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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:

Jamac Logistics, Bill Pallme, President

6850 Stateline Road East, Olive Branch, MS 38654 / **Phone (662) 890-9319, Fax (662) 890-9090**

Referred by: Dave Huneryager, TTA

ABOUT US: “Jamac Logistics is an intermodal transportation company that began operations in 2011. We primarily serve customers in the southeastern United States, with a fleet of company drivers, as well as owner operators. We utilize electronic logs with our focus on driver safety, compliance, and efficiency. We offer exceptional customer service, working closely with our shippers, to meet their needs, and exceed their expectations, and foster a family atmosphere for our staff. We are proud sponsors of the University of Memphis, providing transportation services for the football equipment for each game.”

Insurance Auto Auction, Jay Burgess, National Accounts Manager

4319 Fulton Mill Road, Macon, GA 31216 / **Phone (478) 319-8574, Fax (N/A)**

Referred by: Craig Kendall, The Peterbilt Store – Knoxville, Knoxville, TN

ABOUT US: “Insurance Auto Auctions, Inc. is one of the leading North American vehicle auctions with the largest facility footprint, a strong buyer base and high auction returns. Our focus on the Heavy and Medium duty truck auction with over 170 corporate owned facilities across the United States and Canada provide Sellers and Buyers with the best solution to acquire and sell good clean title, Road Ready Trucks as well as damaged trucks from our Insurance providers, recovered-theft, fleet lease, dealer trade-in as well as repossessed trucks from several large finance companies. One of our largest contributors to our auctions is trucks, trailers and equipment from fleets just like you! Let me show you how I can save you money and make you money when time to upgrade your fleet to new or newer equipment. We sell on-line with a LIVE auctioneer six times every month. You can take your trucks and equipment to one of our 170 secured lots or sell right from your lot. Either way, IAA is the auction of the future. I look forward to getting to know each of you.”

JD Metals, Amie Carter, Logistics Manager/Sales

5994 Chuckey Pike, Chuckey, TN 37641 / **Phone (423) 257-8310, Fax (N/A)**

Referred by: Stacy Carter, Everhart Transportation, Greeneville, TN 37745

EROAD, Inc., Gail M. Levario, Vice President - Strategy and Market Development

7618 Southwest Mohawk St. / **Phone (503) 305-2255, Cell (503) 313-6979 Fax (N/A)**

Referred by: Donna Tomlinson, TTA

ABOUT US: “EROAD’s all-in-one platform, including its ELD + Tax Compliance solution, is specifically designed to meet compliance, operational and driver needs, both in-vehicle and through a secure web portal. Designed from the ground up with the driver in mind, the highly accurate and reliable solution is intuitive, easy to use and offered at no upfront cos.”

Tenco Services, Jon Briggs, Transportation Specialist
3310 West End Ave., Ste. 465, Nashville, TN 37203 / **Phone (615) 292-0098, Fax (615) 297-4891**

Referred by: Prior Member

ABOUT US: “Tenco Services Inc, is a Nashville based, independent property and casualty claims adjusting company with extensive truck transportation experience operating in Tennessee, Kentucky, and the Atlanta and Cincinnati metro areas handling liability investigations, appraisals and cargo losses. www.tenco.com.”

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE BACK!

Mt. Pleasant Transfer, Inc., Member since 1995

Steve Wade, President

PO Box 467

Mt. Pleasant, TN 38474-0467

Phone: (931) 379-5521 / Email: swade@mt-pleasant-trf.com

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

Power Service Products	Bob Sellers	Member Since 2008
Express Transport Services	Reta Phillips	Member Since 2014



BIG PAYBACK IS MAY 3

Many of you made your pledge to donate at the TTA Truck Driving Championships in April. Thank you for your support. We will send you an email reminder to let you know when to log on and make your donation. **WHAT IS THE BIG PAYBACK?** Click [here](#) for information, then make sure you go

to the following link

<https://www.thebigpayback.org/nonprofits?keyword=tennessee+trucking+foundation&category=> and donate to the Foundation. The link will be live at 12:01 AM on Wednesday, May 3rd! Ask your friends and family to donate as well. All the donations will go toward the Foundation to support our Road Team, Teens and Trucks and the scholarship fund for Juniors and Seniors attending Tennessee colleges. The date this year is May 3. Last year we raised \$6,000 through this Community Foundation one-day event. As little as a \$10-dollar pledge from each of you will make a huge difference and allow our Foundation to provide more scholarships and reach more of your young drivers in an effort to save teen lives in Tennessee.

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. As information becomes available, we will post it on our Website, i.e. Registration, Agenda, etc. Sponsorships are also listed as soon as a Member commits!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 17-19, 2017
Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa
Destin, FL

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.

TTA ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE – DEADLINE 6/17/17

Click each link below for a description of each Award and Nomination/Entry Form:

2017 Maintenance Professional of the Year [Nomination Form](#)

2017 Hugh Galbreath Safety Professional of the Year [Nomination Form](#)

2017 Allied Professional of the Year - [Nomination Form](#)

2017 Fleet Safety Awards [Official Entry Form](#)

2017 Clean Diesel Leadership [Award Application](#)

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
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 5-6	Safety and DOT Compliance Download Form

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 – Click [here](#) to Download a Registration Form – also check the TTA Facebook Page for pictures of the 2016 event.

Nashville – May 10, 2017 – Hermitage Golf Course - Click [here](#) to Download a Registration Form – also check the TTA Facebook Page for pictures of the 2016 event.

Memphis – October 5, 2017 - Memphis National Golf Club

Chattanooga – October 4, 2017 - Tentative - Check the TTA Facebook Page for pictures of the 2016 event.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

SAVE THE DATE NOTICE -- TRUCKING OWNERS BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE-NASHVILLE
On Thursday, June 22, 2017, between 7:30 a.m. and Noon, Katz, Sapper & Miller’s Transportation Services Group and King & Ballow Law Offices are sponsoring a Trucking Owners Business Roundtable in Nashville. This ongoing series will bring together owners of top trucking companies from inside and outside Tennessee to network and hear from top industry market leaders and nationally known industry advisors on the state of the trucking industry. This is a sponsored event and there is no fee to attend. Seating will be limited. Plan now to join us in Nashville at this timely Trucking Owners Business Roundtable. Further details on the program will be coming soon.

DAVE HUNERYAGER ELECTED TO TRUCKER BUDDY BOARD

Trucker Buddy International announces the addition of Dave Huneryager, the president and CEO of the Tennessee Trucking Association to its Board of Directors. Click [here](#) for the full Press Release.

SUMMIT HOLDINGS WELCOMES STEVE DUPUIS

April 5, 2017 – Summit Holdings is pleased to announce the hiring of industry veteran Steve Dupuis as their Chief Operating Officer (COO), effective February 1st. In previous positions prior to coming to Summit, Steve was President of two different multi-location truck dealerships. Click [here](#) for full details.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING ROADCHECK 2017

With Roadcheck 2017 only two months away, now is the time to start preparing for the annual enforcement program. This year's event runs June 6-8 with a focus on cargo securement. Nearly three times more roadside inspections take place on these days than on any other day of the year. Roadcheck is your best opportunity for making a positive impact quickly on your Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) data. Our free whitepaper — [What to Expect During Roadcheck 2017](#) — reviews the 2016 Roadcheck results and suggests things you can do to prepare for Roadcheck 2017. Make sure your drivers and vehicles are operating safely and are prepared for Roadcheck 2017. Download your free whitepaper now. **For more Roadcheck solutions, visit [J. J. Keller.com/Roadcheck!](#)**

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:

3rd Quarter

July 8, 2017 - Defensive Driving Course for Professional Truck Drivers

July 15, 2017 – Vehicle Inspection & Maintenance Record Keeping

4th Quarter

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

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.

Cost for each session is \$50 for TTA members and \$75 for non-members. 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.

TTA "CALL ON WASHINGTON"

The Tennessee Trucking Association made its annual visit to Washington, DC on April 4-6, 2017 to meet with members of the Tennessee Congressional Delegation. The visit presented another unique opportunity to meet with our delegation. Government regulation and policies are important factors in the business decisions made by trucking companies every day. The participation by 14 members of the Tennessee Trucking Association, which included three of our Road Team Captains, Robert Crabtree with Averitt Express, Inc. and Scooter Fleenor with Walmart Transportation, LLC and Danny

Smith with Big G Express, Inc., was very much appreciated! Watch for an announcement about a Podcast we have put together about the call!

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.

May 2017, and for most, the end of the first quarter of 2017. I hope this newsletter finds all well with the TTA membership and we are all off to a good start for the year.

We have some good news for the Tennessee infrastructure system with our legislators passing Governor Haslam's IMPROVE Act. It was a nice touch that members from both sides of the aisle worked together to get something done that will help all Tennesseans and the other travelers of our state and federal highways. The folks up in D.C. could take a lesson from our folks. The legislation was much needed and could not come at a better time. We are in a desperate need to clean up some much needed repairs and congestion areas throughout the state specifically the Nashville, Memphis, & Chattanooga areas.

[Continue reading!](#)

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

The House, with the final action on Monday, passed HB534 which is the Haslam IMPROVE highway funding legislation. The legislation includes an increase in the gas and diesel taxes, 6 cents for gas and 10 cents for diesel. There is a 3 year phase in for both fuel tax increases. Diesel will increase by

4 percent on July 1, 2017, 3 cents on July 1, 2018 and 3 cents on July 1, 2019. There is no indexing of the fuel taxes to cover inflation. This also includes a tax increase on registration fees and electric vehicles in amounts of \$5 to \$20, depending upon class of the vehicle. In addition, there is a local tax option for the 4 largest cities and 12 largest counties, which includes options to raise taxes on sales, wheel, hotel, rental car, new homes, and business taxes. The legislation also provides for tax breaks such as a reduction of the sales tax of 1 percent on food, elimination of the Hall income tax and a reduction of the F&E tax for certain manufacturers.

The Senate passed the same legislation April 19th as SB1221 but with language that includes a property tax break for disabled veterans. As a result, the House had to adopt and pass the legislation again with the disabled veteran property tax section on Monday night. Of interest is that the veteran tax break had to be included or the legislation would be a net tax increase.

Many argue that the tax increase should have resulted in a much larger dedication of money to the highway fund. Perhaps \$400 million instead of \$250 million annually. Also, the debate will continue on the longevity of the present model of relying solely on fuel taxes when vehicles are becoming more efficient, alternative energy vehicles increasing in use and indexing has not been adopted.

Also of note in the House is that out of 77 Republicans only 37 voted for the IMPROVE legislation. Out of 24 Democrats, 22 voted for the legislation. Most interested parties agree that the legislation will not be a long term solution to the highway funding issue, especially without some type of indexing that allows for the tax to keep up with inflation. Although not perfect, the legislation does provide for additional funding and, hopefully, addresses the backlog of road and bridge projects that is estimated to be around \$10 billion.

The legislature is moving toward adjournment by May 12, 2017. This date is important in that on May 15, 2017 the state will release revenue numbers that expect to reflect additional hundreds of millions of dollars in a projected surplus.

The remainder of 2017 will be busy with members raising campaign funds in anticipation of the 2018 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.

INDUSTRY UPDATES

CAUTION ON USING ELD RECORDS FOR IRP & IFTA

As of late this year, most motor carrier drivers will be obliged under federal regulations to keep their hours-of-service records by means of electronic logging devices, the basic functional specifications of which are laid out in detail in the rules. The rules require the ELD systems to use GPS to track a driver's travels, within limits, and to create records that include periodic location and time information. Many motor carriers will doubtless want to use the new ELDs to produce records to back up their IRP and IFTA reports. WELL, BE CAREFUL!! Yes, both IRP and IFTA require records specifying where a truck goes, and do accept electronic records, BUT: (1) those records are required to be much more precise than those required for hours-of-service, and (2) while HOS records, like paper logs, have to be kept only 6 months, IRP and IFTA records have to be kept by a carrier for up to 5 and a half

years. The U.S. DOT will NOT require that ELDs be able to create acceptable records for registration and tax reporting, and it's to be feared that ELD providers may not be aware – or, in some instances, care very much – whether their ELDs will do the job for IRP and IFTA. It's up to the motor carrier to make sure, if it's going to use an ELD to create records for IRP and IFTA, to ensure that the device it uses is up to the job.

TENNESSEE'S FIRST STATEWIDE DISTRACTED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT BUS TOUR YIELDED 224 TRAFFIC CITATIONS

From Monday, April 10, to Thursday, April 13, the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) and the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) partnered with local law enforcement agencies for Tennessee's first statewide distracted driving enforcement bus tour to promote National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The THP provided a large, black and tan bus marked with THP logos to transport law enforcement as they observed motorists for traffic violations.

"Distracted driving is a major epidemic, not only in Tennessee but across the nation," said Vic Donoho, Director of the THSO. "This is about changing driver behavior, not writing citations. Everyone is aware that distracted driving is wrong. They text and drive anyway, because it's culturally acceptable. We're here to change that cultural mindset by making a strong statement and increasing enforcement efforts." Click [here](#) for the full Press Release.

IANA'S 2017 INTERMODAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE BUSINESS MEETING

IANA will be hosting their annual spring meeting May 2-4, 2017. This year's event will take place again at the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center, Lombard, IL. Join IANA for interactive roundtables and committee meetings as they tackle the industry's priority O&M issues. The program will also feature updates from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and Federal Maritime Commission, as well as the state of the intermodal industry, local facility tours, a golf outing and a Reception/Supplier Showcase. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

FMCSA RELEASES UPDATED GUIDANCE ON ELDS

On February 15, FMCSA issued additional guidance on the electronic logging device mandate regarding the use of automatic on-board recording devices and non-compliant ELDs. **Under the ELD final rule, if a carrier requires a driver to use an AOBRD before December 18, 2017, that device may continue to be used until December 16, 2019.** In its new guidance, FMCSA clarified that when carriers using AOBRDs replace vehicles within their fleet, they may install existing AOBRDs into newly purchased commercial motor vehicles. However, carriers may not install any new AOBRDs after December 18, 2017. All AOBRDs however must be replaced by an ELD or upgraded to meet the ELD rule's technical specifications by December 16, 2019.

The new guidance also addresses what carriers and drivers must do when an ELD is determined to be non-compliant. Under the rule, ELD manufacturers are required to self-certify their device is compliant and register the device on FMCSA's compliant ELD registry. According to FMCSA, carriers and drivers have eight days from notification of a device's non-compliant status to replace the device. In the event of a "widespread issue," FMCSA will work with affected carriers to establish a "reasonable timeframe" for replacing non-compliant devices. Additionally, FMCSA has stated ELD manufacturers won't be required to notify carriers if a device is removed from the ELD registry. However, FMCSA will post a list of removed devices on its website and "will make every effort to ensure that industry is aware." Since carriers only have eight days from notification of a device's non-compliant status to replace it, ATA is seeking clarification from FMCSA as to when such notification will have been deemed to have occurred. For more information, contact Megan Bush at mbush@trucking.org.

ATRI RELEASES ANNUAL LIST OF TOP 100 TRUCK BOTTLENECKS – TENNESSEE HAS FOUR (4) IN THE TOP 48

The American Transportation Research Institute today released its annual list highlighting the most congested bottlenecks for trucks in America. “Trucks move 70% of the nation’s goods, so knowing where there are kinks and slowdowns in the system is important for motor carriers and our professional drivers, making this analysis a key tool for identifying where and when to route our trucks to avoid congestion,” said **Prime Inc. President and CEO, Robert Low**. Click [here](#) for full details.



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
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 11-12	NATMI - Safety & DO T Compliance
August 8-9	NATMI-Maintenance Certification CSME & CDME-Music Center, Nashville, TN
August 8-12	National Truck Driver Championships- Orlando, FL
August 26	Roadside Inspection, Greeneville Scales I-81
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 21	Roadside Inspection, Manchester Scales I-24
September 28	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 12	Road Team Selection
October 25	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 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!

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

Website: www.tntruckingfoundation.org

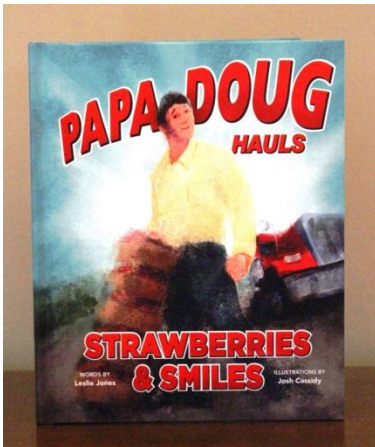


2017 ANNUAL TENNESSEE TRUCKING FOUNDATION AUCTION

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, Patrick Eakins – TAB Bank, Perry Wilson – McKee Transportation and Joe Smith - Kenco). If one of them contacts you, please make a commitment and support the auction.

Jessica Downs, with Jackson Truck & Trailer, has also agreed to help with suggestions of items that will be popular for the auction. We thank those of you who have already made commitments for this event. We have commitments for furniture, jewelry, gift cards, home decorations, football tickets and more! It's only May, but it's never too early to be thinking of how you would like to support the good work done through your Foundation. Again this year we are looking for unique and fun items along with a few larger items.

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!

Tennessee's Road Team Captains are working hard to put a Papa Doug book in every elementary school in Tennessee. Many of you paid to sponsor books at our 2016 Annual Convention. Those books are already being scheduled to deliver to an elementary school in Tennessee. Papa Doug Hauls Strawberries & Smiles is quickly becoming a favorite book in classrooms across the state. Through fun stories and beautiful illustrations, the book not only creates a window into the life of a trucking family, it also educates children about the trucking industry's vital role in American life. Students are learning that large trucks on the road are transporting medical supplies, furniture, food, clothing, building supplies, etc. plus everyone's favorite treat -- fresh strawberries.

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.

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

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CAPTAINS
May 2	Robertson County Senior Citizen Center	Orlinda, TN	Mark Copas approved
May 3	Capshaw Elementary	Cookeville	Robert Crabtree and Dale Moore approved
May 4	East TN Big Rigs	Knoxville	Beth Smith and Josh Dopp requested
May 4	South Central ES	Limestone, TN	Scott Lambert and Jeff Stinson approved
May 5	Gene Brown ES Career Day	Hendersonville	Mark Copas requested and Jeff Shinholster approved
May 8	Westmoreland HS	4300 Hawkins Dr, Westmoreland, TN 37186	Mark Copas approved and Jeff Shinholster requested

May 10	Middle TN Big Rigs	Nashville	Tim Chelette approved and Jimmy Honeycutt requested
May 10	Whitten Elementary Career Day		Tom Bell confirmed
May 11	Sumner County Middle College HS	Volunteer State	Mark Copas requested and Tim Chelette approved
May 11	Lakewood ES Career Day	Buchanan	Tom Bell and Robert Barrett approved
May 11	Real Hope Youth Center	Paris	Tom Bell and Robert Barrett approved
May 12	Greeneville Roadside Inspection	Greeneville	Scooter Fleenor and Jeff Stinson
May 12	Henry County HS	315 S Wilson St, Paris, TN 38242	Tom Bell and Barry Morrison approved
May 13	Church		Tom Bell confirmed
May 16	J.D. Lewis Senior Center	415 Arlington Drive, Erin, TN 37061	Tom Bell and Robert Barrett approved
May 16	Walton Ferry ES Career Day	Hendersonville	Mark Copas and Tom Bell confirmed
May 16	West Wilson Middle School	935 N Mt Juliet Rd, Mt Juliet, TN 37122	Robert Crabtree requested

May 18	CarFit Training	Lawrenceburg	Tim Chelette, Mark Copas, Cleve McCord and James Warren approved
May 19	Touch a Truck	Franklin	TBD
May 23	The Bridge at Hickory Woods, No Zone, Yellow DOT and Car Fit	Antioch	Tim Chelette, Mark Copas, James Warren and Cleve McCord approved
May 23	Grove Middle School	Paris	Tom Bell confirmed and Eddie Threlkeld approved
May 24	Brownsville Roadside Inspection	Brownsville	Tom Bell, Eddie Threlkeld
May TBD	Boys & Girls Club	Kingsport	Scott Lambert
May TBD	White County HS	Sparta	Robert Crabtree
June 1	SADD Camp	Monroe County	TBD
June 7	Gallatin Senior Citizen Center	200 East Franklin Street, Gallatin, TN 37066	Tim Chelette and Jeff Shinholster

June 16	Knoxville Roadside Inspection	Knoxville	Dale Moore, Josh Dopp
June 20	Teen Institute	Martin	Cleve McCord with TTA No Zone, Eddie Threlkeld, Thomas Bell, Robert Barrett, Barry Morrison, Tim Chelette and Dave Magee
June 21	Portland Roadside Inspection	Portland	Jeff Shinholster
June TBD	Riverdale HS DECA Club	Murfreesboro	TBD
June 12-16	TNSRO Conference	Pigeon Forge	Ron Bolling, Beth Smith, Jimmy Honeycutt and Josh Dopp requested
June 26	Summer Transportation Institute	Nashville at TSU	Mark Copas and Christy McClain
June 30	Safety Breaks	Athens	Gary Helms, Stephen Richardson and Dale Moore

		Dandridge	Josh Dopp, Ron Bolling, Jimmy Honeycutt
		Dickson	Tim Chelette, Christy McClain, Cleve McCord
		Jackson	Eddie Threlkeld, Barry Morrison, Robert Barrett, Thomas Bell

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:

Mack Trichel, Father of Scott Trichel, MHC Kenworth, passed away.

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
Big G Express	Mack Trichel	Scott Trichel
Dave Huneryager	Mack Trichel	Scott Trichel

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. We have some really interesting topics that we feel like will be beneficial to all who attend. Guy Rini, Task Force Chairman for Cyber security within the Technology and Maintenance Council of the American Trucking Associations is going to be one of our speakers on the subject of Cyber security. This subject is one that is gaining a lot of momentum at the national level as it relates to potential hacking of the trucks and efforts to minimize these attempts. 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!

May

X 11	West TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: No Meeting Due to Brownsville Roadside
16	Southeast TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM EST – Western Sizzlin, 6061 Relocation Way, Ooltewah, TN Speaker: Wade Haughton, FMCSA Special Agent - Safety Investigator / Robert Hadden, Retired TN Highway Patrol - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement / Sgt. Fowler, Georgia DPS - Motor Carrier Compliance Division
17	Steering Committee Meeting: 10:00 AM CST Location: TTA Office
22	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
23	Middle TN Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM - Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet - Chinese, Japanese & American Cuisine, 3804 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN, 37211 – Speaker TBA
24	Roadside Inspection, Brownsville Scales I-40
29	Holiday- TTA Office Closed
X	No East TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting
X	No Upper East Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting

June

1	Upper East TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:00 AM, EST – Logan’s Steak House, 3112 Browns Mill Road, Johnson City, TN, 37604 – Speaker: TBA
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: TBA
8	West TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, CST – Chow Time Buffet and Grill, 4207 Hacks Cross Road, Memphis, TN, 38125 – Speaker: TBA
13-14	NATMI – Driver Trainer Certification Course
16	Roadside Inspection, Knoxville Scales I-40
20	Southeast TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM EST – Western Sizzlin, 6061 Relocation Way, Ooltewah, TN Speaker: TBA
21	Roadside Inspection, Portland Scales I-65
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
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

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