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## TTA Newsline

### NEWSLINE SPONSORSHIP

**We are now taking sponsorships for 2019.** If your company would like to be a sponsor, please contact Carol Foster at the TTA office by phone (615) 777-2882 or email (cfoster@tntrucking.org) to reserve your month. The cost will be \$600.00 per issue.

### 2018 NEWSLINE SPONSORSHIP

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September	Vertical Alliance Group
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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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

**AirMedCare Network**, Devona Wright, [devona.wright@amgh.us](mailto:devona.wright@amgh.us)

426 North Main St., Burkesville, KY 42717 / **Phone (606) 371-3692 / FAX (866) 299-3303**

**ABOUT US:** “You never know when a medical emergency will arise. But when it does, time and access to world-class patient care can mean everything. That’s why an AirMedCare Network membership is so important. If you or your family have a medical emergency, our alliance of affiliated air ambulance helicopters and airplanes can provide medical transport, dramatically reducing travel time to an emergency treatment facility. AirMedCare Network is an alliance among Air Evac Lifeteam, Guardian Flight, Med-Trans Corporation and REACH Air Medical Services, creating America’s largest air ambulance membership network.”

**NetraDyne, Inc.** Alan Smith, Regional Sales, [alan.smith@netradyne.com](mailto:alan.smith@netradyne.com)

9623 Deer Track Court, Brentwood, TN 37027 / **Phone (615) 944-5873 / FAX (N/A)**

**Referred by: Laina Smith, Verizon Connect**

**ABOUT US:** “Netradyne provides cutting-edge technologies in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Edge Computing to help reduce accidents by creating a new safe driving standard for commercial vehicles. Our industry solutions reduce driving incidents and protect against false claims. We empower drivers by providing them with more awareness of risky driving behavior and reward safe driver decision-making.”

**LockNClimb, LLC**, Jeff Green, President/CEO, [jeffg@locknclimb.com](mailto:jeffg@locknclimb.com)

2500 West Laurel St, Independence, KS 67301 / **Phone (620) 577-2577 / FAX (N/A)**

**Referred by: ATA**

**ABOUT US:** “LockNClimb, LLC, a world leader in the design and manufacturing of ergonomic safety ladders for the commercial airline industry, has recently adapted their patented MRO ladder technology into products to serve the needs of heavy truck mechanics. The MRO Truck ladder feature a wide slip resistant platform where mechanics can work in relative comfort on the engine, running lights or even change a windshield. Instead of impacting the mid-foot by standing on drag links or struts, LockNClimb offers two solutions. The 15MINISTAND fits on the ground behind the bumper while the DLink snaps over the drag link to provide full foot support and reduce the possibility of foot thrombosis. For more information call 620.577-5777 or visit: [www.locknclimb.com/trucking](http://www.locknclimb.com/trucking).”

**Northstar Environmental Group, Inc.**, Caleb Harper, Fleet Manager,

[caleb.harper@northstarenv.com](mailto:caleb.harper@northstarenv.com)

417 Blythe St., Gallatin, TN 37066 / **Phone (615) 451-4867 / FAX (N/A)**

**Referred by: Donna Tomlinson, TTA**

**ABOUT US:** “Northstar Environmental Group has been providing effective and reliable solutions to industrial environmental problems since 1991. Our primary focus is on quality and responsive service in the areas of facilities maintenance, project management, and the environment. Our newly launched environmental consulting division provides permitting and compliance assistance to industrial and municipal clients nationwide.”

**J D Factors**, Daniel Tobler, Business Development Officer, [dtobler@jdfactors.com](mailto:dtobler@jdfactors.com)

1021 Alvin Weinbert Dr., Ste. A, Oakridge, TN 37830 / **Phone (865) 300-7844 / FAX (N/A)**

**Referred by: Online**

**ABOUT US:** “J D Factors provides non-recourse freight bill factoring to turn your unpaid invoices into the immediate cash you need without credit risk or debt. We’ve combined over 25 years of experience with an approach designed to meet the demanding cash flow needs of today’s trucking

companies. Our individualized non-recourse factoring programs and financial strength give you the peace of mind to run your business without worrying about credit or collections. The result is a program customized just for you that enables your business to grow on your terms and a formula that sets J D Factors apart from the competition.”

**Colonial Life**, Blake Rogers, Territory Sales Manager, [tblakerogers@coloniallife.com](mailto:tblakerogers@coloniallife.com)  
6 Cadillac Drive, Ste. 190, Brentwood, TN 37027 / **Phone (615) 696-6670 / FAX (615) 371-2418**

**Referred by: Driving by**

**ABOUT US:** “Colonial Life helps your employees prepare for unexpected challenges today to help ensure financial protection and peace of mind for tomorrow. Our voluntary benefits are designed to enable you to offer a complete benefits plan that empowers your employees to work happier and healthier. Colonial Life products are underwritten by Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company. In New York similar products, if approved, are underwritten by The Paul Revere Life Insurance Company.”

**Centrality Business Technologies**, Dan Kanabroski, Principle, [dkanabroski@centralitytech.com](mailto:dkanabroski@centralitytech.com)  
11440 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, KY 40299 / **Phone (502) 292-8075 / Fax (N/A)**

**Referred by: Dave Huneryager, TTA**

**ABOUT US:** “Core competency is simple: Help Trucking/Transportation company Owners, Presidents, and CFOs budget and use their technology to solve every day business challenges. Through our financial-based ROI analysis, we show stakeholders how to leverage IT to: 1) Grow Top-Line Revenue. 2) Decrease Day-to-Day Operational Expenses & 3) Push more Revenue to Bottom-Line Profitability. Your annual IT spent should be a game-changing asset, not an unavoidable sunk cost. Centrality Business Technologies shows our clients and customers how to make that shift, while avoiding unnecessary expense and risk. ”

**Specialized Truck Repair**, Jason Watts, Executive Vice President,  
[jwatts@specializedtruckrepair.com](mailto:jwatts@specializedtruckrepair.com)

91 Fesslers Lane, Nashville, TN 37210 / **Phone (615) 256-6145 / FAX (N/A)**

**Referred by: Online**

**ABOUT US:** “Truck repair and maintenance services as a full-service vehicle repair facility in Fairview, TN, Specialized Truck Repair offers extensive truck repair and maintenance services. We have experienced mechanics who are equipped to perform planned or unplanned repairs. When you hire us, expect our team to discuss which services your vehicles need to keep you involved in the maintenance of your fleet.”

**Pace – USA.**, Chuck Moyer, President, [cmoyer@pace-usa.com](mailto:cmoyer@pace-usa.com)  
5951 Greenwood Parkway, Bessemer, AL 35022 / **Phone (205) 417-6489 / FAX (N/A)**

**Referred by: Former Member**

**ABOUT US:** “At Pace, our partnerships are paramount. We are committed to our customers’ and partners’ success, and will provide unmatched customer service and flawless execution. Our technology and insights help us deliver dependable and consistent results to you every day.”

## **MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE:**

We have been busy signing up new members!!! Thanks so much for the referrals!!



ATA , referred LockNClimb, LLC. Thank you, ATA for the referral!!!

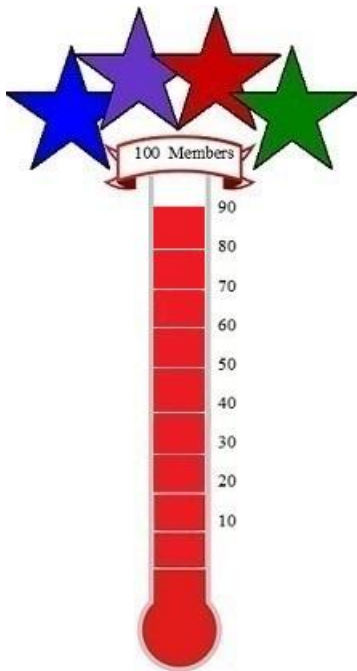


Donna England, [Tennessee Trucking Association](#), referred Northstar Environmental Group, Inc. Thank you, Donna for the referral!!!



Dave Huneryager, [Tennessee Trucking Association](#), referred Centrality Business Technologies. Thank you, Dave for the referral!!!

**It has been an awesome year recruiting new members! We are up to 90 new members!!! We can't thank you enough for helping us get super close to our goal. We only need 10 more to have the mercury climb to the top!!! Please keep up the referrals and help us reach our goal!!**



**Our results for our campaign:**

Greg Shipman, Vertical Alliance Group	5 New Members
Mike Lewis, TowPro	3 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
Jim Briggs, Advanced Ergonomics	1 New Member
Bob West, R. E. West, Inc.	1 New Member
Jason Holland, Pilot Flying J	1 New Member
Debra Brake, Capacity Southeast Agency	1 New Member
Seth Maxwell, Cottingham & Butler, Inc,	1 New Member
Cory Koslin, Insurance Information Exchange	1 New Member
Brad Rahrer, Portland Express, Inc.,	1 New Member
Wayne Oglesby, Southern Freight Services	1 New Member
Greg Thompson, MissingWordSolutions.com	1 New Member
Jeff Knittel, Beacon Transport, LLC	1 New Member
Tommy Hodges, Titan Transfer	2 New Members
Jeremy Reymer, Driver Reach	1 New Member
Annette Blancett	1 New Member

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

### 2018 NATMI CERTIFIED TRAINING SCHEDULE

December 11-12	ReScheduled from 12/04-05/18 Safety & DOT Compliance <a href="#">Download Registration Form</a>
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### 2019 NATMI CERTIFIED TRAINING SCHEDULE

TTA is excited to partner with the North American Transportation Management Institute (NATMI), the premiere professional development organization for transportation industry professionals, to offer the following training classes in 2019:

January 23-24	Safety & DOT Compliance Location: Nashville
February 20-21	Hazardous Materials Training
March 11-15	Safety Supervisor (CSS) & Director of Safety (CDS) Certification
April 2-3	Safety & DOT Compliance* Location: <b>TBD</b>
May 22-23	Safety & DOT Compliance* Location: <b>TBD</b>
June 12-14	Certified Driver Training Program
July 24-25	Safety & DOT Compliance* Location: <b>TBD</b>
August 7-9	Maintenance Supervisor & Maintenance Director Certification
October 7-11	Safety Supervisor (CSS) & Director of Safety (CDS) Certification
November 6-7	Safety & DOT Compliance Location: <b>TBD</b>

Note: We are currently working to partner with various locations throughout the state, to bring these classes to your communities. Once we have the locations finalized, we will update this information. Thank you for your patience as we work towards bringing you a new and improved NATMI training experience!

Registration for all courses is available at [www.natmi.org](http://www.natmi.org). For more information call us at (615) 777-2882. **Register 60+ days prior, and receive a \$20 discount!**

***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.**

**Memphis – August 2, 2018** - Memphis National Golf Club! **Check the TTA Facebook Page for pictures of the 2018 event.**

**Chattanooga – October 3, 2018** - Windstone Golf Club - **Check the TTA Facebook Page for pictures of the 2018 event.**

## **INDUSTRY UPDATE**

### **CARRIERS AND DRIVERS: PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN USDOT TRUCK DRIVER PARKING SURVEY**

*One of ATA's highest priorities is to address the severe shortage of truck parking, which prevents drivers from finding a safe place to rest and is a major cause of driver dissatisfaction. In response to a Congressional mandate, USDOT is conducting a survey of major stakeholder groups – including carriers and drivers – to determine the extent, location and causes of the shortage. The results will be used to come up with potential solutions to this growing problem. ATA has agreed to help distribute the survey to carriers and their drivers.*

*USDOT initiated the inaugural Jason's Law Survey in 2014, and you may have provided information for that effort. This new survey update will provide information on how conditions have changed since then. USDOT has developed separate surveys for trucking operations managers and drivers:*

***If you manage trucking operations, please click on this link: [Trucking Operations Managers](#)***

***Please send this survey to your drivers: [Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators \(drivers\)](#)***

Please reply to this survey no later than December 21. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please feel free to contact ATA's Darrin Roth at [droth@trucking.org](mailto:droth@trucking.org) or Jeff Purdy at the Federal Highway Administration, Office of Freight Management and Operations, at [jeffrey.purdy@dot.gov](mailto:jeffrey.purdy@dot.gov). Please feel free to distribute this information to others in the trucking industry.

## **FMCSA'S INSULIN-TREATED DIABETES RULE IN EFFECT—ASSESSMENT FORM NOW AVAILABLE AND INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR**

On Monday, November 19, FMCSA's final rule allowing individuals with properly managed insulin-treated diabetes mellitus to operate commercial motor vehicles went into effect. The following day, the [ITDMI Assessment form](#) was published on FMCSA's website.

This rule enables a certified medical examiner to grant an ITDM individual a Medical Examiner's Certificate for up to a maximum of 12 months. The treating physician who manages, and prescribes insulin for, the treatment of the individual's diabetes, must provide the ITDM Assessment Form to the certified ME indicating that the individual maintains a stable insulin regimen and proper control of his or her diabetes. The certified ME then determines if the individual meets FMCSA's physical qualification standards and can operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

[Click here](#) for a summary of the ITDM final rule. For more information contact, Abigail Potter [apotter@trucking.org](mailto:apotter@trucking.org).

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces the posting of an informational webinar overviewing the Qualifications of Drivers; Diabetes Standard final rule published on September 19, 2018 (83 FR 47486). The webinar is designed to assist certified Medical Examiners in understanding the provisions of the revised regulations and the Medical Examiner's role in the medical certification process of insulin-treated diabetes mellitus individuals. The webinar covers the new regulatory requirements and responsibilities of insulin-treated diabetes mellitus individuals, diabetes grandfathered drivers, Treating Clinicians, and certified Medical Examiners. The webinar also provides a review of the new Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus Assessment Form, MCSA-5870, and its requirements.

FMCSA invites Medical Examiners to view the webinar at <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/medical/new-diabetes-standard-overview-webinar>. In addition, the webinar will be posted on the Resource Center webpage accessible from the Medical Examiner's National Registry account next week. No registration is required.

## **WOMEN IN TRUCKING DOLL**

[Meet Clare](#), Women in Trucking's new female truck driver doll – just in time for Christmas giving!

## **ATRI SOLICITS ELD DATA FOR INDUSTRY CLEARINGHOUSE**

The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) launched its initiative to collect and warehouse anonymized electronic logging device data. With universal deployment of electronic logging devices (ELDs), the industry now has a new opportunity to document and address the many issues that impact driver and carrier safety, operations, and productivity using the more robust data available from ELDs. Click [here](#) for full details.

## **TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE - IRP AND IFTA ELECTRONIC CREDENTIALS**

IRP and IFTA recently passed a bill that allows electronic credentials to be issued. With the recent transition to the new system TR3, they are able to accommodate this very easily. This goes into effect January 1, 2019. Carriers will no longer be required to carry a paper IRP cab card or IFTA license. All United States jurisdictions and Canadian provinces will be required to accept electronic images of IRP cab cards and IFTA licenses.

During a roadside stop, credentials may be shown as an electronic image on a computer, tablet, smart phone. Paper copies remain acceptable. Regardless of the format, the document must be

accurate, accessible and readable. The department has recommended that electronic documents be stored as a PDF file in order to ensure access to documentation while in areas of no service or Wi-Fi.

Attached is a sample our [IRP cab card](#) and an [IFTA license](#). Also you can read the attached [memo](#) for more details.

### **DRIVER SHORTAGE ONCE AGAIN RANKED AS TRUCKING INDUSTRY'S TOP CONCERN**

The American Transportation Research Institute, the trucking industry's not-for-profit research institute, today unveiled its Top Industry Issues report, which includes the list of the top ten critical issues facing the North American trucking industry. For the second year in a row, the driver shortage is the top-ranked issue. Click [here](#) for full details.

### **ATRI RESEARCH QUANTIFIES BENEFITS OF HOURS-OF-SERVICE FLEXIBILITY: REDUCED DRIVING TIME AND LOWER COSTS**

The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) today released the results of a new analysis on the potential benefits of allowing commercial drivers additional flexibility when they take required hours-of-service (HOS) breaks. ATRI utilized empirical truck GPS data to model the application of split rest beyond the current 8 and 2 hour increments allowed under the existing HOS rules. Through this analysis it was found that drivers could spend less time and money, driving the same distances behind the wheel. Click [here](#) for full details.

## **MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

### **AMERICA'S ROAD TEAM HELPS SINISE FOUNDATION AID MILITARY FAMILIES / BIG G'S STEPHEN RICHARDSON**

Jodi Lamb, Manager of Marketing and Communications at Big G, comments "Pretty awesome opportunity we have to give back! We are thankful to have Stephen represent Big G and the trucking industry." Click [here](#) for the Transport Topics article.

### **FLYING J AND TENNESSEE'S ROAD TEAM RECEIVE ATA'S MIKE RUSSELL TRUCKING IMAGE AWARDS AT MCE**

American Trucking Associations presented the Mike Russell Trucking Image Awards to one motor carrier, one trucking affiliated organization, one professional truck driver, and one allied company. ATA also presented an honorable mention award in the affiliated category. Click [here](#) for full details.

The **Tennessee Trucking Association Foundation** for their partnership with state transportation offices to develop statewide educational and medical programs aimed at the safety and well-being of senior drivers. The association accomplished this while continuing their high school share the road programs, demonstrating that road safety should and can be accessible at any stage of life. Tennessee also supports a state Road Team.

**Pilot Flying J** for creating a positive image of truck drivers and the company's prolific record of community involvement, including fundraising for United Way and Wreaths Across America. Pilot Flying J is also recognized for their steadfast dedication to creating a positive image of the industry through their support of Trucking Moves America Forward.

### **ATA ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR 2019-2020 AMERICA'S ROAD TEAM**

We would like to congratulate Tim Chelette, Big G Express, on being one of the finalists! We look forward to congratulating him again when he wins! *Drivers with 946 Years of Combined Truck Driving Experience Advance to Final Round*



American Trucking Associations released the list of 34 professional truck drivers named as finalists for the 2019-2020 term of America's Road Team.

"ATA believes the men and women who work safely day after day to deliver our goods – truck drivers – are the best representatives of the trucking industry and we are inspired by the finalists for the upcoming class of America's Road Team," said **ATA President and CEO Chris Spear**. "Throughout the evaluation process, we read and heard stories from truck drivers about pride, courage, and selflessness – the kinds of stories we are excited to share with the public, media and elected officials." Click [here](#) for full details.

### **AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN ACTION!**

We would like to share this awesome story with you and hope it will be an encouragement as yet another example of this amazing industry's efforts in combating this heinous crime! Each \$ donated, each introduction made, each time you encourage everyone to TAT train. Each time you use your influence to amplify this message, you send ripple effects that truly impact lives at the end of the day. Click [here](#) for full details. Thank YOU!

### **DriverReach IS PROUD TO BE AN ENDORSED PARTNER OF THE TTA**

"As a long time member and supporter of the TTA, we recognize the tremendous value the association offers trucking companies in Tennessee, and we're honored to be an additional part of that value for fellow TTA members," said founder and CEO [Jeremy Reymer](#).

DriverReach's sole mission is to help carriers hire drivers faster and more efficiently. Carriers can dramatically improve their speed-to-hire with DriverReach's mobile-friendly DOT application and full-service applicant tracking system (ATS) with email and text functionality. If you're interested in seeing how DriverReach can help you hire better, faster, simply [request a demo](#) or meet them at the TTA Convention in Destin.

### **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.

### **2019 TENNESSEE TRUCKING ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY SAFETY TRAINING SCHEDULE:**

Listed below you will find the quarterly training schedule for 2019. We have added Friday training courses to this program to better serve our members ever changing needs. Attendance for each class is limited, so we highly recommend registering in advance to reserve your spot for these informative classes!

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

**Saturday January 19, 2019** – Defensive Driving Course for Professional Truck Drivers

**Saturday January 26, 2019** – Driver Qualification & Hiring Training

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**

**Friday May 3, 2019** – Defensive Driving Course for Professional Truck Drivers

**Friday May 17, 2019** – Drug & Alcohol Testing

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

**Saturday August 10 2019** – Defensive Driving Course for Professional Truck Drivers

### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

**Friday November 8, 2019** – Achieving Improvement with your Professional Drivers

**Friday November 15, 2019** – Accident Reporting

All sessions will be held at the TTA office training facility and will be from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Central Time). Cost for each session is \$50 for TTA members and \$75 for non-members. Contact the TTA office at (615) 777-2882 to reserve your safety training today or download a form by clicking [here](#) to register and email to [cfooster@tntrucking.org](mailto:cfooster@tntrucking.org).

**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**

**We are now taking commitments for the 2019 events.** The sponsorships are \$1,000 for a full sponsorship or \$500 if you prefer a half sponsorship. All of the dates for 2019 will be set at the first of the year. If you would like to commit to one just let us know which location you would like to sponsor/reserve. **If you would like to sponsor a TTA 2019 Roadside Inspection, please contact the TTA Office (615) 777-2882**

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.

**All Roadside Inspections have been sponsored. Thanks to everyone who sponsored. We appreciate your continued support.**

<b>2018 DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
<b>May 11</b>	Greenville Scales I-81	<b>FULLY SPONSORED BY:</b> Thermo King of Knoxville
<b>May 16</b>	Brownsville Scales I-40	<b>FULLY SPONSORED BY:</b> PFS Transportation, Inc.
<b>June 15</b>	Knoxville Scales I-40	Joe Morten & Son, Inc. <b>(Co-Sponsor)</b>
<b>June 15</b>	Knoxville Scales I-40	Averitt Express, Inc. <b>(Co-Sponsor)</b>
<b>June 20</b>	Portland Scales I-65 North	Tenco Services, Inc. <b>(Co-Sponsor)</b>
<b>June 20</b>	Portland Scales I-65 North	Old Time Express, Inc. <b>(Co-Sponsor)</b>
<b>August 3</b>	Greenville Scales I-81	Shell Lubricants <b>(Co-Sponsor)</b> / Walmart Transportation LLC <b>(Co-Sponsor)</b>
<b>August 29</b>	Manchester Scales I-24	<b>FULLY SPONSORED BY:</b> HELP Inc., Provider of PrePass
<b>September 26</b>	Brownsville Scales I-40	<b>FULLY SPONSORED BY:</b> Vertical Alliance Group

<b>October 3</b>	I-65 Giles County	Sharp Transport, Inc. <b>(Co-Sponsor)</b> / TCW, Inc. <b>(Co-Sponsor)</b>
<b>October 17</b>	Portland Scales I-65 North	<b>CANCELLED FULLY SPONSORED BY:</b> Vertical Alliance Group
<b>November 2</b>	Knoxville Scales I-40 <b>NOW CANCELLED</b>	<b>CANCELLED FULLY SPONSORED BY:</b> U.S. Xpress
<b>December 5</b>	<b>RESCHEDULED</b> / Portland Scales I-65 North	<b>CANCELLED FULLY SPONSORED BY</b> Vertical Alliance Group

***What is a Roadside Inspection?***

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

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

**NEW CARRIER MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT!**

In an effort to get more **carrier** involvement, we now have a link on the TTA Website for prospective members to send a membership application electronically to us. Any carrier you might have been talking to about joining can go to the TTA website ([www.tntrucking.org](http://www.tntrucking.org)) and complete the membership form. The form comes directly to the TTA office. The carrier will be contacted for payment method and will save 25% off their first year’s membership dues. Make sure you share this information with any carriers who are not TTA members!

**CHAIRMAN’S CORNER**



**Connie Vaughan**  
**McKee Foods Transportation, LLC**

I trust you had a wonderful, safe Thanksgiving. Like you, I have a lot to be thankful for – family (especially grandsons!), a great job, and good health. Monday before Thanksgiving, my husband had a “mild” heart attack that resulted in two heart stints to clear blocked arteries. Just a week later, he is at 100%. He returned to work with a spring in his step and we both have a renewed focus on staying healthy. A major life event (a.k.a. Significant Emotional Event – SEE) can help us “see” things differently and reset our priorities – which is a good thing. [Continue reading!](#)

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

Last month, Tennessee arguably held the most significant Mid-term elections in state history. Popular Governor Bill Haslam (R - Knoxville) was term limited, and the race to replace him featured Bill Lee (R-Franklin) a successful businessman who was a political newcomer, taking on a former Nashville Mayor in Karl Dean (D-Nashville). Additionally, all state house seats were up for election – with nearly 30 of those 99 seats not featuring an incumbent – as well as half of the State Senate. Those circumstances, combined with record campaign expenditures in the two statewide races, generated voter turnout rivaling that of a presidential election. Come January 2019, Tennessee will welcome new Governor Bill Lee, twenty-nine new house members and six new senators.

Shortly after the midterm elections, the House Republican Caucus and House Democratic Caucus held leadership elections. The Republican Caucus voted Franklin’s Glen Casada as its nominee for Speaker, prevailing over Clarksville’s Curtis Johnson and Greenville’s David Hawk. Casada, who most recently served as House Majority Leader, is now poised to be Tennessee’s first new House Speaker in eight years, filling the role that was vacated after Beth Harwell (Nashville) stepped down to run for Governor. The Republican Caucus also elected its next Majority Leader, with William Lamberth (Cottontown) and Caucus Chairman, with Cameron Sexton (Cookeville). The Democratic Caucus nominated Memphis’s Karen Camper as their candidate for House Speaker as well as minority leader. The Democratic Caucus also decided to stick with current caucus chairman, Mike Stewart (Nashville). The Senate Republican Caucus will hold their elections on December 3, where it is expected Lt. Governor Randy McNally (R-Oakridge) will maintain his position. The Senate Democratic Caucus has yet to announce when they will meet.

The 111th Tennessee General Assembly will convene at Noon on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. They will take a ten day recess until the Inauguration of Governor Bill Lee on Saturday, January 19. Legislative committee chairmen are typically announced on Inauguration Day as well, after which there is expected to be an organizational period of 2-3 weeks to allow office shuffling and other tasks to take place, after which the 2019 session will begin in earnest.

The following are the member companies, firms, PACs and individuals who have all contributed since last December. A special thanks to all who have made this such a successful year. If we have failed to include anyone please don’t hesitate to let us know and we will publish the list again.

AAT Carriers, Inc.	FirstExpress, Inc.	Moore Freight Service	Shoun Trucking Co., Inc.
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## TRUCK PAC SUPPORT IS NOW POSSIBLE ONLINE

Individuals can make their contributions on the TTA website. From the TTA Landing Page, select the TruckPAC tab on the left side, and then click on Donate Now. At the [TruckPAC page](#), select **DONATE NOW**. You will then login to the Member only part of our website. Click on the online store that is on the left side of the page, then select TruckPAC donation. After your payment processes you will get an email with your receipt. Please let us know if you need your password reset.



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 88th 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	<b>CANCELLED</b> Roadside Inspection, Portland Scales I-65 North
October 30-31	NATMI – Safety & DOT Compliance
November 1	NATMI – Transportation Risk Management
November 2	<b>CANCELLED</b> Roadside Inspection, Knoxville Scales I-40
November 3	HOLBROOK TNG: Accident Reporting
November 10	<b>CANCELLED</b> HOLBROOK TNG: Defensive Driving Course for Professional Truck Drivers
November 22-23	Holiday - TTA Office Closed - Thanksgiving
December 6	TTF Raffle Drawing
December 11-12	<b>RE-SCHEDULED FROM DECEMBER 4-5, 2018</b> NATMI – Safety & DOT Compliance
December 24- 25	Holiday - TTA Office Closed – Christmas



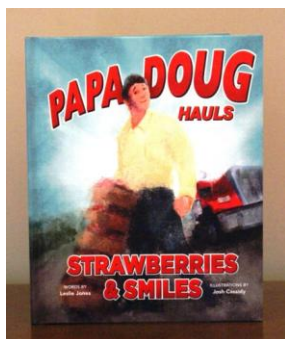
## TENNESSEE TRUCKING FOUNDATION CORNER

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!

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Website: [www.tntruckingfoundation.org](http://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](mailto:cstuart@tntrucking.org) or call the TTA office at (615) 777-2882. Proceeds from book sales are donated to the Tennessee Trucking Foundation's Highway Safety Education Programs (Tennessee's Road Team and Teens & Trucks Share the Road) and Trucking Moves America Forward Movement. The Tennessee Road Team will continue to visit schools and present books for as long as we have donors

**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 Team Captains Assigned
Oasis of Hope Senior Program	December 4, 2018	Memphis, TN	Eddie Threlkeld and Vernon Brewer
CarFit Training	December 10, 2018	Chattanooga, TN	TBD
Road Team Captain Training	January 15-16, 2019	TTA Office	<b>All TN Road Team Captains</b>

**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](mailto:cstuart@tntrucking.org) or 615-777-2882 to learn more.

### **TEENS & TRUCKS SHARE THE ROAD HIGHWAY SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM**

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

## IN LOVING MEMORY

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

TTA would like to make sure we acknowledge and inform all members of the losses of TTA members and loved ones. Please send us any notices, and we will inform the membership either through an email blast or posting in the monthly newsletter.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO TENNESSEE TRUCKING FOUNDATION IN MEMORY OF ...

Did you know you can make a contribution to the Tennessee Trucking Foundation in memory of a loved one or industry colleague? You can even specify what program of the Foundation you would like the contribution to go toward such as the Road Team or the Scholarship Fund. The family receives a card from the Foundation letting them know that you made a contribution to the Foundation in their family member's name. TTF is a 501(c) 3 charitable organization and gifts are tax deductible:

Contribution Made by	In Memory of	Acknowledgement Sent to
J. B. Baker	Kenneth Don Dalton	N/A

## COUNCIL CORNER

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

### December

4-5	NATMI – Safety & DOT Compliance
5	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: Dan Pallme, TDOT
6	Upper East TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:00 AM, EST – Logan's Steak House, 3112 Browns Mill Road, Johnson City, TN, 37604 – Speaker: Planning Meeting
6	TTF Annual Raffle Drawing
<b>X</b> 13	West TN Safety and Maintenance Council- <b>NO MEETING</b>
18	Southeast TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM EST – Western Sizzlin, 6061 Relocation Way, Ooltewah, TN Speaker: Christmas Party and Leadership Nominations
24-25	Holiday – Christmas & Christmas Eve
<b>X</b>	Middle TN Safety Management Council Meeting: <b>NO MEETING</b>
<b>X</b>	Middle TN Maintenance Council Meeting: <b>NO MEETING</b>

**January**

1	Holiday – New Years Day
10	West TN Safety/Maintenance Council-TBA
15	Southeast TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM EST – Western Sizzlin, 6061 Relocation Way, Ooltewah, TN Speaker: TBA
22	Middle TN Maintenance Council Meeting: TBA
28	Middle TN Safety Management Council Meeting: TBA

**MARK YOUR 2019 CALENDARS FOR TTA'S 89<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION:  
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