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E-Newsletter

2019 TTA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY - DEADLINE – JANUARY 31, 2019

The 2019 Tennessee Trucking Association *Membership Directory and Resource Guide* will be published in the Spring. Each company will be mailed a “Membership Directory Update Form”. Please take the time to make sure your company listing is correct and return the form to TTA by January 31, 2019, as we cannot guarantee changes that are received after this deadline.

Please make sure to complete the member Checklist (Attached to the Directory Update) in order to be listed in all the appropriate categories of services in the 2019 Directory. This section allows easier identification of services to anyone having a TTA directory. It will also help the TTA staff direct callers looking for carriers to haul loads for them. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU COMPLETE THE TTA MEMBER CHECKLIST** and **return** it by the deadline.

We also offer options to enhance your listing. Parent companies may purchase *branch listings* for non-member branch locations at an additional cost. *Additional contact listings* are available to member companies to add extra personnel in addition to the primary contact to a listing. This will also be in the mailing you receive.

Advertising is also available from the publisher, Naylor Publications. Advertising in the *TTA Membership Directory and Resource Guide* is an excellent way to reach your customers all year long. The directory is a spiral bound book used by TTA members as a resource for member contact information, legislative and government contact information and as a buyers' guide for products and services. It is mailed directly to every member of the Association. If you would like to purchase an ad, please contact Naylor Publications at 800-369-6220 or email Jason Zawada at jzawada@naylor.com.

TTA Newsline

NEWSLINE SPONSORSHIP

We would like to thank the [attached](#) members for their support of the Tennessee Trucking Association in sponsoring TTA Newslines for 2018. **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.

2019 NEWSLINE SPONSORSHIP

2019 SPONSOR MONTH	COMPANY NAME
January	Averitt Express, Inc.
February	
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

TTA Welcomes the following New Members:

FirstLine Funding Group, Lori Gustaf, VP/Chief Operations Officer, lori.gustaf@bankeasy.com
P. O. Box 328, Madison, SD 57042 / **Phone: (877) 609-6717 / FAX (N/A)**

Referred by: Internet

ABOUT US: "Firstline Funding Group offers factoring, accounts receivable financing and broker factoring."

FLEETCOR, Vincent Gelsomino, Partner Manager, vincent.gelsomino@fleetcor.com
5445 Triangle Pkwy Suite 400 Norcross, GA 30092 **Phone: (470) 655-2747**

Referred by: Internet

ABOUT US: "Speedway stores are proud to be part of the TTA association. With 18 fuel centers in Tennessee and 196 nationwide Speedway can offer discounts to the members through most fuel cards (Comdata, EFS, Multiserve) and through their proprietary card called SuperFleet which has no fees including no transaction fees. You will also continue to earn Speedy rewards points while using this program. Look for further communications to be coming however for those interested in getting a jump start feel free to call Vince Gelsomino at 815 409 2355 or email vincent.gelsomino@fleetcor.com."

WELCOME BACK:

ProDrivers, Sonya Stewart, Utilization Manager, sonya.stewart@prodrivers.com

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN 2019:

Thank you so much for all your help recruiting new members in 2018! We ended with 92 NEW MEMBERS!! I hope that you will continue to help us grow in 2019!!! I hope to end 2019 with a touchdown!!! I need your help to move the ball down the field (100) yards for a TTA touchdown!!!

RAFFLE WINNERS

To everyone who purchased raffle tickets, thank you for all your support! The raffle drawing was held at the TTA Office on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Lt. Ray Robinson from the Tennessee Highway Patrol drew the winning tickets. The two lucky winners were:

First Prize of \$15,000 - Shaun Newman - Penske Truck Leasing

Second Prize of \$5,000 - Todd Thompson - Temperature Controlled Express, Inc. (TCX) is the \$5,000 Cash Raffle Winner

Raffle proceeds benefit the Tennessee Trucking Foundation's Highway Safety Education Programs. **Click [here](#)** for the Video of the raffle drawing. Video created by Dave Edwards with S&E Productions. **THANK YOU AGAIN FOR EVERYONE'S GENEROUS SUPPORT!**

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: TBD
May 22-23	Safety & DOT Compliance* Location: TBD
June 12-14	Certified Driver Training Program
July 24-25	Safety & DOT Compliance* Location: TBD
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: TBD
December 11-12	Safety & DOT Compliance* Location: Nashville

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. 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 2, 2019 – Egwani Farms Golf Course – **Check the TTA Facebook Page for pictures of the 2018 event.**

Nashville – May 8, 2019 – Hermitage Golf Course - **Check the TTA Facebook Page for pictures of the 2018 event.**

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

Chattanooga – October 2, 2019 - Windstone Golf Club - **Check the TTA Facebook Page for pictures of the 2018 event.**

INDUSTRY UPDATE

TEAMSTERS APPEAL FMCSA'S RULING TO PREEMPT CALIFORNIA MEAL AND REST BREAK

On Friday, December 28th, The International Brotherhood of Teamsters petitioned the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals to review and reverse FMCSA's ruling to preempt California meal and rest break requirements. As you all know, this response from the Teamsters is something ATA anticipated when filing our request with FMCSA. We will support FMCSA's preemption determination in any way we can. Currently, briefing on this petition is scheduled for mid-March and wrap up late April; however, that timetable may change as the case develops. ATA's legal team will keep you apprised as this progresses.

ATA'S PETITION FOR PREEMPTION APPROVED BY FMCSA!

The Department of Transportation informed me that ATA's petition seeking preemption of California's redundant meal and rest break requirements has been approved. You can review the decision as posted on **FMCSA's website**. The ATA legal team is already reviewing the decision and has advised that if the petition is granted as submitted by ATA, they believe this decision will apply to pending cases. If you or your legal representatives have questions about the decision, please have them contact **Jennifer Hall**, ATA General Counsel or **Rich Pianka**, ATA Deputy General Counsel. Click [here](#) for full details.

FMCSA RELEASES GUIDE FOR DRIVERS ON ELD DATA TRANSFER

To assist the motor carrier industry with adopting ELDs, FMCSA has developed a new resource for drivers. Designed to be printed and stored under the visor of a CMV, this guide gives the driver a high-level overview of the various data transfer processes and includes some tips on troubleshooting common questions that could arise during data transfer. The guide can be located [here](#), as well as additional resources for carriers to utilize for support with ELDs. For more information, contact Dan Horvath dhorvath@trucking.org.

JANUARY IS HT AWARENESS MONTH!

January is designated as human trafficking awareness month in our nation which provides another great reason to share this potentially life-saving message with your member companies. Also, if you are interested, TAT has a social media guide with graphics and sample posts that we can send you. Just let me know! Click [here](#) for additional information.

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.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

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.

2019 SPONSORSHIPS

Many of you are budgeting for 2019. If you would like to make a commitment for 2019, you can email cfooster@tntrucking.org.

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!

1st Quarter

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

Saturday January 26, 2019 – Driver Qualification & Hiring Training

2nd Quarter

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

Friday May 17, 2019 – Drug & Alcohol Testing

3rd Quarter

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

4th 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 cfoster@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 2019 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**

We would like to thank the [attached](#) members for their support of the Tennessee Trucking Association in sponsoring Roadside Inspections for 2018.

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.

2019 DATE	LOCATION	SPONSOR
May	Greenville Scales I-81	
May	Brownsville Scales I-40	
June	Knoxville Scales I-40	
June	Portland Scales I-65 North	Old Time Express, Inc. (Co-Sponsor)
June	Portland Scales I-65 North	OPEN (Co-Sponsor)
August	Greenville Scales I-81	
August	Manchester Scales I-24	
September	Brownsville Scales I-40	
October	I-65 Giles County	
October	I-65 Giles County	

October	Portland Scales I-65 North	
November	Knoxville Scales I-40	
December	Portland Scales I-65 North	

What is a Roadside Inspection?

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

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

NEW CARRIER MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT!

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

CHAIRMAN’S CORNER



Connie Vaughan
McKee Foods Transportation, LLC

Happy New Year! Don’t you just love a new beginning? I do. So many possibilities! I hate the cold weather, but I love the beginning of the new year. How could I possibly write this and not mention “New Year Resolutions”? Do you have a list? Checking it twice? (Oh, wait, that was last month!) But still, I like a list. Even if I only check it twice during the year, it’s good to write down a few things and reflect on the past year. There are some good things coming our way from TTA in 2019.

[Continue reading!](#)

LEGISLATIVE CORNER – by Dale Allen - Adams and Reese LLP

The inauguration of Governor-Elect Bill Lee is all set for January 19, 2019. Although a few cabinet appointments have been announced, many are still under consideration. As 2018 comes to end, many of the appointments may not be made until 2019. On the legislative side, in regard to the majority leadership positions, Representative Glen Casada has received his Republican Caucus nomination for Speaker of the House of Representatives. Representative William Lambert has been nominated as Majority Leader and Cameron Sexton as Republican Caucus Chairman. On the Senate side, Senator Jack Johnson has been nominated as Senate Majority Leader and Senator Ken Yager as Republican Caucus Chairman. These leaders have been supportive of the industry and TTA has supported them for many years. We look forward to working with them in the upcoming legislative session. More information will be forthcoming next month on new cabinet positions, as well as committee appointments. After the inauguration on January 19th, we expect there will be a two week organization recess.

The following are the member companies, firms, PACs and individuals who have all contributed in **2019**. A special thanks to all who have contributed. If we have failed to include anyone please don't hesitate to let us know.

A2 B Synchronized Logistics, Inc.	Insurance Information Exchange	ServisFirst Bank
Adams and Reese LLP	Kenco Transportation Services, LLC	Sharp Transport, Inc.
Averitt Express, Inc.	M & W Transportation Co., Inc.	Shore Trucking Company, Inc.
Beacon Transport, LLC	McKee Foods Transportation, LLC	Shoun Trucking Co., Inc.
Bellenfant, PLLC	McLane Foodservice, Inc.	Southeastern Freight Lines, Inc.
Carr, Riggs & Ingram CPAs	Mid South Transport, Inc.	Southern Champion Tray, LP
Clarke Power Services, Inc.	MS Logistics, LLC	Summit Truck Group, Memphis
Coastal Supply Company, Inc.	Nacarato Trucks, GP	Swift, Inc.
Corporate Billing, LLC	Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.	TCW, Inc.
Crow's Truck Service, Inc.	Old Time Express, Inc.	Temperature Controlled Express, Inc. (TCX)
Danny Herman Trucking, Inc.	Pemberton Truck Lines, Inc.	Tennessee Aluminum Processors
Duracap Asphalt Paving, Inc.	Power Transport, LLC	Tennessee Steel Haulers, Inc.
Farris Evans Insurance Agency, Inc.	Premier Truck Group of Chattanooga	The H.T. Hackney Company
Franklin Express, Inc.	R.E. West, Inc.	The Peterbilt Store – Knoxville
General Truck Sales & Service, Inc.	Rapid Ways Truck Leasing	Thermo King of Knoxville, Inc.
Goggin Warehousing, LLC	Reliable Carriers, Inc.	Thompson Truck Centers, LLC
Highway Transport Logistics, Inc.	Roane Transportation Services	Western Express, Inc.

Also, last but not least, it is with a heavy heart that we say farewell to Bill Reed, Jr. of Skyline Transportation. I am very grateful for the opportunity to work with Bill over the years. As long as I have been associated with TTA, Bill was always a strong supporter of our legislative efforts and a major supporter of the plan to grow TRUCK PAC to where it is today. Bill led by example and thanks to his efforts, TTA is a powerful representative of the trucking industry in Tennessee.

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 2019 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 1	Holiday – TTA Office Closed
January 16-17	Road Team Training
January 19	HOLBROOK TNG: Defensive Driving Course for Professional Truck Drivers
January 23-24	NATMI - Safety & DOT Compliance
January 26	HOLBROOK TNG: Driver Qualification and Hiring
February 20-21	NATMI - Hazardous Materials Training
March 11-15	NATMI - Safety Supervisor (CSS) & Director of Safety (CDS) Certification
March 27	Call on Nashville/Legislative Reception
April 2-3	NATMI - Safety & DOT Compliance* Location: TBD
April 11	TTA Technician Skills Competition
April 15-17	Call on Washington
April 25	TTF Board & TTA Executive Committee Meeting
April 26-27	TTA Truck Driving Championships
May 22-23	NATMI - Safety & DOT Compliance* Location: TBD
May 2	ETN Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Tournament
May 3	HOLBROOK TNG: Defensive Driving Course for Professional Truck Drivers
May 8	MTN Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Tournament
May 17	HOLBROOK TNG: Drug & Alcohol Testing
May 22-23	NATMI – Safety & DOT Compliance* Location: TBD
	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 27	Holiday – Memorial Day
June 12-14	NATMI – Certified Driver Trainer Program
July 4	Holiday - TTA Office Closed
July 24-25	NATMI - Safety & DOT Compliance* Location: TBD
August 7-9	NATMI-Maintenance Supervisor & Maintenance Director Certification
August 10	HOLBROOK TNG: Defensive Driving Course for Professional Truck Drivers
August 29	TTA Executive Committee Meeting
TBD	WTN Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Tournament
September 2	Holiday – Labor Day

September 15-17	TTA 89 th Annual Convention at Sandestin Beach Hilton, Destin, FL
October 2	Southeast TN Big Rigs for Little Kids Golf Tournament – Ringgold, GA
October 5-9	ATA MC&E – San Diego, CA
October 7-11	NATMI - Safety Supervisor (CSS) & Director of Safety (CDS) Certification
TBD	Fall Conference
November 8	HOLBROOK TNG: Achieving Improvement with your Professional Drivers
November 15	HOLBROOK TNG: Accident Reporting
November 6-7	NATMI - Safety & DOT Compliance* Location: TBD
November 28	TTA Budget Committee Meeting
November 28-29	Holiday - TTA Office Closed - Thanksgiving
December 11-12	NATMI - Safety & DOT Compliance* Location: TBD
December 19	TTF Raffle Drawing / TTF Board & TTA Executive Committee Meeting
December 24- 25	Holiday - TTA Office Closed – Christmas



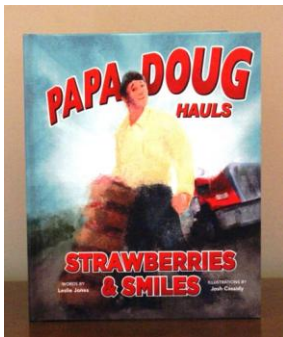
TENNESSEE TRUCKING FOUNDATION CORNER

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



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.

2019 ROAD TEAM UPCOMING EVENTS

Below is the list of events we have on the schedule so far for 2019. The schedule will start to get busier in early Spring.

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Road Team Training	Wednesday & Thursday, January 15-16	TTA Office
Sumner County Teen Driver Safety Day	Sunday, March 3	Gallatin
Smith County HS	Monday, April 1	312 Fight Avenue, Carthage
Gordonsville HS	Tuesday, April 2	110 Main Street, Gordonsville
Teen Driver Safety Track	First week of April	Embassy Suites, Franklin

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:

Bill Reed, Jr., CEO of Skyline Transportation, Inc., Knoxville, TN. Mr. Bill passed away 12/18/18. He was 71 years old.

Tim Curtis Jr., (TJ for short), a mechanic of Maco Transportation in Memphis, TN was killed in a head on collision on December 21st. He was 30 years old. Click [here](#) for the full 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
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Wayland Thompson	Bill Reed, Jr.	Jeff & Bill III Reed
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Tommy Hodges	Bill Reed, Jr.	Jeff & Bill III Reed
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W. T. Cassels, Jr. & Tobin Cassels	Bill Reed, Jr.	Jeff & Bill III Reed

COUNCIL CORNER

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

January

1	Holiday – New Years Day
10	West TN Safety/Maintenance Council- 11:30 AM, CST – Chow Time Buffet and Grill, 4207 Hacks Cross Road, Memphis, TN, 38125 Speaker: Planning Meeting
15	Southeast TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM EST – Western Sizzlin, 6061 Relocation Way, Ooltewah, TN Speaker: TBA
16-17	Road Team Training
19	HOLBROOK TNG: Defensive Driving Course for Professional Truck Drivers
22	Middle TN Maintenance Council Meeting: Clarke Power Services 115 Haywood Lane Nashville, TN 37013 Speaker: Scott Walker, Meritor
23-24	NATMI - Safety & DO T Compliance
26	HOLBROOK TNG: Driver Qualification and Hiring
28	Middle TN Safety Management Council Meeting: 11:00 AM - Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet - Chinese, Japanese & American Cuisine, 3804 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN, 37211 Speaker: TBA

February

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
14	West TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM, CST – Location and Speaker: TBA
19	Southeast TN Safety/Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM EST – Western Sizzlin, 6061 Relocation Way, Ooltewah, TN – Speaker: TBA
20-21	NATMI – Hazardous Materials 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: TBA
26	Middle TN Maintenance Council Meeting: 11:30 AM - Location and Speaker: TBA

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