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E-Newsletter

2018 TTA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY - **DEADLINE – JANUARY 31, 2018**

The 2018 Tennessee Trucking Association *Membership Directory and Resource Guide* will be published in the Spring. Each company will be mailed a "Membership Directory Update Form". Please take the time to make sure your company listing is correct and return the form to TTA by January 31, 2018, as we cannot guarantee changes that are received after this deadline.

Please make sure to complete the member Checklist (Attached to the Directory Update) in order to be listed in all the appropriate categories of services in the 2018 Directory. This section allows easier identification of services to anyone having a TTA directory. It will also help the TTA staff direct callers looking for carriers to haul loads for them. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU COMPLETE THE TTA MEMBER CHECKLIST** and return it by the deadline.

We also offer options to enhance your listing. Parent companies may purchase *branch listings* for non-member branch locations at an additional cost. *Additional contact listings* are available to member companies to add extra personnel in addition to the primary contact to a listing. This will also be in the mailing you receive.

Advertising is also available from the publisher, Naylor Publications. Advertising in the *TTA Membership Directory and Resource Guide* is an excellent way to reach your customers all year long. The directory is a spiral bound book used by TTA members as a resource for member contact

information, legislative and government contact information and as a buyers' guide for products and services. It is mailed directly to every member of the Association. If you would like to purchase an ad, please contact Naylor Publications at 800-369-6220 or email Jason Zawada at jzawada@naylor.com.

TTA Newsline

2018 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) to reserve your month. The cost will be \$500.00 per issue.

2018 SPONSOR MONTH	COMPANY NAME
January	Averitt Express, Inc.
February	FindATruckerJob.com
March	FindATruckerJob.com
April	FindATruckerJob.com
May	Nacarato Trucks, GP
June	
July	Nacarato Trucks, GP
August	
September	
October	FindATruckerJob.com
November	Nacarato Trucks, GP
December	

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

TTA Welcomes the following New Members:

Idelic, Hayden, Cardiff, Founder/CEO

1527th Street, Pittsburg, PA 15222 / **Phone (985) 438-2497, Fax (N /A)**

Referred by: Donna Tomlinson, TTA

ABOUT US: "Idelic helps fleets save time, money and lives by providing customers with comprehensive safety and risk management software solutions that automate compliance and help drivers come home safe each night. Our product, SafetyBox, uses artificial intelligence to pinpoint which drivers are most at risk for an accident with up to 90% accuracy and facilitates corrective actions to prevent them from happening. SafetyBox has helped companies reduce accidents, retain drivers, and save millions of dollars providing up to an 8X annual ROI. "

Taimen Trucklines, LLC, Derek Steele, Partner

1209 Pointe Centre Drive, Suite 205, Chattanooga, TN 37421 / **Phone (865) 693-0280,**

Fax (423) 693-0299

Referred by: Eston Pyle, Taimen Trucklines, LLC

ABOUT US: "Taimen Trucklines is an asset based trucking company headquartered in Chattanooga, TN. Taimen operates throughout the United States and Canada hauling a wide array of

commodities including HAZMAT. Our sister company, Taimen Transport, specializes in brokerage services and is also located in Chattanooga.”

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE BACK!

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Franklin, TN 37067

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

Snelling	Chris Kimball	Member Since 2006
Purkeys	Mike Davis	Member Since 2016
Iroquois Merchant Services	Daniel McGugin	Member Since 2016
Mainstay Fuel Technologies	David Benner	Member Since 2016
Trillium Drivers Solutions	Julie Campos	Member Since 2016
TrackPoint Systems, LLC	Alan Smith	Member Since 2007
Diversified Transportation Finance	Jay Lawrence	Member Since 2016
Incentive Services, Inc.	Ben McCloud	Member Since 2014

RAFFLE WINNERS

To everyone who purchased raffle tickets, thank you for all your support! The raffle drawing was held at the TTA Office on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Captain Brandon Douglas from the Tennessee Highway Patrol drew the winning tickets. The two lucky winners were:

First Prize of \$15,000 - Michael Conkwright, Neely Coble Company, Inc.

Second Prize of \$5,000 – Roy Gaines, Neely Coble Company, Inc.

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.

2018 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:

January 23-24	Safety & DOT Compliance
February 21-22	Hazardous Materials Training
March 19-23	Certified Safety Supervisor or Certified Director of Safety
April 4-5	Safety & DOT Compliance
April 17	Accident Investigation
May 22-23	Safety & DOT Compliance
June 12-13	Commercial Driver Trainer Certification Course
July 24-25	Safety & DOT Compliance
August 7-8	Maintenance Certification CSME & CDME
October 1-5	Certified Safety Supervisor or Certified Director of Safety
October 30-31	Safety & DOT Compliance
November 1	Transportation Risk Management Certification
December 4-5	Safety & DOT Compliance

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 FOR 2017

Knoxville – May 3, 2018 – Egwani Farms Golf Course – **MARK YOUR CALENDARS.** Also check the **TTA Facebook Page** for pictures of the 2017 event.

Nashville – May 9, 2018 – Hermitage Golf Course - **MARK YOUR CALENDARS.** Also check the **TTA Facebook Page** for pictures of the 2017 event.

Chattanooga – October 3, 2018 - Windstone Golf Club - **MARK YOUR CALENDARS.** Also check the **TTA Facebook Page** for pictures of the 2017 event.

Memphis – TBA - Memphis National Golf Club!

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 2nd 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

SUMMIT TRUCK GROUP ANNOUNCES STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH FONTAINE FIFTH WHEEL *Fontaine Fifth Wheel to be Standard on All Summit Stock Orders*

Summit Truck Group is pleased to announce that they have entered into a strategic partnership with Fontaine Fifth Wheel. Fontaine is now Summit Truck Group's preferred vendor for fifth wheels for all new, stock units ordered by Summit. As a priority customer of Fontaine, Summit will receive prioritized parts and service support, along with training for Summit's dealership technicians and technicians employed by Summit's end customers. For Fontaine, this partnership will expand their sales footprint into the areas in which Summit operates.

Summit and Fontaine are like-minded in their efforts to provide 100% uptime to their customers, and this partnership will strengthen each company's relationships with those customers. "Fontaine has a strong reputation for providing a high level of customer service," said Steve Dupuis, Summit Chief Operating Office. "They take care of their customers the way we strive to take care of ours — by fixing the customers' vehicles and getting them back out on the road as quickly as possible. We are excited to join with Fontaine to provide our customers with a quality product backed by great customer service."

Both Summit and Fontaine have a long history in the commercial truck industry — Fontaine Fifth Wheel is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year, and Summit Truck Group traces its roots back over 40 years. Fontaine also has a solid, long-term relationship with Navistar, the company that manufactures International[®] trucks, which is the primary truck brand that Summit represents at their dealership locations.

HOW TO BUILD A STRONG SAFETY CULTURE THAT SAVES TIME & REDUCES ACCIDENTS

January 23, 2018 - 10:00 AM CST

Many safety directors in trucking companies often feel like "safety" is just a word. They struggle to build a safety culture that goes from the top down. Reed Hurst Trucking, a bulk hazmat tanker carrier operating in the mountain west, did not have that luxury. In April of 2013, they realized one cornerstone missing in their culture was consistent training across all locations. They decided it was time to implement an online training solution. After looking at other options for online training, Reed Hurst Trucking decided to use the Infinit-I Workforce System. Since implementing the system almost five years ago, the company has cut the length of their orientation in half, saved on travel costs, found

a more efficient way to assign out new policies ... all leading to a strong safety culture and a reduction in accidents. Join us on Tuesday, January 23 at 10:00 a.m. CST as Patrick Bode, the Director of Safety and Driver Recruitment at Reed Hurst Trucking shares how he has used online training to create a strong safety culture at his company. [Sign Up Now](#)

TCW'S DAVE MANNING ELECTED 73rd 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.

2017 TENNESSEE TRUCKING ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY TRAINING SCHEDULE – GARY HOLBROOK

Please check back soon for dates that 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 2018 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.

We would like to thank the **attached** members for their support of the Tennessee Trucking Association in sponsoring Roadside Inspections for [2017](#).

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

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.

We have had a good 2017 at the Tennessee Trucking Association. We as always try to sharpen the pencil as sharp as we can and stretch every dollar. We are budgeted for 2018 and again are reaching for some new goals in three major areas Membership, Convention, & Pack fund, These are the three rock solid legs of the TTA that keep us going.

Membership is the catalyst for all the others. If we don't have a good solid membership and mix that benefits all, we will just stay the same size, with the same trucking members and same allied members. We have so many good things to offer it just seems like a waste not to share it with some new members. Some folks might think I am being redundant but membership is something I am passionate about and can't apologize for that. We are putting on a campaign to grow 100 new members so look out 2018 here we come. [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.



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 2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 1	Holiday – TTA Office Closed
January 23-24	NATMI - Safety & DO T Compliance
February 21-22	NATMI - Hazardous Materials Training
March 13	Call on Nashville Legislative Reception
March 19-23	NATMI - Safety Certification Program (MFSB & MMFSP Certification Course)
March 22-24	Mid-America Truck Show – Louisville, KY
April 4-5	NATMI - Safety & DO T Compliance
April 11-12	TTA Technician Skills Competition
April 17	NATMI - Accident Investigation
April 17-19	Call on Washington
April 27-28	TTA Truck Driving Championships
May 3	ETN Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Tournament
May 9	MTN Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Tournament
May 22-23	NATMI – Safety & DOT Compliance
May 25	2018 Safety Breaks: I-40 East, Miler Marker 417 near Dandridge, TN I-40 East Rest Area at Jackson, TN I-40 West Rest Area at Dickson, TN I-24 East Bound Marion Co. Nickajack
May 28	Holiday – Memorial Day
June 12-13	NATMI – Commercial Driver Trainer Certification Course
July 4	Holiday - TTA Office Closed
July 24-25	NATMI - Safety & DO T Compliance
August 7-8	NATMI-Maintenance Certification CSME & CDME-Music Center, Nashville, TN
September 3	Holiday – Labor Day
September 16-18	TTA 88 th Annual Convention at Sandestin Beach Hilton, Destin, FL
October 1-5	NATMI - Safety Certification Program (MFSB & MMFSP Certification Course)
October 3	Southeast TN Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Tournament – Ringgold, GA
October 11	Tennessee Road Team Captain Selection
October 30-31	NATMI – Safety & DOT Compliance
November 1	NATMI – Transportation Risk Management
December 4-5	NATMI – Safety & DOT Compliance
December 6	TTF Raffle Drawing
November 22-23	Holiday - TTA Office Closed - Thanksgiving
December 24- 25	Holiday - TTA Office Closed – Christmas
January 16-17, 2019	Tennessee Road Team Captain Training



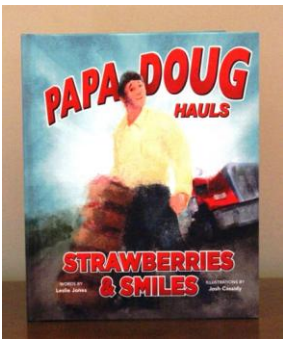
TENNESSEE TRUCKING FOUNDATION CORNER-

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



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 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

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 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

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 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.

TENNESSEE TRUCKING FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS

Each of you received a letter before the Holidays from Tommy Hodges asking you to consider a year-end, tax deductible contribution to the Foundation. We would like to thank the following who have contributed, or pledged to contribute, so far:

COMPANY	INDIVIDUAL NAME
TTA	Dave Huneryager (Personal)
Cumberland International Trucks, Inc.	Matt Smart
Fleetco, Inc.	Kay Habbe
DriverReach	Jeremy Reymer
TCW, Inc.	Dave Manning
FirstExpress, Inc.	William (Bill) Keith

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:

Patti Jordan, sister of Betsy (Dave) Manning, passed away Monday December 18, 2017. She was 57 years old.

Mary Helen Wilson, Mother of Perry Wilson, McKee Foods, passed away Friday December 15, 2017. She was 89 years old.

Mary Evelyn Blanton, Mother to Kim Vernon, (Randy), Big G Express, passed away Sunday, December 10th. She was 86 years old.

Daniel Clifford Trott, with the Trott Group, he was 65 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
Chris Mealer/Wabash Trailer Sales	To Honor	Adam Wilson/FirstFleet, Inc.
Pat Marsh	Dan Trott	N/A
Pat Marsh	Mrs. Evelyn Pope Blanton	Kim Vernon
Greg Shipman	Mary Helen Wilson	Perry Wilson
Terry Minor	Patti Jordan	Betsy Manning
Greg Shipman	Patti Jordan	Betsy Manning
Bill Reed	Mike Bradshaw	Jamie Bradshaw
Bill Reed	Patti Jordan	Betsy Manning
Tommy Hodges	To Honor Dave Manning (as new ATA Chairman)	Dave Manning
Tommy Hodges	Patti Jordan	Betsy Manning
Dave Huneryager	Vic Sheppard	Betty Shepard
Dave Huneryager	Patti Jordan	Betsy Manning
Dave Huneryager	Mary Helen Wilson	Perry Wilson
J. B. Baker	Vernon Wilson Woodard, Jr.	N/A
J. B. Baker	Larry Holmes	N/A

COUNCIL CORNER

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

January

1	Holiday – TTA Office Closed
10	ELD (Electronic Logging Devices) Mandate requirements – Speaker- Mr. Wade Houghton, Special Agent with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Location: Kenco Logistic Services, LLC located at 2001 Riverside Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37406 (Please RSVP)
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
25	Council Leadership Orientation- 9:00 AM, CST - TTA Office 4531 Trousdale Dr Nashville, TN 37204 Steering Committee will meet at 11:00 AM, CST
X 29	Combined Middle TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:00 AM CST Location:

TBA Speaker: FMCSA

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7	East TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, EST – Crown School of Trades and Technology 2307 W. Beaver Creek Drive Powell, TN 37849 Speaker: FMCSA
8	Upper East TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:00 AM, EST – Logan’s Steak House, 3112 Browns Mill Road, Johnson City, TN, 37604 – Speaker: FMCSA
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21-22	NATMI – Hazardous Materials Training
26	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
27	Middle TN Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM - Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet - Chinese, Japanese & American Cuisine, 3804 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN, 37211 –Speaker: TBA

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