

# Tŀ **Remember Everyone Deployed**



McClymonds Supply & Transit had "RED" - Remember Everyone Deployed, a 2020 Peterbilt Glider, built to honor all of the members of the Armed Services. Turn to pages 10 & 11 for the story and more photos. - Photo by Pam Pollock -

## **PGT Trucking Honors Their Proud Professionals**



## **FPPF – The Premium Additive Company**



By Steve Pollock BUFFALO. NY.... In 1975 Chris Lory of Buffalo, New York recognized that the quality of diesel fuel was declining  $He\, collaborated\, with\, scientists$ to develop Fuel Power, a more effective diesel additive that removes water from the fuel. 45 years later, FPPF (Fuel Power Powers Fuel) has not only stood the test of time, but it has grown to be one of the largest selling diesel additives in the world. FPPF has been so effective that to this day its formula has never had to be altered. Chris launched the FPPF Chemical Company in 1975 and also began developing other fuel treatment products. In 1978 FPPF introduced Hot 4 In 1. a fuel treatment specially formulated for home heating fuels. Over the years, FPPF Chemical Company has developed dozens of additive products for diesel and gasoline

**Bv** Steve Pollock HOPEWELL TWP., PA... few miles west of Pittsburgh. PA, recently recognized and has held a driver banquet to MileDrivershave accomplished

PGT Trucking, Inc., located a COVID-19 pandemic had to preventable accident. cancel this year's event.

PGT's Safe Drivers have drivhonored over 180 Million Mile en for the company for more Million Mile and Safe Drivers and Safe Drivers employed than five years, or less than one is a humbling experience," by the company. For more million miles, without a pre- said Pat Gallagher, PGT Chief than 20 years, PGT Trucking ventable accident and Million Executive Officer. "We are

celebrate their drivers' annual this pristine status by driving achievements, but due to the over a million miles without a

> "The privilege to continue to honor our Professional continued on page 16



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# **John Brown Trucking Honors Safe Drivers**



#### By Steve Pollock

Brown Trucking honored its employed at various companies efforts towards safety and small presentation ceremony longevity in the employ of the was held by DMC Insurance at Rodemoyer company. While the company American Bulk Commodities' normally holds a banquet for Boardman, Ohio corporate these outstanding individuals, offices. the COVID-19 Pandemic prevented them from celebrating his achievements of being chotheir achievements in public. sen twice as Driver of the Year. John Brown Trucking's Profes- He stated, "I just do my job as sional Truck Drivers were given best as I can. I like working a cash award for their years of service to the company.

Pennsylvania, who has worked for John Brown Trucking for 40 years and has driven Millions of awards over the years. Safe Miles, was chosen as John nated him to their insurance Trucking: carrier, DMC Insurance, who

of the Year from a field of 30 PORTERSVILLE, PA... John Professional Truck Drivers Safe Drivers recently for their from around the region. A

Bill was very humble about at John Brown Trucking, they have good equipment that is Bill Kerry from Portersville, well maintained." Bill pulls Drivers of John Brown Trucking an end dump for the company – keep up the good work! and has earned numerous safety

Brown Trucking's Driver of the achieved cash awards for R&J Trucking of Boardman, Year. The staff at also nomi- their longevity at John Brown Ohio and Southern Haulers

also chose Bill as their Driver Robert Robb; Dale Stevenson end dumps and roll-offs.

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17 Years - \$650: Eugene Courson, Jr.

18 Years - \$700: Terrv Scheidemantle; Merle Verner, Jr.; Michael Woods

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John Brown Trucking's and DMC Insurance's Driver of the Year, Bill Kerry.



The staff of American Bulk Commodities with Bill Kerry (center), John Brown Trucking's Driver of the Year.

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#### Page 4 - Movin' Out - August 2020 **Off The Beaten Path**



by Pam Pollock

#### **These Are** The Days My Friends... Don't **Think They'll Ever End**

I think we are stuck in the movie, Groundhog Day. You go to sleep, hoping the next day will find the Pandemic over, life can get back to the REAL NORMAL and all of the BS garbage will disappear from the mainstream and social media. And then, when you open your eyes after a very restless night, bam – life is still pretty much sucking.

Somehow, I do manage to find some humor in this hot mess of a life that we are all experiencing, including the following incidences that have occurred within the past week:

Istopped in for a Pepsi Slushy (but of course the machine was down AGAIN) at our local Sheetz. I was irate and grumpy and decided to buy some Vitamin Water and the guys some BBQ chips. I almost collided with a young man, smiled at him and said, "Oops! Sorry about that - how's it going?" You snake for the photo. know - the standard redneck Western PA greeting...

I start to get in line at the checkout but spy some nuts in the middle of the aisle. Of course, I have to go look at them. Why? No clue, maybe it was the bright red packaging that drew me in. The same young man comes up and stands back to the right of me. Now. I am not in line, because I made a detour at the nut kiosk.

I look up at him, smile and say, "Oh, I am not in line, go ahead. I just got distracted by all of these hot nuts."

This dude cannot be 30 years old. He totally loses it. The 40 year old man in front of him guffaws. I got a little flustered and stammered, "Oh man, I did not mean it like \*THAT\*!" Young dude says, "Hey, it's

cool. You can say that." Me: "I am NOT a dirty old

grandma! Honest!" (Shut up everyone, he does not know me...'





I can relate to these startled Prairie Dogs - I feel as though this is my and my spouse and our thoughts on 2020, "What's going on? When will it all stop?!"

think he was attractive at all - but somehow, I ended up with 3 bags of nuts that are no longer HOT.

The next day my husband and I took the four grandkids to a local animal park as they have been asking for two weeks to go to this particular location. I arrive to pick the kids up at 9:30 am. It is already over 80° and the humidity is out of control. Four grandkids, five meltdowns before we even pull out of their driveway. (That's right, five meltdowns, guess who the fifth person was...) After 3 miles of one child screaming at the top of his lungs that he does not like any of his shoes (and he was not wearing shoes at that point...), everyone settles down and it's happy days again.

I hear a chorus of "We want to hold the snake for a photo!" on the entire drive to the park. We arrive and make our way to the Animal Encounter Building. I ask, "Are you sure that you will really hold a boa constrictor snake? Because I will not do this ever again! (Last year, they said that they would hold the dang snake, backed out and I (the person who is deathly afraid of snakes) held the \$\*&^%!@

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I always try to shuffle the things I don't like to do onto my spouse - this was one of those times...

really hold the snake this time!" the little darlings reply. I pay for the photo – Grandkids immediately whimper and say: "No, I am too scared to hold it..." I look at my spouse and say, "No. I am not getting near that snake!"

Pap to the rescue, he holds the snake.

The next stop is the Camel Pavilion. The grandkids have been talking for weeks about how they want to ride a camel. I dig in my purse for money for the ride. I check, double check and trip check with the grandkids, "Will you ride this camel?!" The 20 month old toddler emphatically shakes her head and flops her hands and yells, "Noooooo!" The other three, however, all enthusiastically yell, "Yes!"

You know where this is going, right? I pay for the ride; the kids bravely march

freeze on the platform. None 8:00 am. I am toting my enordecide that they will ride if Pap showers. It begins to downpour. for anything, so he bounds up old time bouncing and jiggling on their ride.

the animal keeper if my weight the pouring rain. will literally be the "straw" that breaks the camel's back. about birds and makes some He assures me that Ernie can bird calls and then says, "Do handle me. I give Ernie some you hear that? It's a extra carrots and away we go. And you know what, I have

group bird walk with my friend. because I am standing about

"We promise! We will up the steps and then they all We are walking in the woods at of them will get on the camel. mous camera and wearing my The oldest child marches back husband's rain jacket because down the steps. The other two the weather forecast says we waver back and forth and then may have some "light" rain will go with them. Pap is game Our group is practicing social distancing and standing over the steps and jumps on Ernie 8 feet away from each other. the Camel. They have a grand I take my mask off, because we are outdoors and I am not standing close to anyone and "Gaga," says my oldest quite frankly, I am having a granddaughter. "That looks major hot flash. I also take off like fun. I will do that if YOU my rain jacket and wrap my ride with me." Of course, I dig camera in it. I briefly see the into my wallet and pay for an- butt of an Oriole fly by. That's other ride. I am concerned for it. That's the only bird that we poor old Ernie, however and ask see on an over 2 mile walk in

> We stop and the leader talks The following day I go on a no freakin' clue what he said

15 feet away from him, in the pouring rain (my profile photo was taken when I got back in the car) and I am having a hot flash. I did not hear any dang birds singing or calling. All I can hear is the rain hitting the leaves and the squish, squash of our shoes as we hike up a muddy path. My friend and I start to giggle and reminisce about all the fun we had when we used to work together. We are at the back of the line and the other birds turn around and shoot us dirty glares. Apparently, it's bot proper bird protocol to talk if you aren't yelling out, "Listen! I just heard a yellow-bellied sapsucker!" My bad.

After two hours, the group decides to end the walk and go home. I had parked my car in a different area than the other birders, which I guess, you weren't supposed to do. I am soaked to the skin and I'm huffing a little (ok, a lot) because my camera weighs about 15 or 20 pounds). As we emerge from the trail, I turn to my friend and declare, "Ya know, I don't think you and I are cut out to be part of a bird group." And she agreed.

I arrived back at my house in time to see a Hawk sitting in my driveway with a Tufted Titmouse (yeah, that's really the name of the bird!) in its claws. I startled the hawk and as it started to take flight, it dropped my little bird friend, who scurried away. "Not today, you jagoff," I scream at the hawk, "not today!" And I laughed. The Hawk got its revenge on me yesterday, he flew up into my maple tree and absconded with one of my little birds. I chased it, along with some Blue Jays and other assorted birds, screaming and yelling and saying all kinds of bad words.

At least I still have those three bags of nuts...

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YD: "Age is just a number!" Me; "Well, my numbers are pretty high."

YD: "I think you're cool. I'd be down to party with you tonight!"

I am very flustered at this point so I scoop up 3 bags of HOT NUTS that I will not eat and say, "Well, I am really not a party person. I am more of a Oreos cookies and milk with a Paw Patrol DVD kind of Grandma.'

YD: "Oh, that show is some of my kids' favorite show to watch! I have 4 kids - 2 boys, 2 girls ages 10, 5, 3.5 and 2.'

Me: "I have 4 grandkids. They really wear my HUSBAND and me out!" I then awkwardly make sure that I am standing six behind him and stare at my nuts until he pays, and leaves and I can move forward.

I am NOT a cougar, folks. I just like to smile and greet people and shoot the breeze. I must also confess that I don't E-Mail: movinout@zoominternet.net **All Rights Reserved** 

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A man who rides a horse knows what we are talking about when we talk about riding with a slack rein.

Life can be too strenuous. You can put yourself into your own straight jacket and you can try to pile more into the bag of life than that particular bag is able to hold. When you do that, something has to give.

This is the reason that Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart and ve shall find rest unto your souls."

We are eager beavers. We think that everything has to be done in an instant. I suppose the reason that we have allowed ourselves to get into this mind frame is because everything around us is instant. We have instant potatoes. We have instant coffee. Up and down the line we can go. And we think that everything in life should be that way.

But one day Jesus said, "In your patience possess ye your souls." So often we lack this power of patience.

We thank that we must run headstrong. We must remember that as we trust the Lord, things happen.

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#### Movin' Out - August 2020 - Page 5 **ATA Truck Tonnage Index Fell 1% in** May - Index 9.6% below May 2019

Arlington, VA... American tonnage is down 2.6%. Trucking Associations? advanced seasonally adjusted will likely take more than a 109.8 in May, 2.8% above the (SA) For-Hire Truck Tonnage year to recover, assuming the April level (106.9). In calculat- index based on surveys from Index contracted 1% in May pandemic doesn't spike again, ing the index, 100 represents after falling 10.3% in April. In the trucking industry could 2015. ATA's For-Hire Truck May, the index equaled 106.1 (2015=100) compared with levels before many other indus- by contract freight as opposed 107.2 in April.

even though other economic sales improve and housing rometer of the U.S. economy, indicators like retail sales and housing starts rose, I'm not overly concerned," said ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello. and places start to shut back including manufactured and "First, while down over 10 percent sequentially in April, truck tonnage did not fall as much as other economic indicators that month. This means that any rebound is tougher since tonnage didn't fall substantially to begin with. Second, there are indications that freight continues to improve as more and more states and localities lift lockdown restrictions."

April's drop was revised up to -10.3% from the 12.2% decline reported in our May 19 press release.

Compared with May 2019, the SA index contracted 9.6%. the largest year-over-year decline since 2009 during the depths of the Great Recession, although the index is not falling quite as much as during that economic downturn. For example, in April 2009, the index

recover back to pre-COVID Tonnage Index is dominated tries because it hasn't fallen as to spot market freight. "While tonnage fell in May, much," Costello said. "As retail starts recover, that will help representing 71.4% of tonnage trucking. The risk for trucking carried by all modes of dois that the virus surges again mestic freight transportation,

> down again." index, which represents the 2018. Motor carriers collected change in tonnage actually \$796.7 billion, or 80.3% of total

"While the overall economy seasonal adjustment, equaled modes.

Trucking serves as a baretail goods. Trucks hauled The not seasonally adjusted 11.49 billion tons of freight in

hauled by the fleets before any revenue earned by all transport

ATA calculates the tonnage its membership and has been doing so since the 1970s. This is a preliminary figure and subject to change in the final report issued around the 5th day of each month. The report includes month-to-month and year-over-year results, relevant economic comparisons, and key financial indicators.



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# Page 6 - Movin' Out - August 2020 High Performance Diesels with Bruce Mallinson

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> 1,000 HP as we would like to the following review: preserve our dyno. Keep an eye

either run, manage, or are running out of warranty soon service managers for new truck (we have not been purchasing dealerships tell me 75 to 80% extended warranty, we only of their shop work is emissions have the 2 year/250,000 miles related. The trucks are under coverage.) I told the Tech I want warranty, the dealerships have him to tell me if he sees anyvery high labor rates (as high thing different on these trucks as \$204.00/hour in Midland and because I'm running a catalyst Odessa Texas), and they will not in the fuel that burns up more 724-360-4080 Website: Pittssell the Max Mileage fuel borne of the soot. He replied that if burghPower.com catalyst because it eliminates it's working, he will be able to





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As part of their ongoing quest to continually improve, FPPF Chemical Company has recently launched a new website (<u>www.FPPF.com</u>) that is more user friendly. The new site is available in English, Spanish and French languages and contains a list of distributors as well. Website users can shop products by season or input their fuel problem to receive an answer as to what product they should use to resolve their issue.

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The visually impaired have a lot more sensitivity in their feet or cane then I do with my eyes as I never paid enough attention to realize they were in all different shapes that the bumps have a meaning.

I will still smile as we pull or push our pallet jack across these dots, listen to the sound, imagine myself on a crazy roller coaster with a lot of swoops, and drop ahead.

It's the little things that brighten the day.

#### **CBSA Expands Personal Data** Collection **Policy to 12 More Border Points**

TORONTO, CANADA... The Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) just released an expanded list of Canada-US ports of entry - 18 in total which will be collecting contact information for all travellers (symptomatic and asymptomatic), including truck drivers, starting, July 9.

The Canadian Trucking Alliance clarified the increased powers of public health officials to collect the personal information of truck drivers at an initial six Canadian ports of entry (POE) when crossing into Canada. Although the policy was expected to take a phased approach and roll out to additional ports in the coming weeks, CTA was advised this afternoon that travellers crossing 12 additional ports of entry will be required to provide their contact information as well, starting July 9.

On top of the ports which began collecting contact information from truck drivers on June 30 (St Stephen 3rd Bridge; St-Armand/Philipsburg; Lansdowne; Queenston-Lewiston Bridge; Coutts; Pacific Highway) the following ports will follow suit:

 Woodstock Road •St Stephen Stanstead •St-Bernard-de-Lacolle •Sault Ste. Marie Prescott •Windsor/Detroit Tunnel Peace Bridge North Portal •Emerson •Abbotsford-Huntingdon •Aldergrove Border Services Officers (BSO) are expected to input personal contact information for persons exempt from quarantine, including their email address, principle phone number and secondary phone number (if applicable) into a database that is managed by PHAC. Once collected, the information will automatically be entered into the system and not have to be taken when the driver crosses next. Travelers who refuse to provide their information will be advised by a BSO they could be subject to additional measures, such as a requirement to undergo a health assessment. They could also be charged with an offence under the Quarantine Act. Alternatively, local police in a specific jurisdiction can issue a ticket under the Contraventions Act. If the exempt traveller continues to refuse providing their information, they will be referred to a PHAC quarantine officer.



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In all, FPPF offers 16 products to address any problem encountered with diesel or gasoline. The company also has wash concentrate, aluminum brighteners, multi-purpose solvent, penetrating oil, red

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# Movin' Out - August 2020 - Page 9 Walcott Truckers Jamboree 2020 **Trucker's Best Friend Pet Contest**



**Owner Look Alike: 1st: Jake Owner: Su Schmerheim** 





Best Dressed: 1st: Dixie – Owner: Eva Knelsen



Best Dressed: 3rd: Gypsy - Owner: Merton Sammis



Best Dressed: 2nd: Jake -**Owner: Su Schmerheim** 

- The Winners of the 2020 Walcott Truckers Jamboree Super Beauty Truck Show will be featured in the September '20 issue of Movin' Out!

**Owner Look Alike: 2nd: Cooper** - Owner: Rocky Johnson



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# Remember Everyone







Professional Truck Driver and Navy Seabee Veteran Rick "JR" Prine (left) and McClymonds Supply & Transit President Mark McClymonds







truck's colors and chromed it out, before dropping the engine into the Peterbilt. All of the graphics and striping were made by Endagraph Graphics of Export, Pennsylvania. The completed wrap was applied by Nate, Ben and Matt Miller in McClymonds Body Shop. The Millers also installed LED lighting underneath the truck and also did some of the paint work. About the only thing not done in McClymonds' shop was the rear panel and light bar, which were custom built by Morocco Welding of Somerset, PA.

"RED" has many unique custom features, including modified dual air cleaners, custom deck plate and toolbox, a 20" Valley Chrome bumper, 8" stainless steel stacks from Lincoln Chrome and Shift Product fenders. The glider also features an 18 speed Eaton manual transmission, Peterbilt Legacy interior and Michelin XDNZ 11R22.5 tires that are mounted on polished aluminum wheels. Nearly everyone in McClymonds' shop contributed ideas and helped to build the glider. RED's driver, Navy Seabee Veteran Rick "JR" Prine's son Zack is currently on active duty with the U.S. Air Force. Zack also had some ideas to contribute to the Peterbilt's design. "RED" will pull a pneumatic tank loaded with carbon to be delivered to points all across the USA. "RED" will serve as a rolling reminder of the sacrifices that members of our Military make every Deployed themed tractor. Mark and hard work went into the day to keep America's citizens safe. All of the employees at McClymonds Transit are very The McClymonds mechanics proud of the truck, which



the brave men and women of our military are on duty, making sure that we are safe. was built almost entirely in This sworn duty of our nation's McClymonds' own shop. Many Armed Forces inspired Rick of the McClymonds mechanics, Prine Jr to approach McCly- who assembled the truck, are monds Supply & Transit Presi- also Veterans and had several dentMarkMcClymondstobuild ideas that were incorporated a "RED" – Remember Everyone into the design. A lot of thought didn't have to look far for input making of "RED", which took as McClymonds Supply & Tran- over a year to complete. sit employs many Veterans. Professional Truck Driver and rebuilt a C15 CAT to 550 hp, Navy Seabee Veteran Rick "JR" painted it red to match the

PORTERSVILLE, PA.... Ev- Prine was chosen to drive the ery minute of every day, as we truck and he contributed many go about our business or sleep, ideas for the construction of "RED".

The 2020 Peterbilt Glider

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# Deployed



Harry "Hank" Tindall, Mechanic at McClymonds Supply & Transit shines "Red" to perfection.

continued from page 10 commemorates all branches of the Armed Services. Rick Prine and "RED" hope to attend some upcoming truck shows this summer and fall.

Rick Prine has been a Professional Truck Driver for 20 years and has driven for McClymonds Supply & Transit for the past 5 years.

McClymonds Supply & Transit, located in Portersville, Pennsylvania, owns and operates a fleet of over 500 trucks – a combination of triaxles, end dumps, roll-offs, lowboys, flatbeds, and vans. The company is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. McClymonds has also built an Autism Awareness truck as well as a Breast Cancer Awareness truck.



A Seabees emblem on the doors of "Red" pays tribute to Driver Rick Prine's service in the Navy.



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# **Latest Trucking Industry News**

#### **ATA Hails USMCA** Implementation Critical **Trade Pact** Went Into **Effect July 1**

Arlington, VA... The American Trucking Associations thanked leaders in the United States, Canada and Mexico for their work in crafting a new continental trade agreement – the US-Canada-Mexico Agreement.

"This is a tremendous day," said ATA President and CEO Chris Spear, "thanks to the efforts of many people in our three nations, USMCA is offirst significant revision in our nation's trading relationship in nearly three decades and will foster growth in all three nations at a time when the economy can use a shot in the arm."

Ratified in January, the USM-CA is projected to increase annual U.S. exports to Canada and Mexico by a combined \$33 billion above the current NAFTA baseline. The agreement is also expected to increase U.S. GDP by \$68 billion, stimulating broad sectors of the economy that the trucking industry services, like agriculture and manufacturing.

"Very little changes for trucking today, but going forward, USMCA will not only keep industry in North America, benefiting trucking, it will likely attract new factories and economic activity, which will lead to more trucking activity," said ATA Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of International Trade Policy & Cross-Border Operations Bob Costello. "International trade, and specifically trade with the US and Canada and Mexico are tremendous drivers of freight for our industry. I expect that growth related to USMCA will provide a real boost for trucking in the coming years."

In 2019, trucking moved 67% of the surface trade with Canada and 84% of it with Mexico, and that activity supported

#### **Trucking Praises Reform to NEPA Permitting Process**

Arlington, VA ... American Trucking Associations is praising the Trump Administration for finalizing a proposed rule to reform the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which will speed up the review process for critically-needed investments in our country's roads and bridges.

"This is good news for truckers, the motoring public, our economy and the environment," said ATA President and CEO Chris Spear. "It currently takes an average seven years for a highway construction project to get through federal permitting, which is counterproductive in the extreme. This cumbersome review process presents an enormous obstacle to modernizing our outdated infrastructure, contributing to more traffic congestion and the harmful emissions that come with it."

ATA notes that the trucking industry loses \$74.5 billion every year to traffic congestion on the National Highway System, which equates to 425,000 truck drivers sitting idle for an entire year—emitting a staggering 67 million tons of CO2.

"Infrastructure investment is a surefire way to reduce our nation's environmental impact, and this action by President Trump will help accelerate construction projects that reduce waste and result in a more efficient and resilient supply chain and transportation system for decades to come," said Randy Guillot, ATA Chairman and president of Triple G Express and Southeastern Motor Freight.

"Of course, streamlining project approvals won't matter if ficially taking effect. It is the states don't have the funding needed to plan projects and break ground. COVID-19 has caused a 14% drop in Highway Trust Fund revenue, widening the investment gap and hurtling us closer to the funding cliff," said Guillot. "If Congress fails to act this year on its Constitutional responsibility, it risks derailing our economic recovery."

As both President Trump and former Vice President Biden talk infrastructure on the campaign trail recently, ATA says road and bridge funding is the issue it'll be tracking most closely as campaigns unveil competing policy platforms in the coming weeks. of either waiver.

**Federal COVID-19 Waivers For Commercial Driver Licenses Extended Through Sept. 30** 

SALEM, OR... As the COVID-19 emergency continues, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has extended waivers on commercial driver licensing requirements through Sept. 30, 2020.

This reissuing of the FMCSA's March 24, 2020, waiver is part of efforts to continue assisting the movement of essential goods and services during the emergency.

The FMCSA's waiver is now in effect through Sept. 30 for states, commercial driver license holders, commercial learner permit holders and interstate drivers operating commercial motor vehicles.

The federal waiver includes, effective July 1, 2020:

•All Oregon commercial driver licenses expiring between March 1, 2020, and Sept. 29, 2020, now expire on Sept. 30, 2020. •All Oregon commercial learner permits expiring between March 1, 2020, and Sept. 29, 2020, now expire on Sept. 30, 2020. •All Oregon CLP holders are eligible to take the CDL skills test without regard to the 14-day waiting period.

•All Oregon CDL holders and CLP holders who certified as non-excepted interstate and whose medical certification expired on or after March 1, 2020, retain medical qualification until Sept. 30, 2020, if the medical examiner certificate was issued for 90 days or more.

FMCSA waiver in Oregon:

•DMV will not cancel commercial driving privileges for expired medical examiner certificates, if the medical examiner certificate was valid on or after March 1, 2020, for a period of 90 days or more.

•More on FMCSA waiver:

Under 49 U.S.C. §31315(d), both the original CDL Waiver (March 24, 2020) and this post-dated CDL Waiver (July 1, 2020) preempt any Oregon laws that are contrary to the provisions



**Opposition** to \$2 million Truck Insurance Limit Grows, Still Unsuccessful in Removing **Increase From House Bill** 

The American Trucking Associations (ATA) joined the Owner Operators and Independent Driver's Association (OOI-DA), numerous state trucking associations (including the Nevada Trucking Association) and industry specific trucking groups in their opposition to the Garcia Amendment, which would increase the minimum truck insurance to \$2 million.

While ATA is a strong supporter of the overarching goal of the legislation, ATA VP Bill Sullivan noted the ATA's opposition to an amendment offered by Rep. Jesús Garcia last week to arbitrarily raise minimum insurance requirement limits on commercial vehicles.

"This language was written by trial lawyers, supported by trial lawyers and, to no surprise, benefits trial lawyers," said Sullivan.

"This new \$2 million cap was arbitrarily plucked out of thin air by the American Association of Justice and aside from lining the pockets of AAJ members, it lacks relevant data. If a change to the minimum insurance cap is to be made, it must reflect the direct input of the trucking industry and be based on actuarial data - not special interest pandering. If the Senate and Congress want to get this right, they must pursue a fair, data- and stake-holder driven process to determine appropriate levels and their impact on safety and economic outcomes. ATA will work to improve the bill, including a fix to the minimum insurance cap that is inclusive of the regulated industry and data-driven."

Unfortunately, removing the amendment in Rules Committee last night was unsuccessful. There will not be a vote to eliminate Section 4408 from H.R.2 on the House floor. The increase in insurance requirements will remain in the bill, which will likely pass on a party-line vote later this week. The Garcia Amendment is unlikely to become law in the next few months, because it will have a much tougher time making it out of the US Senate. House Democrats have made it clear they intend to increase our minimum level of coverage to at least \$2,000,000. If that's not accomplished in 2020, it will certainly be a priority in 2021, if they hold onto to control in the House of Representatives and gain control of the Senate.

Transportation, have always been essential.

89,500 full-time jobs in the industry, including nearly 60,000 full time U.S. truck drivers, which made \$3.28 billion in wages not including benefits.

"USMCA is an important updated to an old NAFTA agreement. This new agreement should spur new production and trucking activity throughout the continent, which will benefit US trucking operations," Spear said. "Without this new agreement, our economy would've been at risk for losing industry and jobs to other parts of the world, hurting US trucking companies."

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#### **FirstLine Funding Group – Providing Customers With Cash Flow**

#### By Steve Pollock

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#### **Carlisle Events Works to Support Project SHARE and United Way** - 2020 Events Season Offers an Outlet for Donations and More

Carlisle, PA ... Carlisle few months later than normal pantry and for United Way of our community. Donations our entire community in need County's relief efforts where recently, as Spring Carlisle finally took over the Carlisle PA Fairgrounds June 17-20. The twice rescheduled event, as well as a few others on the season schedule fell victim to the COVID-19 pandemic. Carlisle Events wasn't the only organization put in a position of defining a new normal. Food banks, shelters and support gling to keep up with demand. throughout the remainder of car shows this summer, Carlisle United Way and Project SHARE. of non-perishable food items crisis we have been providing munity members' basic needs. "Please donate and help us org or www.uwcarlisle.org.

Both local agencies work at the car shows this summer nutritious food for our com- Carlisle Events will donate support an area that's been so Events hosted its first Carlisle, to serve those in need. For to support Project SHARE of munity in need," continued all money collected to United supportive of us for so many Pennsylvania based event a Project SHARE, it's their food Carlisle and support feeding Weed. "We continue to serve Way of Carlisle & Cumberland vears." Carlisle & Cumberland County, suggested include meal-related it's helping community-based food items, toiletries and more. bution days and our weekly non-profit organizations in the provided funding for handwashprograms that strengthen the There is also a virtual food drive cornerstones for a good quality (details on the Project SHARE of life. This includes education, financial stability, health and will be positioned outside of and Nourishment remain our to the Carlisle area, a commu- a mobile paramedic capable of basic needs. In each instance, the main points of entry to focal points in these days that nity that has long supported conducting COVID-19 testing support is needed.

Commencing with the Carlisle Chevrolet Nationals (June may be monetary in form as 26-27), Carlisle Events will host well. These types of donations outlets for those in need were a food drive and COVID-19 relief can be made direct viawww. too. In fact, many are still strug- fund effort. This effort will run With guests planning to attend the 2020 schedule, including the final Carlisle based Awakening Hope," said Bob Events is pleased to announce event, Fall Carlisle (September Weed, CEO of Project SHARE. the spread of the virus, address cult time," said Carlisle Events for donation details. iump a support partnership with 30-October 4). Donate a bag "Before and during this current emerging needs and meet com-

web page). Collection bins donate. In addition, donations will continue to serve with the fairgrounds. projectSHAREpa.org.

'Nourishing Our Community... which is providing funding to

are shared with all. Safety support and encouragement of our community."

through their Carlisle Area during or after attending an uwcarlisle.org." "Project SHARE's vision is Emergency Response Fund local non-profits to prevent community during this diffi- it www.CarlisleEvents.com or

through our monthly distri- donations go directly to local Emergency Response Fund has Farmstand location where fresh Carlisle community that were ing stations, masks, gloves, and produce, eggs, milk and bread impacted by COVID-19. 100% of dollars donated will go back the fairgrounds for guests to we are moving through. We the car show excitement at the and essentials such as food and

Secure drop box locations will be available and those who rector. "For more CAER Fund United Way can be supported participate can donate before, info visit us online at www. event in Carlisle this year.

General Manager Scott Amig. to www.projectSHAREpa.

"So far the Carlisle Area plexiglass shields as well as safe transportation to testing sites, shelter," added Lu Flickinger, UW Resource Development Di-

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If they so, choose they can bury me in this old truck. I'll pull over and call you when I've had enough. When I leave this world, I'll still be driving a truck. On the highway to Heaven with any luck.

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thankful for their service." The following is a list of the 59 2019 Million Mile Drivers and 123 2019 Safe Drivers recently honored by PGT Trucking:

Drivers With Over A Million Miles Driven Without A Preventable Accident - 2019 Million Mile Drivers:

New Million Mile Drivers: Frank Brown; Richard Davenport; Jesus Flores; Gary Hall; Gary Littlepage, Jr.; William Luketic, Jr.; Fabian Martin; John Nichol; Javier Pulido

Over One Million Miles Driven: Ricky Bahnsen; Ralph Benson; Herman Blacker; Terry Blankenship; Donald Bowman; Isaac Cannon; Timothy Cubbon; Lawrence Dworek, Jr.; Ronnie Flynn; Patrick Foley; Rodney Freeman; James Gallatin; Kevin Gaut; Peggy Glidewell; David Gross; Tony Hartman; David Haynes; Gerald Henry; John Jenkins; Eric Kirkland; Stanley Kozlowski; Joseph Lowe; Craig Marple; Craig Martin; Jerry Mathes; Frankie Medina, Sr.; Carl Minehart; David Moore; Steven Moreland; Larry Morini; Danny Richey; Daniel Shea; George Shea; Tony Sheehan; Michael Smith; Richard Snedeker, Jr.; Daniel Sullivan; Jeffrey Townsend; Earl Williams

New Two Million Mile Drive: Michael Martin

Two Million Miles Driven: Clifford Bobian; Ricky Franklin; Kenneth Montgomery; Dewey Richey; Carl Wilkerson, Jr.

Over Three Million Miles Driven: Douglas Brayshaw; William Dickerson; Randy Kelly; Thermond Redden

Over Four Million Miles Driven: Glenn Grav; James Haas Five Plus Years of Service Or Under One Million Miles Without A Preventable Accident - 2019 Safe Drivers:

Five Years/1st Year Safe Driver: Tremaine Abner; Raymundo Barboza; Matthew Becker; Anthony Bookert; Paul Brown;



Gregg Troian, PGT President

Chad Boetner; Daniel Broad-

water; Ricky Cardwell; Llazar

Cina: Johnny Claros-Herrera;

Seven Years: Todd Bartlett; Williams

Kevin Graves; James Harr, Jr.; Cunningham, Jr.; Darryl

David Litzas; Donald Maxon; Davis; Shawn Frazier; Jay

Charles McMullen; Thermon Jamrozy; Oral Jones; Rodney

Phillips III; Michael Rainier; Kenneybrew; James Kingree;

Farrell Roberts; Daniel Sea- James Lindsay; Jose Loera; Da-

man; Richard Sherrick; Rene vid Lund; Ronald Mack; Dale

Vest

Alicia Doro

Tello; William Tucker; Michael

Eight Years: Keith Acker-

man; Susan Bailing; Mark

Barr; Jerry Bennett; Donald



**Drew Nichols** 

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Rivera, Jr.; William Sizemore;

Alan Skroski; Kevin Sykes;

Ross Tindall; Robert Tudor;

Andrew Utz; Ruben Villatoro;

Michael Wheeler; Haddis

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> Ten Years: Mark Amezcua; Timothy Austen; Baron Gochenour; Michael Lee; Joshua Matea





**Bret Roderick** 

Eleven Years: Marvin Tincher Twelve Years: George Smith Thirteen Years: Michael Stall Seventeen Years: Gerald Ricker

Congratulations to all of the Proud Professionals at PGT Trucking for their achievements!

"My personal 'thank you' to all Million Mile and Safe Drivers for another great year," said Gregg Troian, PGT President. "We remain appreciative of your hard work and safe habits."

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#### AFRO-AMERICAN TRUCKERS ASSOCIATION SALUTES THE WILSON FAMILY FRONT LINE WORKERS In loving memory of Ulysses and Henry Castro





By Shakir Muhammad

I am a proud second generation progressive thinking and acting Afro-American member of the Afro-American Truckers Association (AATA). Who come from a large family of extremely committed and high-performing Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators. This veteran OTR driver witnessed first-hand the high level of dedication and heroic actions of many hard-working, underpaid and underappreciated drivers. For transporting heavier time-sensitive loads of potentially dangerous and hazardous cargo at high speed. Through increasingly congested high stress traffic corridors and for error on some of the most dilapidated and structurally deficient roads, bridges and interstate highways in the US. I know and understand very well the integral role that trucking plays in our everyday lives. Finally, the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak is rushing On a communal level the deadly pandemic is also exposing the multitude of underlying conditions that is plaquing the growing number of young fighting mad Afro-American truckers, their families and underreported. Unfortunately these pre-existing structural impediments have been elevated near crisis proportions in Afro-American communities long before the invasion of Covid-19. Afro-American communities have been pulverized and PPE equipment.

and suffering the hardest hit from Covid-19 at an enormous high rate disproportionately.

Personally the tragic loss trucker and the founding of my two cousins Ulysses and Henry Castro to Covid-19 at ground zero in New York dealt a strong combination of gut wrenching blows to our whole family. Ulysses and Henry were two highly intelligent and hardworking young father figures who value their children, friends and community immensely. I want to lift up the Castro brothers along with their very loving Mother Mariah Castro and the entire Castro family. In addition to expressing public support for all the Wilson family essential frontline workers amid one the work zones with little margin most challenging times of our lives. Nathan Wilson, Derrick Wilson, John L. Wilson 3rd, Marco Wilson, Frank Wilson, Pinell James and Napoleon McAlpine have risen to the occasion, made tremendous sacrifices and drove the extra mile during the economic shutdown. By working around the long neglected hot button the clock far from their families issues of US truckers to the and comforts of their homes to forefront of national attention. deliver vital life sustaining food products, medical supplies, and manufacturing materials to customers throughout the US, Canada and Mexico. Locally this elite cadre of courageous drivers continue to roll out at great risk to their own safety communities has been grossly and well being to combat Covid-19, flatten the curve and help save lives. Bu ensuring hospitals, nursing homes and other healthcare related industries receive critical on time shipments of ventilators, surgical masks, hand sanitizer

Afro-American trucks number #1 complaint during the shutdown is just overall bad working conditions across the board. Which include severe lack of parking, maintenance facilities, rest havens and truck specific support system in their communities The AATA is fighting hard to help change these deplorable conditions in Alabama. By building mass media support to help attract more truck driver training schools, truck support systems and a plethora of full service mega size Pilot Flying J Travel Centers to Birmingham, Huntsville, Opelika, and Demopolis immediately. Certainly these key financial investments and new infrastructural development projects will have a positive three fold economic impact. First these new community based acquisitions will boost employment of Afro-Americans and help revitalize the economy of vastly underserved and underfunded communities statewide. Second, these pro-trucking amenities will also provide more urgently needed parking, new job opportunities and more on-site maintenance and lodging facilities in depressed inner city areas. Third, this new AATA sponsored pro-growth trucking initiative will also go a long way to enhance training and capability, provide greater access, upward mobility and market share for Afro-Americans. Through target investment and real economic empowerment of inner city youths moving forward during and post Covid-19 exponentially.

Shakir Muhammad is a writer, veteran OTR driver and a leading member of the Afro-American Truckers Association.



by Roger Clark A Likely Story - The **True Trucker Story** 

You ain't gonna believe this, but the company I work for has only three rules: Stay out of the left lane. Stay out of the left lane.

Stay out of the left lane. This works well in computer models, training videos, and

maybe not so much. I don't because they operate in Chicago, where no one has seen a for years, so we're even.

Approaching Kansas City dollars can buv. from the north a few weeks ago, there was a line of vehicles in the right lane driving below their mama to death, and every the speed limit. But wait. Don't trip there are new skid marks getahead of me. My truck won't even climb to the speed limit, I see drivers with feet on the but I was still going faster than dashboard, phones in their lap, the traffic on my right.

the last car in line, I glanced

in the mirrors and saw a BMW With automatic braking, rego, and equally apparent that he way. Sure enough, he proved so consumed by Bluetooth gad-Beemers have the best brakes German Euros can buy.

For about two miles, or an hour on his wristwatch, he trailed behind me till there was room to pass. When there was, he rocketed past me with his middle finger high above the moonroof, triumphantly declaring his ownership of the freeway. It's important for man and beast, after all, to mark one's territory.

Unknown to either of us. however, he sent the same signal to a Missouri State Trooper parked in the median, safety bulletins, but in real life, who thought the message was just for him. And you know blame the Safety Department, me. I refrained from excess celebration till the Kansas state line stayed in my windshield, left lane for years. That's okay. and a smoking BMW was in my I haven't seen the Windy City mirror, stopped in front of the fastest police cruiser American

Every day we see people driving in ways that would scare on the pavement. Every trip and passengers not buckled up. Just as I was came alongside And that's just the truck drivers! Car drivers are even worse.

Movin' Out - August 2020 - Page 17 racing up behind me doing at mote control parking, and Lane least a hundred. It was obvious Departure warning, people are to me that he had nowhere to convinced they can talk, eat, drink, and watch videos without was about to find out the hard serious consequence. They're gets and hands-free technology; they don't know which finger to use in the passing lane. And I know, Karen, there's no nice way to tell them.

But let me share something with you. I've had a few comingto-Jesus moments myself, in recent years, and it's as funny as it can be serious. Like the time I poured hot coffee in my lap, but luckily it missed the phone! Or the time I spilled mayo on the steering wheel, lodged a water bottle under the brake pedal, and tossed a cigarette out the window in front of a provincial police officer.

I'm tempted as anyone to dial the phone, unwrap a sandwich, or cue up a podcast, and in every single case my wheels went over the line. Not anymore. Now before I get rolling, the phone is in the sleeper, snacks are out of the cooler, and Rush is on the radio . As a result, it's a much more relaxing drive, and I can focus on what's important. You know, like my wife's sense of humor, which is a sign language all its own!

You can reach Roger Clark on Twitter or at ALikelyStory-Blog.com



#### THE WILSON FAMILY FIRST RESPONDERS AND FRONTLINE WORKERS RAISE TO OCCASION LIKE MALCOLM X

I, Shakir Muhammad in conjunction with the Afro-American Truckers Association proudly salute all the Wilson family first responders and essential frontline workers in the most challenging times amid the unsuspecting global outbreak, rapid spread and transmission of the deadly Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. This elite army of incredible brave underreported news makers encompass a broad spectrum of highly dedicated and competent professionals. Who are both young and highly experienced, male and female of different religions from Christianity to Islam and various occupations. This fabulous talent laden montage of service professionals is spearheaded by an impressive array of very compassionate, hard working and high performing convoy of professional truck drivers, health care providers, police officers, doctors, correction officers and military officers.





On behalf of our loving family, community and future generations to come. Thank you Ashley, Eureka, John 3rd, Temeeka, Napoleon, Shemeeca, Walter, Marco, Nathan, Derrick, Cheyenne, Travis, Pinell, Teveeka, Jaylen, and Kevin respectively. For your tremendous sacrifice and high level of vital aid and the critical life sustaining food products and personal protective equipment. That you'll be delivering around the clock in great risk of danger to your own lives to assist real vulnerable people in real crisis situations in the US and throughout the world. Surely you'll be our true heroines and heros in the protracted fight against an invisible enemy that s plaguing our family and community at an alarming high rate disproportionately. It is imperative for us to continue to raise to the occasion, perform safely at a very high, healthy and sustainable level and bequeath a independent Black Nation building legacy to the next generation moving forward in accord with our number 1 global human rights fighter-Malcolm X

These outstanding professionals stand on the strong shoulders of the deceptively smart, proud and self-determined matriarchs and patriarchs featured below.



We must provide constructive activities for our own children. We must set a good example for our children and must teach them to always be ready to accept the responsibilities that are necessary for building good communities and nations. We must teach them that their greatest responsibilities are to themselves, to their families and to their communities". Malcolm X-(OAAU)

# acifico Reflections - Sea Legs

#### by: Mike McGough

high school. He enlisted in the sea three months then at home Navy for the duration and six months. He was discharged in the spring of '46. Although he was happy to be headed home, he quickly found that he missed being on the open sea. After three months at home, he decided to go back to sea, but this time as a merchant seaman with a shipping company.

He had been a quartermaster in the Navy, so he was familiar with the bridge of a ship. When he signed on, he began as a helmsman. From there he began learning each and every operational aspect of a major cargo vessel.

flexible work schedule options. the latter. He entered World War II after His work schedule had him at for three months. He and his family adapted well, so he got to pursue a career he liked, and he was able to be a committed year career, he rose to the rank of Captain.

time off, he did pay a bit of a price each time he returned to sea. As he aged, that price, over some not-so-good broth although not significantly, did Shortly after his increase. retirement, he learned that he man. The captain told him needed surgery. He was told there would be a recovery period of about a month, followed sea to land, then three months by several months of rehab. In time he got married and He knew he could decline the that mariners develop what was the father of five daughters. surgery, put it off, or have it, they call their sea legs, when The company had a liberal and work his way through the they're onboard ship. He shared vacation policy and several recovery and rehab. He chose that no matter how many times

mate was a much younger legs again. He said the first he had drifted off to sleep. The man, who too had had a serious surgery. For the captain, his surgery was no real surprise. He knew he had a problem for family man. Over a forty-four several years. For the young man, his need for surgery came as somewhat of a surprise. As As much as he enjoyed his a result the young man was a both anxious and frustrated.

During a late evening chat and jello, the captain tried to calm and reassure the young that every three months for forty-four years he went from later went back to sea. He said

His post-operative room- sition he had to earn his sea listening. It looked as though few times it was frustrating, but captain wondered if the young over time he learned that trying man had heard anything, but to hurry the process only added then he concluded that whether to his frustration and made the he had or not, it had been a process far more difficult.

He then said, "I know you're a little discouraged with where morning, the young man had you are just now, but with a been discharged. Later that day little patience and some cooperation with those who have and will continue to work with you, man spotted the captain comyou'll get your proverbial sea ing into a regional rehabilitalegs back. When you do, this tion center. Approaching the experience will be a valuable captain he said," It's good to see one for you the rest of your you. I'm sorry I didn't get to life. You will have learned that thank you before I left the hoseven though you will lose your pital. I appreciated our chat the sea legs from time to time, you night before I was discharged. can get them back, and when The first thing they told me you do you'll appreciate them when I started rehab, was that all the more."

he made that land-to-sea tran- bed to see if the young man was good reminder for himself. When the captain woke the next he was too.

Three weeks later the young my attitude was an important The captain rose up in his part of what would make rehab

work or not. They asked what I wanted to accomplish through rehab, and I said, 'I want my sea legs back."

My therapist smiled, and said, "Great. We're ready for you, and it sounds like you're ready for us; let's get to work!" Life transitions, personal difficulties, and any number of other life circumstances can weaken or even paralyze your sea legs from time to time. This is true regardless of how strong you may be or how much life experience you may have. Regaining your sea legs, strengthening them, and using them again are really up to you.

No one can give them back to

you; you have to earn them!

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August 8 - Jane Harting Cancer Benefit, Truck Show & Picnic - Elite Service, 905 Stone Hill Rd., Denver, PA. 17517. 10 am - 2 pm. For more info call Ron and Rebecca Yoder at 717-475-4630 or 717-419-5737 or visit http://www.eliteattitude.com/cancerbenefit.html

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 - Waupun Truck-n-Show - Waupun Community Center & Tanner Park, 510 E. Spring St., Waupun, WI. Truck Show, Friday Night Light Parade, Saturday Day Parade, Exhibits, live Music, Food, Kids Area. For more info, phone 920-324-9985 or visit www.waupuntruck-n-show.com

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August 29 - Bedford County Convoy of Diesel Dreams - Bedford Fairgrounds, Bedford, PA. Truck Show and Convoy benefiting Make-A-Wish.

September 5-6 - No Coast Large Cars Truck Show - Hancock County Fairgrounds, Britt, IA. Phone 641-860-0837 for more info or find them online at https://www.facebook.com/groups/164862380373955/

September 11-12 - Big Iron Classic - Dodge County Fairgrounds, Kasson, MN. Visit www.bigironclassic.com or call Jim at 507-208-0222 for info.

September 12 - 9th Annual Eastern Shore Large Cars - Caroline County 4-H Grounds, Denton, MD For more info email: eslc@comcast.net or visit https://www.facebook.com/ESLargeCars/

September 12 - Cable Truck Show - 2876 Route 286, Saltsburg, PA. For more info, call 724-639-9043.

September 18-19 - Busted Knuckle Truck Show - Wilkins Oklahoma Truck Supply, Tonkawa, OK. For more info visit www.wilkinstruckchrome.com or phone 800-299-5308

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September 19 - 7th Annual Lanita Specialized Truck Show - 7630 Lancaster Ave., Mt. Aetna, PA. For more info phone 717-933-5100

September 19 - Snow Shoe Fall Festival of Trucks - Snow Shoe Park, I-8- Exit 147, turn left, Snow Show, PA. Proceeds to benefit U.S. Veterans in Snow Show, PA. Bob Tail Trucks Only, Car Show, Fall Festival, Food and Vendors. For more info call JR at 814-321-1170. Facebook: www.-Facebook.com/snowshoefallfestival

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October 17 - 11th Annual LargeCarMag Southern Classic Truck Show - LeeHi Travel Plaza, Lexington, VA. For more info email: michele@largecarmag.com or phone 717-806-8907 October 23-24 - Expedite Expo - Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805. For more info go to www.expediteexpo.com

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leff Kuchel



#### By Robert Conrad

Jeff Kuchel definitely has a little bit of diesel fuel running thru his veins, partly due to the fact he'd always ride with his dad as a young boy and dream of owning his own truck someday! eventually be a trucker just like ended up back behind the wheel his dad and run the interstates just like he did.

Jeff actually started his driving career while he was in the military in 1983. While stationed in Germany he drove a 915 AM General pulling a 48' tri-axle flatbed making deliveries to military bases all over

miles for CF before they went bankrupt.

saw Jeff work for the State of Jeff knew that he wanted to Illinois Traffic Division, but he cool old school Peterbilt double bunk cabover helped pay the bills for a while, and got Jeff plenty of looks out on the road, but engine troubles forced him Europe. Jeff continued driving 4900 EX. This truck isn't your trucks in Europe after his stint average Western Star, as Jeff Timpte sides, stainless front & in the military, hauling for SAS has added his own touches that back clips, and a lift axle.

Cargo, but he eventually came make it stand out in a crowd! back to the states and ended up The 270" wheelbase is full driving 2 million accident free of custom features from the custom front bumper trimmed with 9 lights, to the 12 Gauge A brief break from trucking Customs' painted drop visor, to and his 2 travel companions the Hogebuilt lowrider quarter fenders.

Jeff just recently put a new doing what he loved most. A 14liter 60 Series Detroit engine and these two are his babies, in the truck, and it's paired with an 18 speed transmission along with a set of 3:42 rears. Black Lab female and Stealth He's putting out 700+ HP to is a Belgian Malinois male. the ground so let's just say the Jeff and his shining Star turn to rethink things and he wound hills are no problem! The truck heads in every state he visits, uppurchasing his current ride, also has painted tanks with and Phoenix & Stealth are there a 2006 Western Star Lowmax polished straps, and he pulls a right by his side! 2019 Great Dane dry van with

Jeff sends a big thanks out to Thunder Grafix and 4 State Trucks for helping him get his Star looking right! Jeff is out on the road more than he's home are his two dogs, Phoenix & Stealth. Jeff actually trains military & law enforcement dogs listening to every word he says. Phoenix is a Belgian Malinois/









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