

# Newsline



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## Vertical Alliance Group, Inc.

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### TTA Newsline

#### NEWSLINE SPONSORSHIP

We would like to thank the [attached](#) members for their support of the Tennessee Trucking Association in sponsoring TTA Newslines for 2017. **We are now taking sponsorships for 2018.** If your company would like to be a sponsor, please contact Carol Foster at the TTA office by phone (615) 777-2882 or email ([cfoster@tntrucking.org](mailto:cfoster@tntrucking.org)) to reserve your month. The cost will be \$500.00 per issue.

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| 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. |      |

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| August    | Worldwide Equipment Inc. of Tennessee<br>(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:**

**Buy Sod, USA**, Matt Perry, Equipment Manager - Nashville

1007 Ball Park Ave., Eagleville, TN 37060 / **Phone (615) 274-3009, Fax (615) 274-3012**

**Referred by:** Angela Pomnitz, McMahon Truck Centers – Nashville, LaVergne, TN

**ABOUT US:** “Buy Sod USA-Nashville is a For-Hire TN based company that produce, harvest, install and deliver several types sod grass across TN. Our goal is to provide top quality sod and service to all our customers throughout the area.”

### **WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE BACK!**

**Wooten Transports, Inc., Member since 1995**

Mike Lathum, President

PO Box 725

Memphis, TN 38101-0725

Phone: (901) 948-9031/ Email: [wootentransports@bellsouth.net](mailto:wootentransports@bellsouth.net)

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

|   |                   |                   |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Digital Movers, LLC                           | Bruce Hall        | Member Since 2016 |
| Stanfill Enterprises Co., Inc.                | Trish Stanfill    | Member Since 2016 |
| Bose Ride                                     | David Black       | Member Since 2016 |
| Same Day DOT Physicals Drug & Alcohol Testing | Michael J. Tigges | Member Since 2016 |
| Salem Nationalease                            | John Egan         | Member Since 2015 |
| Reliance Supply                               | Rob Carryl        | Member Since 2010 |
| Baldwin & Lyons, Inc                          | Clayton Cavell    | Member Since 2014 |
| Ellis & Ellis Law, P.C.                       | Martin Ellis      | Member Since 2013 |
| Performance Peterbilt of Tallahassee          | Nathan Ried       | Member Since 2013 |
| PIT Group                                     | Karine Seguin     | Member Since 2015 |
| Renasant Bank                                 | Evelyn Tade       | Member Since 2014 |
| ICON Transportation, Inc.                     | Tim Ringer        | Member Since 2011 |
| FleetNet America, Inc.                        | Stephone Mack     | Member Since 2011 |
|   |                   |                   |

## **RAFFLE SOLD OUT BEFORE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!**

**THANK YOU**

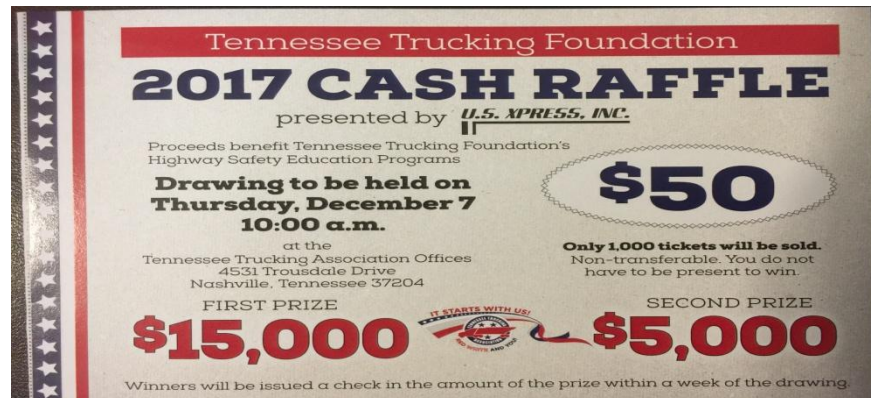
**to everyone who purchased raffle tickets!**

**The raffle drawing will be held on  
Thursday, December 7, 2017  
at 10:00 a.m. at the TTA office in Nashville  
and two lucky people will win!  
First Prize = \$15,000  
Second Prize = \$5,000**

**You do not have to be present to win!  
We will call the lucky winners!**

**Raffle proceeds benefit the  
Tennessee Trucking Foundation's  
Highway Safety Education Programs!**

**THANK YOU AGAIN FOR  
EVERYONE'S GENEROUS SUPPORT!**



## **THANK YOU CONVENTION SPONSORS!!**

Please click through the link above to view the sponsors of our 2017 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!

## **2018 SPONSORSHIPS**

Many of you are budgeting for 2018. If you would like to make a commitment for 2018 you can email [Cfoster@tntrucking.org](mailto: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 <a href="#">Download Form</a>                                     |
| March 2-3      | Certified Maintenance Certification Course <a href="#">Download Form</a>                  |
| March 20-24    | Certified Safety Supervisor or Certified Director of Safety <a href="#">Download Form</a> |
| April 25       | Accident Investigation <a href="#">Download Form</a>                                      |
| May 23-24      | Safety & DOT Compliance <a href="#">Download Form</a>                                     |
| June 13-14     | Driver Trainer Certification <b>Download Form CANCELLED</b>                               |
| July 11-12     | Safety & DOT Compliance <a href="#">Download Form</a>                                     |
| August 8-9     | Maintenance Certification CSME & CDME <a href="#">Download Form</a>                       |
| October 3-4    | Safety & DOT Compliance <a href="#">Download Form</a>                                     |
| November 1     | Transportation Risk Management Certification <a href="#">Download Form</a>                |
| November 6-10  | Certified Safety Supervisor or Certified Director of Safety <a href="#">Download Form</a> |
| December 12-13 | Safety and DOT Compliance <a href="#">Download Form</a> – <b>CORRECTED DATE</b>           |

Registration for all courses is available at [www.natmi.org](http://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 FOR 2017***

**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 **Check the TTA Facebook Page for pictures of the 2017 event.**

**Memphis – October 5, 2017** - Memphis National Golf Club – Pictures coming soon!

**2018-2019 ROAD TEAM CAPTAINS SELECTED**

On Thursday, October 12, 2017, fourteen (14) new Road Team Captains were selected to join the Captains who will be serving their 2<sup>nd</sup> year with them. This brings our 2017-2018 Road Team to 24! Those selected to serve are:

Jeffery Adams – Danny Herman Trucking, Inc.

John Anderson – TCW, Inc.

David Brady, Donna Wheeler and Kenneth Wheeler – Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.

Vernon Brewer – UPS Freight

Tim Cummings – HUB Group Trucking

Anthony Ellison and Paula Harper – FedEx Freight

David Gooch – Sharp Transport, Inc.

Carl Johnson – McKee Foods Transportation, LLC

Eddie LeSueur, Jr – Skyline Transportation, Inc.

Robert Moxley – Titan Transfer, Inc.

Devin Rackley – Averitt Express, Inc.

### **These new Captains will serve two active years!**

**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 professional truck drivers with superior driving records and a desire to spread the word about safety on the highway. These professional drivers are nominated by their TTA Member companies and selected by a team of judges who evaluate their nomination packages. The drivers who are selected will serve a two-year term as ambassadors for our industry in Tennessee.

## **MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

### **TCW'S DAVE MANNING ELECTED 73<sup>rd</sup> ATA CHAIRMAN**

*Nashville, Tennessee Executive to Lead Nation's Foremost Trucking Group*

The American Trucking Associations' Board of Directors elected Dave Manning, president of TCW Inc., Nashville, Tennessee, as the federation's 73rd chairman.

"It is a tremendous honor to be elected by my fellow ATA members as their chairman for the coming year," Manning said. "I look forward to continuing the work of immediate past Chairman Kevin Burch, and all my predecessors as we work to build a bright future for our industry." Click [here](#) for the full Press Release.

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

***Building Relationships in the (Millennial) Workplace: Dispatchers & Drivers - December 06, 2017 - 11:00 AM PST***

If you have a driver turnover problem, one of the most effective ways to reduce it is to improve relationships between your dispatchers and your drivers. Your dispatchers must understand how to communicate better with drivers, how to treat them well, how to build trust and rapport with them, and how to handle conflicts with them. **Presenter: Dan Baker** is a nationally known speaker, teacher and consultant to the trucking industry. He travels extensively throughout the United States and Canada, working with numerous trucking companies of all sizes and types. Click [here](#) to register.

### **2017 TENNESSEE TRUCKING ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY TRAINING SCHEDULE – GARY HOLBROOK**

**No additional classes have been planned for 2017. Please check back in 2018 as dates will be announced as they become available.**

**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 are now taking commitments for the 2018 events.** The sponsorships are \$1,000 for a full sponsorship or \$500 if you prefer a half sponsorship. All of the dates for 2018 will be set at the first of the year. If you would like to commit to one just let us know which location you would like to sponsor/reserve.

**If you would like to sponsor a TTA 2018 Roadside Inspection, please contact the TTA Office (615) 777-2882**

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                         |
| 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                                    |
| November 8  | Brownsville Scales I-40    | FULLY SPONSORED BY Vertical Alliance Group<br><b>RESCHEDULED FROM 9/27/17</b> |

### ***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](http://www.tntrucking.org), Browse the TTA Facebook page at: [facebook.com/TN.Trucking.org](https://facebook.com/TN.Trucking.org), Follow us on Twitter @tntrucking. Join us on LinkedIn by sending a request to [dtomlinson@tntrucking.org](mailto: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](http://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.**

I wanted to thank all the TTA members and family for supporting the TTA with your dues, participation, PAC contributions, and Foundation contributions. It is Thanksgiving week and as we prepare for a couple days off to break bread with our family and friends, it goes without saying we have plenty to be thankful for. [Continue reading!](#)

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

The projected turnover in the Tennessee State Legislature continues and soon could be one of the largest turnovers in Tennessee history. Currently, eight of thirty-three Senators and twenty of ninety-nine Representatives could be gone by 2019, and that's without a single incumbent losing an election in 2018. The last time a major turnover like this happened was post-Watergate in 1975-76 when there were twenty-six new House members and five new Senators. To add another layer to the turnover many leadership positions are going to become vacant such as the Senate Majority Leader, Speaker Pro Tempore of both chambers, the Senate Republican Caucus Chairman, the Speaker of the House and the Senate and House Minority leaders. The change in leadership is likely to lead to a change in committee chairs and committee make-up.

Governor Haslam hosted budget hearing from all his departments earlier this month. The Tennessee Department of Transportation gave their budget presentation during this process. It was reported projected revenue from the Improve Act is exceeding expectations and currently going to bring in an added \$45 million in revenue for FY18. Some of the major projects addressed in the legislation are going to break ground in the coming year. Two of the major issues being addressed are the reconstruction of Interstate 440 in Nashville, as well as fixing US27 in Chattanooga. Both roads have been notorious in the state for their poor conditions and hazards to riders. Tennessee Department of Transportation has begun on a total of 288 projects of the 962 projects that were laid out in the Improve Act.

Here is a list of members who will or potentially will be gone in 2019: Speaker Pro Tempore Jim Tracy, Majority Leader Mark Norris, Republican Caucus Chairman Bill Ketron, Minority Leader Lee Harris, Sen. Mae Beavers, Sen. Mark Green, Sen. Thelma Harper, Sen. Doug Overbey, Speaker of the House Beth Harwell, Minority Leader Craig Fitzhugh, Finance Chairman Charles Sargent, Deputy Speaker Steve McDaniel, Rep. David Alexander, Chairman of Education Administration and Planning Harry Brooks, Rep. John Ray Clemmons, Rep. Jim Coley, Chairman of House Consumer and Human Resources Jimmy Eldridge, Rep. Marc Gravitt, Rep. Sherry Jones, Rep. Roger Kane, Rep. Judd Matheny, Rep. Jimmy Matlock, Rep. Joe Pitts, and Rep. JoAnne Favors. Members leaving or possibly leaving the House to run for State Senate: Rep. Mark Pody, Rep. Dawn White, Rep. Raumesh Akbari, Rep. G.A. Hardaway, Rep. Joe Towns, Rep. Brenda Gilmore, Rep. Art Swann, Rep. Mark White, and Rep. Debra Moody. Please note that several of these members may be back as they await appointments, decide not to seek another office, or decide not to retire.

Also, you should have received by email this week a memo from Truck Pac Dave Manning and Terry Minor explaining the transition to include PAC contributions on the annual TTA dues billing. Hopefully, this will make it much easier for processing annual PAC contributions for companies and individuals as well as allow TTA to better budget for the upcoming election cycle. As noted 2018 will be the most significant election year in the history of TTA. Your continued support of Truck Pac is greatly appreciated.

### **TruckPAC SUPPORT ONLINE**

Our online payment for TruckPAC is under revision. If you would like to make a commitment, please call the TTA office until we are back online.

## **INDUSTRY UPDATES**

### **NTC AND SKILLS USA INDUSTRY CAREER FAIR**

Join us for the opportunity to present your company and industry work to high school students and local veterans who are interested in learning more about the transportation and logistics industry. Click [here](#) for full details and [here](#) for their Website.



**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 ( <b>RE-SCHEDULED FROM APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup></b> )   |
| 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 ( <b>CANCELLED</b> )  |
| June 16         | Roadside Inspection, Knoxville Scales I-40  |
| June 30         | <b>2017 Safety Breaks:</b><br>I-40 West, Mile Marker 425 near Dandridge, TN<br>I-40 East Rest Area at Jackson, TN<br>I-40 West Rest Area at Dickson, TN<br>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   |

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| September 17-19  | TTA 87 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention at Sandestin Beach Hilton, Destin, FL   |
| September 18-21  | National Technician Competition- Orlando, FL                                   |
| September 6      | Roadside Inspection, Manchester Scales I-24                                    |
| 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 8       | Roadside Inspection, Brownsville Scales I-40 – <b>RESCHEDULED FROM 9/27/17</b> |
| November 15-16   | Road Team Training   |
| November 23-24   | Holiday - TTA Office Closed – Thanksgiving                                     |
| December 12-13   | NATMI -Safety & DOT Compliance- <b>CORRECTED DATE FROM 12/5-6/17</b>           |
| December 22 & 25 | Holiday - TTA Office Closed – Christmas  |
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## 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.

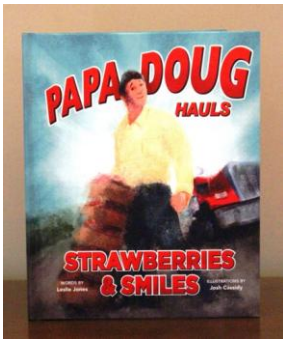
Please follow the Tennessee Trucking Foundation!

Facebook: /TnTeensTrucks / Twitter: @TeensandTrucks / Instagram: @TeensandTrucks

Website: [www.tntruckingfoundation.org](http://www.tntruckingfoundation.org)

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

| EVENT        | DATE        | CAPTAINS |
|--------------|-------------|----------|
| Watertown HS | December 14 | TBD      |



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

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](mailto: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. The Tennessee Road Team will continue to visit schools and present books for as long as we have donors

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### **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 and we are hoping to get approval to have the cards at Welcome Centers as well. Vic Donoho, Director of THSO, helped us kick off the campaign at our Dickson Safety Break in July. Click [here](#) for picture

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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:

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 |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Tommy Hodges           | Mike Bradshaw  | Jamie Bradshaw          |
| J. B. Baker            | Chris Sullivan | Tina Sullivan           |
| Dave Huneryager        | Tom's Father   | Tom Balzer              |
| Tommy Hodges           | Dan Trott      | N/A                     |
| Randall & Debra Fowler | Chris Sullivan | Tina Henry Sullivan     |

## COUNCIL CORNER

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

### December

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| <b>X</b> 5  | Southeast TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM EST – Western Sizzlin, 6061 Relocation Way, Ooltewah, TN - Christmas Party and Election for Secretary      |
| 6           | East TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, EST – Crown School of Trades and Technology 2307 W. Beaver Creek Drive Powell, TN 37849 – Election of Officers |
| 7           | TTF Annual Raffle Drawing  |
| 7           | Upper East TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, EST – Logan's Steak House, 3112 Browns Mill Road, Johnson City, TN, 37604 – Election of officers         |
| 12-13       | NATMI – Safety & DOT Compliance  |
| 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                     |
| <b>X</b> 21 | Middle TN Safety and Maintenance Combined Christmas Party: 6:00 pm at the City Café 330 Franklin Rd #250-B, Brentwood, TN 37027                                      |
| 22 & 25     | Holiday – TTA Office Closed  |

## January

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| 1    | Holiday – TTA Office Closed  |
| 11   | 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                |
| 24   | Council Leadership Orientation- 10:00 AM - TTA Office 4531 Trousdale Dr Nashville, TN 37204  |
| X 29 | Combined Middle TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: Location: 11:00 AM TBA<br>Speaker: Stephanie Mann, FMCSA                                  |

**MARK YOUR 2018 CALENDARS FOR TTA'S 88<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION:  
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