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December	Vertical Alliance Group

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

TTA Welcomes the following New Members:

Bloomberg Consulting, Inc., Will Partenheimer, Consultant, will@bloombergconsulting.com

718 Thompson Lane, Suite 108, Nashville, TN 37204 / **Phone (804) 334-8571 FAX (N/A)**

Referred by: David McDowell & Angie Leathers, Averitt Express, Inc., Cookeville, TN

ABOUT US: “Bloomberg Consulting specializes in heavy truck crashes. We are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to rapidly respond to crashes that occur anywhere in the USA in order to accurately preserve roadway and vehicle evidence. We utilize the latest technology, such as 3-D laser scanners, photo scanning, robotic total stations, digital cameras, and coefficient of friction accelerometers to effectively document the surrounding roadway and crash scene including skid marks, gouge marks and other available evidence. We also offer Motor Carrier compliance, safety and training services.”

Davenport Wellness, PLLC., Karen Davenport, Owner,

karen.davenport@davenport-wellness.com

9301 Ocoee St., Ooltewah, TN 37363 / **Phone (423) 421-0848 FAX (N/A)**

Referred by: Max Farrell, Workhound, Chattanooga, TN

ABOUT US: “Davenport Wellness is offering a brand new service to Chattanooga and the surrounding areas. A mobile clinic staffed with nurse practitioners, medical assistants and laboratory technicians will be available for the completion of DOT Physicals. These clinics may be performed at conference centers or terminals for private companies or at a centralized location for multiple drivers from different companies. Drivers are able to walk in and in most cases walk out in under one hour with a complete medical exam and a DOT/CDL card in hand. You can contact us at davenport-wellness.com.”

Maines Paper and Food Service Rob Arbeiter, General Manager, rob.arbeiter@maines.net

11420 Gulf Stream Road, Arlington, TN 38002 / **Phone (901) 451-5720 / FAX (N/A)**

Referred by: Rob Arbetier has always been involved in trucking associations in many different states

ABOUT US: “We are excited to be new members of TTA and look forward to the new partnership. Maines Paper and Food Service headquartered in Conklin NY was founded in 1919 is a family owned company with over 3 Billion Dollars in annual sales. Maines Paper and Food Service in Arlington TN is a board line Distribution Center servicing over 468 Wendy’s and 55 Burger King Restaurant’s over an 11 state geographical area. We have two customers here at Maines and the first customer is our Driver if we take care of our drivers they will take care of our Wendy’s and Burger King respectively, without our drivers we wouldn’t have Wendy’s or Burger King to take care of.”

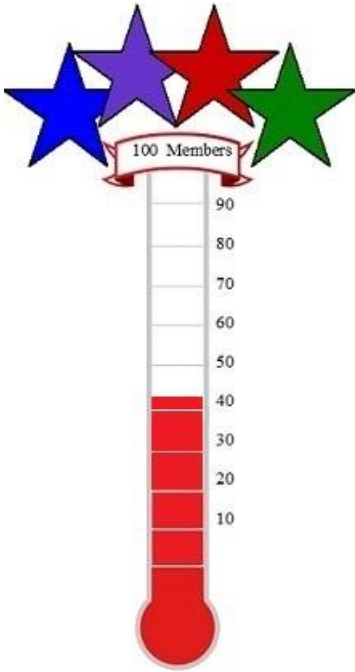
BKD, LLP Kristi Fireline, Director, kfireline@bkd.com

3102 West End Ave., Ste. 1050, Nashville, TN 37203 / **Phone (615) 988-3600 / FAX (N/A)**

Referred by: Jerry Hampton, Pinnacle Bank, Nashville, TN

ABOUT US: “BKD is a large national accounting firm, with a local office in Nashville. If you’re looking for solid tax, audit, or consulting advice- or a blend of it all- BKD wants to earn your trust. Whatever your need, our expertise can help you hit that sweet spot and simplify your life. Everyone needs a trusted advisor, who’s yours?”

NEW MEMBERSHIP Campaign 2018!



We are up to 42 new members!!! Please keep up the referrals!!!

Our results for our campaign:

Greg Shipman, Vertical Alliance Group	3 New Members
Mike Lewis, TowPro	2 New Members
Steve Lovelady, IMMI	1 New Member
Mike McFarlin, M & W Transportation	1 New Member
Jim Peters, TLD Logistics	1 New Member
Chuck Farmer, AFLAC	1 New Member
Steve Davis, PeopLease Corporation	1 New Member
Tim McCorkle, US Express	1 New Member
Joe Smith, Kenco Transportation Services	1 New Member
Bryan Kenney, Arthur J Gallagher	1 New Member
Corey Sellers, Ozark Motor Lines	1 New Member
David McDowell & Angie Leathers, Averitt Express, Inc.	1 New Member
Jerry Hampton, Pinnacle Bank	1 New Member

Our Campaign Goal is to bring on at least 100 new members this year!

We have started our 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 September 15 with the TTA group. Here we will have some special awards for the ones that have brought in new members.

We are off to a great start, don't stop!! You need to keep 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 have been busy signing up new members!!! Thanks so much for the referrals!!

AVERITT

David McDowell & Angie Leathers, [Averitt Express, Inc.](#) Referred
Bloomberg Consulting, Inc. Thank you David & Angie for the referral!!!



Max Farrell, CEO of **WorkHound** Referred **Davenport Wellness, PLLC.**
Thank you Max for the referral!!!



Jerry Hampton, [Pinnacle Bank](#), Referred **BKD, LLP.** Thank you Jerry for the referral!!!

Keep the referrals coming!!!

2018 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 2018 CONVENTION. As information becomes available, we will post it on our Website, i.e. Registration, Agenda, etc. Sponsorships are also listed as soon as a Member commits on the TTA Website!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 16-18, 2018
Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa
Destin, FL

TTA ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE – DEADLINE ENDING SOON (06/18/2018)

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

2018 Maintenance Professional of the Year [Nomination Form](#)

2018 Hugh Galbreath Safety Professional of the Year [Nomination Form](#)

2018 Allied Professional of the Year [Nomination Form](#)

2018 Fleet Safety Awards [Official Entry Form](#)

2018 Clean Diesel Leadership [Award Application](#)

TTA HOLIDAY SAFETY BREAK – May 25

We had a great day Friday May 25th. Thanks to all who participated! We had many Volunteers come out and help, also donations were made by several companies. We are so proud of our Safety and Maintenance Council members! Each year they make sure we have all we need to make these Safety Breaks a success. This year we partnered with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office and the Tennessee Department of Tourism. We received some great media coverage. We would like to thank all of them that helped us spread the word on our Safety Breaks. We appreciate all the TDOT workers that are diligently working to keep our roadways safe. We would also like to thank all our road team captains that have such a passion to help us promote safe driving. We are so very proud of them! You can [click here](#) to watch the video that was made at the Nickajack rest area. You can [click here](#) to watch the video that was made at the Dickson rest area. You can [click here](#) to watch the video that was made at the Jackson rest area. You can [click here](#) for photos taken at each location.

We were represented at each location by THP officers. They brought the rollover simulator to the Jackson rest area. We also had a visit from Tenney C Bear!! We can't thank them enough for always partnering with us each year to spread the message about safety.

Below is list of the four locations we worked this year:

Rest area I-40 Westbound near Dickson - Mile Marker 170

Rest area 1-40 Eastbound near Jackson - Mile Marker 73

Rest area 1-40 Westbound near Dandridge - Mile Marker 425

Rest area I-24 Eastbound at Nickajack - Mile Marker 160

It takes everyone working together with the public to make our roads safer!

2018 Raffle



The image shows a raffle ticket for the Tennessee Trucking Foundation's 2018 Cash Raffle. The ticket is presented by U.S. Xpress, Inc. and features a large '\$50' prize graphic. The drawing is held on Thursday, December 6, at 10:00 a.m. at the Tennessee Trucking Association Offices. The first prize is \$15,000 and the second prize is \$5,000. The ticket includes a sign-up form with fields for Name, Company, Email, and Cell Phone, and a note to contact the TTA office for more information.

Tennessee Trucking Foundation
2018 CASH RAFFLE

Name: _____
Company: _____
Email: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Please number to contact if you win the raffle!

Tennessee Trucking Foundation
2018 CASH RAFFLE
presented by **U.S. XPRESS, INC.**

Proceeds benefit Tennessee Trucking Foundation's Highway Safety Education Programs

Drawing to be held on Thursday, December 6 10:00 a.m.

at the Tennessee Trucking Association Offices
4531 Trousdale Drive
Nashville, Tennessee 37204

\$50

Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Non-transferable. You do not have to be present to win.

FIRST PRIZE \$15,000  **SECOND PRIZE \$5,000**

Winners will be issued a check in the amount of the prize within a week of the drawing.

We can't start selling the raffle tickets until August, but since the raffle has been approved by the State of Tennessee, we have started a sign-up sheet for the 2018 Raffle Tickets. Many of you have already put your name on the sheet. Those of you who would like to reserve your ticket can do so by calling the TTA office at (615) 777-2882 or emailing Catherine Stuart at cstuart@tntrucking.org. You

won't be invoiced until after August 8, but you can let us know what month you want to be invoiced up to November 1st. That way you can budget for your tickets ahead of time this year. 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 reserve your tickets. **You will receive the tickets once they have been invoiced and payment is received.** 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!

TENNESSEE TRUCKING FOUNDATION TECHNICIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND CAMPAIGN IS GAINING MOMENTUM. We are almost at the one quarter mark of our 100 pledge goal for the year. The pledges can be by an individual or Company. 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. This [LIST](#) shows the number of students for the current quarter and where they live in Tennessee. A list of students who graduate each quarter with names and contact information will be provided only to scholarship sponsors. Due to privacy laws, contact information cannot be given out until the students graduate. This program will 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.

100 STRONG! Our goal to fund the Tech Scholarship Program is 100 member companies to make an annual pledge of \$250. Below are those who have made their pledges so far to this campaign:

COMPANY NAME	CONTACT
Averitt Express, Inc.	John Walton
Clarke Power Services, Inc.	Billy White
Cumberland International Trucks	Matt Smart
Cummins, Inc.	Matthew Caldwell
FedEx Freight Corporation	Rob Rhea
FirstFleet, Inc	Mike Murphy

Fleetco, Inc.	Bill Tirrill
Goggin Warehousing, LLC	Tommy Hodges
McKee Foods Transportation, LLC	John Williams
Milan Supply Chain Solutions	John Ross
M&W Transportation Co., Inc.	Mike McFarlin
Neely Coble Company, Inc.	Edward Coble
Pemberton Truck Lines, Inc.	Bob Pemberton
Rush Truck Center, Nashville	Troy Dickens
Sharp Transport, Inc.	Allie Sharp Schwalb
Skyline Transportation, Inc.	Bill Reed, Jr.
TCW, Inc.	Scott George
Thompson Truck Center	Allen Wainscott
Worldwide Equipment, Inc.	Jim Toussaint

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:

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

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

BIG RIGS FOR LITTLE KIDS GOLF TOURNAMENTS FOR 2018 – Registration Materials Available for SETN & WTN – click on the download below.

Knoxville – May 3, 2018 – Egwani Farms Golf Course – **Check the TTA Facebook Page for pictures of the 2018 event.**

Nashville – May 9, 2018 – Hermitage Golf Course - **Check the TTA Facebook Page for pictures of the 2018 event.**

Chattanooga – **October 3, 2018** - Windstone Golf Club - **Registration Form now Available.**
Download [HERE](#).

Memphis – **August 2, 2018** - Memphis National Golf Club! **Registration Form now Available.**
Download [HERE](#).

SALES TAX HOLIDAY

The state of Tennessee's annual sales tax holiday is held every year, beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the last Friday in July and ending at 11:59 p.m. the following Sunday night. During this weekend, certain goods may be purchased tax free. This year's tax-free holiday weekend begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 27 and ends Sunday, July 29 at 11:59 p.m. Click [here](#) for additional details

INDUSTRY UPDATE

SEARCH UNDERWAY FOR NEW CLASS OF AMERICA'S ROAD TEAM CAPTAINS

ATA seeks nominations for elite team of professional drivers, industry ambassadors

American Trucking Associations opened the [nominating](#) process for professional truck drivers to serve on the 2019-2020 America's Road Team. America's Road Team, a group of highly-accomplished professional truck drivers, promotes the trucking industry by educating the general public, media, and elected officials about the industry's strong safety record and importance to the economy. Click [here](#) for full details. **Deadline, August 20, 2018**

ATRI SEEKS FOR-HIRE MOTOR CARRIER OPERATIONAL COST DATA

The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) today issued a data call for the annual update to its *Operational Costs of Trucking* report. Among the for-hire fleet metrics being requested by ATRI are driver pay, fuel costs, insurance premiums and lease or purchase payments. Carriers are asked to provide full-year 2017 cost per mile and/or cost per hour data. Click [here](#) for full details.

NGV WEIGHT ALLOWANCE CAN BE A PROBLEM IN CANADA

In the FAST Act, the most recent federal highway reauthorization, Congress enacted a 2,000-pound weight allowance for natural gas vehicles, to account for the weight of the larger fuel tanks these vehicles can require. The Federal Highway Administration, which is in charge of such things at the federal level, initially advised that states could consider this allowance to be discretionary rather than mandatory. FHWA has now revised its guidance, declaring that states *must* allow the 2,000 pounds of additional weight for vehicles using natural gas. (See Part E here: https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/pol_plng_finance/policy/fastact/tswprovisions/.) A motor carrier relying on this weight allowance need not show the additional weight on its International Registration Plan cab card, or pay additional state registration fees. HOWEVER, while that's fine for operations in the U.S., Canadian jurisdictions do not have a similar weight allowance, and if the actual weight of a natural gas vehicle operating in the provinces exceeds what's shown on its IRP registration, it will be in violation.

FMCSA ANNOUNCES CLARIFYING REGULATORY GUIDANCE FOR TRANSPORTATION OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, PERSONAL CONVEYANCE

Message from Stephanie Mann, FMCSA Division Administrator

Please see the below FMCSA News Release and the attached federal register notices to be published along with summary documentation. For more information, please visit FMCSA's [Agriculture website](#) and FMCSA's [personal conveyance website](#). FMCSA plans to include recorded training webinars on the website in the future. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTING & FINANCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE – JUNE 5-7, 2018

If you're interested in learning the latest news and updates in tax, accounting, legal, insurance and technology in trucking industry, the NAFC Annual Conference is a must-attend event – and registration is now open! This year's conference will feature top finance, risk management, tax and cybersecurity experts and will allow participants the opportunity to earn up to 9 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits. Additionally, ATA President Chris Spear will address NAFC Annual Conference attendees and provide valuable insight on the industry. Click [here](#) for full details and [here](#) to register through the ATA Website.

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.

2018 CALL ON WASHINGTON

We held our annual Call on Washington on April 17-19, 2018. We had 18 members attend the event which was conducted differently from how we have done it in the past. Because of Connie Vaughan's idea and relationships with Representatives Fleischmann and DesJarlais, we were able to secure meeting rooms in both the Longworth and Cannon buildings where we had the representatives or their staff folks come and meet with us. This saved us from having to split our group three ways in order to make calls on each congressional office in the time allotted. We then went to both Senate offices the next morning. Those who attended liked the new process and we will endeavor to improve on it next year. We focused on three key initiatives; The Denham Amendment which seeks to clarify the meal and rest break provisions in order to eliminate a patchwork of rules carriers have to deal with in different states, in particular California, the Drive Safe act which seeks to evaluate the possibility of expanding the ability of 18-21 year olds to use a CDL in interstate commerce, and finally on road funding and the need to identify a stable source of revenue to invest in where we work every day. If you have not gone on one of the Calls in the past, we encourage you to consider it next April!

NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK – SEPTEMBER 9-15, 2018

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!

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

FLEET OWNER'S TOP 5 STORIES OF THE WEEK

The Advanced Clean Transportation Expo is billed as the [nation's largest advanced transportation and clean fleet event](#). Many press announcements and panel discussions surrounded the continued growth electric vehicles. As the same time, a range of alternative fuels including natural gas, propane, fuel cells, and biodiesel were also on display. Click [here](#) for full details.

SAVE THE DATE NOTICE-TRUCKING OWNERS BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE-NASHVILLE

On Wednesday, July 25, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Katz, Sapper & Miller's Transportation Services Group and King & Ballow Law Offices are sponsoring a Trucking Owners Business Roundtable in Nashville. This ongoing series brings together owners of some of the country's top trucking companies to hear from top industry market leaders and nationally known industry advisors on the state of the trucking industry including benchmarking trends, tax law updates, the dynamic rate

environment from both a shipper and carrier perspective, and more. This is a sponsored event and there is no fee to attend. Seating will be limited. Plan now to join us in Nashville at this timely Trucking Owners Business Roundtable. Further details on the program will be coming soon. Click [here](#) for additional information.

PAY MEMBERSHIP DUES ONLINE

To save you time and give you more options of paying your invoice the **Primary Contact** can now pay your Membership Dues online at TNTRUCKING.ORG by logging into the **Members only** portion of our website and clicking on my transactions. Your user name is your email address. If you need your password you can call the TTA office. Please let us know if you have any questions. For Allied Members only, when paying online, if you plan to sponsor the 2018 Convention at a Bronze level or above, you will need to use the Discount Code of 2018-CS to receive the \$100.00 discount.

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.

2018 TENNESSEE TRUCKING ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY TRAINING SCHEDULE – GARY HOLBROOK

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

2nd Quarter

June 23, 2018 - Reasonable Suspicion Drug & Alcohol Training for Supervisors & Managers
(Rescheduled from June 2nd)

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
May 11	Greenville Scales I-81	FULLY SPONSORED BY: Thermo King of Knoxville
May 16	Brownsville Scales I-40	FULLY SPONSORED BY: PFS Transportation, Inc.
June 15	Knoxville Scales I-40	Joe Morten & Son, Inc. (Co-Sponsor)
June 15	Knoxville Scales I-40	Averitt Express, 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	Shell Lubricants (Co-Sponsor) / OPEN
August 29	Manchester Scales I-24	FULLY SPONSORED BY: HELP Inc., Provider of PrePass
September 26	Brownsville Scales I-40	FULLY SPONSORED BY: Vertical Alliance Group
October 3	I-65 Giles County	Sharp Transport, Inc. (Co-Sponsor) / TCW, Inc. (Co-Sponsor)
October 17	Portland Scales I-65 North	FULLY SPONSORED BY: Vertical Alliance Group
November 2	Knoxville Scales I-40	FULLY SPONSORED BY: U.S. Xpress

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 dtmlinson@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 have to say, the demand for trucks and drivers is about as strong as it has ever been, but, with that comes some challenges for us all. The driver shortage is still at an all-time high, according to ATA its 50,000 nationwide today with projections that we will be at a 100,000 shortfall by 2021. The unemployment rate dropped to 3.9% which is a 17.5 year low and we still have a driver shortage. I believe the single biggest long term challenge we face is finding qualified drivers to put behind the wheel of our high tech units. Most of our power units are high tech, with forward and some inward facing cameras, satellite communications, crash avoidance technology, heavy breaking alerts, it goes on and on. Some of our trucks inside and out today look like the old space capsules years ago.

[Continue reading!](#)

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

On April 25th at 11:00 pm the 110th General assembly adjourned *sine die* for the 2018 session. This is the second year in a two year session and all legislation that has been filed these past two years has been eliminated. Now that the legislature has wrapped up their business for the year, the members will turn their focus to campaigning. The state of Tennessee is arguably facing its biggest election year in history as the turnover is unprecedented. Click [here](#) for full details.



Join the 'Trucking Moves America Forward' Movement!

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

TTA 2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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
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 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
June 23	HOLBROOK TNG: Reasonable Suspicion Drug & Alcohol Training for Supervisors & Managers
July 4	Holiday - TTA Office Closed
July 24-25	NATMI - Safety & DO T Compliance

August 2	WTN Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Tournament
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



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 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

THE 2018 BIG PAYBACK The Big Payback Day was May 2nd. We raised a little over \$1,500 dollars for the Foundation. Thank you to those of you who took the time to go online at the Community Foundation of Middle TN and donate

TENNESSEE TRUCKING FOUNDATION AWARDS \$7,500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Tennessee Trucking Foundation recently awarded scholarships for the 2018-19 academic year. TTA congratulates the following:

Baylee Bradford will be a senior at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga majoring in finance. Her father, Brent Bradford, is working at Averitt Express, Cookeville, TN, as Maintenance Technology Coordinator. Award: \$1,500

Katelyn Hayzlett will be a junior at the University of Tennessee at Martin majoring in chemistry. Her mother, Kimberly Hagan, works at Big G Express, Mount Juliet TN, as a planner. Award: \$1,500

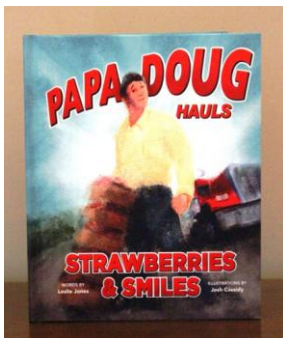
Olivia Crossman Tiebout, a past recipient, will be a senior at Tennessee Technological University majoring in elementary education. Her parents are April Crossman, Averitt Express, Cookeville TN, OSD Manager, and Kenny Crossman, Averitt Express, Cookeville TN, Fuel Analyst. Award: \$1,500

Tesros Cherian, will be a junior at University of Tennessee Chattanooga majoring in biology. His Mother, Elsy Cherian, works at McKee Foods Inc., Collegedale TN, as a Process Technician. Award: \$1,500

Austin Fussell, a past recipient, will be a senior at Tennessee Technological University majoring in civil and environmental engineering. His father, David Fussell works a director of sales at Averitt Express, Inc. in Nashville, TN. Award: \$1,500

2018 ANNUAL TENNESSEE TRUCKING FOUNDATION AUCTION

LET'S ENJOY THE RIDE! Our Convention theme will be reflected throughout the auction. We already have our Convention Auction Committee in place and working. Greg Shipman with Vertical Alliance Group is once again the Chairman of the committee. The volunteers for the committee are Randy Hooper – Katz, Sapper and Miller, Anthony Allen – Willis Towers Watson, Joe Smith – Kenco Transportation Services, Donna England and Jeremy Snapp. If one of them contacts you, please make a commitment and support the auction. Wayland Thompson, FirstFleet, Inc. and 2017-2018 TTA Chairman, has already donated a signed guitar by Garth Brooks and Jim Briggs with Advanced Ergonomics, Inc has donated a guitar signed by Brad Paisley!!! We are looking for popular items that will encourage bidding. Jewelry, gift cards, home decorations, sporting event tickets and equipment and small electronics are always good choices. Be thinking of what you would like to donate to support the good work done through your Foundation. Again this year we are looking for unique and fun items along with a few larger items. You don't have to wait for a phone call from the Auction Committee. You can make your commitment by completing the donation form [HERE](#) and faxing it to the TTA office at 615-777-2024 or calling Catherine Stuart, Foundation Coordinator at 615-777-2882.



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 **Pilot Flying J**. 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	ROAD CAPTAINS ASSIGNED
Road Team Picnic	Saturday, June 02, 2018	Murfreesboro	All Invited
Law Enforcement Anti-Drug (LEAD) Summer Camp	Tuesday, June 05, 2018	Anderson County HS in Clinton, TN	Mark Copas, Jeff Stinson and Josh Dopp
Tennessee School Resource Officers Conference	June 10-13	Pigeon Forge, TN	Ken and Donna Wheeler, Eddie LeSueur, David Brady, Cleve McCord, Ron Bolling
Knoxville RS	Friday, June 15, 2018		Josh Dopp, Eddie LeSueur pending approval
Greater Imani Church	Saturday, June 16, 2018	3824 Austin Peay Hwy, Memphis 38128	Tom Bell, Eddie Threlkeld, Tim Cummings
Teen Institute	Tuesday, June 19, 2018	UT Martin	Tom Bell, John Anderson, Jeff Adams, Tim Cummings, Eddie Threlkeld, David Gooch and Tim Chelette pending approval
Bradford Special Schools Summer Program	Wednesday, June 20, 2018	Bradford	Eddie Threlkeld, Tom Bell
Portland RS	Wednesday, June 20, 2018		TBA
CarFit Training	Thursday, July 12, 2018	Spring Hill	TBA
CarFit Training	Saturday, July 14, 2018	Milan	Robert Barrett, John Anderson, Tom Bell and Jeff Adams pending approval

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!

If your Kroger receipt doesn't have a charitable listed, please support the Foundation. 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:

Todd Vaughn Wilson, son of Tommy Wilson, Retired from Rush Truck Center, Nashville, passed away May 9, 2018, he was 58 years old.

William Ernest "Bill" Boyte, Sr., owner of Mid-Tenn Ford Truck Sales, passed away March 23, 2018 and it was brought to our attention on May 9, 2018. He was 82 years old. Click [here](#) for his Obituary.

Dwayne M. Gallaher served as Owner and Chief Executive Officer of Daco Corporation and served as its President. Mr. Gallaher, Owner of Daco began his own trucking operation TransCarriers in 1982. He has been with Daco Trailer Leasing Inc., Memphis, TN, a subsidiary of Daco Corporation since 1964. He served with Norwin Trailer Co, Memphis, TN from 1960 to 1964. Mr. Gallaher passed away May 12, 2018 and it was brought to TTA's attention on May 22 2018. He was 78 years old. Click [here](#) for his Obituary.

Catherine Josephine "Jo" Knight, Mother of Susan Snow, Green Mountain Transportation, Inc, passed away May 17, 2018 and it was brought to our attention on May 22, 2018. She was 92 years old. Click [here](#) for her Obituary.

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
Dave Huneryager	Todd Vaughn Wilson	Tommy Wilson
Steve & Beth Franklin	Todd Vaughn Wilson	Tommy Wilson
Joseph Sharp	Todd Vaughn Wilson	Tommy Wilson

COUNCIL CORNER

The dates for Fall Conference this year is October 25th and 26th, 2018. Click [here](#) for Chattanooga family attractions. The 2018 TTA Annual Fall Conference will be at the Doubletree Hilton in downtown Chattanooga. Visit this [link](#) to explore this beautiful property. The Steering Committee is finalizing plans for Fall Conference. We are excited to announce our Keynote Speaker, hosted by Vertical Alliance Group. An investment in your safety culture is an investment in your bottom line. And, according to Brian Fielkow, business leader and author, a culture of prevention is the foundation of an excellent operation. Brian has over 25 years of experience in safety-sensitive industries, and as a leader still "in the game," he faces the same daily challenges as you when it comes to running a business. Brian grew his business dramatically by focusing on growing his company's safety culture, and now he'll share what has worked — and what hasn't. Brian will explain how to develop and anchor a behavior-based environment that promotes accountability by providing you with hands-on tools to create and sustain a culture of prevention. We will then move to a panel discussion on Risk Exposure. Please mark your Calendar for Fall Conference. This one will be one you don't want to miss!!! We will have more information coming in the next newsletter.

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

June

6	East TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, EST – Crown School of Trades and Technology 2307 W. Beaver Creek Drive Powell, TN 37849 Speaker: TBA
7	Upper East TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:00 AM, EST – Logan's Steak House, 3112 Browns Mill Road, Johnson City, TN, 37604 – Speaker: TBA
9	HOLBROOK - Defensive Driving Training
12-13	NATMI - NATMI – Commercial Driver Trainer Certification Course
X 14	West TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, CST-Summit Truck Group 1750 E Brooks Rd, Memphis, TN 38116 Topic: Roundtable discussion on Cameras
15	Roadside Inspection, Knoxville Scales I-40
19	Southeast TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM EST – Western Sizzlin, 6061 Relocation Way, Ooltewah, TN – Speaker: TBA
20	Roadside Inspection, Portland Scales I-65 North
23	HOLBROOK - Drug & Alcohol Training

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: Dr Greg Elam, National Toxicology Specialist- Drug and Alcohol Updates
X 26	Middle TN Safety Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:00 AM – Location: Rush Truck Center 900 Expo Drive Smyrna, TN 37167

July

4	Holiday – 4 th of July
12	West TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, CST-Location: TBA
17	Southeast TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM EST – Western Sizzlin, 6061 Relocation Way, Ooltewah, TN – Speaker: TBA
24	Middle TN Safety Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: TBA
24-25	NATMI – Safety & DOT Compliance
30	Middle TN Safety Management Council Meeting: 11:00 AM - Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet - Chinese, Japanese & American Cuisine, 3804 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN, 37211 – Speaker: Tn Road Team Captains

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



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