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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:

K & L Trailer Sales and Leasing, Inc., Kris Fellhoelter, President
7828 Rutledge Ave., Knoxville, TN 37924 / **Phone (865) 673-8000, Fax (865) 637-5144**

Referred by:

ABOUT US: “K & L is new trailer dealer for Eager Beaver, ITI, Trailstar, Transcraft, Reitnouer, and Stoughton. In addition, K & L maintains an inventory in excess of 300 used trailers. K & L leases vans, reefers, flat beds, step decks, and specialty drop and extendable trailers. K & L is an Aurora part supply location. K & L maintains a full service repair shop and 24 hour roadside assistance.”

Dana Incorporated, Todd Ervin, Sales
5143 Stonehaven Dr., Birmingham, AL 35244 / **Phone (205) 527-6162, Fax (N/A)**

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ABOUT US: “. ”

John H. Martin Co., Ryan Dalby, CEO
6 Stone River Way, Taylors, SC 29687/ **Phone (864) 421-3080, Fax (N/A)**

ABOUT US: “Now stocking over 50 different custom awards for the trucking industry. The John H. Martin Company has provided high detail unique industrial awards since 1937. WWW.JHMCO.US.”

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

Elliott Davis Decosimo	Sam Chessor	Member Since 2015
BancorpSouth Equipment Finance	Charles Wade	Member Since 1996

TTA ANNUAL CONVENTION – TTA OFFICE CLOSED

The TTA office will be closed from **September 15-22** for the TTA Annual Convention.

JOIN US FOR THE TITANS vs JACKSONVILLE GAME

The Titans game will be on local TV at the convention! We plan a viewing party! If you have not made plans to join us, you should!

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. Sponsorships are also listed as soon as a Member commits! REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

THE CONVENTION THEME THIS YEAR IS:

“IT STARTS WITH US!”

RED WHITE AND YOU!”

Please click [HERE](#) to download a Convention Registration Brochure.

Join us for the Opening Reception at Sunset on Sunday Night, September 17th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.! Festive Beach Attire! Patriotic Music!



REGISTER NOW FOR THE 87th ANNUAL CONVENTION!

You should have received your 2017 Convention Registration Brochure in your last issue of the Tennessee Trucking News Magazine! Contact the TTA office if you need one or download [HERE](#)!

Please make plans now to join us for the 87th Annual TTA Convention in Destin, Florida at the [HILTON SANDESTIN BEACH GOLF RESORT & SPA](#).

LOCATION & REGISTRATION

With the beautiful beaches of the Emerald Coast, great shopping, dining and entertainment, the **HILTON SANDESTIN BEACH GOLF RESORT & SPA** is the perfect location. For information on things to see and do, visit their Web site at www.sandestinbeachhilton.com. Make reservations online [HERE](#) or call 1(800) 367-1271, Use Group/Convention Code: **TNT**. Registration packets have been mailed with the last issue of the Tennessee Trucking News Magazine. If you need to receive another, please call us at (615) 777-2882.

CONVENTION FOUNDATION AUCTION UPDATE

Major Dan Rooney with Folds of Honor is our Keynote speaker, and we're proud to once again have a patriotic theme for our auction this year. There will be some really special items relating to the theme and something for everyone!

Many of you have either sent items or committed an item in support of our Road Team. You can **preview the auction items** at [this link](#) along with the ads for our Platinum Sponsors. Click [here](#) to see our Diamond Sponsor ad. We are so grateful for all our Convention Sponsors who make it possible each year for us to have a quality Convention. The entire Convention and Auction Guide will be in your registration packet. As you can see, our Auction Chairman, Greg Shipman with Vertical Alliance Group along with Randy Hooper with Katz, Sapper & Miller, LLP and Joe Smith with Kenco Distribution have put in a lot of their time to contact TTA members and ask for donations making it possible to offer you this exciting list of Auction items. The Auction Pre-Sale is over and we sold all but 4 of the items. Thank you to all who made purchases and now have their names entered into the \$1,000 drawing! Bidding on all auction items will start at the Auction opening at Convention.

Occusure Workers' Compensation is once again the sponsor for the Auction Party and the drawing for \$1,000 for one person who bids full value on an item before or during the auction.

Thanks to those of you who have donated items for the auction. We will still take items right up to convention, but the Convention and Auction Guide has already gone to print. If you have an item you would still like to donate, you can click [HERE](#) for the form to submit or call Catherine Stuart, Foundation Coordinator, (615) 777-2882.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO BECOME A SPONSOR! CALL TTA AT (615) 777-2882

TTA CONVENTION: SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The TTA 87th Annual Convention will be held **September 17-19, 2017 at the Sandestin Hilton Resort in Destin, FL**. TTA is able to have such a great meeting because of our sponsors! We have sponsorship opportunities to fit every marketing plan from \$500 to \$10,000. Download a [Convention Sponsorship Form](#) and the [Benefits Form](#). For more information, call Carol Foster at (615) 777-2882 or email your Sponsorship Form to cfoster@tntrucking.org.

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!

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.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

AVERITT ASSOCIATES CONTRIBUTE \$100,000 TO AMERICAN RED CROSS FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS

In the wake of the damage created by Hurricane Harvey in Houston and other areas, the associates of Averitt Express recently made a \$100,000 donation to the American Red Cross National Disaster Relief Fund.

The Red Cross is currently using the funds to provide food and shelter to thousands who have been affected by the floods, many of whom have lost their homes and possessions.

According to Averitt officials, the donation was made from funds collected through the company's associate-giving organization, known as Averitt Cares for Kids. Averitt Cares for Kids is funded 100% by voluntary contributions from the company's associates. Click [here](#) for full details.

HELP YOUR DRIVERS ENSURE A SMOOTH WEIGH STATION INSPECTION PROCESS

Professional drivers encounter law enforcement personnel when they are pulled into a weigh station for weighing and inspections. The driver plays a large role in how pleasant — or unpleasant — that interaction will be. Setting a professional, respectful tone right from the start will go a long way toward making any inspection faster and less stressful. Click [here](#) for full details.

SUMMIT TRUCK GROUP OF MEMPHIS HOLDS GOLF FUNDRAISER

\$11,000 Donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities®

Summit Truck Group of Memphis TN held their 15th Annual Golf Tournament in Collierville TN on June 8th. This year, Summit offered various sponsorship levels to select suppliers to help fund the tournament, with a percentage of all money raised going directly to the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Memphis. A total of \$11,000 was raised for this charity and, recently, several Summit staff presented the check to the Ronald McDonald House in Memphis, where they received a tour of the facility and background information on what it takes to keep the facility operating. Click [here](#) for full details.

RELIANCE PARTNERS NAMED TO INC. 500 LIST

Chattanooga, Tenn. August 16, 2017 – Reliance Partners, LLC, a commercial insurance agency based in Chattanooga, Tenn., announced today that it has been named to the annual Inc. 500 list, an exclusive ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. Reliance Partners secured the number 461 spot on prestigious list, ranking as the fastest-growing property & casualty insurance agency in the country and the 10th fastest-growing company in the state of Tennessee. Companies included on the list collectively generated 619,631 jobs over the past three years. Click [here](#) for full Press Release.

NORTH AMERICAN VEHICLE SHOW SEPTEMBER 25-28, 2017

Where the leaders of today share their ideas for tomorrow Conduct business with the trucking industry's most influential leaders and executives and see the latest innovations before they come to market. Bringing together all of the major truck, trailer, and component brands, NACV will give fleet owners and managers the opportunity to discover new technologies, best practices, and insights you won't find anywhere else.

Please join us at the North American Vehicle Show- Use these codes below to get access to the exhibit hall TTA2017VIP – gives access to the exhibit hall from Monday, Sept 25th, to Thursday, Sept 28th. TTA2017- gives access to the exhibit hall from Tuesday, Sept 26th, to Thursday, Sept 28th. [Click here](#) to register.

SUMMIT HOLDINGS INTRODUCES PEAK TRAILER GROUP AS WABASH NATIONAL® DEALER IN 3 STATES

Trailer Operation Created by Joint Venture between Summit Holdings, Southwest International, and Kyrish Truck Centers

Earlier this month it was announced that Summit Holdings entered into an agreement with Wabash National Corporation, a diversified industrial manufacturer and North America's leading producer of semi-trailers and liquid transportation systems, to provide sales, parts, and service for Wabash National® dry and refrigerated van trailers and truck bodies, as well as Transcraft® and Benson® platform trailers in the entire states of Texas and Oklahoma, as well as northern Louisiana. Click [here](#) for full details.

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:

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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 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.

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 dтомlinson@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.

Its football time in Tennessee and its TTA convention time in September! It is hard to believe it's only one month until our annual TTA convention in Destin, FL. Dave and the team here at the TTA office always go all out to put on a first class convention and never seem to disappoint us. If you haven't signed up please do, you will miss out on a lot of good info and fun times. We always have great speakers, full agenda of activities for all, and of course will recognize our Road team and technicians. [Continue reading!](#)

LEGISLATIVE CORNER – by Dale Allen and Holly McDaniel - Adams and Reese LLP
The 2018 Governor's race is a major topic of discussion as House Minority Leader Craig Fitzhugh

announced his intent to run for Governor in early August. Although it is still possible that others may join the Governor's race, Representative Fitzhugh is expected to be the last person to announce he is running. Currently, there are five Republican candidates: Congresswoman Diane Black, Speaker of the House Beth Harwell, State Senator Mae Beavers, businessman Bill Lee, and businessman Randy Boyd. Democrats running are former Nashville Mayor Karol Dean and House Minority Leader Craig Fitzhugh.

The TTA convention is approaching. We are fortunate to have Senator Paul Bailey and Representative Pat Marsh joining us in Sandestin, FL. Both have years of experience in the trucking industry and have been very supportive of TTA, especially with the passage of the highway funding legislation last session. Paul serves as Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee and Pat serves as Chairman of the House Business and Utilities Committee. Please join us at the convention on Monday, September 18th, for the TruckPAC reception to honor both of these legislators and members of TTA.

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.

NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK – SEPTEMBER 10-17, 2017

Mark your calendars and join us in celebrating the men and women across the country who works hard every day to deliver the Good Stuff!

INDUSTRY UPDATES

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

TRUCKING INDUSTRY REVENUES WERE \$676.2 BILLION IN 2016

The American Trucking Associations released the latest edition of *ATA American Trucking Trends 2017*, the annual compendium of data about the trucking industry. Among the findings in this year's *Trends* is that trucking industry revenues in 2016 were \$676.2 billion. Click [here](#) for full details.

ATRI DEBUTS NEW WEB ADDRESS

The American Transportation Research Institute proudly debuted a new web address - www.truckingresearch.org - aimed at making it easier to access the organization's work.

"Key to our success as an organization is not only the quality of our research but in our ability to disseminate the findings far and wide," said ATRI President and COO Rebecca Brewster. "We are taking steps, including this new web address, to get critical research findings and analysis out in the world so it can be used to improve the trucking industry's safety and productivity."

In addition to re-launching its website as [truckingresearch.org](http://www.truckingresearch.org), ATRI is taking steps to streamline its online presence and is doing more to promote its ongoing research efforts like the annual top industry issues survey, the cost of congestion report and identification of the nation's top freight bottlenecks.

FMCSA WITHDRAWS SLEEP APNEA RULE

FMCSA [published a Federal Register notice](#) to withdraw the March 2016 [Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) on moderate-to-severe obstructive sleep apnea. FMCSA stated that "current safety programs... are the appropriate avenues to address OSA" and will consider an update to its January 2015 [Bulletin to Medical Examiners and Training Organizations Regarding Obstructive Sleep Apnea](#)

ATA has been invested in shaping the regulatory process on OSA to ensure that a rule, if promulgated, is based on sound data and analysis, including the potential costs and benefits and that it provides motor carriers with the flexibility to choose the most appropriate screening, testing and treatment options available. ATA supports the administration taking the time to “get it right” and work with industry stakeholders to create a sound rule, if needed, in the future. For more information, contact Abigail Potter at apotter@trucking.org

ATA SUBMITS COMMENTS ON FMCSA FLEXIBLE SLEEPER BERTH PILOT PROGRAM PROPOSAL

ATA [submitted comments](#) in support of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s proposal to conduct a pilot project to study whether or not additional flexibility in current hours of service sleeper berth rules will reduce fatigue and improve safety. While supportive, ATA’s comments called on FMCSA to ensure carrier data privacy and to recruit as many drivers as possible for the program.

The project will allow at least 200 drivers the option of splitting sleeper berth time into two periods, neither of which can be shorter than three hours, rather than the more rigid eight and two hour split allowed under current rules. Drivers will be monitored over a 90 day period using an On Board Monitoring System and will be required to complete daily reaction time tests and subjective sleepiness tests, among other things. The study is expected to take at least two years to complete and the result may be used to consider whether or not FMCSA should change the rules to improve safety. FMCSA will begin recruiting drivers to participate later this fall. Details of the pilot project are [available here](#). For more information, please contact P. Sean Garney at sgarney@trucking.org.

ATA CONCERNED REOPENING OF GHG PHASE 2 RULE COULD UNDERMINE FEDERAL UNIFORMITY

Group Worried EPA Announcement Could Allow California to Set De Facto Standards
American Trucking Associations officials said they were concerned that by moving to reopen the second phase of its Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty rule, the Environmental Protection Agency could be setting the stage for California to impose a de facto national standard, superseding federal rules. Click [here](#) for full details.

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

ATA UNVEILS NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK LOGO Logo Now Featured in NTDAA Online Store

American Trucking Associations revealed a new logo and toolkit for National Truck Driver Appreciation Week 2017 and announced the opening of an online store featuring products aimed at celebrating America’s 3.5 million professional drivers. Click [here](#) for the full Press Release.

ATA BACKS MAJOR CONCLUSIONS FROM STUDY OF CSA EFFECTIVENESS

National Academies of Science Report Validates Industry Concerns

Arlington, Va. – American Trucking Associations officials said today they are pleased to see that the long-awaited review of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s Compliance, Safety, Accountability safety monitoring system substantiated many of the concerns ATA has raised about the program.

“We appreciate the work the National Academies of Science has done in helping motor carriers, FMCSA and the general public learn about the limitations of CSA,” said **ATA President and CEO Chris Spear**. “This report has confirmed much of what we have said about the program for some time: the program, while a valuable enforcement tool, has significant shortcomings that must be addressed and we look forward to working with FMCSA to strengthen the program.”

Specifically, ATA noted the NAS study validated the trucking industry’s concerns about the inclusion of certain types of violations in the CSA system, that geographic enforcement disparities can have a significant impact on carriers’ scores and that the collection and use of clean inspections is critical to the accuracy of the program.

“We strongly agree with the National Academies’ conclusion that CSA should be based less on the ‘subject-matter expertise’ of enforcement and more on the empirically validated data,” said **ATA Director of Safety Policy Sean Garney**. “We also see great potential in the Academies’ recommendation that FMCSA overhaul the current CSA methodology in favor of a new, more adaptive, data-centric model with the potential to address serious flaws in the system.

“To maximize CSA’s potential, there is an urgent need to address issues regarding data sufficiency and accuracy – specifically when looking at crash and carrier exposure data,” Garney said. “Until more study – and correction – of these issues is complete, ATA strongly believes FMCSA should continue to keep CSA scores out of the public domain.”



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
September 27	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 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 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!

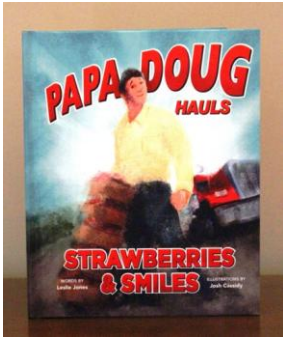
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TENNESSEE TRUCKING FOUNDATION RECEIVES 2017 TN LIFESAVERS DIRECTOR'S AWARD FOR THE TENNESSEE ROAD TEAM.

Victor Donoho, Director of the THSO, presented the award at their TN Lifesavers Conference in August and had this to say: This "award recipient is a unique organization that has proven to be a vital asset in educating teens and senior drivers. Many Tennessee crashes involve commercial vehicles. This organization recruits and selects a Road Team to provide driver safety education related to tractor trailers. In 2016, this organization began promoting TDOT's Yellow Dot program, a major initiative to prevent senior driver fatalities. Road Team members started working to become Car-Fit Technicians and support Car-Fit Events throughout Middle Tennessee. As we continue to grow our teen and senior driver safety initiatives, we look forward to expanding our partnership with this incredible organization." Click [here](#) for group presentation award.



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

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ROAD TEAM CAPTAIN SCHEDULE:

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:

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
J. B. Baker	Buddy "Ro-Ho" Sublett	Martha Boone Sublett

Contribution Made by	In Honor of	Acknowledgement Sent to
J. B. Baker	Dave Manning to ATA President	Dave Manning
J. B. Baker	Gary Helms, R/T Captain, Covenant Transport, Inc. (2017-2018) America's Road Team Captain)	Gary Helms
J. B. Baker	Stephen Richardson, R/T Captain, Big G Express (2017-2018) America's Road Team Captain)	Stephen Richardson

COUNCIL CORNER

OK 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. Please [click here](#) for the Tentative Agenda and registration form. 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!

September

4	Holiday - TTA Office Closed
6	Roadside Inspection- Manchester Scales I-24
10-16	National Truck Driver Appreciation Week
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
17-19	TTA 87 th Annual Convention, Destin, FL
18-21	National TSC Competition, Orlando, FL
X 19	Southeast TN Safety/Maintenance Council- No Meeting this Month
25	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

26	Middle TN Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM - Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet - Chinese, Japanese & American Cuisine, 3804 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN, 37211 – Speaker TBA
27	Roadside Inspection, Brownsville, I-40
25-28	NORTH AMERICAN COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SHOW - Atlanta, GA

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
24	Middle TN Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM - Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet - Chinese, Japanese & American Cuisine, 3804 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN, 37211 – Speaker TBA
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