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E-Newsletter



TTA would like to thank Edmond Sorrell for his 17 years as Safety Director. Through his many years here, he cultivated good relationships and partnerships with our members and enforcement – both at local and federal levels. His retirement begins today. We hope he enjoys the freedom of retirement he has worked and planned so long for. We will all miss him, but we know he will always be just a phone call away.

TTA Newsline

All 2018 Newsline Sponsorships have been spoken for.

2018 NEWSLINE SPONSORSHIP

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

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| August | Joe Morten & Son, Inc. |
| September | Vertical Alliance Group |
| October | FindATruckerJob.com |
| November | Nacarato Trucks, GP |
| December | Vertical Alliance Group |

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

TTA Welcomes the following New Members:

DG Logistics, LLC, Bill Thomas, Transportation Manager, Email: Bthomas@dollargeneral.com

100 Mission Ridge, Goodlettsville, TN 37072 / Phone (615) 855-4589, Fax (N/A)

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

ABOUT US: "Dollar General Corporation has been delivering value to shoppers for over 75 years. Dollar General helps shoppers Save time. Save money. Every day!® by offering products that are frequently used and replenished, such as food, snacks, health and beauty aids, cleaning supplies, basic apparel, housewares and seasonal items at everyday low prices in convenient neighborhood locations. Dollar General operated 14,321 stores in 44 states as of November 3, 2017. In addition to high quality private brands, Dollar General sells products from America's most-trusted brands such as Clorox, Energizer, Procter & Gamble, Hanes, Coca-Cola, Mars, Unilever, Nestle, Kimberly-Clark, Kellogg's, General Mills, and PepsiCo."

Milestone Equipment Holdings, LLC, Tyler Perkins, Sales Manager

4400 E. Holmes Road, Memphis, TN 38118 / Phone (901) 360-9732, Fax (N/A) Email:

tyler.perkins@milecorp.com

Referred by: **TTA Website**

ABOUT US: "Milestone Trailer Leasing is now the second largest trailer provider in the country, with 50,000 plus pieces of trailer equipment. Our 27+ national locations, including branches in Memphis, Nashville, and Knoxville, are never far from your needs. Give us a call today, and we will work with you to discover the best solution for your business in 2018."

Xpress Global Systems, LLC, Mike Wood, Director Corporate Strategy, Email: mwood@xgsi.com
6137 Shallowford Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421 / **Phone (423) 405-6400, Fax (N/A)**

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

ABOUT US: “Xpress Global Systems, LLC is nationwide provider of transportation focusing on LTL transportation in the flooring space for both Rolled Goods like carpet and Non Rolled Goods, palletized flooring like laminate and wood. We offer Warehousing, Cutting, and Distribution as well out of our own facilities and our Agent locations. We have expansion plans in 2018 to add at least 3 and up to 5 additional XGS run facilities in our network. We're happy to be a new member of TTA.”

JIT-EX, LLC, Steve Yelverton, Safety Manager/HR, Email: safety@jit-ex.com

3344 Cazassa Road, Memphis, TN 38116 / **Phone (901) 367-7405, Fax (901) 367-7445**

Referred by: Donna England, TTA

ABOUT US: “JIT-EX, LLC (Just In Time Express) was established in 2001 by Bobby Watts and John Michael Poulin. The company started with one bob truck and a passion to be the best in Memphis. Bobby and John Michael saw a need for a local trucking company that was not only efficient in delivering freight but also cared about what they were doing. This attitude and work ethic continued to grow the company through the years. Thanks to our great service and partnerships with our customers JIT-EX, LLC has a fleet of around 70 power units, 250 trailers, a cross-dock terminal, and over 100 fantastic employees.”

TrueLifeCare, LLC, Kay Pfeiffer, VP Business Development & Sales, Email:

kay.pfeiffer@truelifecare.com

205 Powell Place, Suite 122, Brentwood, TN 37027 / **Phone (615) 369-0707, Fax (N/A)**

Referred by: Steve Lovelady, IMMI, Westfield, IN

ABOUT US: “TrueLifeCare improves the health and well-being of those who have Diabetes while dramatically reducing medical spend for these employees.”

Corporate Billing, LLC, John Ivy, Transportation Sales Representative, Email: jivy@corpbill.com

239 Johnson St., SE, Decatur, AL 35602 / **Phone (877) 584-3600, Fax (256) 584-3680**

Referred by: Word of Mouth

ABOUT US: “Corporate Billing helps trucking companies grow their business, improve cash flow and minimize credit risk by providing flexible lending options.”

Connect Express, LLC, Adam Bacalan, President, Email: a.bacalan@Connectexpressusa.com

525 Woodycrest Ave., Nashville, TN 37210 / **Phone (615) 669-0740, Fax (615) 523-1633**

Referred by: Mike McFarlin, M&W Transportation Co., Inc., Nashville, TN

ABOUT US: “Connect Express provides a wide variety of shipping services, including regional truckload shipping throughout the Southeast, intermodal transportation, last mile transportation, hostling and yard management, less than truckload (LTL), cartage work, and same-day and expedited shipping.”

Willis Towers Watson, Tyler Williamson, Client Advocate

265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 505, Knoxville, TN 37918 / **Phone (865) 588-8101, Fax (N/A)**

Email: tyler.williamson@willistowerswatson.com

Referred by: Jim Peters, COO, TLD Logistic Services, Inc., Knoxville, TN

ABOUT US: “Willis Towers Watson is a leading global advisory, broking and solutions company that helps clients around the world turn risk into a path for growth. We operate in over 140 countries generating \$8.2B in revenue. North America is comprised of more than 100 offices accounting for

approximately \$4B in revenue, making us a leader in the insurance marketplace. In Tennessee, there are over 800 insurance professionals producing revenues in excess of \$80M while representing many of the leading companies throughout the state. Together, we unlock potential!.”

Wooten Transports, Inc., Mike Latham, President, Email: mlatham@wootentransports.com
PO Box 725, Memphis, TN 38101-0725 / **Phone (901) 948-9031 / Fax (901) 948-3512**
Referred Back by: Greg Shipman, Vertical Alliance Group, Noblesville, IN

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE BACK!

Ametco, Inc. - Member since 2008

Catherine Metler, Secretary

P. O. Box 850

Louisville, TN 37777-0850

Phone: (865) 323-4246 / Email: cgmetler@gmail.com

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

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| Spectrum Business | Robb Ford | Member Since 2013 |
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MEMBERSHIP Campaign 2018! Wayland Thompson (Chairman) and the TTA are asking for your help to grow our Membership! This is going to be an important year with upcoming elections and regulation changes. We are going to see a number of changes in the Senate, 17 out of 33 seats are up for election. The TN House has all 99 House members up for reelection. In addition we have the Governor's race to think about. The more members we have the stronger we are!

If you operate trucks or provide a service to the industry, Tennessee Trucking Association (TTA) can benefit you. Membership in TTA is an investment in your career, your company and your industry.

Our Campaign Goal is to bring on at least 100 new members this year! We are going to start a contest to see who can help us get the most new members for 2018!

Here is how it will work:

1-5 new members - each time one signs up you will get recognized in our Newsletter. We will add your logo with a link to your website.

6-10 new members - you will receive a free registration for our 2018 Convention in Destin, Florida (Convention dates: Sept 16 through 18, 2018)

10 Plus New Members - one - half page ad in our quarterly magazine.

(In addition to the above)

5 or more New Members - Dinner at Convention in Destin, Florida on the afternoon of Sept 15 with the TTA group. Here we will have some special awards for the ones that have brought in new members.

Lets kick this off and get Donna busy signing up new members!!! When you have someone that is interested you can have them call 615-777-2882 or email Donna England dengland@tntrucking.org, reference who referred them, and she will do the rest!!

Our membership Brochure and pricing can be found on our website at the bottom of the first page www.tntrucking.org.

Please let us know if you have any questions!!

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

We are off to a good start!!



Greg Shipman, [Vertical Alliance](#) has brought in 2 new members at this time.

Thank you Greg for your help in referring these companies!

Xpress Global Systems, LLC

DG Logistics, LLC



IMMI® Steve Lovelady, [IMMI](#) has referred us 1 new member.

Thank you Steve for your help in referring this company!

TRUELIFECARE



Logistics Group, Inc.
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Mike McFarlin, [M&W Transportation Co., Inc.](#) has referred us 1 new member.

Thank you Mike for your help in referring this company!

Connect Express, LLC



Logistics Services Inc.

Jim Peters, [TLD Logistic Services, Inc](#) has referred us 1 new member. Thank you Jim

for your help in referring this company!

Willis Towers Watson

Keep the referrals coming!!!

2018 Raffle

We have made our application to the State of TN Charitable Solicitations Office for approval to hold our 2018 Foundation Raffle. New this year will be a chance to reserve your tickets as soon as we receive our approval. We will be contacting those of you who have purchased in the past to give you the opportunity to be put on the list to receive your invoice as soon as the tickets go on sale. This will give you time to budget your personal and company raffle ticket purchases! All Raffle proceeds benefit the Tennessee Trucking Foundation's Highway Safety Education Programs.

THANK YOU CONVENTION SPONSORS!!

Please click through the link above to view the sponsors thus far for our 2018 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.

TENNESSEE TRUCKING FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS - DEADLINE MARCH 15, 2018

The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee Scholarship Application is now OPEN (LIVE) on the website. The scholarships will again have a **deadline of March 15, 2018 at midnight for submission of applications**. All students need to complete only one application to be considered for any scholarship fund for which they are eligible. The link this year is <http://t.cfmt.org/CFMTscholarships>

TENNESSEE TRUCKING FOUNDATION TECHNICIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND CAMPAIGN

We have partnered 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 \$1,000 upon selection to assist with current expenses while they are in school and an additional \$1,500 upon completion of one year's full-time employment at a TTA member company. Students at the College of Technology hail from all corners of the State of Tennessee, and number in the hundreds at all times. As a scholarship sponsor, you will have ongoing access to the current roster of students enrolled in the program.

This program will help address this shortage in Tennessee as well as encourage technicians to seek employment within our membership, but it needs your support in order to accomplish this. All we are asking for is a \$250 annual sponsorship commitment from members of our Association. Regardless of whether your company has in-house technicians or you contract those services out, this shortage should be of concern to you. Our Mission Statement includes a dedication to safety on our highways and well-maintained equipment is one component of that safety. The same is true for those of you who provide products and/or services to the carriers. We need your support, as well.

Please take a moment to make your annual sponsorship commitment of support and either call the TTA office at 615-777-2882 and ask for Catherine Stuart or complete the pledge form [here](#) and fax back to the TTA office at 615-777-2024.

Below are those who have made their pledges so far to this campaign:

Troy Dickens – Rush Truck Center, Nashville
Tommy Hodges – Goggin Warehousing
Bob Pemberton – Pemberton Truck Lines, Inc.
Allen Wainscott – Thompson Truck Center
Scott George – TCW, Inc.
Jim Toussaint – Worldwide Equipment
Jarit Cornelius – Sharp Transport, Inc.
Mike Murphy – FirstFleet, Inc.
John Williams – McKee Foods Transportation
Billy White – Clarke Power Services, Inc.
Mike Murphy – FirstFleet, Inc.
Matt Smart – Cumberland International Trucks

2018 NATMI CERTIFIED TRAINING SCHEDULE

TTA has partnered with the North American Transportation Management Institute (NATMI), the premiere professional development organization for transportation industry professionals, to offer the following training classes in 2018:

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| January 23-24 | Safety & DOT Compliance |
| February 21-22 | Hazardous Materials Training |
| March 26-30 | Certified Safety Supervisor or Certified Director of Safety Download Registration Form |
| April 4-5 | Safety & DOT Compliance |
| April 17 | Accident Investigation |
| May 22-23 | Safety & DOT Compliance |
| June 12-13 | Commercial Driver Trainer Certification Course |
| July 24-25 | Safety & DOT Compliance |
| August 7-8 | Maintenance Certification CSME & CDME |
| October 1-5 | Certified Safety Supervisor or Certified Director of Safety |
| October 30-31 | Safety & DOT Compliance |
| November 1 | Transportation Risk Management Certification |
| December 4-5 | Safety & DOT Compliance |

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

BIG RIGS FOR LITTLE KIDS GOLF TOURNAMENTS FOR 2017

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

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

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

Memphis – TBA - Memphis National Golf Club!

Tennessee's Road Team is a statewide highway safety program sponsored by the Tennessee Trucking Foundation with major funding from **Pilot Flying J**. 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.

INTRODUCING TENNESSEE'S 2018-2019 ROAD TEAM



Front Row L to R: Tony Ellison - FedEx Freight, Paula Harper – FedEx Freight. Seated: Vernon Brewer – UPS Freight. Seated: Ron Barrett – Milan Supply Chain Solutions. Donna Wheeler – Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc, Robert Moxley – Titan Transfer, Inc. **Second Row L to R:** Jeffery Shinholster – HUB Group Trucking, Jeff Stinson – FedEx Freight, Devin Rackley – Averitt Express, Inc, Tim Chelette – Big G Express, Inc, Eddie LeSueur – Skyline Transportation, Inc, Jeffery Adams – Danny Herman Trucking, Inc, Kenneth Wheeler – Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc, Ron Bolling – Walmart Transportation, LLC, Josh Dopp – UPS Freight, Cleve McCord – Sharp Transport, Inc, Tim Cummings – HUB Group Trucking. **Third Row L to R:** Dale Moore – FirstFleet, Inc., Christy McClain – TCW, Inc, David Brady – Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc, Carl Johnson – McKee Foods Transportation, LLC, David Gooch – Sharp Transport, Inc, John Anderson – TCW, Inc, Eddie Threlkeld – HUB Group Trucking.

These new Captains will serve two active years!

INDUSTRY UPDATE

ATRI RELEASES ANNUAL LIST OF TOP 100 TRUCK BOTTLENECKS – TENNESSEE HAS 8 IN THE TOP 90

The American Transportation Research Institute today released its annual list highlighting the most congested bottlenecks for trucks in America. The *2018 Top Truck Bottleneck List* assesses the level of truck-oriented congestion at 300 locations on the national highway system. The analysis, based on truck GPS data from more than 800,000 heavy duty trucks uses several customized software applications and analysis methods, along with terabytes of data from trucking operations to produce a congestion impact ranking for each location. ATRI's truck GPS data is used to support the FHWA-

sponsored Freight Performance Measures initiative. The locations detailed in this latest ATRI list represent the top 100 congested locations. Click [here](#) for the full Press Release

DRIVER RECRUITMENT, ANTI-TRAFFICKING BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

American Trucking Associations is hailing two trucking-related bills signed into law this week. ATA was a strong advocate for both measures.

The Jobs for our Heroes Act streamlines the process by which active-duty military, reservists and veterans apply for their commercial driver's license, and the Combating Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act fights human trafficking by designating an official at the U.S. Department of Transportation to coordinate human trafficking prevention efforts across DOT, among other measures. Click [here](#) for the full Press Release.

TRUCKERS AGAINST TRAFFICKING (TAT) TRAINING

The TDOSHS Training Center is pleased to announce that Ms. Kylla Lanier, Deputy Director and Co-Founder of Truckers Against Trafficking organization will be instructing four (4) separate training sessions at the Training Center. Ms. Lanier speaks around the country about TAT's mission and how the trucking industry is combating human trafficking. Each session will be held in the Training Center Annex Gym and will start at 8:00 am CST and end at noon. The dates are February 6, April 10, September 11 and November 13, 2018. Click [here](#) for full details.

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY ANNOUNCE REINSTATEMENT SEASON

The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security Driver Services division is offering Tennesseans more ways to reinstate their driver license. Click [here](#) for full details. Citizens have the ability to reinstate online, in-person, or via mail.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE URGES 25-CENT GAS TAX HIKE

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce released its recommendations for an infrastructure package today, which include a 25-cent hike to the gas tax. The Chamber said lawmakers should increase the gas tax by 5 cents annually for five years and indexed to inflation "for future increases in fuel economy, so there would be no need to revisit this issue in the foreseeable future." That plan would generate \$394 billion over a decade, the Chamber estimated. "All this would cost the average American only about \$9 a month in additional gas taxes," it said. In addition, the Chamber wants lawmakers to "remove statutory and regulatory barriers to public-private partnerships" and grow federal loan programs as well as private activity bonds. The group argued that permitting "should never take more than two years to complete." And it also wants lawmakers to "merge sequential and duplicative reviews." The Chamber also urged an overhaul of immigration policy and boosting apprenticeship and career programs. "If we do not expand the workforce, it will be impossible to move ahead with the projects that need to be undertaken," the Chamber said. Click [here](#) to view online.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

WEBSITE FOR MOTOR CARRIERS

Starting in late May 2018, you can use a new website called the Tennessee Taxpayer Access Point (TNTAP) for all motor carrier functions. To make sure commercial drivers are prepared before the new system is available, the Department has created a helpful motor carrier checklist available at www.tntapinfo.com. Once the system goes live at the end of May, you can create a log on with the information from the checklist. Click [here](#) for full details and [here](#) for the Motor Carriers Dues Schedule.

TTA “CALL ON WASHINGTON”

The Tennessee Trucking Association will make its annual visit to Washington, DC on **April 17-19, 2018** to meet with members of the Tennessee Congressional Delegation. This year’s visit presents another unique opportunity to meet with our delegation. Government regulation and policies are important factors in the business decisions made by trucking companies every day. Your participation is invited and needed on this trip. Please contact Dave Huneryager at dhuneryager@tntrucking.org or (615) 777-2882 if you are interested in joining our group on this important visit.

FINALISTS NAMED FOR DRIVER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Three men are the finalists for the 2017 Company Driver of the Year Award given by the [Truckload Carriers Association](#) and *Truckers News*.

They are:

- **Stephen Richardson — Big G Express, Inc.**
- Donald Lewis — Wilson Logistics
- Roger Wyble — Maverick Transportation, LLC

Click [here](#) to read the full story.

TRUCKLOAD CARRIERS ASSOCIATION AND CARRIERS EDGE ANNOUNCE 2018 BEST FLEETS TO DRIVE FOR - TLD LOGISTICS SERVICES, INC.

The Truckload Carriers Association (TCA) and CarriersEdge are pleased to announce the 2018 Best Fleets to Drive For. These 20 for-hire trucking companies from across North America are being recognized for providing exemplary work environments for their professional truck drivers and independent contractors. Click [here](#) for full details.

It is with great honor we celebrate our third consecutive year being named one of the Best Fleets To Drive For. CarriersEdge has stated, “TLD continues to impress with its range of outstanding driver programs and strong safety scores. It’s no wonder the fleet has such high retention numbers and driver satisfaction.” Our drivers are the foundation of our success, their constant feedback and expectations of high quality programs have led us to where we are today. At this time, we congratulate all winners of this hard earned award and look forward to taking the stage with this elite group at the 2018 TCA Convention in March.

Tennessee Trucking Association President Dave Huneryager said, “the TTA is proud to acknowledge TLD Logistics, who for the third year in a row, made the Truckload Carriers Association’s list of the 20 Best Fleets to Drive For. Jim Peters and his team are to be congratulated for this tremendous honor! The entire membership of the Tennessee Trucking Association salutes this well-deserved recognition.”

MCMAHON TRUCK CENTERS ANNOUNCE NEW PROMOTIONS

2018 is proving to be an exciting year at McMahan Truck Centers as business continues to improve and present a multitude of opportunities to our dealerships and leasing company! Ryan Donald is promoted to the position of Group Director of Parts & Service for McMahan Truck Centers. Ryan will report to Mike and Brad McMahan in Charlotte and have responsibilities for strategic initiatives and other group goals for McMahan across all dealership locations. Additionally, Jim Competti is promoted to the position of General Manager of McMahan Truck Centers – Nashville. Jim is looking forward to bringing his career work in sales and marketing, and his McMahan Truck Centers Mack

group experiences, to the forefront of leadership in our Nashville marketplace. Click [here](#) for the full story.

RELIANCE PARTNERS JOINS BLOCKCHAIN IN TRANSPORT ALLIANCE

Chattanooga, Tenn. - January 31, 2018 - Today Reliance Partners, one of the fastest growing privately-held property and casualty insurance brokerage in the United States, announced its membership into the [Blockchain in Transport Alliance](#) (BiTA). Founded in 2009, Reliance Partners quickly became an industry leader in transportation and logistics insurance, and was recognized as the tenth fastest growing company in Tennessee. Reliance has added offices in Birmingham, Alabama, Buffalo, New York, Victoria, Texas, and Chicago, Illinois. Reliance's executive team has deep experience in freight brokerage and logistics which they have leveraged to stay on the cutting edge of transportation risk management. Click [here](#) for full details.

KENCO TRANSPORTATION SERVICES,LLC HOSTED OUR ELD MANDATE SESSION

Wade Haughton, FMCSA lead a 3-hour presentation in Chattanooga on electronic logging device (ELD) regulatory requirements on Wednesday 1/10/18. It was a great turnout - over 80 in-person attendees and a large remote audience in several different states. Thanks to Joe Smith and Jeff Tanner with Kenco Services for the hard work in putting together such a great event. Thanks to FMCSA for the very educational session. Thanks to the THP for being in attendance and helping answer questions.

2018 TENNESSEE TRUCKING ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY TRAINING SCHEDULE – GARY HOLBROOK

Listed below you will find the Saturday Training Schedule for 2018:

2nd Quarter

June 2, 2018 - Reasonable Suspicion Drug & Alcohol Training for Supervisors & Managers

June 9, 2018 - Defensive Driving Course for Professional Truck Drivers

3rd Quarter

August 4, 2018 – Hours of Service and Driver Logs

August 11, 2018 – Defensive Driving Course for Professional Truck Drivers

4th Quarter

November 3, 2018 – Accident Reporting

November 10, 2018 - Defensive Driving Course for Professional Truck Drivers

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 2018 ROADSIDE INSPECTIONS

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

We are now taking commitments for the 2018 events. The sponsorships are \$1,000 for a full sponsorship or \$500 if you prefer a half sponsorship. All of the dates for 2018 will be set at the first of the year.

| 2018 DATE | LOCATION | SPONSOR |
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| May 11 | Greenville Scales I-81 | |
| May 16 | Brownsville Scales I-40 | |
| June 15 | Knoxville Scales I-40 | Joe Morten & Son, Inc. (Co-Sponsor) |
| June 15 | Knoxville Scales I-40 | Tenco Services, Inc. (Co-Sponsor) |
| June 20 | Portland Scales I-65 North | Tenco Services, Inc. (Co-Sponsor) |
| June 20 | Portland Scales I-65 North | Old Time Express, Inc. (Co-Sponsor) |
| August 3 | Greenville Scales I-81 | |
| August 29 | Manchester Scales I-24 | |
| September 26 | Brownsville Scales I-40 | |
| October 3 | I-65 Giles County | |
| October 17 | Portland Scales I-65 North | |
| November 2 | Knoxville Scales I-40 | |

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

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

What is a Roadside Inspection?

Each year, the Tennessee Trucking Association Safety Management Council and Maintenance Council conduct Roadside Inspections around the state. TTA members work side-by-side with State Troopers from the Tennessee Department of Safety checking for driver fatigue, equipment problems, illegal substances, and other violations. Each Roadside inspection event offers a unique educational experience by demonstrating to company personnel how Roadside inspections are conducted. Click [here](#) for a short video of a TTA Roadside Inspection.

ARE YOU TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF YOUR TTA MEMBERSHIP? We are much more than a monthly newsletter, magazine or a council meeting. As we start a new year, take a few minutes to: Visit the TTA website at www.tntrucking.org, Browse the TTA Facebook page at: facebook.com/TN.Trucking.org, Follow us on Twitter @tntrucking. Join us on LinkedIn by sending a request to dtomlinson@tntrucking.org (for members only) Talk with one of the TTA staff and find out more about your Association.

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.

I hope this newsletter finds its way to all and all is well with the TTA membership family. I just got back to my office from a retirement party for one of our best, Edmond Sorrell. It was a great turnout with lots of friends and family to send Edmond off to his next big adventure.

[Continue reading!](#)

TRUCKPAC CONTRIBUTIONS

Over the past several years, TruckPAC has relied on contributions from a very small percentage of our membership to fund it on an annual basis. Although it is hard to believe, only 17% of members supported TruckPAC in 2017.

TTA has maintained a historical record of the members who have been so gracious with their contributions to TruckPAC. Going forward in 2018, TTA included a TruckPAC contribution invoice that historically reflects the amount a member has made over the past five years, or a nominal amount if no contribution has been made. A few reasons for this is:

- (1) This allows a member to pay its annual dues and TruckPAC contribution with one check. Thus, a corporate check can be used to pay the total invoice for both dues and PAC contribution;
- (2) This also allows TTA to begin a program to budget annual contributions from TruckPAC; and
- (3) This will help build a base that will add more members each year to the annual billing process for TruckPAC.

TTA will begin monthly tracking of those members who have not made a contribution to TruckPAC and will contact those members on a regular basis to encourage them to make a contribution. The members who have contributed to TruckPAC in 2018 are recapped in this [link](#). Thank you for your support!

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

On January 9, 2018 the second year of the 110th General Assembly started. The bill filing deadline is February 1, 2018. This is the time all members must have their legislation in if they would like to try and pass it this year. Also, this year the legislature moved from the old legislative plaza into the newly renovated Cordell Hull Building. Cordell Hull was originally built for government employees but has been vacant for years. The legislature decided to make it their new home in 2018. Click [here](#) for full details.

2018 TTA LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION - PLEASE RSVP

You are invited to come to Nashville on **Wednesday, March 14th** and be a part of the Tennessee Trucking Association Legislative Reception. It will begin at 5:00 pm at the Adams and Reese Offices at 424 Church Street, Suite 2700, Nashville. TN 37219.

Parking is available in the garage under their building, on a first come, first serve basis. When entering downtown on Church Street, turn left on 5th Avenue and take an immediate right into the Fifth Third garage. Drive down to Level A and valet your car. Please bring your ticket to the 27th floor so your parking can be validated.

We plan to end around 7:00 pm. We will be inviting members of the General Assembly and with the Adams and Reese location being so close to the Capital, it should lend itself to a great turnout.

This will be a great opportunity for you to spend some time with the members of our state delegation and to speak with them about any topics that may affect you and our industry. We hope you are as excited about us hosting this event as I am, and I look forward to seeing you there!

Please let Dave know at dhuneryager@tntrucking.org if you can attend so we can make sure to have the correct number of participants. I look forward to seeing you there!



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

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

TTA 2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| January 1 | Holiday – TTA Office Closed |
| January 20 | HOLBROOK TNG: Defensive Driving Course for Professional Truck Drivers |
| January 23-24 | NATMI - Safety & DO T Compliance |
| January 27 | HOLBROOK TNG: Driver Qualification and Hiring |
| February 21-22 | NATMI - Hazardous Materials Training |

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| March 14 | Call on Nashville Legislative Reception |
| March 22-24 | Mid-America Truck Show – Louisville, KY |
| March 26-30 | NATMI - Safety Certification Program (MFSB & MMFSP Certification Course) |
| April 4-5 | NATMI - Safety & DO T Compliance |
| April 11-12 | TTA Technician Skills Competition |
| April 17 | NATMI - Accident Investigation |
| April 17-19 | Call on Washington |
| April 27-28 | TTA Truck Driving Championships |
| May 3 | ETN Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Tournament |
| May 9 | MTN Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Tournament |
| May 11 | Roadside Inspection, Greeneville Scales I-81 |
| May 16 | Roadside Inspection, Brownsville Scales I-40 |
| May 22-23 | NATMI – Safety & DOT Compliance |
| May 25 | 2018 Safety Breaks: I-40 East, Mile Marker 417 at Dandridge, TN I-40 East Rest Area at Jackson, TN I-40 West Rest Area at Dickson, TN I-24 East Bound Marion Co. Nickajack |
| May 28 | Holiday – Memorial Day |
| June 2 | HOLBROOK TNG: Reasonable Suspicion Drug & Alcohol Training for Supervisors & Managers |
| June 9 | HOLBROOK TNG: Defensive Driving Course for Professional Truck Drivers |
| June 12-13 | NATMI – Commercial Driver Trainer Certification Course |
| June 15 | Roadside Inspection, Knoxville Scales I-40 |
| June 20 | Roadside Inspection, Portland Scales I-65 North |
| July 4 | Holiday - TTA Office Closed |
| July 24-25 | NATMI - Safety & DO T Compliance |
| August 3 | Roadside Inspection, Greeneville Scales I-81 |
| August 4 | HOLBROOK TNG: Hours of Service and Driver Logs |
| August 7-8 | NATMI-Maintenance Certification CSME & CDME-Music Center, Nashville, TN |
| August 11 | HOLBROOK TNG: Defensive Driving Course for Professional Truck Drivers |
| August 29 | Roadside Inspection, Manchester Scales I-24 |
| September 3 | Holiday – Labor Day |
| September 16-18 | TTA 88 th Annual Convention at Sandestin Beach Hilton, Destin, FL |
| September 26 | Roadside Inspection, Brownsville Scales I-40 |
| October 1-5 | NATMI - Safety Certification Program (MFSB & MMFSP Certification Course) |
| October 3 | Southeast TN Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Tournament – Ringgold, GA |
| October 3 | Roadside Inspection, Giles County |
| October 17 | Roadside Inspection, Portland Scales I-65 North |
| October 30-31 | NATMI – Safety & DOT Compliance |
| November 1 | NATMI – Transportation Risk Management |
| November 2 | Roadside Inspection, Knoxville Scales I-40 |
| November 3 | HOLBROOK TNG: Accident Reporting |
| November 10 | HOLBROOK TNG: Defensive Driving Course for Professional Truck Drivers |
| December 4-5 | NATMI – Safety & DOT Compliance |
| December 6 | TTF Raffle Drawing |
| November 22-23 | Holiday - TTA Office Closed - Thanksgiving |
| December 24- 25 | Holiday - TTA Office Closed – Christmas |
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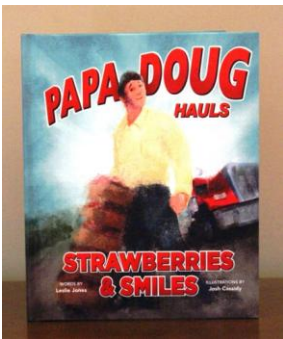
TENNESSEE TRUCKING FOUNDATION CORNER-

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

Please follow the Tennessee Trucking Foundation!

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

Website: www.tntruckingfoundation.org



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

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

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

Tennessee's Road Team

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

Road Team Upcoming Events

| Event | Date | Location | Captains Assigned |
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| Lawrence County High School Drivers Ed | Friday, February 2 | Lawrenceburg, TN | Mark Copas, Cleve McCord, Tony Ellison and David Gooch |
| Oakland High School | Friday, February 9 | Murfreesboro, TN | Tim Arthur - pending approval. Tim Chelette, Cleve McCord and Robert Moxley - approved |
| Knox County Career Day | Thursday, February 15 | Knoxville, TN | Ron Bolling, David Brady, Donna and Kenneth Wheeler - pending approval |
| Abingdon High School | Tuesday, February 20 | Abingdon, VA | Ron Bolling and Jeff Stinson - pending approval |
| Mid-America Truck Show | March 21-24 | Louisville, KY | Cleve McCord, Mark Copas, Christy McClain and Paula Harper - approved |
| Hendersonville High School | Thursday, March 22 | Hendersonville | Tony Ellison, James Warren, Carl Johnson, Dale Moore - all pending |
| Call on Washington | April 17-19 | Washington, DC | Devin Rackley - approved |
| Gene Brown Elementary Career Day | Friday, May 4 | Hendersonville | TBD |
| Road Team Picnic | Friday, June 2 | Murfreesboro, TN | |
| Law Enforcement Anti-Drug (LEAD) Summer Camp | Tuesday, June 5 | Anderson County HS in Clinton TN | TBD |
| TNSRO Conf | June 11-15 | Pigeon Forge | Donna and Kenneth Wheeler, Eddie LeSueur, David Brady |

DROWSY DRIVING

Through a grant from the Tennessee Highway Safety Office, we now have 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 has also been provided on a rack card to all DMV locations across the state and has been approved to go to Welcome Centers as well. There is a Teen version of the presentation that has been incorporated into our Teens and Trucks program for high schools.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Our safety message has also expanded to the driving public who are age 55 and over. This group of drivers has now become one of the age groups with the highest number of fatalities in automobile accidents in Tennessee. Tennessee's driver license renewal laws do not attempt to identify, evaluate nor regulate older drivers whose driving habits and abilities may be deteriorating as they age. Tennessee Trucking Foundation proposes to address the growing need to help Tennessee's older drivers polish their driving skills, increase awareness of their changing abilities, and learn to adapt their driving practices accordingly, especially around large trucks. Part of the approach will be to educate them about the difference in operating a big truck and an automobile, and how that knowledge can impact them on the roadway. The objective will be to prevent fatalities by positively impacting driving behavior. If you would like to schedule a Road Team Captain for your Senior

Citizen Center, church, civic group or anywhere seniors gather, please call the TTA office at (615) 777-2882.

DO YOU SHOP AT AMAZON?

Amazon shoppers can support the Foundation simply by signing up for Amazon Smile. Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the Tennessee Trucking Foundation every time you shop, at no cost to you. Before you start your online Holiday shopping through Amazon, please go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/62-1504853> and select the Tennessee Trucking Foundation as your charity of choice. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the Foundation. On your first visit to Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select the Tennessee Trucking Foundation as your charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon Smile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation to the Foundation. If you would like assistance selecting the Foundation as your charity while you shop, please call the TTA office at 615-777-2882.

YOU CAN ALSO SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION AS YOU SHOP AT KROGER! PLEASE RENEW OR SIGN UP TODAY!

We found out this year that you must renew your commitment to support the TN Trucking Foundation each year in August in order to support while you shop at your Neighborhood Kroger Store. There is no extra cost for this benefit and you will continue to earn your rewards and fuel points while you are helping the Foundation! Please link or renew your Kroger Plus Card to the Foundation <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>. Just swipe your registered Kroger Plus Card each time you shop for groceries, buy gift cards, or fill your tank with gas! Kroger donates a percentage back to the Foundation! Please encourage your friends, family, and coworkers to link their Kroger Plus Card to the Tennessee Trucking Foundation and help raise funds to support Highway Safety Education in Tennessee! If you would like assistance with linking your Kroger Card, please call the TTA office at 615-777-2882.

CARDS FOR CAUSES HAS A HUGE SELECTION OF GREETING CARDS

The Foundation is participating in the Cards for Causes Online Fundraising Program which donates 20% of the revenue generated by a customer's greeting card order! There is no extra cost to you! Please visit the website <http://www.cardsforcauses.com/cause/> to see the huge selection of greeting cards! If you send Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well or Congratulation cards to your employees and friends throughout the year please consider ordering an assortment from the Cards for Causes Website. Be sure to select the Tennessee Trucking Foundation listed under the PUBLIC BENEFIT Category. Each time you place an order for cards the Foundation will receive 20% of the revenue generated. Please contact Catherine Stuart at cstuart@tntrucking.org or 615-777-2882 to learn more.

TEENS & TRUCKS SHARE THE ROAD HIGHWAY SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM

The Teens & Trucks Share the Road Training Program is a highway safety education curriculum that educates new teen drivers about safe driving practices around large trucks and commercial vehicles. The program includes an instructor lesson plan, student workbook, and DVD and also as an app. The Foundation distributes the Teens & Trucks Program to all TN Department of Safety Approved Driver Education Schools and Organizations across the state. The Foundation is on a mission to educate new teen drivers on how to safely share the road with large trucks and commercial vehicles. Please contact Catherine Stuart @ cstuart@tntrucking.org or 615-777-2882 if you would like a copy of the instructional DVD and workbooks. You can also download the app on your Smart Phone. Please check out www.tntruckingfoundation.org to learn more.

TENNESSEE TRUCKING FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS

Each of you received a letter before the Holidays from Tommy Hodges asking you to consider a year-end, tax deductible contribution to the Foundation. We would like to thank the following who contributed. If you would like to make a contribution for a 2018 tax deduction, please contact the TTA Office.

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

IN LOVING MEMORY

When a loved one is lost, it is always hard on those who knew and loved them. TTA receives notices of lost loved ones throughout the year. We would like to list those we have received since the last newsletter publication:

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 |
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| NONE | | |

COUNCIL CORNER

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

February

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| 7 | East TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, EST – Crown School of Trades and Technology 2307 W. Beaver Creek Drive Powell, TN 37849 Speaker: FMCSA |
| 8 | Upper East TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:00 AM, EST – Logan's Steak House, 3112 Browns Mill Road, Johnson City, TN, 37604 – Speaker: FMCSA |
| X 8 | West TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, CST – JNJ 3935 Old Getwell Rd, Memphis, TN 38118 – Speaker: Jon Briggs, Tenco Services |
| 20 | Southeast TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM EST – Western Sizzlin, 6061 Relocation Way, Ooltewah, TN – Speaker: Gerald Mead, Phillips Industries |

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| 21-22 | NATMI – Hazardous Materials Training |
| 26 | Middle TN Safety Management Council Meeting: 11:00 AM - Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet - Chinese, Japanese & American Cuisine, 3804 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN, 37211 – Speaker: Jeremy Reymer, Driver Reach |
| 27 | Middle TN Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM - Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet - Chinese, Japanese & American Cuisine, 3804 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN, 37211 –Meeting Topic-Best Maintenance Practices |

March

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| 8 | West TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, CST – Chow Time Buffet and Grill, 4207 Hacks Cross Road, Memphis, TN, 38125 – Speaker: TBA |
| 20 | Southeast TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM EST – Western Sizzlin, 6061 Relocation Way, Ooltewah, TN – Speaker: |
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| 26 | Middle TN Safety Management Council Meeting: 11:00 AM - Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet - Chinese, Japanese & American Cuisine, 3804 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN, 37211 – Speaker: |
| 27 | Middle TN Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM - Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet - Chinese, Japanese & American Cuisine, 3804 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN, 37211 –TBA |

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



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