

# Newsline



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E-Newsletter

## TTA Newsline

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

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

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

	(Chattanooga, Crossville and Knoxville)
September	FindATruckerJob.com
October	Vertical Alliance Group, LLC.
November	Pressure Guard
December	Vertical Alliance Group, LLC.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

### **TTA Welcomes the following New Members:**

**Driver Academy Training Systems**, Bobby Ray, President/CEO  
387 Condra Road, Whitwell, TN 37397 / **Phone (423) 645-8815, Fax N/A**

**Referred by: Greg Shipman, Vertical Alliance Group, Noblesville, IN**

**ABOUT US:** "DATS is a multi level company, comprised of entry level driver training and extended driver training platforms. Drivers Academy Training Systems is positioned to be leader in the transportation industry on driver tracking and data collection, driver profile management, and driver recruiting center."

**Armstrong Relocation**, Tommy Williams, Safety Director  
6059 Relocation Way, Ooltewah, TN 37363 / **Phone (423) 643-3720, Fax N/A**

**Referred by: Patrick Hardy, ATA**

**ABOUT US:** "Armstrong Relocation has been servicing customers since 1957. Starting out with one location and one driver, Armstrong now has 31 locations and over 400 drivers. Armstrong continues to earn our position as a recognized industry leader in House Hold Goods transportation, thanks to the effectiveness of our team as evidenced by feedback from our customers. As an agent for United Van Lines, in addition to thousands of local and international moves, Armstrong performs over 13,000 interstate moves annually. With 31 locations, our vision is to continually build the Armstrong family of companies into the pre-eminent global supplier of moving, relocation and logistics services. Our mission is to provide the highest value to our customers and stakeholders by building an organization of passionate team members working together to deliver excellence in quality, safety and customer satisfaction."

**Clearent**, Mark Venable, Small Business Advocate  
3123 Ridgeview Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37129 / **Phone (615) 785-7171, Fax N/A**

**Referred by: Internet**

**ABOUT US:** "Clearent is a direct credit card processor which specializes in business to business card not present transactions. No long term contracts and guaranteed pricing for association members. Recommended by their clients almost 2 to 1 compared to the industry average."

**Insurance Benefits Associates, Inc.**, Doug Rogers, President  
348 Cool Springs Blvd, Ste. A, Franklin, TN 37067 / **Phone (615) 371-8900, Fax (615) 371-8833**

**Referred by: Drive By TTA**

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

**Miller-Motte Technical College, Member since 2013**

Angie Gamble, Financial Services Officer

6397 Lee Highway

Chattanooga, TN 37421

Phone: (423) 510-2761/ Email: [angie.gamble@miller-motte.edu](mailto:angie.gamble@miller-motte.edu)

## **FALL CONFERENCE- Dollywood's DreamMore Resort Pigeon Forge, TN- (What a beautiful Resort!!!)**

This year's Fall Conference was a huge success! It was truly a reflection of the way our councils can come together to plan and execute a successful event of this size.

The sporting clay shoot on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> was our 1<sup>st</sup> ever event like this. We had a "BLAST". The weather was perfect and the course was in a secluded spot in the country in Maryville, TN that offered the perfect place to relax and enjoy the natural surroundings! Our members got to socialize and have a great time with each other.

The agenda offered a varied group of professionals who offered something for everyone. We were very grateful to have such great presenters. We learned a lot about Cyber Security, Social Media, and the ELD Mandate. Both of the panel presentations was very informational. Catherine Stuart provided us information on our Foundation. Our Road Team Captains did a great presentation on Drowsy Driving. Some said they took something away from every presentation. We are working on getting all the presentations to share on our website. The Regulatory Panel spoke on a lot of the hot topics that surround us daily, where we had the opportunity to ask questions.

Fall Conference sponsorships were what made this impressive event possible. The flat screen TV donated by Walmart Transportation was won by Randy Caplinger – J & D Equipment Hauling. There were some \$100 bills given away as prizes thanks to our Table Sponsors, door prize drawings provided by Thompson Truck Centers, Transcomp and Murphy Promotions. We would like to thank all our sponsors:

Advanced Ergonomics, Inc.  
DISA Global Solutions, Inc.  
IIX  
Pedigree Technologies  
SmartDrive Systems  
Thompson Truck Centers, LLC.

Clarke Power Services  
Great West Casualty Company  
IMMI  
Shell Lubricants  
Thermo King of Knoxville, Inc.  
Vertical Alliance Group

If you would like to view the pictures from this event you can go to our Facebook page or [click here](#).

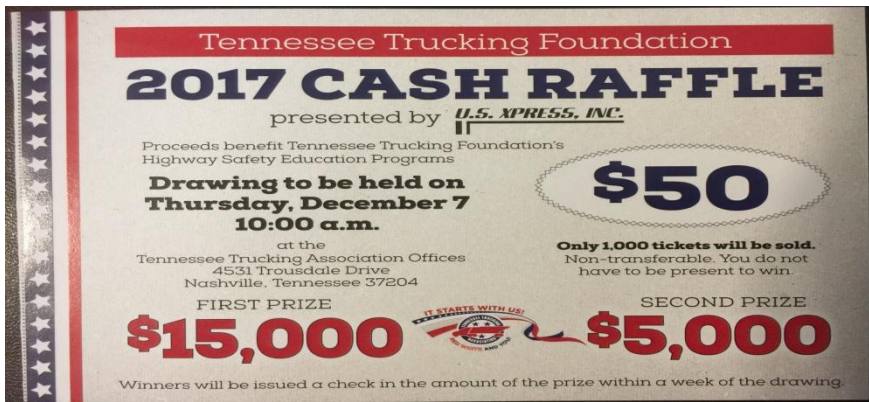
The State Steering Committee is already at work on the 2018 Fall Conference. The dates and location will be announced soon.

### **HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR 2017 RAFFLE TICKETS YET?**

Don't put off your chance to win one of two cash prizes!

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize = \$15,000**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize = \$5,000**



The drawing will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the TTA offices in Nashville and there will be two lucky winners!

**The raffle tickets are \$50 each and only 1,000 will be sold!**

Raffle proceeds benefit the Tennessee Trucking Foundation's Highway Safety Education Programs: Tennessee's Road Team and Teens & Trucks Share the Road Training Program!

The Foundation needs your help to make our 6th Annual Cash Raffle a rousing success! Ticket Sales started at our Annual Convention and are going fast, so please order your tickets today!

There is no online ordering this year. You must [download the Raffle Ticket Order Form](#) and either fax to (615) 777-2024 or scan and email to [cfooster@tntrucking.org](mailto:cfooster@tntrucking.org) or call us at (615) 777-2882 to place your order!

This is a fun and exciting way to support our Foundation! You do not have to be present to win! We will call the lucky winners!

During the 87th Annual Convention, TTA honored professional accomplishments in the trucking industry with several awards.

**Kristene Turner**, **Brown Trucking Company**, was named the 2017 recipient of the Hugh Galbreath Award for Safety Professional of the Year. **Gerry Mead**, **U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc**, was named Maintenance Professional of the Year, and **Jim Briggs**, **Advanced Ergonomics, Inc.**, received the Allied Professional of the Year Award. **Southern Champion Tray, LP** was named Grand Champion of the TTA Fleet Safety Contest. (See all the Fleet Safety Contest winners listed below).

**TTA honored its Clean Diesel Award winners again this year:**

**Averitt Express, Inc., M&W Transportation Co., Inc., TCW, Inc., Titan Transfer, Inc. and U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc.**

**2017 FLEET SAFETY AWARD WINNERS - GRAND CHAMPION**

**Southern Champion Tray, LP**

Click [here](#) to see all winners!

If you would like to view all the Convention pictures [click here](#).

## **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 – Picture 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.

### **RELIANCE PARTNERS ANNOUNCES IT HAS BEEN NAMED ONE OF THE 2017 BEST SMALL & MEDIUM WORKPLACES BY GREAT PLACE TO WORK AND FORTUNE.**

This [ranking](#) considered 74,000 surveys from employees at hundreds of businesses in all sectors of the economy. Reliance Partners earned a spot on this list based on co-workers' assessment of the

camaraderie, leadership, fairness, rewards and career opportunities enjoyed by all in their workplace. Reliance Partners ranked no. 4 among the winning small organizations (0-99 employees). Reliance Partners also was ranked as a Best Workplace in 2016 by Great Place to Work and FORTUNE. "Reliance's growth would not be possible without the incredible team," says Chad Eichelberger, President and COO. "We're very proud of the work culture we continue to build together and look forward to big things in the future."

### **SUMMIT IDEALEASE RECOGNIZED 5 SUMMIT EMPLOYEES - PRESIDENT'S CLUB HONORS**

Summit Idealease received several honors during the recent 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Idealease Meeting held in late September in San Antonio, Texas. Five individual Summit Idealease employees were awarded President's Club honors as one of the 134 highest-achieving professionals in sales, service, and management categories from across all Idealease locations in North America; and one of those individuals attained Elite status. Click [here](#) for full Press Release.

### **RELIANCE PARTNERS PROMOTES HAMMONDS TO SVP OF SALES**

Reliance Partners, a leading commercial insurance agency, has promoted [Ashley Hammonds](#) to the position of Senior Vice President of Sales. Ashley began his career with Reliance Partners in 2011 as a commercial insurance producer and quickly rose to a management position, overseeing a large team of producers while also successfully building his client base and book of business. He previously served as Vice President for Hammonds Trucking where he managed daily operations for the 100-unit trucking company. Ashley is a graduate of the Raymond J. Harbert School of Business at Auburn University. "Ashley has been a key part of our success and rapid growth," says company President and COO, Chad Eichelberger. "He has an incredible talent for team building, and we look forward to his continued success leading our sales team."

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

***Avoiding Legal Pitfalls Around In-Cab Technology*** - November 16, 2017 - 10:00 AM PST

Trucking companies are increasingly making use of in-cab technology for everything from electronic logs to monitoring driver performance through in-cab cameras. But what are the legal issues carriers should consider before installing these new technologies? **Presenter:** Mike H. Bassett, J.D., is the founder of The Bassett Firm, where he practices in the areas of transportation litigation, products liability, personal injury, premises liability, professional liability and employment litigation. Click [here](#) to register.

***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 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 McMahan 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 <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.**

Here we go again and another newsletter and yes I just got through reading another great book about a great American, Major Dan Rooney and his book "A Patriots Calling." If you missed Noonan's speech at the TTA convention in Destin, good news; you have an excellent opportunity to get his full story by reading his book. If you don't have it, go on line and buy it at [www.patriotscalling.com](http://www.patriotscalling.com). It will be worth the effort and you will be glad you did. [Continue reading!](#)

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

Tennessee's political landscape continues to change with more legislators announcing they do not intend to run for re-election. The latest is Senator Lee Harris of Memphis who announced earlier this month that he will return to Memphis and run for Mayor of Shelby County. Last week Senator Doug Overbey of Maryville was confirmed as U.S. Attorney for Eastern Tennessee and it is expected he will retire from the Senate soon.

On a local level, Davidson County will be the first to take advantage of the local option portion of the IMPROVE Act. The local option allows a few local governments to raise taxes on top of those that were authorized in the IMPROVE Act for infrastructure and transit projects. Davidson Counties current referendum calls for nearly \$5.2 billion in tax increases. If approved by voters, the plan would increase the local sales tax, hotel-motel taxes, local rental car taxes, and business and excise taxes to help fund the transit proposal. The funds would go to increasing bus routes and services, extending bus route hours, increasing bus stops to high use areas, installing a light rail system, and building a

mile and a half tunnel under the city to connect light rail and bus routes. The primary objective of this and several TDOT projects is to reduce the traffic issues Nashville has faced over the last several years.

Soon TTA will be rolling out its Truck PAC invoicing that will be included in the annual TTA invoices. This is being done after listening to feedback from the members and will allow TTA to better budget its PAC contributions throughout the year. Also, with corporate contributions to PAC's now being allowed in Tennessee, this should make it more convenient for members to process and pay both annual dues and PAC contributions at the same time and under the same invoice.

**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> I-40 West, Mile Marker 425 near Dandridge, TN I-40 East Rest Area at Jackson, TN I-40 West Rest Area at Dickson, TN I-75 North Rest Area at Athens, TN
July 4	Holiday - TTA Office Closed
July 8	Gary Holbrook Training – Defensive Driving
July 11-12	NATMI - Safety & DOT Compliance
July 15	Gary Holbrook Training – Vehicle Inspection & Maintenance Record Keeping
August 4	Roadside Inspection, Greeneville Scales I-81
August 8-9	NATMI-Maintenance Certification CSME & CDME-Music Center, Nashville, TN
August 8-12	National Truck Driver Championships- Orlando, FL
September 4	Holiday – Labor Day
September 10-16	National Truck Driver Appreciation Week
September 17-19	TTA 87 <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



## 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.

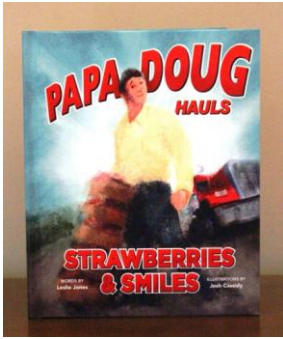
Please follow the Tennessee Trucking Foundation!

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
Mt. Juliet HS	November 2	Mark Copas, Jeffery Shinholster and Tim Chelette
Knoxville Roadside	November 3	Beth Smith and Josh Dopp
Brownsville Roadside	November 8	Tom Bell, Eddie Threlkeld and Tim Cummings
Williamson County Career Day	November 9	Christy McClain, Mark Copas, Dale Moore and Tim Arthur
5K Distracted Driving Run	November 11	Tom Bell, Robert Barrett and Eddie Threlkeld
Road Team Training 2nd Year	November 15-16	Robert Barrett, Josh Dopp, Christy McClain, Cleve McCord, Dale Moore, Jeff Shinholster, Jeff Stinson and Eddie Threlkeld - both days Ron Bolling and Tim Chelette - one day
Road Team Training New Group	November 15-16	Jeffery Adams, John Anderson, David Brady, Vernon Brewer, Tim Cummings, Anthony Ellison, David Gooch, Paula Harper, Carl Johnson, James LeSueur, Robert Moxley, Devin Rackley, Donna and Kenneth Wheeler
Road Team Training Veterans	November 16 only	Tim Arthur, Tom Bell, Mark Copas, Jimmy Honeycutt, Scott Lambert, John Sherow, Beth Smith, James Warren and Robert Crabtree
Portland HS Career Day	November 21	TBD
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:

**Mike Bradshaw, employee of Fleetco, Inc, Nashville, TN,** passed away on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. He was 59 years old.

**Vernon Wilson Woodard Jr,** passed away on Saturday, October 7, 2017. He was 72 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
Jack & Betty McKee	Chris Sullivan	Tina Henry Sullivan
Ellsworth & Sharon McKee	Chris Sullivan	Tina Henry Sullivan
Sonny & Phyllis Briley	Mike Bradshaw	Jamie Bradshaw
Edmond & Marcia Sorrell	Mike Bradshaw	Jamie Bradshaw
Greg Shipman	Mike Bradshaw	Jamie Bradshaw
J. B. Baker	Mike Bradshaw	Jamie Bradshaw
Dudley Smith	Mike Bradshaw	Jamie Bradshaw
Dave Huneryager	Mike Bradshaw	Jamie Bradshaw

## COUNCIL CORNER

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

### November

1	NATMI – Transportation Risk Management
3	Roadside Inspection- Knoxville I-40
8	Roadside Inspection, Brownsville Scales I-40 – <b>RESCHEDULED FROM 9/27/17</b>
9	West TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, CST – Chow Time Buffet and Grill, 4207 Hacks Cross Road, Memphis, TN, 38125 – Speaker: Daniel McKee, TN Department of Homeland Security
6-10	NATMI – Safety Certification
<b>X</b> 21	Southeast TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: <b>NO MEETING</b>

23-24	Holiday – Thanksgiving – TTA Closed
27	Middle TN Safety Management Council Meeting: 11:00 AM - Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet - Chinese, Japanese & American Cuisine, 3804 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN, 37211 – Speaker: Thomas Zobel, FATJ
X 28	Middle TN Maintenance Council Meeting: 10:00 AM TTA Office 4531 Trousdale Dr Nashville, TN 37204

## December

5	Southeast TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting:
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 Speaker: TBA
7	Upper East TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, EST – Logan's Steak House, 3112 Browns Mill Road, Johnson City, TN, 37604 – Speaker: TBA
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
X	Middle TN Safety and Maintenance Combined Christmas Party- Date, Time and location to be announced
22 & 25	Holiday – TTA Office Closed

**MARK YOUR 2018 CALENDARS FOR TTA'S 88<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION:  
September 16-18, 2018 • Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa**



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