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2025 Guilty By Association Truck Show



The 2025 Guilty By Association Truck Show (GBATS) was held at 4 State Trucks in Joplin, Missouri on September 25-27. Turn to page 14 for more photos and story. - photo courtesy of 4 State Trucks -

Roadsknz – We Make You Look Good!

By Steve Pollock

BUFFALO, MN.... Since 2021 when Steve Carlson purchased Roadsknz Custom Truck Accessories, the company has been manufacturing stunning products worthy of the finest show trucks, made with pride in their Buffalo, Minnesota plant. The company manufactures 304 stainless steel wraps with a #8 mirror finish using a computer controlled laser cutter. The wraps are applied using the very best 3M adhesive available.

Owner Steve Carlson is proud to offer these beautiful quality accents and their products to Professional Truck Drivers who take a deep pride in their truck. Wraps for fuel tanks, DEF tanks, boxes and step plates. They also make mud flaps, pedal sets, thresholds, floor mats, battery boxes, DPF boxes, tool boxes, headache racks, hood pulls, IFTA stickers and



Lacoh Transport, Inc.'s 2024 Peterbilt 389 took Best Limited Mileage Interior at the 2025 PKY Truck Beauty Championship. Helping them win was a custom floor mat and pedal set from Roadsknz.

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Switchblade® Turbochargers – A New Partnership Announced

BAXTER SPRINGS, KS... Two years ago we profiled Blaylock Turbochargers and owner, Jim Blaylock who has been in the Heavy-Duty Turbocharger business for over 45 years. Jim's vast knowledge & experience in the turbo market opened his eyes to develop a new product – the Switchblade Turbocharger.

The Switchblade Turbocharger is a patented VGT design that is a "two-in-one" turbo. The design incorporates an internal vane that continuously modifies the A/R ratio of the turbine housing. At rest and low RPM's, the vane is "closed", which reduces the A/R ratio of the housing, allowing for much faster spool up. As boost pressure increases, the vane "opens", increasing the A/R ratio for great power at the top end. The dynamic action of the vane provides great low-end torque resulting in improved fuel efficiency. Additional benefits are lower EGT's, higher boost pressure, less ex-



Todd from Houston, Texas is running a 1999 IH 9400 with a Cummins N14 Celect with a HT-60 Switchblade Turbocharger.

haust smoke, extended oil life, and overall improved engine performance. In short, the Switchblade Turbocharger burns fuel more

efficiently, drastically improving mpg.

We caught up with Jim and his partner, Dan Mc-bocharger burns fuel more

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Shell Starship Returns to the NTT INDYCAR SERIES for 2026 Season



solutions that can scale beyond racing. Judging by how many times Shell Starship is photographed in the paddock, it is clear our fans enjoy the program, as well."

In addition to its logistics role, Shell Starship will have multiple marquee moments throughout the 2026 season, including:

- * Leading the truck parade at the Java House Grand Prix of Arlington
- * Participating in the 500 Festival Parade ahead of the Indianapolis 500
- * A feature in INDYCAR video game titles for console and PC, produced by iRacing Studios

Shell Starship's return builds on the broader collaboration between Shell and INDYCAR, including Shell's role as Official Fuel of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES and the introduction of 100% renewable race fuel in 2023. By returning to INDYCAR in 2026, Shell Starship continues to demonstrate how advanced vehicle design, efficient powertrains and renewable fuels can support lower-carbon, real-world logistics, on race weekends and beyond.

For more information about Shell Starship and Shell's work in transport decarbonization, visit shell.com/starship.

ST. PETERSBURG, FL... Shell and INDYCAR have announced that Shell Starship will return to the NTT INDYCAR SERIES transportation fleet for the 2026 season, continuing its role as a visible demonstration of advanced, lower-emissions freight technology operating in a motorsports series.

Shell Starship, powered by a Cummins X15NTM natural gas

engine and lubricated with Shell Rotella² natural gas engine oil, will be the transport vehicle for the INDYCAR Administrative Trailer, traveling to nearly every race on the 2026 calendar.

"Shell Starship is more than a concept, it's a working demonstration of what's possible when advanced vehicle design, efficient powertrains and renewable fuels

come together," said Thomas Mueller, general manager of Commercial Road Transport at Shell. "Returning to the NTT INDYCAR SERIES in 2026 allows us to continue learning in real-world conditions, while supporting a partner that shares our ambition to advance more sustainable mobility solutions."

The return builds on a successful debut season

in 2025, when Shell Starship joined the series following the Indianapolis 500 and became the first natural gas-powered Class 8 truck to operate within a national racing series fleet in North America. For the 2026 season, the anticipated plans for Starship are to increase the use of renewable natural gas (RNG) compared to the 2025 season.

"INDYCAR is continuously evaluating ways to grow on and off the track – including how we move people and equipment," INDYCAR President J. Douglas Boles said. "The Shell Starship program helps us assess advanced vehicle technologies and renewable fuel solutions in a meaningful way and support our sustainability goals, demonstrating

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Off The Beaten Path

BY PAM POLLOCK

Mumblings & Musings...

I'm in a mumbling and musing mode of mind tonight.

I've gotten sucked in watching these Facebook Reels about a British show called, "Don't Tell The Bride." It's important to note that I have never seen a full episode of this show, just 2 or 3 minute random snippets and clips from the show.

The premise is that the Bride and Groom-to-be separated for 3 weeks and the Groom-to-be plans the entire wedding and the Bride-to-be is clueless as to what is happening until the day of the wedding. I mean, the Groom does EVERYTHING! He picks the location and theme of the wedding, the food, the flowers, even the Bride's gown and the Bridesmaids dresses. The show picks up the tab for the wedding. I don't know how much they get for the wedding expenses.

They always show a clip of the Bride going with her entourage to try on wedding gowns that she hopes her Groom will buy for her. Usually the Bride is very picky and in her very British voice she expresses that "the boy better pick what I like or I won't wear it or show up for the wedding." Spoiler alert - very rarely does the Groom pick a gown that his lady will like. And then the clip ends and I have no idea what happens on the wedding day.

I get mad at these Brides and yell at my computer monitor, "You dolt! Why did you agree to go on this show when you knew the rules? Why would you let "the boy" plan your wedding?!"

More mumblings - Chef Boyardee eliminated the cheese from their pizza kit but they didn't reduce the price, instead they raised it.

I just opened a bag of Speckled Jelly Beans and the dang thing was pumped up more than half with air. But again, big time price increase.

It's getting to be warmer weather which means I will have to start to wear a bra again because I can't run around all day in a shirt and a hoodie. Guess I should shave my legs, too.

Frozen Cokes and Root Beer Float popsicles make me happy. Of course my grocery store just stopped stocking the popsicles. FML.

I lost one of Shamrock earrings that was in my earlobe. I searched the house and could not find it. My husband came downstairs this morning with it in his hand. He doesn't have his ears pierced so I knew that he hadn't borrowed it. I asked him where he found it. He replied, "Stuck in my leg. I found a sharp pain while sleeping and reached down and pulled it out." Oopsies. Better him than me, right?

The internet is full of memes making fun of people older than 40 who watch birds. I feel attacked. I don't just watch birds - I feed them, I watch them on my bird feeder cams, I name them. I wake up in

the morning and go outside in pajamas and talk to them. I sometimes drive 5 hours one way for the Spring Migration to take photos of the birds. And you bums making the memes to make fun of me are sitting behind a desk using AI to create your little funny cartoon... so, who's the real loser here, eh?

My 3 grand puppies greet me like I'm a drug dealer for their snacks. They know that Gaga has the goods. And they don't want no cheap treats, either. I best be breaking the good stuff out of my pantry.

My husband's 50th High School Reunion is in 2 months. If there's a party, he hasn't been invited. I'm pretty sure it's because of my behavior of calling out all of the clique jerks at his 40th Reunion. He's still laughing about that 10 years later.

Why is it that one of my very first Mac computers lasted almost 20 years but now they crash and burn before they are even 4 years old? And remember when you purchased your software for a flat fee and installed in on your computer via a disk and it was good for years and years until you had to upgrade it? Not any more - now you have to pay a yearly fee for each and every stinkin' piece of software. Thanks computer and software jagoes.

And don't get me started on the cellphones. Ok, too late, I've started. I just upgraded my phone and

of course the plug for the charger is different from my old phone, which means I had to buy new chargers and cords. And for at least 10 years, there's been no instruction manual with the phone. You have to go online and download it.

I'm too invested in wanting to know all of the details of Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce's wedding, which is reportedly happening on June 13th.

Cousins who are more like sisters are the best and I am beyond thankful for my cousin/sister Lisa.

My Dad just celebrated his 89th birthday earlier this week! You'll see him at the upcoming MATS Show in Louisville. He's like the Energizer Bunny; he keeps going and going and going. He still does all of his yardwork, builds muzzleloader guns from blocks of wood and goes to weekly shoots and does late season muzzleloader hunting with my husband, son, and sister-in-law. However, he still has not built me that playhouse that he promised me almost 61 years ago when I was 4. And yes, that means, I will be turning 65 in 4.5 months - that must be why I like to watch birds, huh?

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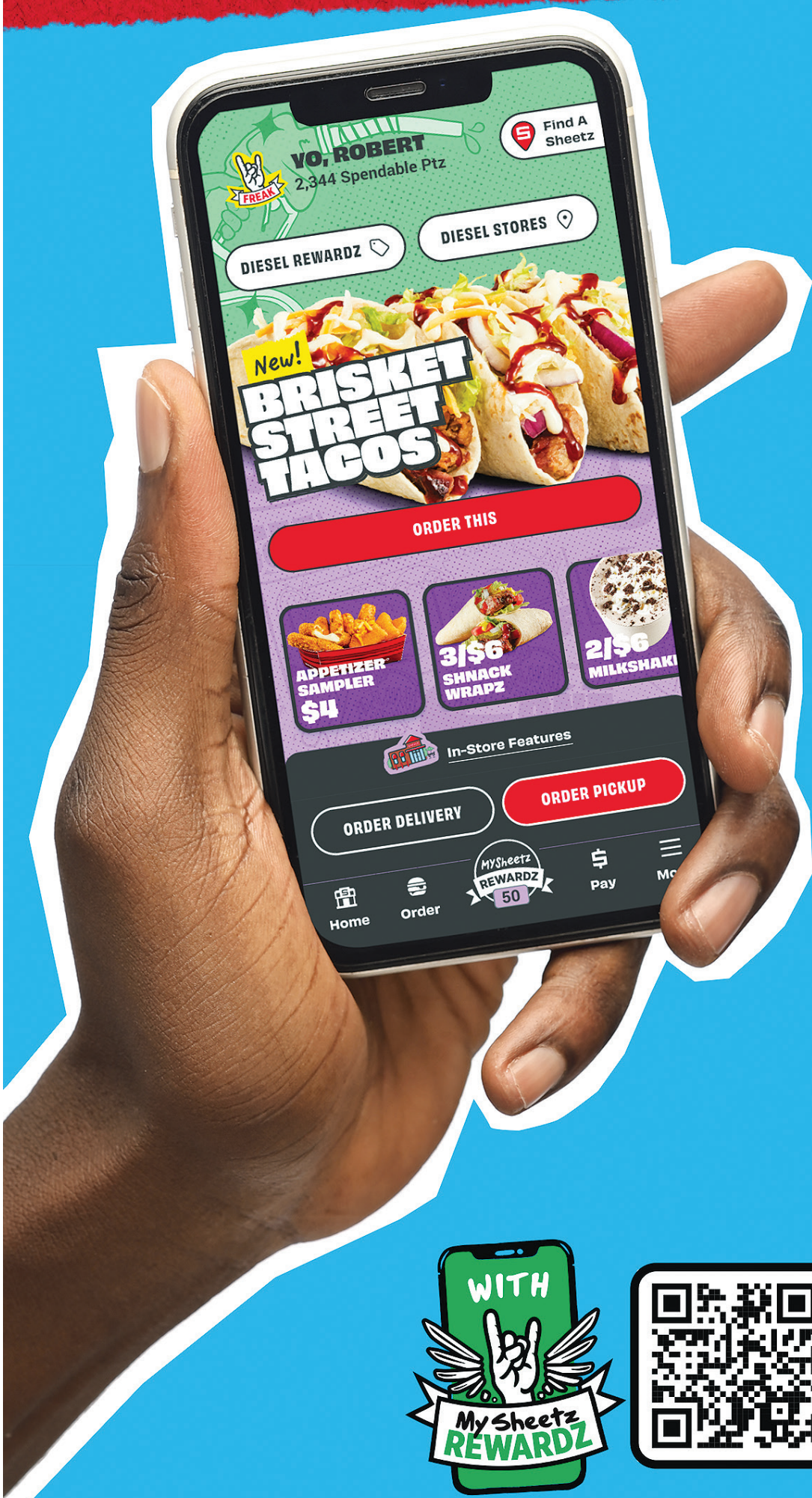
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High Performance Diesels with Bruce Mallinson

And Now For Something A Little Different

Every once in a while, a project rolls into our shop that reminds us exactly why we started building engines in the first place. At Pittsburgh Power we have spent decades developing engines that push the limits of durability, reliability, and performance. Over the years the industry has placed a tremendous amount of focus on fuel economy, squeezing every possible mile per gallon out of modern diesel engines. While that goal certainly has an important place, every now and then we

get the opportunity to step away from the fuel mileage conversation and go back to our roots. This engine is exactly that kind of project. Fuel economy is not the goal here. In fact, fuel economy might be the very last thing on our minds.

This build is about one thing: power.

Our customer plans to use this engine for sled pulling, a motorsport that demands incredible torque and massive horsepower delivered in short, violent bursts. When a truck hooks to the sled, the goal

is simple: move as much weight as far as possible before the sled drags you to a stop. With that in mind, we started with a unique foundation for this build: a 16 liter Caterpillar engine originally built for generator set duty.

Industrial generator engines are designed for heavy continuous loads and consistent power output, which makes them a very strong base platform. In this case the engine left the factory rated at roughly 800 horsepower in its generator configuration.

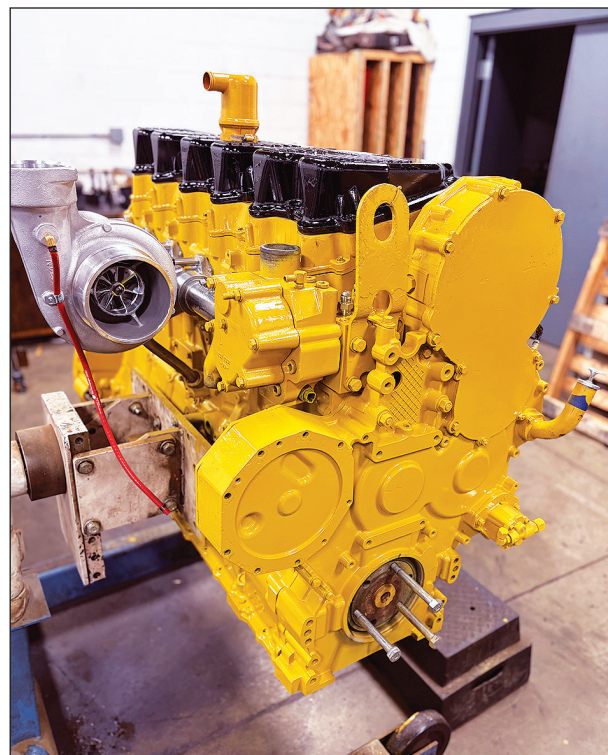
That is already significantly higher than the typical over the road Caterpillar C16 truck engines that were commonly rated around the 575 to 600 horsepower range. Structurally, these engines share the same core architecture as their on highway counterparts. The Caterpillar C16 platform itself is a 15.8 liter inline six cylinder diesel known for its durability and high torque capability, which is exactly why it has become such a favorite among performance diesel builders.

But while the basic engine platform is similar, a generator set engine is a very different animal compared to what you would normally find sitting between the frame rails of a highway truck.

One of the biggest misconceptions people have when they see a generator engine like this is assuming it can simply be dropped into a truck. That could not be further from the truth. This engine is absolutely not plug and play. In fact, nearly everything surrounding the engine is different and requires significant work to make it function in a truck application. The wiring harness is completely different. The ECM configuration is different. The oil pan is different. The flywheel housing is different. Even the accessory layout and supporting components vary from a traditional over the road engine. Converting an industrial engine like this into a high performance truck engine requires serious engineering work, fabrication, and calibration. It is not something you can buy, shove into a truck, and expect it to instantly become a powerhouse.

Fortunately, challenges like that are exactly the kind of work we enjoy.

One of the more interesting elements of this build is the hardware we are installing. This engine will be running a PHD fire ringed head, an ARP stud kit, and a marine camshaft along with marine injectors. Marine components are designed to support extremely high load operation and increased fuel delivery, which makes them particularly useful in high



horsepower applications. More fuel, combined with the proper airflow and tuning, means more potential horsepower. Getting those elements balanced correctly is where engine building becomes both a science and an art, and it is an area where our engineers have many years of experience.

Another detail about this engine is what it does not have. There are no Jake brakes installed on this build. In an over the road truck that might seem unusual, but for a sled pulling application they simply are not necessary. The engine's purpose is to deliver extreme power during competition, not to assist with downhill braking on the interstate. Every component decision in this build reflects that purpose.

Once the foundation is ready and the major hardware is in place, our engineers begin the process of dialing everything in. Airflow, fuel delivery, turbocharger configuration, and timing all have to be carefully balanced. Around the shop we sometimes joke about adding a little extra "magic smoke," but what that really means is applying years of experience to get the absolute most performance possible from an engine while maintaining reliability. Based on the platform, the fueling hardware, and the work our team is putting into this build, we fully expect this engine to produce well north of 1,200 horsepower

once everything is finalized. That kind of output turns an already impressive engine into something truly special.

And we have to admit; this one looks pretty incredible sitting on the stand. There is something about a freshly assembled Caterpillar performance engine that just looks right. The clean components, the serious hardware, and the sheer presence of a big diesel built for power make it hard not to stop and admire it for a moment before it ever fires up.

Projects like this remind us why we love what we do. At Pittsburgh Power we build engines for many different purposes. Some customers are focused on efficiency and long haul reliability. Others need durability for heavy work. But every once in a while, someone walks through the door who simply wants raw horsepower. This C16 build is exactly that kind of project. With a strong industrial foundation, serious fueling hardware, and the experience of our engineering team behind it, we expect great things from this engine. And when it finally hooks to that sled and the throttle drops, we have a feeling it is going to make quite a statement.

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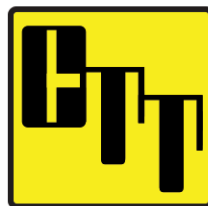


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Founders & Guardians - Fred Rogers



Fred Rogers signature sweaters were primarily knitted by his mother. One of those sweaters is in the collection of the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

By: Michael R. McGough
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 "We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes."

Fred Rogers
 Fred McFeely Rogers, was born on Tuesday, March 20, 1928, in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He was named for his maternal grandfather, Fred McFeely, with whom he had a close and impactful

relationship. Young Fred began playing the piano at an early age, and he developed an interest in puppets, both of which would always be part of his life's work. He attended Latrobe High School where he overcame some childhood shyness to become editor of the yearbook, president of the student council, and a member of the National Honor Society. He graduated in 1946.

After high school, Fred attended Dartmouth College for a year, then transferred to Rollins College, earning a degree in music

in 1951. He later completed degree work in divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and in 1963, he was ordained as a Presbyterian minister. In the mid-60's, he attended the University of Pittsburgh graduate school of child development.

While at Rollins, Fred met Sara Joanne Byrd, also a music major. They married in 1952, and had two sons. In addition to working with Fred, Sara had a long career as a performing concert pianist. Following her husband's passing, she devoted herself to perpetuating his memory and legacy.

Rogers began his television career with NBC in New York, in 1951. He went into television to address his sincere concerns regarding programming for children. After two years in New York, he returned to Pittsburgh to work at station WQED. By 1955, a new show, The Children's Corner, became part of that station's programming. For four years beginning in 1963, he worked with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to create the program Misterogers. He returned to Pittsburgh in 1967, where he created and then starred in a new children's program for National Educational Television, which later became Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). That program

was Mister Roger's Neighborhood.

Through nearly 900 episodes over 33 years, Mister Rogers brought a fresh change to television for children. In Roger's neighborhood, issues in the lives of children were covered in a calm and slow, yet purposeful and meaningful manner. He included such subjects as the birth of a baby, civility, individual self-worth, sharing, tolerance for others, the loss of a pet, divorce, human dignity, death, and dealing with personal feelings. Following the death of Senator Robert Kennedy in 1968, Rogers covered the very difficult topic of political assassination.

Rogers' show was a new and welcome model. It's theme song, "Won't You Be My Neighbor," became a classic. The last original episode ran in 2001, but PBS continued showing reruns through 2016. In addition to being one of the longest-running programs in PBS history, Mister Rogers' Neighborhood remains today, a gold standard of children's programming.

In addition to his television show, Rogers was an activist for children. In 1969, he testified before a US Senate subcommittee considering a \$10 million cut to an appropriation bill to fund PBS. Due in no small measure to Rogers' testimony, the full appropri-

ation of \$20 million was approved. The following year he was named chair of the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

The man who actor Tim Robbins referred to as, "The best neighbor any of us has ever had" at the 1997 Emmy Awards, died on February 27, 2003. The cause of death was stomach cancer, which had been diagnosed the previous year. He was 74 years old.

In addition to that 1997 Emmy Award for lifetime achievement, Rogers received more than 40 honorary degrees, distinguished alumni awards, and numerous media recognitions. In 1998, his star was added to the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and the next year he was inducted into the Television Hall of Fame. He was the first recipient of the Fred Rogers Award, presented in 2001, by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. President George Bush presented him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2002. In 2018, he appeared on a commemorative US Postage stamp, and in 2021, he was posthumously received a Grammy Award. In 2026, the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey team announced the first-ever Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Day, to "... celebrate the series' legacy of kindness, compassion and modeling what it means to be a caring

neighbor - values that continue to resonate across generations in Pittsburgh and beyond."

To the millions of children and families who invited Mister Rogers into their homes, he was both a friend and a neighbor. Through three-plus decades that included the war in Viet Nam, the space age, the civil rights movement, environmentalism, the gender equality movement, the rise of the digital age, and the end of the Cold War, Fred Rogers helped his young viewers make sense of the world. The lessons and insights he shared in his easy and relaxed manner, offered a calmer and more hopeful venue for the children he cared about so deeply.

Rogers 1997 Emmy was awarded "... for giving generations upon generations of children confidence in themselves, for being their friend, for telling them again and again and again that they are special, and that they have worth." Early in his career, Fred McFeely Rogers, saw a need, and he responded to it with all of the talents at his disposal. This once shy and bullied child became a person who made himself accessible to the children he wanted to serve. By so doing he became their hero and a guardian of the American Dream, a dream to which he encouraged them to aspire.




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Peterbilt Celebrates First Master Technician Graduate



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Denton, TX... Peterbilt proudly recognizes its first Master Technician, Michael Fitzpatrick of Ohio Peterbilt, marking a significant milestone in service excellence and reinforcing its commitment to advanced technician training.

The Peterbilt Master Technician designation is the highest level of technician achievement, representing a highly trained professional who has completed the most advanced level of education offered to diagnose, maintain and service Peterbilt vehicles. A Master Technician possesses in-depth knowledge across all major vehicle systems and is also recognized for their diagnostic, problem-solving abilities and leadership skills.

"We congratulate Michael Fitzpatrick on this significant achievement as our inaugural Peterbilt Master Technician," said Danny Landholm, Peterbilt director of Dealer Network Development. "He has demonstrated exceptional expertise, leadership and mastery of advanced diagnostic and repair skills needed to support today's increasingly complex vehicle technologies and the evolving needs of our customers."

Achieving Peterbilt Master Technician status requires extensive hands-on experience, completion of rigorous coursework and demonstrated proficiency in diagnosing and resolving critical vehicle system issues. As trusted technical leaders, to address complex truck, engine and electrical repair, Master Technicians will serve as mentors to other technicians to ensure vehicles meet Peterbilt's high standards of performance and reliability.

"Earning the Master Technician designation is a proud moment in my career and the training has prepared me to deliver an even higher level of service," said Michael Fitz-

patrick, Peterbilt Master Technician. "I've focused on understanding how advanced vehicle systems work together across the entire truck. This is knowledge I can apply every day

and share with other technicians so we can continue improving together."

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Visit your nearest Peterbilt dealer location for more information about Peterbilt technician training and programs.

ATA Backs New Legislation to Fight Freight Fraud

Washington, DC... The American Trucking Associations applauded Senator Todd Young (R-IN) for introducing legislation to reduce freight fraud and theft, strengthen regulatory oversight, prevent unlawful operations, and enhance enforcement across the commercial motor carrier industry.

The Securing American Freight, Enforcement, and Reliability in Transport (SAFER Transport) Act represents a direct response to issues that were raised during a Senate Commerce Subcommittee hearing that Senator Young chaired last year on rising incidents of cargo theft. Testifying on behalf of ATA, an owner of a trucking small business described how his company's identity was stolen by technologically advanced criminals, who used that information to divert and steal loads. The con artists took advantage of weaknesses in FMCSA's Safety and Fitness Electronic Records (SAFER) System to perpetrate their crime.

ATA has long warned that insufficient oversight has undermined safety and allowed bad actors to proliferate. In addition to calling for a crackdown on fraud, the Federation has advocated for regulations and legislation to improve CDL integrity, strengthen driver qualifications, shut down CDL mills, and put a stop to cabotage.

As a comprehensive freight security and registration integrity reform bill, the SAFER Transport Act aligns with ATA's recommendations by:

- * Modernizing and securing FMCSA's registration system;
- * Phasing out outdated MC numbers in favor of USDOT numbers;
- * Strengthening fraud detection and enforcement tools;
- * Enhancing oversight of CDL issuance and training providers;
- * Increasing criminal penalties for fraudulent certifications;
- * Improving interagency coordination on freight theft and cabotage enforcement; and
- * Closing regulatory loopholes involving foreign dispatch services.

Cargo theft is becoming increasingly prevalent and high-tech, and it often originates overseas. The American Transportation Research Institute calculated that cargo theft is costing the trucking industry over \$18 million per day. Strategic theft, a category of crime that uses cyber fraud and identity manipulation to divert freight, has surged by 1,500% since 2021 according to CargoNet.

In February 2025, Adam Blanchard, the co-founder and CEO of Double Diamond Transport and Tanager Logistics, represented ATA before the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Freight, Pipelines, and Safety at the invitation of the chairman, Senator Young. Blanchard explained how sophisticated criminals created a fake Tanager Logistics—even adding their bogus company to FMCSA's SAFER website—and brokered loads to unsuspecting carriers. One shipment of energy drinks worth over six figures was rerouted over 1,000 miles from its intended destination.

Blanchard's company—the real Tanager Logistics—played whack-a-mole and suffered reputational damage while the scammers pocketed the money. When Blanchard repeatedly contacted the authorities, however, the response he received was indifference. Even when he informed FMCSA about the counterfeit Tanager Logistics on its website, the agency refused to remove the imposter.

The SAFER Transport Act would protect trucking companies by enhancing the integrity of FMCSA's registration system and taking additional steps to root out fraud.

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Switchblade® Turbochargers – A New Partnership Announced



As part of the partnership with Forced Inductions, Switchblade Turbochargers has introduced the S300 Switchblade Turbocharger. This is on a 2006 Dodge 2500 race truck (1500hp). Switchblade Turbocharger S300

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Clave, to see how things have been going in the past year. The focus, according to Dan, has been on 3 things – product, process and people. “We have worked hard every day to ensure the Switchblade Turbocharger is a superior product by sourcing high quality components. We

put our energy into our manufacturing process for consistent quality, and low production cost. And we invested in our people to empower them and ensure they have the tools they need to be successful”.

When asked about their goals to expand their market for the Switchblade Turbocharger, the answer

was a confident one. “By first focusing on product, process and our people, we have put ourselves in a position to make deals with larger distributors. You will now see Switchblade Turbochargers available at major dealerships throughout the country”.

Switchblade Turbocharger is proud to announce a strategic partnership with Forced Inductions. Switchblade Turbochargers and Forced Inductions have collaborated for the past few years, but this strategic partnership stands out in several ways. The patented Switchblade Turbocharger will also now be available to the heavy duty market through the Forced Inductions distribution network. They are also working together to expand into the specialty and performance market where Forced Inductions is a major player. Forced Inductions has been a market leader in quality, performance, and customer satisfaction. It is an opportunity for Switchblade Turbocharger to reach a larger market.

When asked about the benefits of a Switchblade Turbocharger and claims of significant fuel savings, Jim immediately pointed to feedback from satisfied customers. Here is one of the many customer testi-

monials:

Todd from Houston, Texas: Todd is running a 1999 IH 9400 with a Cummins N14 Celect. After installing his HT-60 Switchblade Turbocharger purchased from Heavy Duty Headquarters Houston, this is Todd's results: Fully loaded (80K lbs.) fuel economy went from 5 mpg to 6.7 mpg, empty 6.0 mpg to 8.2 mpg. Todd is able to get into higher gears faster with less downshifting as RPMs drop. He said, “Turbo is sooth and spools super quick.”

Todd estimates that he is saving \$16,000 on every 100,000 miles he puts on the truck. He said, “I never thought I'd see the fuel efficiency gains I'm getting but it is what Jim and the team said would happen and they were right! I 100% recommend that everyone who is serious about fuel savings to upgrade to a Switchblade Turbocharger. Mine has already paid for itself and I continue to put money back into my pocket.”

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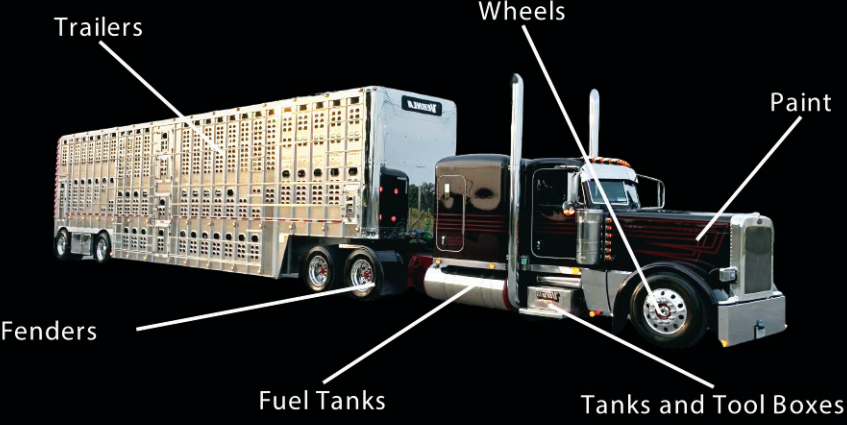



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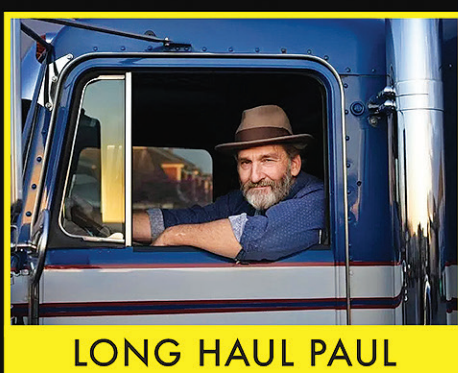
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"Truck drivers rely on Shell Rotella to help keep their engines running strong mile after mile, and we're always looking for ways to support them on the road," said Julie Wright, Shell Rotella brand manager. "Through the Night on Us promotion, we're proud to partner with Truck Parking Club to help drivers access safe, reliable parking." The promotion runs through June 30, 2026. Full details and participating locations are available at rotella.com/nightonus.

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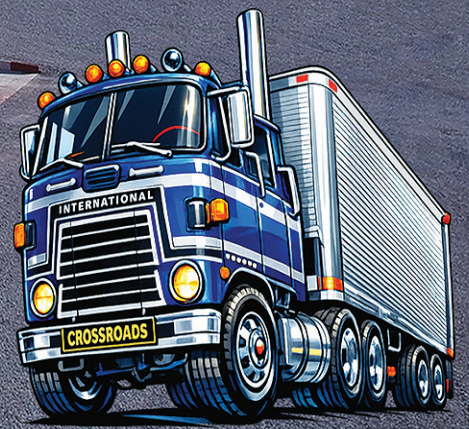
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Mark Your Calendars – GBATS Returns in 2027!

The next Guilty By Association Truck Show is set for September 2027, and the team at 4 State Trucks is already looking forward to bringing the trucking community back together once again. Expect even more trucks, excitement, and unforgettable memories. Mark your calendars – we're already dreaming big, and we can't wait to welcome everyone back for another unforgettable GBATS weekend.

JOPLIN, MO... The 2025 Guilty By Association Truck Show (GBATS) was held at 4 State Trucks in Joplin, Missouri on September

25-27. From the rumble of big rigs and show-stopping chrome to late-night concerts, convoys, burnouts, and burnouts – the 2025 truck show had it

all. GBATS 2025 brought together over 690 trucks, with more than 250 of them conveying downtown in in an epic display

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Jessie Booker: Building an Agency, One Relationship at a Time



Jessie Booker

For Jessie Booker, the road to running JB Freight Solutions in Virginia Beach didn't begin with a plan to own an agency. It began with a simple goal: finding a company where she could grow.

More than a decade later, that decision has shaped both her career and her life.

A Louisville native who grew up in nearby Lagrange, Kentucky, Booker joined Mercer Transportation while still in college. As the youngest of six siblings, she had always been comfortable working hard and finding her place within a team. Mercer provided that opportunity.

Her early years were spent at Mercertown headquarters as a load coordinator, where she worked directly with drivers and agents across the network. The role gave her a front-row seat to the business, booking freight, solving problems, and learning the rhythms of the trucking industry.

After several years in the position, Booker began to feel the pull toward something more.

"I felt I'd gotten as good

as I was going to get in that role," she said. "I wanted to grow more."

That drive pushed her to take the next step within Mercer, moving into a role in Mercer's freight department that expanded her responsibilities and gave her broader exposure to the operation. Still, the opportunity that would shape her career came unexpectedly.

A freight agency opening in Virginia Beach was becoming available. The longtime agent there was preparing for retirement and searching for someone to continue the work.

Booker reached out.

The decision meant leaving behind her hometown, her coworkers at headquarters, and the Mercer community she had spent years building. But she recognized the opportunity in front of her.

"I definitely miss all my friends and my people back in Louisville," Booker said. "But it was an amazing opportunity that I couldn't pass up."

The transition came at an unpredictable moment. Booker relocated to Virginia Beach at the beginning

of the COVID-19 pandemic. For several months she worked alongside the outgoing agent, learning the customers and the operation while navigating the uncertainty of the time.

"That was quite the year," Booker said.

Today, Booker runs JB Freight Solutions alongside Angie Close, a Virginia Beach native who has spent roughly fifteen years with Mercer. The two-person office sits near Mount Trashmore, a former landfill turned park known locally for its hills, lakes, and open space.

"We feed the ducks outside our office every morning," Booker said.

Despite the quiet setting, the agency's work reaches far beyond the park across the street. The Virginia Beach office serves customers connected to the Port of Virginia, the Newport News Shipyard, and nearby military installations. The region demands reliability, precision, and strong communication.

For Booker, Mercer's driver network is the reason the agency succeeds.

"The customers really like Mercer," she said. "They like how we communicate and how we take care of things."

That trust becomes especially important when freight carries urgency.

During the 2023 OceanGate submersible search and rescue response, one of JB Freight Solutions' customers contacted Booker's office to move specialized emergency dive equipment. Plans shifted quickly as the situation evolved, and trucks were redirected to deliver the equipment to JFK Airport, where it was flown to Nova Scotia.

Moments like that reflect the kind of coordination agencies provide behind the scenes.

Booker experienced another urgent call when a contractor involved in the

response to the Baltimore bridge collapse reached out to prepare a truck. Without knowing exactly when the call would come, Booker relied on relationships with trusted local drivers to ensure someone was ready.

"When something urgent comes up, I know who I can count on," she said.

Even after relocating more than 600 miles from home, Booker says the support she receives from Mercer headquarters remains a constant.

"I can still call people back at Mercertown and they're just there," she said. "They've helped me grow in every way possible."

Outside the office, Booker stays closely connected to family. With fifteen nieces and six nephews, she proudly holds the title of "favorite aunt." Her husband relocated from Louisville to Norfolk for work, and the couple enjoys exploring Virginia Beach or riding electric scooters when time allows.

Running a two-person agency means time away can be limited, but Booker remains focused on the opportunity she embraced when she made the move.

Running an agency means living close to the work. The calls come early, the problems arrive without warning, and the responsibility for getting freight where it needs to go never really turns off. For Jessie Booker, though, that challenge is exactly what makes the job worthwhile. Over the years she has built something steady in Virginia Beach, surrounded by drivers she trusts and customers who know they can rely on her. It's the kind of work she hoped to find when she first walked through the doors in Louisville years ago—work that grows with you, and people who make the effort feel meaningful.

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Kelly Backs “The Dalilah Law” To Prevent Illegal Immigrants From Getting CDLs

WASHINGTON, DC... U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA) co-sponsored “The Dalilah Law,” which cracks down on states, including Pennsylvania, that give out commercial driver’s licenses to illegal immigrants.

In February, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) finalized a rule to stop unqualified foreign drivers from obtaining licenses to drive commercial trucks and buses citing public safety threats. Previously, a nationwide audit by the U.S. DOT exposed Pennsylvania as one of six states with systemic non-compliance in issuing non-domiciled CDLs.

In his State of the Union Address, President Donald Trump announced his support for Dalilah’s Law.

“From top to bottom, this is common sense legislation that will secure our roads, protect American citizens, and enforce our immigration laws,” said Rep. Kelly. “If you’re in this country illegally, you shouldn’t be given the keys to the largest, most powerful vehicles on the road. Plain and simple.”

«The Dalilah Law,» named for Dalilah Coleman — who was critically injured in a 2024 collision involving a commercial truck — was formally introduced by U.S. Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY) and U.S. Senator Jim Banks (R-IN) following a call to action from President Donald J. Trump during the 2026 State of the Union address.

The Dalilah Law would:

- * Require that states limit commercial driver’s licenses to U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, and certain temporary work visa holders as a condition of receiving Department of Transportation funding.

- * Mandate English-only CDL testing to ensure that all commercial drivers possess the language skills necessary for safe operation on U.S. roads.

- * Require states to revoke CDLs issued to undocumented immigrants or individuals without qualifying legal status, even if they previously had work authorization.

- * Strengthen verification processes and recertification requirements to ensure ongoing compliance with eligibility and safety standards.

To learn more about the bill: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/7758>

Todd Spencer, President of the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association spoke on this issue after the President’s February State of the Union Address:

“Tonight, the President highlighted the tragic consequences of a preventable truck crash caused by an unqualified truck driver. For professional truckers, safety is not political, it is our daily responsibility. Ensuring that every individual operating an 80,000-pound commercial vehicle on America’s highways is properly vetted, trained, and held to consistent standards is essential to protecting our members and the motoring public. OOIDA and the professional truck drivers we represent will continue supporting efforts at USDOT and in Congress to strengthen licensing standards and training requirements that will make our roads safer for everyone.”

Recent OOIDA Actions on Non-Domiciled CDLs [December 1, 2025](#): OOIDA Regulatory Comments on FMCSA Interim Final Rule

- * [October 20, 2025](#): OOIDA Letter To Congress on Improving CDL Training and Licensing

- * [August 21, 2025](#): OOIDA Calls on 43 Governors to Stop Issuing Non-Domiciled CDLs

- * [August 18, 2025](#): OOIDA Letter to USDOT on Non-Domiciled CDLs

- * [July 22, 2025](#): OOIDA Executive Vice President Lewie Pugh Testifies on Non-Domiciled CDLs in Senate Commerce Committee

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“These achievements celebrate the hard work and commitment of everyone across Hunter Truck,” said Jeffrey Hunter, President of Hunter Truck. “Our teams continue to push the standard of what great service looks like, and these awards prove that commitment shows up in every Hunter Truck dealership, every service bay, and every interaction we have with our customers.”

This year, Hunter Truck was named TRP Dealer of the Year, an achievement awarded in recognition of exceptional year-over-year TRP store retail sales growth, increased overall TRP parts purchases, and consistently high purchase loyalty. By strengthening our partnership with PACCAR Parts, Hunter Truck demonstrated measurable performance across all TRP categories.

In addition to parts performance, Hunter Truck was also honored with the Technician Excellence Dealer of the Year Award, recognizing leadership in technician training, recruiting, and retention.

Hunter's service excellence was further recognized through multiple dealership locations earning Platinum Service Center Certification, an achievement that honors Peterbilt dealerships delivering the highest level of service performance and customer experience. Platinum Certified locations demonstrate a strong commitment to communication, efficiency, and facility standards.

Hunter Truck's Platinum Certified locations include: Allentown, Buffalo, Butler, Clearfield, Eau Claire, Lancaster, Pittsburgh, Scranton, Uniontown, and Wheeling.

In addition to Platinum Service Certification, several Hunter Truck dealerships also achieved the distinguished Platinum Oval designation. The Platinum Oval Award recognizes locations that have achieved Platinum Service Center Certification while also earning the highest scores in the 2025 Peterbilt Standards of Excellence program, reflecting elite performance across sales, parts, service, and overall customer satisfaction.

Our Platinum Oval locations include: Buffalo, Butler, Pittsburgh, Scranton, and Wheeling.

Beyond these top honors, Hunter Truck was also acknowledged among top dealers in several performance categories:

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Sheetz Opens New Conover, North Carolina Location, Offering A Convenient, All-In-One Truck Diesel Stop Along I-40



CONOVER, NC... , Sheetz officially opened its new store located at 1505 Rock Barn Road NE, Conover, NC 28613 on February 19th. Located conveniently off of I-40 from Exit 133, this new location offers seven high-flow diesel fuel lanes for truck drivers, along with 12 fuel terminals for other vehicles. This is Sheetz's fourth location in Catawba County.

To celebrate this opening, Sheetz hosted a special event offering major giveaways to attendees, including \$250 in Sheetz gift cards and Free Sheetz for a Year.*

Led by a mission to take care of people, Sheetz presented a special \$2,500 donation to Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, a nonprofit that provides food assistance for 24 counties across North and South Carolina. Customers attending the grand opening celebration were encouraged to donate a non-perishable food item to the nonprofit. Those who donated received "Sheetz Swag."

Sheetz also presented a \$2,500 check to the Special Olympics of North Carolina at the grand opening event. A proud supporter of the Special Olympics for over 30 years, Sheetz extends its support to the organization through event volunteers, product and monetary donations.

Sheetz is committed to the communities it serves. Last August, the brand was named to Great Place to Work and PEOPLE Magazine's "Companies that Care" list for the fourth consecutive year and the fifth time in six years, ranking among the top 10 companies this past year. This prestigious national list highlights the top companies in the U.S. that have succeeded in business while also demonstrating outstanding respect and care for their employees and communities.

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- What's your favorite off-menu item?**
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- What are some of the perks offered to Driverz through the Driver Freakz Rewards program?**
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Driverz really appreciate the everyday savings and rewards. The hat promotion was fun, but the ongoing deals and discounts mean the most to them.
- What do you love the most about Sheetz?**
I love Sheetz because of the customers, employees and the recognition for hard work. My employees are like my children once I hire them, I do everything I can to make sure they feel welcome, trained and appreciated.
- What do truckerz order the most?**
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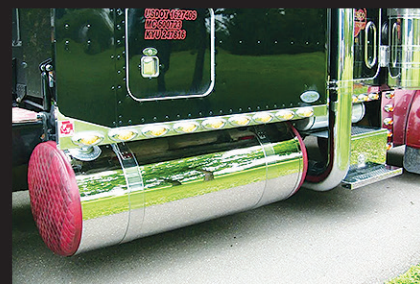
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From The Chaplain's Desk



By Ron Fraser, TFC Global President

Some of the hardest days of faith are not when we doubt God, but when we cannot understand Him. Today I want to reflect on what I have called my life verse, Proverbs 3:5-6 and the tension between wanting clarity and choosing trust. If your mind has been restless, your heart is weary, or your path is uncertain, you are not alone.

Pour a warm cup of coffee or tea, settle in, and let's walk this stretch of the trail together.

What I'm Thinking

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." — Proverbs 3:5-6

I read those words this week with a cup of coffee cooling beside me, and they felt less like instruction and more like a steady hand resting gently on my shoulder. There are passages in Scripture that speak like bells, clear and ringing, and there are others that speak like a quiet voice across a table. This one speaks quietly. It doesn't rush. It waits for you to sit down long enough to hear it.

Because if we're honest, the real struggle isn't usually knowing what God says. It's trusting Him when life doesn't make sense. That's the problem this proverb walks straight into without apology. We want clarity before obedience. We want explanations before surrender. We want a map, a forecast, a guarantee that things will turn out the way we hope. And when those things don't come, something inside us tightens. The mind starts pacing. The heart starts drafting contingency plans. We lean hard on our own understanding because it feels irresponsible not to. I've done that more times than I can count, and if I'm telling the truth, I still do it some days without realizing it until I feel the strain.

Yet the passage doesn't scold that impulse. It redirects it. The central truth resting quietly in these lines is this: God is more reliable than our reasoning. Not because our minds are useless, but because they're limited. We see fragments while He sees the whole. We stand in a hallway trying to guess what's behind closed doors; He knows the entire house.

That's why the invitation is trust, not analysis. Not because thinking is wrong, but because thinking alone can't carry the weight of a life.

And perhaps that is why trust often feels less like solving a problem and more like taking a step. I sometimes picture it like walking a wooded trail at dusk. The path bends ahead and disappears into shadow, and you can't see where it ends or even where it turns next. Every instinct says stop until you can see the whole route. But the Guide beside you doesn't hand you a floodlight. He offers you His hand. And somehow that becomes enough light

to take the next step. Not the whole journey. Just the next one. That's often how God leads, not with blueprints, but with presence.

When I think about that kind of steady, relational trust, I cannot help but see it embodied in Jesus. He lived this way in a manner that still humbles me when I slow down enough to notice it. The self-giving life He lived wasn't only displayed at the cross; it was practiced in the ordinary hours leading to it. He trusted the Father when crowds gathered and when they disappeared. When provision showed up and when it didn't. When the road led to healing, and when it led to suffering. His steadiness didn't come from understanding every step ahead. It came from knowing the One who was leading Him. That kind of trust is not weakness. It's relational strength.

And that truth reaches directly into our inner lives. Much of what we call anxiety is the mind's attempt to manufacture certainty. We replay conversations, anticipate outcomes, rehearse scenarios, and build mental scaffolding around tomorrow. Not because we lack faith, but because we're human and our minds are trying to protect us. The trouble is that those inner watchmen

never sleep. They pace and scan and calculate until the soul grows tired from all the vigilance. Trust is what finally lets the watchman rest.

That may be why the proverb says, in all your ways acknowledge him. Not just the spiritual corners of your life. All of them. The anxious thoughts. The medical reports. The financial decisions. The quiet fears you rarely name. Trust isn't a religious exercise; it's a relational posture. It's turning your attention toward Him again and again until your breathing slows and your shoulders lower just a little.

I've seen it happen in hospital rooms, in counseling conversations, and in my own prayers when words ran out and all that remained was silence. God doesn't require your understanding before He offers His guidance. He simply asks for your heart. And when you place your weight there, the path really does begin to straighten—not always outwardly, but inwardly, where peace redraws the landscape.

So, if your thoughts feel tangled today, and you're weary from trying to reason your way into rest, receive this like a quiet benediction: You do not have to know the way. You only have to trust the Guide.

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance International Roadcheck Scheduled for May 12-14

By Anthony Cloud, PMTA

From May 12-14, 2026, enforcement personnel across the United States, Canada, and Mexico will participate in the annual International Roadcheck-CVSA's 72-hour, high-visibility inspection and enforcement initiative.

For fleets and drivers, this isn't just another inspection blitz. It's three concentrated days where compliance gaps surface quickly and publicly.

What to Expect: The Level I Inspection

Inspectors will primarily conduct the North American Standard Level I Inspection, a detailed 37-step process that includes:

Driver Examination

Inspectors will review:

- * Driver qualifications and licensing
- * Record of Duty Status (RODS)
- * Medical Examiner's Certificate
- * Seat belt usage
- * Skill Performance Evaluation (if applicable)
- * Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse status (U.S.)
- * Signs of alcohol or drug impairment

If out-of-service (OOS) violations are discovered, the driver is placed out of service immediately and cannot operate the vehicle until the issue is corrected.

Vehicle Examination

Inspectors assess:

- * Brake systems
- * Cargo securement
- * Coupling devices
- * Driveline components
- * Frame integrity
- * Lighting systems
- * Steering and suspension
- * Tires, wheels, rims, and hubs
- * Fuel and exhaust systems
- * Windshield wipers
- * Emergency exits and electrical systems (passenger carriers)

Any vehicle-related OOS violation means that equipment is parked until repairs are made.

A vehicle that passes a Level I or V Inspection without critical violations may receive a CVSA decal, valid for up to three months—signaling recent compliance.

2026 Focus Areas

Each year, International Roadcheck emphasizes specific violation categories. This year's targeted areas are both familiar and telling.

Driver Focus: ELD Tampering & Record Manipulation

This year, inspectors will be paying close attention to electronic logging device (ELD) tampering, falsification, or manipulation.

During inspections, enforcement will:

- * Review RODS entries for accuracy
- * Check for edited logs without required annotations
- * Identify patterns that conceal driving time
- * Evaluate proper use of exemptions

Last year, falsification of records of duty status was the second most cited driver violation, with 58,382 violations issued. Additionally, five of the top 10 driver violations were hours-of-service or ELD-related.

Some inaccurate logs stem from misunderstanding the rules. Others are intentional. Enforcement treats both seriously.

Roadcheck is highly visible, but the underlying goal remains constant: prevent crashes, injuries, and fatalities through proactive compliance.

International Roadcheck data will be collected during the 72-hour initiative and released later this year. As always, we will review the results and provide analysis for Pennsylvania carriers once the numbers are published.

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ATA Truck Tonnage Index Rose 0.4% in January

Washington, DC... Trucking activity in the United States increased slightly in January, but volumes remained at low levels after significant declines in September and October. Specifically, truck freight tonnage increased 0.4% after falling 0.2% in December, according to the American Trucking Associations' advanced seasonally adjusted For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index.

"Tonnage has lifted off the recent bottom in October with modest gains in November and January," said ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello. "However, truck freight tonnage in January was down 1.3% from the 2025 high point in August.

The trucking recovery story is more of a supply-side one with those motor carriers remaining benefiting from reduced overall capacity."

In January, the ATA advanced seasonally adjusted For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index equaled 113.0, up from 112.5 in December. The index, which is based on 2015 as 100, increased 0.5% from the same month in 2025. In 2025, the tonnage index was flat compared to the 2024 average.

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Greg Arscott, President of The Pete Store Talks About Technology



By Steve Pollock

DUNCAN, SC... I recently had an interview with Greg Arscott, President of the Pete Store regarding Peterbilt and technology.

"Today's technologies make it possible for Owner/Operators and small fleets to keep up with the big fleets," said Greg Arscott. "The technologies available in today's Peterbilts enable truck owners to have a well-run, dependable fleet while achieving optimal fuel economy. Of course you must have a fuel economy mindset that includes smart routing, using cruise control, keeping speeds around 65 mph, minimizing idle time, and keeping tires inflated properly."

Arscott continued, "Owner/Operators and small fleets make up the bulk of our customers and our sales professionals are ready to help them identify the technologies that will be most useful to them. Having the right navigation app can help reduce out of route miles and avoid traffic tangles. All new Peterbilts have internet connectivity which allows for data informed diagnostic monitoring. Problems are automatically detected and the fleet, driver, and dealership are notified. This allows for the parts to be ordered and the maintenance scheduled. Bluetooth and Apple Car Play are also now available in Peterbilt trucks, along with a 14" screen for ease of use. The Driver Assist feature provides a lane departure alarm and Intelligent Cruise Control brakes when the truck is too close to another vehicle."

He added, "Peterbilt is still a custom built truck, offering a lot of technologies that are available to everyone. If you are not using them, you are only hurting yourself."

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Kenworth of Pennsylvania Receives Dealer Excellence Silver Award

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The American Truck Historical Society (ATHS) is expanding its international footprint with a growing presence in Mexico following a recent visit to Allende, Nuevo León, where society leaders met with members of Tracto Clásicos, one of Mexico's premier vintage trucking groups.

During the visit, Tracto Clásicos formally announced plans for approximately 50 trucks to drive from Mexico to Springfield, Missouri, for the upcoming ATHS National Convention. The organized convoy is expected to create a historic international presence at the event, marking a truck show experience unlike any previously seen at an ATHS Convention.

"We're excited to welcome our friends from Mexico to Springfield," Schnautz said. "The passion for historic trucks and the people behind them transcends borders. We're already seeing new memberships from Mexico as a result of this partnership."

The ATHS National Convention & Truck Show annually draws hundreds of historic trucks from across North America and beyond.

ATHS National Convention & Truck Show
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and teamwork demonstrated every day by our entire dealership staff. From sales and service to parts and administration, every team member plays a vital role in delivering the high standards our customers expect and deserve. I couldn't be more proud of this group and the culture of excellence they represent," continued Miller.

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Pictured from left to right are: Tony Wiser, Director of Service Operations, Lance Diehl, Director of Parts Operations, and Shawn Brown, Corporate New Truck Sales Manager.

Kenworth of Pennsylvania was named a recipient of a Kenworth Dealer Excellence Silver Award at the recent annual Kenworth Dealer Meeting in Carlsbad,

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May 2 - Truck Meet At The Crossroads – The Crossroads Shopping Plaza, 31716 Old Eighty Seven, California, MO. Hosted by Horse & Buggy Accessories. For more info, call 573-796-1927. Email: Karen@horseandbuggychrome.com, Website: www.horseandbuggychrome.com

May 16 - Semi-Crazy Cornfield Roundup at Waspy's Truck Stop - Audubon Truck Stop on Hwy 71 just north of I-80 an ATHS multi-chapter gathering but all are welcome. Contact Russell Spawn Jr. 402-680-6121 or Wade Becl 515-494-9199 for more information.

June 2-6 – ATHS National Convention and Truck Show – Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, Springfield, Missouri. Get your kicks on Route 66! More info coming soon!

June 4-7 – 23rd Annual Wheel Jam Truck Show – South Dakota State Fairgrounds, 43118th St. SW, Huron, SD. Show N Shine, Awards, Jake Brake Competition. For more info visit www.wheeljamtruckshow.com

June 25-27 – 44th Annual Shell SuperRigs – Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, TN. June 26-27 – Chrome N Smoke Truck Show – Osmond, Nebraska. Contact Taylor Bucholz 402-640-0259 for more information.

June 26-28 – Kuhnle Bros. Semi Stampede – Kuhnle Motorsports, 8233 Sidley Rd., Thompson, Ohio. Ohio's only "Quebec -Style" Uphill, Semi Truck Drag Racing! For more info, visit www.kuhnlemotorsports.com/semistampede

June 26-28 - 14th Annual Ohio Vintage Truck Reunion – Ashland County Fairgrounds, 2042 Claremont Ave., Ashland, Ohio. Hosted by the Ohio Chapters of the American Truck Historical Society. Hundreds of Vintage Trucks, Trucking Memorabilia Display, Swap Meet, On-Site Camping with RV Hookups, Truck Crawl, Jake-Off, Light Show, Truck Model Contest, Truck Swap Meet, Country Convoy, and More! In place of Registration and Admission fees, donations to Ashland Food Bank and Shriner's Transportation are appreciated. Contact Bill Peters – wep515@gmail.com, phone 330-682-1707. www.ohvintkrreu.com

June 27-28 – Wicked Big Car Show & Truck Show Nationals – New Hampshire Motor Speedway, 1122 NH-106, Loudon, NH 03307. Supporting Speedway Children's Charities. Chicken Light Night Parade, Show Trucks, Show Cards, Mobile Dyno, Burnouts, Drifting, Legends Races, Onsite Camping, Food Trucks, Vendors, and Much More! For more info email info@wickedbigcarshow.com Website: www.wickedbigentertainmentgroup.com

June 28 – American Truck Historical Society ATHS Nutmeg Chapter Show -Brooklyn Fair Grounds, Route 169 Brooklyn, CT. 8:00am-3:00pm. For more info, call Harold Foskett 860 465-7503.

July 9-11 – Walcott Truckers Jamboree – Iowa 80 Truckstop, I-80 Exit 284, Walcott, IA. Super Beauty Truck Show, Antique Truck Display, Trucker Olympics Games, Exhibits, Fireworks, Live Music and much more!! For more information go to <http://iowa80truckstop.com/trucker-jamboree/>

July 11 – Class 8 On The Lake – Geneva on the Lake, Ohio (on the Strip). Benefits Feed Our Vets Food Pantry. No registration fee! Free Admission! Parade of Lights starts at 8:45 pm. Classes: Semi-Truck, Pickup, Antique, Tow Truck (Bobtail Only, No Trailers), Rat Rod. Chinese Auction, 50/50 Raffle. For more info contact Scott – 814-460-2506, George 440-812-4429. Email: class8onthelake@gmail.com

July 18 - Made In The Shade Truck Show – David City, Nebraska. For more information contact Benny Schultz 402-641-3991.

July 24-25 –Rigs On Route 66 – Downtown Miami, Oklahoma. A benefit for the Children's Advocacy Center. Truck Show, Vendors, Family and Community Event. Contact Steve Huff @ 918-513-2837, Email: huff456@gmail.com Website: www.rigson66.com

July 25 –Keystone Chapter ATCA Truck, Antique Car, Tractor, and Machinery Show – 139 Municipal St., East Freedom, PA 8 am – 5 pm. Dash Plaques while supplies last. No judging, no registration fee/ Breakfast/Lunch/Baked Goods. For more info, contact Ken Claar at 814-224-2084

August 7-9 - Carlisle Truck Nationals - Carlisle, PA Big Rig Show and Shine. Monster Truck Shows, Vendor Midway and Truck Themed Swap Meet, Kids at Carlisle Activity Center. For more info call 717-243-7855 or visit www.carlisleevents.com

August 14-15 – The Midwest Classic Truck Show – Oakland, Nebraska. For more information call Brock Gadberry 402-680-8103

September 18-19 – 6th Annual DMF-OH Cancer Benefit – Portage County Fairgrounds, SR 44, Randolph, Ohio. Judged Light Show on Friday, September 18th. Truck Show on Saturday, September 19th. Classes: Bobtail, Combo, Cabover, Antique, Pickup. Truck Show General Admission is free. Awards @ 4:00 pm. Truck Pull on Saturday, September 19th @ 5:00 pm. Grandstand Admission \$15.00, Pit Pass \$20.00. Truck Pull sponsored by MAC. For more info call 330-351-1673.

September 25-27 – Kuhnle Brothers Unc's Fall Brawl – Kuhnle Motorsports, 8233 Sidley Rd., Thompson, Ohio. Ohio's only "Quebec -Style" Uphill, Semi Truck Drag Racing! For more info, visit www.kuhnlemotorsports.com/semistampede

November 6-7 – Bennett Stars, Stripes, and White Lines Truck Show – EchoPark Speedway, McDonough, Georgia. The Stars, Stripes, and White Lines Truck Show is an annual event celebrating show trucks from around the country including, elite invite only classes, wash and show classes and patriotic-themed trucks, jeeps, motorcycles. All proceeds go to benefit Wreaths Across America to place 20,700 wreaths at Andersonville National Cemetery. For more info, go to www.sswltruckshow.com

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Fleetworthy and HAAS Alert Expand Partnership to Bring Real-Time Stopped Truck Protection and Emergency Vehicle Alerts to Drivers



Fleetworthy, the only complete technology suite for fleet readiness, has announced an expanded partnership with HAAS Alert, the leader in digital alerting for roadway safety.

Through enhanced integration with Fleetworthy, HAAS Alert's Safety Cloud® platform will now broadcast real-time digital alerts to nearby motorists when a commercial truck equipped with Fleetworthy Safety+ is stopped in an unsafe location. In addition, Drivewyze Free, which is being rebranded as Fleetworthy Foundations as part of Fleetworthy's ongoing brand unification, now delivers real-time alerts to truck drivers when approaching stopped fire trucks, ambulances, and police vehicles enabled with Safety Cloud.

Together, Fleetworthy and HAAS Alert are strengthening roadside safety by both alerting the motoring public when commercial vehicles are stopped and notifying professional drivers of emergency responders ahead. This bidirectional protection creates a connected safety ecosystem that links commercial vehicles, passenger vehicles, and public agencies in real time to help prevent potentially catastrophic collisions.

When a truck equipped with Fleetworthy Safety+ stops on the shoulder of an interstate or major highway due to an inspection, mechanical issues, or other unplanned roadside events, Safety Cloud PROTECT™ automatically detects the vehicle. It then sends real-time digital alerts to approaching motorists via their connected vehicle systems in select Jeep, Dodge, RAM, Chrysler, and Alfa Romeo models and through navigation apps such as Waze and Apple Maps.

As part of the expanded partnership with HAAS Alert, Fleetworthy Foundations users will now receive real-time alerts for stopped emergency vehicles, powered by Safety Cloud ALERT™. When fire trucks, ambulances and police vehicles on Safety Cloud activate their service lights, Fleetworthy-enabled trucks receive in-cab digital alerts warning them of responders ahead. The alerts provide advance notice before emergency scenes become visible, helping drivers comply with Move Over laws and safely adjust speed or change lanes when conditions allow.

The emergency vehicle alerts are currently available along interstate highways in approximately one-third of U.S. states, with nationwide coverage anticipated later this year.

States may also expand their alert coverage through Fleetworthy Smart Roadways to alert commercial drivers about additional roadside responders on Safety Cloud, such as tow trucks, roadside assistance vehicles, construction crews, and utility workers, extending digital Move Over protections to additional vulnerable roadside personnel.




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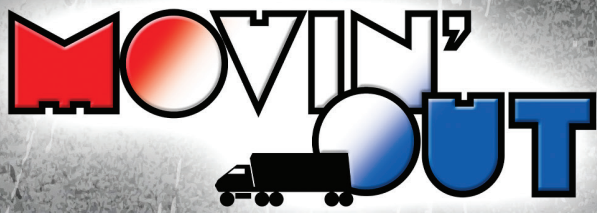
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Working Show Truck Of The Month

Thomas Christafferson/
DSI Bulk Transport



Thomas Christafferson from Ohio says, "It is fun to drive a Working Show Truck!" He enjoys getting thumbs up and honks as he works.

Tom runs a lot of regional and occasional long hauls, loaded with plastic pellets and powder in his Pneumatic tank. The 2011 Peterbilt 389 is owned

by DSI Bulk Transport of Mantua, Ohio. The Pete is powered by a 550hp CAT, 18 speed transmission and a 3:55 ratio rear end. The truck has quite

a history. It started as a glider kit and spent many hard years in the oilfield industry before being purchased and completely restored in 2022 by DSI Trans-

port. The truck features a custom interior and has taken trophies at MATS and the DMF Truck Shows.

Tom gives credit and thanks for his show truck to Kevin Carroce, and Zack, Jack, and Max Retych.

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