickman@thetruckpeople.com). Phone numbers are O: 423-353-1042 and F: 423-353-1043.

PRETECKT-PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE

Intelligent predictive maintenance is what Bill Combs, director of connected fleets for Penske Truck Leasing, calls ‘the ultimate goal.’ When a truck throws a fault code, it’s too late. The code only displays when there’s a problem that needs to be fixed, but today’s technology is marching slowly toward the kind of sophistication that can alert drivers and fleets to a problem before it’s ever actually an issue. Ozark Motor Lines’ predominantly Freightliner fleet uses the OEM-standard Virtual

Technician. The fleet also has partnered with tech startup PreTeckt to develop a prognostics platform capable of sending alerts before a fault occurs. Read more [here](#).

VERTICAL ALLIANCE GROUP ANNOUNCES SUBJECTS FOR 2017 TRUCKING BEST PRACTICES WEBINAR SERIES

This 2017 Trucking Best Practices Webinar Series is designed to provide trucking companies with ongoing current training. Experts from across the industry share ideas, strategies, and success tips for running a successful trucking company. Topics include Driver Retention, Drug Testing and Background Checks, along with Broker and Carrier Liability for Cargo Claims. Each webinar is free to participants. Click [here](#) to register.

2017 TENNESSEE TRUCKING ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY TRAINING SCHEDULE – GARY HOLBROOK - Listed below you will find the Saturday Training Schedule for 2017:

4th Quarter

October 7, 2017 - Defensive Driving Course for Professional Truck Drivers

October 21, 2017 – RESCHEDULED from October 14, 2017. Hours of Service, Drivers Record of Duty Status & Fatigue Management

All sessions will be held at the TTA office training facility on Saturdays and will be from 8:00 AM – Noon CST. Cost for each session is \$50 for TTA members and \$75 for non-members. Contact the TTA office at (615) 777-2882 to enroll. Click [here](#) to download a Registration & Payment Form.

TRUCKING NEWS MAGAZINE - We now have an **electronic version** of the Magazine on the TTA Website and have added [this link](#) for your convenience.

TTA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Also for your convenience, the TTA's latest edition is available on our Website; Click [here](#) for the last edition.

TTA 2017 ROADSIDE INSPECTIONS

Each event this year has been a great success. Member companies can sponsor a Roadside Inspection Luncheon. Participants at each inspection site are provided a cookout lunch. Sponsors are recognized at the inspection site and in the TTA monthly e-Newsletter, as well as any announcements sent out about each Roadside.

We would like to thank the members below for their support of the Tennessee Trucking Association in sponsoring TTA Roadside Inspections for 2017. **ALL ROADSIDES HAVE BEEN SPONSORED. Contact the TTA Office if you have any questions!**

We would like to thank the [attached](#) members for their support of the Tennessee Trucking Association in sponsoring Roadside Inspections for 2016.

DATE	LOCATION	SPONSOR
May 12	Greenville Scales I-81	FULLY SPONSORED BY Walmart Transportation, LLC
May 24	Brownsville Scales I-40	FULLY SPONSORED BY PFS Transportation
June 16	Knoxville Scales I-40	Averitt Express, Inc. (Co-Sponsor) / Joe Morten & Son, Inc. (Co-Sponsor)

June 21	Portland Scales I-65 North	FULLY SPONSORED Tennessee Steel Haulers, Inc.
August 4	Greenville Scales I-81	FULLY SPONSORED BY Vertical Alliance Group
September 6	Manchester Scales I-24	FULLY SPONSORED BY McMahon Truck Centers of Nashville
September 27	Brownsville Scales I-40	FULLY SPONSORED BY Vertical Alliance Group
October 4	I-65 Giles County	Sharp Transport, Inc. (Co-Sponsor)
October 4	I-65 Giles County	Shell Lubricants (Co-Sponsor)
October 18	Portland Scales I-65 North	FULLY SPONSORED BY Western Express, Inc.
November 3	Knoxville Scales I-40	FULLY SPONSORED BY U.S. Xpress Enterprises

What is a Roadside Inspection?

Each year, the Tennessee Trucking Association Safety Management Council and Maintenance Council conduct Roadside Inspections around the state. TTA members work side-by-side with State Troopers from the Tennessee Department of Safety checking for driver fatigue, equipment problems, illegal substances, and other violations. Each Roadside inspection event offers a unique educational experience by demonstrating to company personnel how Roadside inspections are conducted. Click [here](#) for a short video of a TTA Roadside Inspection.

ARE YOU TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF YOUR TTA MEMBERSHIP? We are much more than a monthly newsletter, magazine or a council meeting. As we start a new year, take a few minutes to: Visit the TTA website at www.tntrucking.org, Browse the TTA Facebook page at: facebook.com/TN.Trucking.org, Follow us on Twitter @tntrucking Join us on LinkedIn by sending a request to dtomlinson@tntrucking.org (for members only) Talk with one of the TTA staff and find out more about your Association.

25% NEW CARRIER MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT!

In an effort to get more **carrier** involvement, we now have a link on the TTA Website for prospective members to send a membership application electronically to us. Any carrier you might have been talking to about joining can go to the TTA website (www.tntrucking.org) and complete the membership form. The form comes directly to the TTA office. The carrier will be contacted for payment method and will save 25% off their first year’s membership dues. Make sure you share this information with any carriers who are not TTA members!

CHAIRMAN’S CORNER



Wayland Thompson
FirstFleet, Inc.

It's July and it's hot in TN and the dog days of summer are on us. Good news is the days are shortening up, fall & football are right around the corner! I wanted to use this time to reemphasize my article in the latest TTA magazine. Our drivers are operating in extreme conditions and we are grateful for all they do. [Continue reading!](#)

LEGISLATIVE CORNER – by Dale Allen and Holly McDaniel - Adams and Reese LLP

The State Legislature adjourned the first session of the 110th General Assembly a couple months ago and things have already begun to heat up for 2018. Governor Haslam enters the final year of his second term as Governor next year and the race to fill his seat already has many popular names vying for the top Executive Branch position. Speaker of the House Beth Harwell (R-Nashville) recently announced her intent to run for Governor earlier this month and fellow General Assembly member Senator Mae Beavers (R- Mt. Juliet) accompanies her as the other State legislator in the race. Speaker Harwell's departure from her current position is expected to have a ripple effect throughout leadership in the House.

The Senate is facing its own potential shakeup in leadership with Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris (R- Collierville) possibly leaving his role in the Senate to serve as a federal judge in West Tennessee. Current Republican Caucus Chairman Bill Ketron (R-Murfreesboro) has announced he is seeking to become the next Mayor of Rutherford County and his absence will leave another void in leadership. In addition, Senator Mae Beavers must vacate her current seat to run for Governor and Senator Mark Green (R-Clarksville) has announced he does not intend to run again in 2018.

The Governor's race has dominated most of the headlines with the General Assembly members mentioned above announcing their bids along with Businessmen Bill Lee and Randy Boyd. Congressman Diane Black is expected to announce her intent to run for Governor later this year. Former Mayor of Nashville Karl Dean is the only Democrat running for Governor to date but House Minority Leader Craig Fitzhugh (D-Ripley) is expected to announce his candidacy in the coming months. The 2018 Governor's race is projected to be the most expensive election in Tennessee history with Bill Lee, Randy Boyd, and Karl Dean having raised over \$1 million already. Both Speaker Beth Harwell and Congressman Diane Black have the potential to have similar funds on which to run in the Governor's race.

With session adjourned for the year, legislators have been hosting fundraisers in preparation for the 2018 mid-term elections. Please consider an online contribution to TRUCK PAC. A link to contribute online is: [Tennessee Trucking Association | TruckPAC](#).

TruckPAC SUPPORT IS NOW POSSIBLE ONLINE

Individuals can make their contributions on the TTA website. From the TTA Landing Page, select the TruckPAC tab on the left side. At the TruckPAC page, select [Pay Online](#). The payment page is simple and easy to use. Your payment receipt will be sent to the email you enter.

NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK – SEPTEMBER 10-17, 2017

Mark your calendars and join us in celebrating the men and women across the country who works hard every day to deliver the Good Stuff!

INDUSTRY UPDATES

ATA OPPOSES EFFORTS TO DELAY ELD DEADLINE

EVP of Advocacy Makes Case in Letter to FMCSA

American Trucking Associations [sent a letter](#) on July 21, 2017 to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration expressing ATA's staunch opposition to any effort that would delay the December implementation deadline for electronic logging devices.

"Over the past week we have heard from our members, loudly and clearly, that they are vehemently opposed to these attempts to delay this important regulation," said **Bill Sullivan**, ATA's executive vice president of advocacy. "The industry stands ready and is prepared to implement ELDs. As our letter explains, it is incumbent on regulators and on Congress to dismiss this last-ditch try by some to evade critically important safety laws."

SOLAR ECLIPSE

Are you prepared for the Solar Eclipse? Tennessee is in the path of the Solar Eclipse 8-21-17. With Nashville being one of the biggest cities in Tennessee in the path, you will need to make sure you have a plan for your Drivers and Employees. Click [here](#) to read more.

Tennessee OS/OW Permit office will continue normal operations but merely advises drivers to exercise extra caution in movement of all permitted OS/OW loads.

Click [here](#) to read more. Click [here](#) to watch a short video from TDOT.

TENNESSEE CDL MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security is in the process of catching up on a backlog of commercial driver's license (CDL) medical certification cards that were sent to the department but have not yet been updated to each individual's motor vehicle record. Every two years, CDL holders are required to resubmit their medical certification to the department. Due to the timing of the federal change, 140,000 CDL holders in Tennessee all submit their recertification forms at the same time. This creates a backlog that the department recognizes is not acceptable. The department is working on several corrective actions to help ease this burden; however, it will take time to catch up. As Tennessee works to address this problem, the state asks that other states consider this challenge when they inspect a driver that may have been affected by the state's backlog issue.

ATA UNVEILS NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK LOGO

Logo Now Featured in NTDaw Online Store

American Trucking Associations revealed a new logo and toolkit for National Truck Driver Appreciation Week 2017 and announced the opening of an online store featuring products aimed at celebrating America's 3.5 million professional drivers. Click [here](#) for the full Press Release.

ATA FORECASTS CONTINUED GROWTH FOR TRUCKING, FREIGHT ECONOMY

Today, the American Trucking Associations released its latest forecast for the next decade of freight transportation, projecting continued growth for freight transportation overall and for the trucking industry. Click [here](#) for the full Press Release.

CRASH PREVENTABILITY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

Starting August 1, 2017, FMCSA will begin accepting Requests for Data Review on crashes that have occurred on or after June 1, 2017. This is a pilot/test program which will last at least 24 months. Crash data review requests will be processed through DataQs. Click [here](#) for full details.

ATA BACKS MAJOR CONCLUSIONS FROM STUDY OF CSA EFFECTIVENESS

National Academies of Science Report Validates Industry Concerns

Arlington, Va. – American Trucking Associations officials said today they are pleased to see that the long-awaited review of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s Compliance, Safety, Accountability safety monitoring system substantiated many of the concerns ATA has raised about the program.

“We appreciate the work the National Academies of Science has done in helping motor carriers, FMCSA and the general public learn about the limitations of CSA,” said **ATA President and CEO Chris Spear**. “This report has confirmed much of what we have said about the program for some time: the program, while a valuable enforcement tool, has significant shortcomings that must be addressed and we look forward to working with FMCSA to strengthen the program.”

Specifically, ATA noted the NAS study validated the trucking industry’s concerns about the inclusion of certain types of violations in the CSA system, that geographic enforcement disparities can have a significant impact on carriers’ scores and that the collection and use of clean inspections is critical to the accuracy of the program.

“We strongly agree with the National Academies’ conclusion that CSA should be based less on the ‘subject-matter expertise’ of enforcement and more on the empirically validated data,” said **ATA Director of Safety Policy Sean Garney**. “We also see great potential in the Academies’ recommendation that FMCSA overhaul the current CSA methodology in favor of a new, more adaptive, data-centric model with the potential to address serious flaws in the system.

“To maximize CSA’s potential, there is an urgent need to address issues regarding data sufficiency and accuracy – specifically when looking at crash and carrier exposure data,” Garney said. “Until more study – and correction – of these issues is complete, ATA strongly believes FMCSA should continue to keep CSA scores out of the public domain.”



Join the ['Trucking Moves America Forward' Movement!](#)

The mission of Trucking Moves America Forward is to establish a long-term industry-wide movement to create a positive image for the industry, to ensure that policymakers and the public understand the importance of the trucking industry to the nation’s economy, and to build the political and grassroots support necessary to strengthen and grow the industry in the future. If you would like to donate to support this movement, please click [here](#).

TTA 2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 2	Holiday – TTA Office Closed
January 17-18	NATMI - Hazardous Materials Training
February 8-9	NATMI - Safety & DOT Compliance
February 28	ELD Training Seminar
March 2-3	NATMI – Maintenance Certification Program

March 8	Call on Nashville Legislative Reception
March 20-24	NATMI - Safety Certification Program (MFSB & MMFSP Certification Course)
March 23-25	Mid-America Truck Show – Louisville, KY
April 4-6	Call on Washington
April 14	TTA Technician Skills Competition
April 25	NATMI - Accident Investigation (RE-SCHEDULED FROM APRIL 18TH)
April 28-29	TTA Truck Driving Championships
May 4	East TN Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Tournament
May 10	Middle TN Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Tournament
May 12	Roadside Inspection, Greeneville Scales I-81
May 24	Roadside Inspection, Brownsville Scales I-40
May 23-24	NATMI – Safety & DOT Compliance
May 29	Holiday – Memorial Day
June 13-14	NATMI – Driver Trainer Certification Course (CANCELLED)
June 16	Roadside Inspection, Knoxville Scales I-40
June 30	2017 Safety Breaks: I-40 West, Mile Marker 425 near Dandridge, TN I-40 East Rest Area at Jackson, TN I-40 West Rest Area at Dickson, TN I-75 North Rest Area at Athens, TN
July 4	Holiday - TTA Office Closed
July 8	Gary Holbrook Training – Defensive Driving
July 11-12	NATMI - Safety & DOT Compliance
July 15	Gary Holbrook Training – Vehicle Inspection & Maintenance Record Keeping
August 4	Roadside Inspection, Greeneville Scales I-81
August 8-9	NATMI-Maintenance Certification CSME & CDME-Music Center, Nashville, TN
August 8-12	National Truck Driver Championships- Orlando, FL
September 4	Holiday – Labor Day
September 10-16	National Truck Driver Appreciation Week
September 17-19	TTA 87 th Annual Convention at Sandestin Beach Hilton, Destin, FL
September 18-21	National Technician Competition- Orlando, FL
September 6	Roadside Inspection, Manchester Scales I-24
September 27	Roadside Inspection, Brownsville Scales I-40
October 3-4	NATMI - Safety & DOT Compliance
October 4	Southeast TN Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Tournament
October 5	West TN Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Tournament
October 7	Gary Holbrook Training – Defensive Driving
October 12	Road Team Selection
October 21	Gary Holbrook Training – Hours of Service
October 18	Roadside Inspection, Portland Scales I-65 North
October 26-27	2017 TTA Fall Conference
November 1	NATMI – Transportation Risk Management
November 3	Roadside Inspection, Knoxville Scales I-40
November 6-10	NATMI - Safety Certification Program (MFSB & MMFSP Certification Course)
November 15-16	Road Team Training
November 23-24	Holiday - TTA Office Closed – Thanksgiving
December 12-13	NATMI -Safety & DOT Compliance- CORRECTED DATE FROM 12/5-6/17
December 22 & 25	Holiday - TTA Office Closed – Christmas



TENNESSEE TRUCKING FOUNDATION CORNER-

Tennessee Trucking Foundation is the 501(c)3 charitable arm of the Tennessee Trucking Association. The Foundation is dedicated to: Advancing highway safety by educating motorists on how to safely share the road with large trucks; Providing Tennessee children's charities with funds to improve the lives of our state's children; The TTF Scholarship, administered annually by the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

Please follow the Tennessee Trucking Foundation!

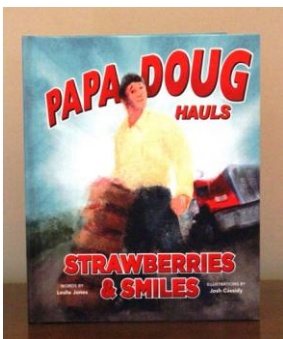
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Website: www.tntruckingfoundation.org



2017 ANNUAL TENNESSEE TRUCKING FOUNDATION AUCTION

IT STARTS WITH US! RED WHITE AND YOU! - Our Convention theme will be reflected throughout the auction. We already have our Convention Auction Committee in place and working. Greg Shipman with Vertical Alliance Group is once again the Chairman of the committee. The volunteers for the committee are Randy Hooper – Katz, Sapper and Miller and Joe Smith - Kenco). If you are contacted by our Auction Committee, please make a commitment and support the auction. We thank those of you who have already made commitments for this event. The list of unique and fun items is growing! If you would like to make your commitment to the auction, click [HERE](#) for the form to submit or call Catherine Stuart, Foundation Coordinator, (615) 777-2882.



PAPA DOUG HAULS STRAWBERRIES & SMILES CHILDREN'S BOOKS SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

The 2016-17 school has ended and our Road Team Captains were really busy this school making sure we visited schools and read and presented books that were purchased for donation to Tennessee schools. They will continue to visit schools and present books for as long as we have donors.

BOOK A ROAD TEAM CAPTAIN AT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL OR SAFETY EVENT

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER ROAD TEAM CAPTAIN SCHEDULE:

Greeneville Roadside	August 4	Greeneville	Ron Bolling and Josh Dopp
Spring Hill Pay it Forward Festival	August 19	Spring Hill	Mark Copas, Mike Brewer, Christy McClain and Cleve McCord
CarFit Training	August 23	Murfreesboro	Robert Crabtree, Christy McClain and Dale Moore
TN Lifesavers Conference	August 23-25	Murfreesboro	Mark Copas and Cleve McCord
Wilson Central High School	August 29	Lebanon	Mark Copas and Tim Chelette -
Manchester Roadside	September 6	Manchester	Dale Moore, Tim Arthur, Jimmy Honeycutt – pending approval
Annual Convention	September 17-19	Destin	All Road Team Captains
MTSU	September 22	Murfreesboro	Mark Copas and Tim Chelette - pending
Brownsville Roadside	September 27	Brownsville	Tom Bell and Robert Barrett - pending

If you would like to sponsor a book in your name, your child’s name or your company’s name for a school in your area, you can purchase the book for \$20. A sticker will be placed in the front cover of the book with your donation information and one of the Road Team Captains will visit the designated school in your area and read the book to the class or classes there before presenting the book to the school. If you would like to purchase books for gifts, the books are \$20 each plus shipping. Call the

TTA Office at 615-777-2882 if you are interested in purchasing a book. If you have questions about Papa Doug Books or would like to purchase a large quantity of books, please send an email to cstuart@tntrucking.org or call the TTA office at (615) 777-2882. Proceeds from book sales are donated to the Tennessee Trucking Foundation's Highway Safety Education Programs (Tennessee's Road Team and Teens & Trucks Share the Road) and Trucking Moves America Forward Movement.

Tennessee's Road Team is a statewide highway safety program sponsored by the Tennessee Trucking Foundation with major funding from **Bridgestone Commercial Solutions**. The Road Team is composed of a small group of professional truck drivers with superior driving records and a desire to spread the word about safety on the highway.

Tennessee's Road Team in Action:

Request a Road Team Captain for your local school or safety event. Tennessee's Road Team presentations are free and available to any school or organization across the state. The Road Team Captains share with students about how to be safe on the road with big trucks. Please check with TTF if you would like to request a Road Team Captain.

DROWSY DRIVING

Thank you to THSO for making us a part of a grant from NHTSA for a Drowsy Driving Campaign. This grant is allowing us to add a component to our Teens and Trucks program we do at high schools. We are also finalizing a presentation we can make in the workplace for any TTA member at no cost that will provide safety information about how to recognize the signs of drowsiness and how it is a risk to drive without adequate sleep. This information will also be provided on a rack card to all DMV locations across the state. We are hoping to also get approval to have the cards at Welcome Centers as well.

SENIOR CITIZENS

This year we have expanded our safety message to the driving public who are age 55 and over. This group of drivers has now become one of the age groups with the highest number of fatalities in automobile accidents in Tennessee. Tennessee's driver license renewal laws do not attempt to identify, evaluate nor regulate older drivers whose driving habits and abilities may be deteriorating as they age. Tennessee Trucking Foundation proposes to address the growing need to help Tennessee's older drivers polish their driving skills, increase awareness of their changing abilities, and learn to adapt their driving practices accordingly, especially around large trucks. Part of the approach will be to educate them about the difference in operating a big truck and an automobile, and how that knowledge can impact them on the roadway. The objective will be to prevent fatalities by positively impacting driving behavior. If you would like to schedule a Road Team Captain for your Senior Citizen Center, church, civic group or anywhere seniors gather, please call the TTA office at (615) 777-2882.

DO YOU SHOP AT AMAZON?

Amazon shoppers can support the Foundation simply by signing up for Amazon Smile. Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the Tennessee Trucking Foundation every time you shop, at no cost to you. Before you start your online Holiday shopping through Amazon, please go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/62-1504853> and select the Tennessee Trucking Foundation as your charity of choice. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the Foundation. On your first visit to Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select the Tennessee Trucking Foundation as your charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon Smile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will

result in a donation to the Foundation. If you would like assistance selecting the Foundation as your charity while you shop, please call the TTA office at 615-777-2882.

YOU CAN ALSO SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION AS YOU SHOP AT KROGER! PLEASE RENEW OR SIGN UP TODAY!

We found out this year that you must renew your commitment to support the TN Trucking Foundation each year in August in order to support while you shop at your Neighborhood Kroger Store. There is no extra cost for this benefit and you will continue to earn your rewards and fuel points while you are helping the Foundation! Please link or renew your Kroger Plus Card to the Foundation <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>. Just swipe your registered Kroger Plus Card each time you shop for groceries, buy gift cards, or fill your tank with gas! Kroger donates a percentage back to the Foundation! Please encourage your friends, family, and coworkers to link their Kroger Plus Card to the Tennessee Trucking Foundation and help raise funds to support Highway Safety Education in Tennessee! If you would like assistance with linking your Kroger Card, please call the TTA office at 615-777-2882.

CARDS FOR CAUSES HAS A HUGE SELECTION OF GREETING CARDS

The Foundation is participating in the Cards for Causes Online Fundraising Program which donates 20% of the revenue generated by a customer's greeting card order! There is no extra cost to you! Please visit the website <http://www.cardsforcauses.com/cause/> to see the huge selection of greeting cards! If you send Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well or Congratulation cards to your employees and friends throughout the year please consider ordering an assortment from the Cards for Causes Website. Be sure to select the Tennessee Trucking Foundation listed under the PUBLIC BENEFIT Category. Each time you place an order for cards the Foundation will receive 20% of the revenue generated. Please contact Catherine Stuart at cstuart@tntrucking.org or 615-777-2882 to learn more.

TEENS & TRUCKS SHARE THE ROAD HIGHWAY SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM

The Teens & Trucks Share the Road Training Program is a highway safety education curriculum that educates new teen drivers about safe driving practices around large trucks and commercial vehicles. The program includes an instructor lesson plan, student workbook, and DVD and also as an app. The Foundation distributes the Teens & Trucks Program to all TN Department of Safety Approved Driver Education Schools and Organizations across the state. The Foundation is on a mission to educate new teen drivers on how to safely share the road with large trucks and commercial vehicles. Please contact Catherine Stuart @ cstuart@tntrucking.org or 615-777-2882 if you would like a copy of the instructional DVD and workbooks. You can also download the app on your Smart Phone. Please check out www.tntruckingfoundation.org to learn more.

IN LOVING MEMORY

When a loved one is lost, it is always hard on those who knew and loved them. TTA receives notices of lost loved ones throughout the year. We would like to list those we have received since the last newsletter publication:

Bobby Joe Carpenter, He worked in transportation most of his life. He was the owner/operator of Carpenter Courier with DHL. He was a member of the Tennessee Trucking Association - **"Once a Captain, always a Captain."** His ex-wife Vickie was the first female Road Team Captain. He was 63 years old.

TTA would like to make sure we acknowledge and inform all members of the losses of TTA members and loved ones. Please send us any notices, and we will inform the membership either through an email blast or posting in the monthly newsletter.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO TENNESSEE TRUCKING FOUNDATION IN MEMORY OF ...

Did you know you can make a contribution to the Tennessee Trucking Foundation in memory of a loved one or industry colleague? You can even specify what program of the Foundation you would like the contribution to go toward such as the Road Team or the Scholarship Fund. The family receives a card from the Foundation letting them know that you made a contribution to the Foundation in their family member's name. TTF is a 501(c) 3 charitable organization and gifts are tax deductible:

Contribution Made by	In Memory of	Acknowledgement Sent to
Dave Huneryager	Jean Worley	Russ & Joan Rieves
Dave Huneryager	Cathy Wood	Don Wood

COUNCIL CORNER

2017 FALL CONFERENCE

We are very excited to announce that this year's Fall Conference will be held at Dollywood's DREAMMORE Resort and Spa in Pigeon Forge, TN on October 26th and October 27th 2017. Please click [here](#) to visit their website. To make reservations call 800-DOLLYWOOD (800-365-5996), tell them you are with the TTA Group. **You need to go ahead and book your room now, even if there is a chance you might have to cancel.** This is the peak season for the Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg areas. This would be a perfect time to plan a trip with your family, our group rates will be guaranteed two days before and two days after our conference. If you plan on attending Dollywood, you get two days for the price of one. Just remember the park will be closed October 29th through November 3rd for them to get ready for Dollywood's Smoky Mountain Christmas. The Steering Committee has been meeting regularly to plan a really great conference for you. Please [click here](#) for the Tentative Agenda and registration form. Please mark the dates on your 2017 calendar to help avoid any conflicts for the 2017 Fall Conference.

X Denotes Change in the normal meeting date, time or place!

August

X 2	East TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, EST –No Meeting
3	Upper East TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, EST – Logan's Steak House, 3112 Browns Mill Road, Johnson City, TN, 37604 – Speaker: Roundtable
4	Roadside Inspection - Greenville Scales I-81
8-9	NATMI – Maintenance Certification
8-12	National TDC – Orlando, FL
10	West TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, CST – Chow Time Buffet and Grill, 4207 Hacks Cross Road, Memphis, TN, 38125 – Speaker: TBA
16	Southeast TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM EST – Western Sizzlin, 6061 Relocation Way, Ooltewah, TN Speaker: TBA
22	Middle TN Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM - Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet - Chinese, Japanese & American Cuisine, 3804 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN, 37211 –Speaker TBA
28	Middle TN Safety Management Council Meeting: 11:00 AM - Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet - Chinese, Japanese & American Cuisine, 3804 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN, 37211 – Speaker: TBA

September

4	Holiday - TTA Office Closed
6	Roadside Inspection- Manchester Scales I-24
10-16	National Truck Driver Appreciation Week
14	West TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, CST – Chow Time Buffet and Grill, 4207 Hacks Cross Road, Memphis, TN, 38125 – Speaker: TBA
17-19	TTA 87 th Annual Convention, Destin, FL
18-21	National TSC Competition, Orlando, FL
25	Middle TN Safety Management Council Meeting: 11:00 AM - Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet - Chinese, Japanese & American Cuisine, 3804 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN, 37211 – Speaker: TBA
26	Middle TN Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM - Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet - Chinese, Japanese & American Cuisine, 3804 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN, 37211 – Speaker TBA
27	Roadside Inspection, Brownsville, I-40

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