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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:

JST, LLC, Anthony Sanders, Owner/Safety Director
P. O. Box 146, Halls, TN 38040 / **Phone (731) 903-4101, Fax (731) 438-4013**

Referred by: Online Website

ABOUT US: “JST is a trucking company based out of Halls, TN and Atoka, TN. We take great strides to insure great customer service and employee relations.”

Fleetmatics, Harrison Slaughter, Field Marketing Manager
5821 Fairview Road, Suite 401, Charlotte, NC 28209 / **Phone (704) 295-2003, Fax (847) 890-6314**

Referred by: Donna Tomlinson, TTA

ABOUT US: “Fleetmatics, a Verizon company, is a leading global provider of mobile workforce solutions for service-based businesses of all sizes delivered as software-as-a-service (SaaS). Our fleet management solutions enable businesses to meet the challenges associated with managing local fleets, and improve the productivity of their mobile workforces, by extracting actionable business intelligence from real-time and historical vehicle and driver behavioral data.”

JetRight Nashville, Darcie Malone, Sales Account Manager
801 Hanger Lane, Hanger #9, Nashville, TN 37217 / **Phone (615) 708-5551, Fax (615) 360-7174**

Referred by: Wayland Thompson, FirstFleet, Inc., Murfreesboro, TN

ABOUT US: “JetRight is a Nashville-based group committed to providing excellence in all things aviation and aerospace — from on-demand charter services, aircraft management, and aircraft co-ownership opportunities, to aircraft and component repairs and all things in between. In addition, JetRight is also a holding company whose core focus is to acquire aviation and aerospace companies and support them in their journey to excellence. Our JetRight family of clients includes leaders in sports, entertainment, healthcare, technology, various professional services industries and beyond. Also we love trucks.”

Jones Contractors, Dustin Bird, Safety Director
2785 Old Jackson Road, Henderson, TN 38340 / **Phone (731) 989-0545, Fax (731) 989-2367**

Referred by: Joe Smith, Kenco Transportation Services, LLC, Chattanooga, TN

ABOUT US: “Jones Contractors is dedicated to providing pipeline construction services with a safe work force of highly skilled individuals; all employees are OQ Qualified through NCCER and Veriforce, drug and alcohol tested through DISA, and have TWIC cards issued by the Dept of Homeland Security. Jones Contractors has a combined 200 years of experience within its management staff and is ready to work with you on your next pipeline project.”

CONVENTION FOUNDATION AUCTION UPDATE

Our 2017 Convention Auction brought in a little over \$38,000! We are so thankful to all of you who were involved. A big THANKS to the Auction Committee – Chairman Greg Shipman with Vertical Alliance Group, Randy Hooper with Katz, Sapper & Miller, LLP with help from Joe Smith with Kenco Distribution and Annette Blancett. Thank you to everyone who took the time to donate an item and to those who supported the foundation with their purchases. The revenue from the auction will allow our Tennessee Road Team Captains to continue to spread our safety message.

We would also like to recognize **Occusure Workers' Compensation** for once again sponsoring the Auction Party and the drawing for \$1,000 during the Chairman's Banquet on Tuesday night, September 19. Their support is also very important to the success of our Annual Silent Auction.

Jodi Lamb, Big G Express, was the lucky winner of the \$1,000 drawing. Jodi made her purchase from the pre-sale items. Even though she was not able to attend the conference, her pre-sale purchase made her the \$1,000 winner this year! Click [here](#) for photo.

We are already making plans for next year's Auction and know that with everyone's support, it will be another successful fund raiser.

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.

2017 NATMI CERTIFIED TRAINING SCHEDULE

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

February 8-9	Safety & DOT Compliance Download Form
March 2-3	Certified Maintenance Certification Course Download Form
March 20-24	Certified Safety Supervisor or Certified Director of Safety Download Form
April 25	Accident Investigation Download Form
May 23-24	Safety & DOT Compliance Download Form
June 13-14	Driver Trainer Certification Download Form CANCELLED
July 11-12	Safety & DOT Compliance Download Form
August 8-9	Maintenance Certification CSME & CDME Download Form
October 3-4	Safety & DOT Compliance Download Form
November 1	Transportation Risk Management Certification Download Form
November 6-10	Certified Safety Supervisor or Certified Director of Safety Download Form
December 12-13	Safety and DOT Compliance Download Form – CORRECTED DATE

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

BIG RIGS FOR LITTLE KIDS GOLF TOURNAMENTS – REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

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

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

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

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

PURCHASE YOUR 2017 RAFFLE TICKETS NOW!

It's time for Tennessee Trucking Foundation's 6th Annual Raffle presented by U.S. Xpress Enterprise, Inc.

This year there will be two cash prizes!

1st Prize = \$15,000

2nd 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 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!

2018-2019 ROAD TEAM NOMINATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

Tennessee's Road Team 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.

TTA is accepting nominations for the 2018-2019 Tennessee's Road Team through October 6, 2017. Drivers who are nominated and meet eligibility requirements will go through a selection and interview process on October 12, 2017 in Nashville. Drivers selected will attend 2 days of training at the TTA headquarters in Nashville on November 15-16, 2017. **Road Team Captains will now serve for 24 active months from January 2018 – December 2019.** Download a Nomination Form [here](#). For more information, contact TTA at [\(615\)777-2882](tel:6157772882).

DIESEL TECHNICIAN SPONSORS GET ACCESS TO 480 LINCOLN COLLEGE GRADUATES ACROSS THE STATE

The Tennessee Trucking Foundation is partnering with Lincoln College of Technology Nashville to provide students in the Diesel Technology field with a two part scholarship to assist with their educational expenses. One recipient will be chosen quarterly by the scholarship committee and his/her award will consist of two parts. Upon selection for the award the student will receive a \$1,000 Scholarship to be applied to tuition, fees, and other institutional charges to reduce the student's debt burden while in school. The second part of the scholarship award will consist of \$1,500 payable to the student upon successful completion of one year's full time employment at a TTA member company. These funds will be given directly to the student with the intention that they be used to offset the student's debt payments due after graduation. If you are interested in supporting this effort through an annual contribution of \$250 to the TTF Scholarship Fund, please complete this [form](#) and return it to the TTA office or call Catherine Stuart.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

PIVOTAL LNG - FREE NAT GAS WORKSHOP FOR TTA FLEET MEMBERS NOVEMBER 7

TTA member Pivotal LNG is sponsoring the annual Natural Gas for High Horsepower Summit conference (HHP) in Jacksonville November 6 – 9. (www.hhpsummit.com). New this year is a one day **On-Road Natural Gas Workshop**. [Attached](#) is a flyer with details. The program includes a tour of the UPS LNG fueling station in Jacksonville. This is one of the largest LNG fueling stations in the world and supports a fleet of 125 trucks running multiple shifts. We supply the fuel for the UPS operation in Jacksonville and also supply LNG to the UPS fleet in **Nashville and Knoxville**. [The workshop is free to fleet operators.](#)

Read press releases and get the latest media updates from J. J. Keller, your trusted source for safety news and regulatory compliance developments. Click [here](#) for full details.

SENTRY BECOMES NEW TITLE SPONSOR OF TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS SIGNS 5-YEAR DEAL TO SPONSOR WINNERS-ONLY EVENT AT KAPALUA

The PGA TOUR and Sentry, one of the largest business-focused mutual insurance companies in the United States, today announced a five-year agreement making Sentry the new title sponsor of the exclusive winners-only Tournament of Champions at Kapalua Resort in Hawaii. Click [here](#) for full details.

ORBCOMM ACQUIRES BLUE TREE SYSTEMS LIMITED

ORBCOMM Inc. (Nasdaq: ORBC), a leading global provider of Machine-to-Machine (M2M) and Internet of Things (IoT) solutions, announced today that it has acquired Blue Tree Systems Limited (Blue Tree) based in Galway, Ireland, along with its subsidiaries in the United States, Germany and France. Blue Tree provides world-class transportation management solutions across multiple classes of assets that include trucks, refrigerated straight trucks as well as refrigerated and dry trailers. Blue Tree serves more than 300 customers in North America, the European Union, United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand. Click [here](#) for the full Press Release.

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

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

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

4th Quarter

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

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

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

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

TTA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

TTA 2017 ROADSIDE INSPECTIONS

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

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

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

DATE	LOCATION	SPONSOR
May 12	Greenville Scales I-81	FULLY SPONSORED BY Walmart Transportation, LLC
May 24	Brownsville Scales I-40	FULLY SPONSORED BY PFS Transportation
June 16	Knoxville Scales I-40	Averitt Express, Inc. (Co-Sponsor) / Joe Morten & Son, Inc. (Co-Sponsor)
June 21	Portland Scales I-65 North	FULLY SPONSORED Tennessee Steel Haulers, Inc.
August 4	Greenville Scales I-81	FULLY SPONSORED BY Vertical Alliance Group
September 6	Manchester Scales I-24	FULLY SPONSORED BY 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 RESCHEDULED FROM 9/27/17

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 had a great convention again this year in Destin FL, 87 years since the Tennessee Trucking Association started and we are still going strong. If you didn't make the convention this year, sorry to say it, but you missed a good one.

The weather was perfect, beaches were silky white, oceans were crystal blue, and the TTA schedule of events were outstanding.

We had all of our Road Team Captains from all over the state of Tennessee represented and active on the floor with our members. [Continue reading!](#)

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

We are less than thirteen months out from the 2018 General Election and the current field of legislative candidates could mean big changes for the 2019 session. Of the 132 House and Senate seats, there could potentially be 35 to 40 new members filling them. Several members have already decided not to seek reelection; numerous others have decided to seek other offices, and a few have been appointed to different non-legislative positions. On top of a potential one-third of the legislature changing, Tennessee will have a new Governor in 2019. There have been several chances for gubernatorial candidates to speak to voters but the first time all major candidates from both parties will appear on the same stage is May 15, 2018. This falls one month after the filing deadline to run and a little over two months before the primaries. Leadership Tennessee is hosting the event at Allen Arena on Lipscomb University's Campus and USA Today Network will be broadcasting the event online.

Special thanks to Senator Paul Bailey and Representative Pat Marsh for attending the **TTA convention recently in San Destin, Florida. (Click [here](#) for picture)** Both are members of TTA and their knowledge of the industry is vital in addressing issues that arise each year during the legislative session. Both are working with the Haslam administration to resolve truck parking issues in Tennessee as well as reopening of testing centers. Also, please remember that TTA will be rolling out a new program that will make it easier to pay annual dues and Truck PAC contributions at one time when members are annually invoiced for dues. Doing this makes it more convenient for members but also allows TTA to better budget for PAC contributions throughout the year.

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

TRUCKING INDUSTRY CONGRATULATES RAY MARTINEZ ON NOMINATION TO HEAD FMCSA *Longtime Vehicle Administrator Will Bring Professionalism and Safety Focus to Role*

Trucking industry officials expressed their congratulations to New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Chief Administrator Ray Martinez on his nomination to lead the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Click [here](#) for full details.

ATA URGES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT AUTOMATED VEHICLE DEVELOPMENT

Arlington, Va. – Today, American Trucking Associations President and CEO Chris Spear testified before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation about the importance of including commercial vehicles in the discussion around automated vehicles and urged the Federal government not to stifle innovation around the technology.

“I hope my testimony will help unwind some of the myths about automation and our industry,” [Spear said in his opening remarks](#), “and will demonstrate why trucking needs to be at the table as the roadmap for automated vehicles is being written.” Click [here](#) for full details.

COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE TRAINING PAD RE-OPENS IN COOKEVILLE

Testing pad locations offer convenience for commercial vehicle drivers

COOKEVILLE – The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security will announce the re-opening of the Commercial Driver License Pad (CDL) located at the Cookeville Driver Services Center at 4600 South Jefferson Avenue, Cookeville, Tennessee on Friday, September 15, 2017. The department is experiencing an increase in commercial vehicle drivers seeking licensure. In order to accommodate the growing job market, we have decided to re-open our test pads across the state.

The test pads are located in Memphis (opening soon), Jackson, Nashville, Cookeville, Columbia, Chattanooga, Knoxville and Johnson City.

WHO: Commissioner David W. Purkey, TN Department of Safety and Homeland Security
Senator Paul Bailey, Chairman, Senate Transportation and Safety Committee
Assistant Commissioner Lori Bullard, TN Department of Safety and Homeland Security Driver Services Division

WHAT: Cookeville Commercial Driver License Pad Re-Opening

WHEN: Friday, September 15, 2017, 11:00 a.m. CST

WHERE: Cookeville Driver Services Center
4600 South Jefferson Avenue
Cookeville, TN 38506

AASHTO BOARD ELECTS TENNESSEE’S SCHROER, PRESIDENT, UTAH’S BRACERAS, VP AND ARKANSAS’ BENNETT, SECRETARY-TREASURER

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials’ Board of Directors today elected Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner John Schroer, as the association’s president. Carlos Braceras P.E., executive director of the Utah Department of Transportation was elected Vice President and Scott Bennett, P.E., director of the Arkansas Department of Transportation, was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Click [here](#) for full Press Release.

TENNESSEE LAUNCHES SECOND STATEWIDE DISTRACTED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT BUS TOUR IN OCTOBER

Tennessee – From Monday, October 9, to Thursday, October 12, the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) and the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) will partner with local law enforcement agencies for Tennessee's second statewide bus tour to crack down on distracted driving. The THP will provide two large, black and tan buses marked with THP logos to transport law enforcement as they observe motorists for traffic violations. Officers within the THP bus will communicate to patrol vehicles on the road for execution of enforcement action. Each participating district will conduct approximately two hours of enforcement. Click [here](#) for the full Press Release.

FMCSA DECLARES REGIONAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR 26 STATES

"In accordance with the provisions of 49 CFR § 390.23, the Field Administrator for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Western Service Center and Regional Field Administrators for FMCSA's Southern Service Center, Eastern Service Center and Midwestern Service Center, hereby declare that an emergency exists that warrants issuance of a Regional Emergency Declaration and an exemption from Parts 390 through 399 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs), except as otherwise restricted by this Emergency Declaration. Such emergency is in response to anticipated fuel shortages due to refinery delays and interruption of delivery through pipelines as a result of damage from Tropical Storm Harvey. Affected States and jurisdictions included in this Emergency Declaration are: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington, D.C. and West Virginia." Click [here](#) for the Declaration.

HOW THE TRUCKING COMMUNITY CAN HELP HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS

This has been a devastating week for so many in the state of Texas. Cell phones and access to social media, on top of round-the-clock news cycles are bringing unforgettable images right to the palms of our hands no matter what part of the country we are in. In fact, people the world over are viewing Texas the same way and witnessing a remarkable resilience and tremendous generosity that has only just begun. Click [here](#) for full details.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE CONSTRUCTION

August 31 – September 6, 2017

Please [see the attached listing](#) of construction activities in the Middle Tennessee area planned for August 31 – September 6, 2017.

- Tennessee Department of Transportation contract crews will temporarily close a portion of I-24 on the downtown interstate loop for a bridge replacement and rehabilitation project for four weekends starting at the end of September. The tentative closure schedule is as follows.
- Friday, September 29 at 8 p.m. through Monday, October 2 at 6 a.m.
- Friday, October 6 at 8 p.m. through Monday, October 9 at 6 a.m.

- Friday, October 20 at 8 p.m. through Monday, October 23 at 6 a.m.
- Friday, October 27 at 8 p.m. through Monday, October 30 at 6 a.m.

A news release will be distributed the Wednesday before each weekend closure once the work schedule has been confirmed. Get more information here <http://www.tn.gov/tdot/topic/interstate-24-bridge-rehabilitation>.

Paving season is here. We're asking drivers to **Work With Us** - pay attention, slow down, and move over for all vehicles with flashing lights. <http://www.tn.gov/tdot/section/work-with-us>

From your desktop or mobile device, get the latest construction activity and live streaming SmartWay traffic cameras at www.TNSmartWay.com/Traffic. Travelers can also dial 511 from any land-line or cellular phone for travel information, or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/TN511 for statewide travel

INDUSTRY ASKED TO RANK TOP CONCERNS

The American Transportation Research Institute, the trucking industry's not-for-profit research organization, today launched the 2017 Top Industry Issues Survey. The annual survey, commissioned by the American Trucking Associations, asks trucking industry stakeholders to rank the top issues of concern for the industry along with appropriate strategies for addressing each issue. The survey is in its 13th year and participation by trucking stakeholders has grown each year. "ATRI's annual survey provides a chance for thousands of trucking industry professionals, from drivers to executives, to weigh in on the most important topics that affect trucking and collectively decide on the roadmap for addressing each. With your participation, we can speak with a collective industry voice on what is most important to us," said ATA Chairman Kevin Burch, president of Jet Express Inc., Dayton, Ohio. The results of the 2017 survey will be released at the Annual ATA Management Conference and Exhibition, to be held October 21-24 in Orlando. Industry stakeholders are encouraged to complete the survey available on ATRI's website at truckingresearch.org



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

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

TTA 2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 2	Holiday – TTA Office Closed
January 17-18	NATMI - Hazardous Materials Training
February 8-9	NATMI - Safety & DOT Compliance
February 28	ELD Training Seminar
March 2-3	NATMI – Maintenance Certification Program
March 8	Call on Nashville Legislative Reception
March 20-24	NATMI - Safety Certification Program (MFSB & MMFSP Certification Course)
March 23-25	Mid-America Truck Show – Louisville, KY
April 4-6	Call on Washington
April 14	TTA Technician Skills Competition
April 25	NATMI - Accident Investigation (RE-SCHEDULED FROM APRIL 18TH)
April 28-29	TTA Truck Driving Championships

May 4	East TN Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Tournament
May 10	Middle TN Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Tournament
May 12	Roadside Inspection, Greeneville Scales I-81
May 24	Roadside Inspection, Brownsville Scales I-40
May 23-24	NATMI – Safety & DOT Compliance
May 29	Holiday – Memorial Day
June 13-14	NATMI – Driver Trainer Certification Course (CANCELLED)
June 16	Roadside Inspection, Knoxville Scales I-40
June 30	2017 Safety Breaks: I-40 West, Mile Marker 425 near Dandridge, TN I-40 East Rest Area at Jackson, TN I-40 West Rest Area at Dickson, TN I-75 North Rest Area at Athens, TN
July 4	Holiday - TTA Office Closed
July 8	Gary Holbrook Training – Defensive Driving
July 11-12	NATMI - Safety & DOT Compliance
July 15	Gary Holbrook Training – Vehicle Inspection & Maintenance Record Keeping
August 4	Roadside Inspection, Greeneville Scales I-81
August 8-9	NATMI-Maintenance Certification CSME & CDME-Music Center, Nashville, TN
August 8-12	National Truck Driver Championships- Orlando, FL
September 4	Holiday – Labor Day
September 10-16	National Truck Driver Appreciation Week
September 17-19	TTA 87 th Annual Convention at Sandestin Beach Hilton, Destin, FL
September 18-21	National Technician Competition- Orlando, FL
September 6	Roadside Inspection, Manchester Scales I-24
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 – RESCHEDULED FROM 9/27/17
November 15-16	Road Team Training
November 23-24	Holiday - TTA Office Closed – Thanksgiving
December 12-13	NATMI -Safety & DOT Compliance- CORRECTED DATE FROM 12/5-6/17
December 22 & 25	Holiday - TTA Office Closed – Christmas



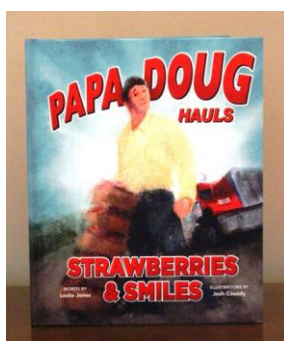
TENNESSEE TRUCKING FOUNDATION CORNER-

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

Please follow the Tennessee Trucking Foundation!

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

Website: www.tntruckingfoundation.org



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

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

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

Manchester Roadside	September 6	Dale Moore, Tim Arthur, Jimmy Honeycutt
Annual Convention	Sept 17-19	All Road Team Captains
MTSU	September 22	Mark Copas, Christy McClain and Tim Chelette
Brownsville Roadside	September 27	Tom Bell and Robert Barrett
Lebanon High School Drivers Ed	September 29	Mark Copas and Tim Chelette
Giles County Roadside	October 4	Christy McClain and Cleve McCord
Westmoreland High School	October 5	Mark Copas and Jeff Shinholster
Portland Roadside	October 18	TBA

Touch a Truck	October 21	TBA
TTA Fall Conf	October 26 & 27	TBA
Northeast Elementary Career Day	TBA	Robert Crabtree

If you would like to sponsor a book in your name, your child's name or your company's name for a school in your area, you can purchase the book for \$20. A sticker will be placed in the front cover of the book with your donation information and one of the Road Team Captains will visit the designated school in your area and read the book to the class or classes there before presenting the book to the school. If you would like to purchase books for gifts, the books are \$20 each plus shipping. Call the TTA Office at 615-777-2882 if you are interested in purchasing a book. If you have questions about Papa Doug Books or would like to purchase a large quantity of books, please send an email to cstuart@tntrucking.org or call the TTA office at (615) 777-2882. Proceeds from book sales are donated to the Tennessee Trucking Foundation's Highway Safety Education Programs (Tennessee's Road Team and Teens & Trucks Share the Road) and Trucking Moves America Forward Movement.

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

Tennessee's Road Team in Action:

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

DROWSY DRIVING

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

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:

Chris Sullivan, employee of McKee Foods Transportation, passed away suddenly on Monday, 09/25/17. He was 48 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
Sonny Briley	Daisy Sue Huffaker	Jim Huffaker
Dave Huneryager	Chris Sullivan	Tina Henry Sullivan
J. B. Baker	Daisy Sue Huffaker	Jim Huffaker
Tommy Hodges	Hortense Cooper	Rep. Jim Cooper

COUNCIL CORNER

2017 FALL CONFERENCE

Fall Conference is just around the corner!!! It 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. Please [click here](#) for the Tentative Agenda and registration form. [Click here](#) for Sponsorship Opportunities available.

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

October

3-4	NATMI – Safety & DOT Compliance
4	SETN – Chattanooga Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Outing
4	Roadside Inspection, Giles County, I-65 South
4	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

5	WTN – Memphis Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Outing
5	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
7	Gary Holbrook Training – Defensive Driving
12	Road Team Selection
12	West TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, CST – Chow Time Buffet and Grill, 4207 Hacks Cross Road, Memphis, TN, 38125 – Speaker: TBA
17	Southeast TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM EST – Western Sizzlin, 6061 Relocation Way, Ooltewah, TN Speaker: TBA
18	Roadside Inspection, Portland
21	Gary Holbrook Training – Hours of Service
X 24	Middle TN Maintenance Council Meeting: NO MEETING
26-27	Fall Conference
X 30	Middle TN Safety Management Council Meeting: NO MEETING

November

1	NATMI – Transportation Risk Management
3	Roadside Inspection- Knoxville I-40
8	Roadside Inspection, Brownsville Scales I-40 – RESCHEDULED FROM 9/27/17
9	West TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, CST – Chow Time Buffet and Grill, 4207 Hacks Cross Road, Memphis, TN, 38125 – Speaker: TBA
6-10	NATMI – Safety Certification
21	Southeast TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM EST – Western Sizzlin, 6061 Relocation Way, Ooltewah, TN Speaker: TBA
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: TBA
X 28	Middle TN Maintenance Council Meeting: 10:00 AM TTA Office 4531 Trousdale Dr Nashville, TN 37204
23-24	Holiday – Thanksgiving – TTA Closed

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