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# 2021 Guilty By Association Truck Show Was Worth The Wait



What a great show! 764 trucks participated in the 2021 Guilty By Association Truck Show this past September in Joplin, Missouri. Turn to pages 12 & 13 for more photos and the story. - Photo by Chad Violet -

# W.W. Transport Begins New Chapter As Part Of The McCoy Group, Inc.



Transport, Inc. has been a fixture in the liquid and dry bulk food-grade hauling industry as an award-winning carrier.

In 1991, W.W. Transport began its operations with two trucks and a regional hauling route. Since then, it has grown to become a national company, with nearly 500 units and operations in the United States stretching from the East Coast

W.W. Transport is recognized as an industry leader, with one of the nation's few tank wash facilities optimized to meet the high standards re-

the mill until it is delivered to tion industry leader based in customers. In addition to flour, Dubuque, Iowa. The McCoy the W.W. Transport team also Group's portfolio of companies specializes in transporting sug- also includes carriers Foodar, oil, starch, as well as other liner® and Quest LinerTM. related commodities.

Transport has been chosen as top-100 for-hire transport carthe house carrier for multiple riers since 2014. Meanwhile, mills due to its successful track record of dependability and timely service. The organization has earned several "carrier liner dealership groups, as of the year" awards from various well as McCoy Construction customers.

A new chapter in W.W. Transport's history was written in late estry equipment dealer, fall 2020 when the organization under the umbrella of McCoy quired to ensure the integrity was acquired by the McCoy

For over two decades, W.W. of flour from the time it leaves Group, Inc., a transportawhich together have been Over the years, the W.W. named as one of the nation's Truck Country and Stoops Freightliner-Quality, one of the nation's leading Freight-& Forestry, a top-selling John Deere construction and for-

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# **Trans-United - Truckismo**



## By Steve Pollock

stretch trailers, and heavy haul importance of being home! trailers up to 10 axles.

in the nation. Trans-United owners to this day. Second

BURNS HARBOR, IN.... ery tanks to heavy machinery Truckismo (pronounced for industry, and everything Truck-Ez-Mo) means "Taking in between. The operational on challenges with a high area is all 48 states in the USA, new school technologies. Our level of service." This is the Canada, and Mexico. Drivers mission of specialized carrier are hired/leased primarily in Trans-United. The company the Midwest, South, and East to performs domestic and interallow for better home time, and national moves using flatbeds, as a Family-Owned Company, stepdecks, RGNs, Conestogas, we understand and respect the support they need to succeed."

Trans-United has a rich 58 Trans-United is the carrier years of history in transporof choice for the Port of Burns tation. The Fleming family Harbor, Indiana and is among purchased the company and its can start doing flatbed work the Top 50 Specialized Carriers authority in 1978 and remains

hauls commodities from brew- generation family member Jeff Fleming, CEO and President, stated, "We have an old school corporate culture with drivers are tough, honest, and ready to get the job done right the first time. Our goal is not to micro mange our drivers, but to give them the tools and

Trans-United hires company drivers and leases owner-operators. One of the unique things about the company is that you and if you like the challenge

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# U.S. Marines Veteran James C. Rose: "Transition Trucking - Driving for Excellence" Top 3 Finalist



U.S. Marines Veteran James C. Rose

KATHLEEN, GA... U.S. becoming Marines was so a commercial fleet. to be a leader by example. hard, staying disciplined, and maintaining a positive attitude throughout his 30-plus year career in the Marines helped him rise through the military ranks. Following more than 10 years of enlistment, Rose served as an officer for 20 years and retired as a lieutenant colonel.

see and do a lot of incredible things during my career in the Marines, but nothing compares to the years I spent at Parris

Marines veteran James C. rewarding. It was an honor Rose embodies what it means to teach and develop the next year, Kenworth has teamed generation of Marines. I have with the FASTPORT Trucking Rose's commitment toworking three sons, Xavier, Kyri, and Track Mentoring Program Jalen, who currently serve in and the U.S. Chamber of the Navy and I'm so proud of them for their service."

has prided himself on being a Driving for Excellence." Kenpositive influence and leader. worthwill provide The Driver's Today, he brings that same enthusiastic attitude with him to with a 76-inch sleeper – to serve work every day as a professional as the program's award to this "I had the opportunity to truckdriver for Prime Inc. Rose year's overall winner. The T680 is one of three finalists in the features the complete PACCAR a blessing," said Rose. "I wake "Transition Trucking: Driv- Powertrain with PACCAR MXing for Excellence" program, 13 engine, PACCAR TX-12 which is dedicated to finding automated transmission and Island (South Carolina) as a America's top rookie military PACCAR DX-40 tandem rear drill instructor," said Rose. "To driver. The annual program axles. be a leader of young men and recognizes top drivers who have women and watch their growth made the successful transition recruits, Rose spent several

For the sixth consecutive Commerce Foundation's Hiring our Heroes Program to Throughout Rose's career, he support "Transition Trucking: Truck<sup>TM</sup> – a Kenworth T680

Prior to training Marines

ordnance officer where he spent which he hopes to accomplish time on board aircraft carriers within the next five years. during deployments to the Gulf an interest in the supply chain for the Transition Trucking join the transportation industry means a lot," said Rose. "To the Marines.

aviation munitions, associated obtaining my goals.' equipment, and parts both stateside and overseas," said a successful transition into the Rose. "I learned a lot and grew trucking industry, Rose is a firm a deep appreciation for all the believer that the industry is a processes involved in keeping good option for other veterans the supply chain moving. Each day truck drivers work hard to deliver their loads safely and you learn in the military apply on time. There is a need for as a driver, plus you get to see drivers and, by becoming one, I'm able to continue to serve my country by transporting essentials goods."

Shortly after Rose's retirement from the Marines, he earned his CDL through Prime's CDL training program and signed on with the for veterans entering in this and signed on with the company. In December, Rose industry."

The "Transition Trucking:

The "Transition Trucking: anniversary driving for Prime.

"This past year truly has been up every day with a positive attitude, excited to hit the road. I enjoy talking to other drivers and learning about the industry. I'm committed to being the best driver I can be."

nance technician and aviation becoming a small fleet owner,

"Prime is such a great War and throughout Operation company to work for and for Iraqi Freedom Campaigns. It them to believe in me and was in those years Rose grew my ability and nominate me and logistics, which led him to (Driving for Excellence) award, upon retiring honorably from have the opportunity to win a (Kenworth) T680 and share this "As an aviation ordnance experience with fellow veterans officer, part of my role was is incredible. If I do win the managing the logistics of truck, I'll have a head start in

> As a veteran who has made transitioning to civilian life.

"I think many of the skills parts of the country you would never get to see otherwise," said Rose. "One day I hope to create jobs through ownership of my own trucks. I would love to have the ability to hire former service members and provide them with a good place to work. I'll continue to be an advocate

Driving for Excellence" award winner will be announced on December 17 at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C. For more information, visit the websites "Transition Trucking:

Driving for Excellence" (www. transitiontrucking.org), FASTPORT (www.fastport. According to Rose, he's com) and Hiring Our Heroes from entering as recruits to from active duty to driving for years as a Marines aviation ord-working towards his goal of (www.hiringourheroes.org).

## **Trucking Industry says Drivers** are **Exempt from Vaccine Mandate**

Arlington, VA... American Trucking Associations President and CEO Chris Spear issued the following statement regarding OSHA's emergency temporary standard on the vaccine mandate:

"As we made clear in our comments to the Administration prior to the rule's publication, drivers spend the vast majority of their workday alone in the cab and outside. The rule published yesterday exempts employees who exclusively work outdoors or remotely and have minimal contact with others indoors, and all indications thus far from the Department of Labor suggest this exemption does apply to the commercial truck driver population.

"While we complete our due diligence to confirm that fact through official channels, we see quotes from Labor Secretary Walsh as an enormous victory for our association and industry. Given the nationwide shortage of truck drivers, it is vital that our industry has the relief it needs to keep critical good moving, including food. fuel, medicine and the vaccine

"We continue to believe OSHA is using extraordinary authority unwisely, applying it across all industries at an arbitrary threshold of 100 employees that fails to factor in actual risks. We are weighing all options of recourse to ensure every segment of our industry's workforce is shielded from the unintended consequences of this misguided mandate."



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# Off The Beaten Path



by Pam Pollock

## Where Are You **Christmas** Why Can't I Find You?

It's no secret that 2020 (and for that matter, most of to conceal the stench that has been lingering for the past 20+ months.

Last Christmas was definitely one for the books - and I don't mean the warm and fuzzy memories book... Our state governor shut down the schools and so many businesses (AGAIN!) during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holidays. Covid rallied and had another surge. We experienced the death of many friends and family (most of whom were not due to Covid). The fear, anxiety, and frustration would, at time, overwhelm and consume me.

In 2019, my Mom got sick and ended up in the hospital two days before Christmas. I was hoping that 2020 would be a better holiday for her, but alas - the lockdowns and Covid protocols meant that all of our Christmas plans came to a screeching halt.

My spouse and I did porch drop-offs of Christmas presents to our parents. Attired in a cheesy Elf costume and that despised face mask, I, along with my spouse, covertly sneaked into our daughter and son-inlaw's house on Christmas Eve so I could stand 20 feet away with a zoom lens strapped on my camera to snap the annual family photo of them all  $adorned\,in\,their\,new\,Christmas$ pajamas. We called our parents on Christmas morning and then did a zoom conference on our computers so we could watch the grandkids open their presents from us.

I am not going to lie – I was sad, and I was mad. It was a beautiful, snowy Christmas Day – something that had not occurred for the past several years. I was desperately seeking some solace in my soul and decided to drive down to the local State Park, which is five miles from my house. Nature has become my refuge in this storm of life. As I was gathering up my boots, warm winter coat, hat, and mittens, I peered out my living room window and saw the most beautiful Cardinal perched in a tree branch. My cousin Scott, whom I have written about previously, had died unexpectedly on December 13th. I just knew that he was





popping by to wish me a Merry least once a week).

My despondence was still

singing [from the Grinch movie soundtrack], "Where are you full blown; woe is me mode. I my favorite spot, where I saw giving afternoon. I exited my

Christmas - why can't I find you? Where is the laughter, you used to bring me?" I was grumbling and grousing out loud to myself, "Where indeed are you Christmas? This is the worst Christmas ever!" I was in pulled into the parking lot at Christmas. (We always texted and spent over an hour hanging and messaged each other at with a Bald Eagle on Thankscar with my camera hanging 2021) stink, stank, stunk... crushing me as I drove down around my neck. I waded







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many of my loved ones have

to die? I was literally stomping

my way down the path. And

then I gazed down at that

white snow with what looked

like diamonds glistening and

shining. I stopped and took in

cleansing deep breaths of the

crispair. I breathed in and then

A section of Faith Hill's song

came flooding back to me, "If

there is love in your heart and

mind, you will find Christmas

all the time." My four young

grandchildren and my elderly

parents have had their lives

disrupted far more than I have during this Pandemic.

But none of them were com-

plaining. My grandkids were

so excited that we visit the

outdoor Keystone Safari just davs before Christmas. They

petted Holly the reindeer, hung

out with the Grinch, and held a baby Wallaby in a sleigh. They

saw Santa, from a distance

out. Rinse and repeat.

throw all of these curveballs afternoon up at our office wrapat me? Why, oh why did so ping presents for their parents

the floor. The kids got a little crazy and started wrapping each other up as presents! My parents weren't pitching a fit that they hadn't had a family Christmas with all of their loved ones since 2018. All of these memories came flooding back to me as I stood in the forest on Christmas Day. Tears started to stream down my face, "Oh, I feel you Christmas. I know I've found you!" I drove into our little town on Christmas night. It was pretty

and eating take-out pizza on

much deserted. I walked up and down the snowy streets and gazed with wonder, much like a child, through the decorated windows of the shops. I appreciated the beauty of our town's new 35 foot tree in Memorial Park, alight with hope and promise of better days ahead.

Life is not fair, and life is not easy. But as Faith sings, "The joy of Christmas stays here inside us - fills each and every heart with love."

Oh, trust me, I will still get mad, sad, and frustrated. I will throw some epic tantrums and fits - but I really, really hope that I have the presence of mind to stop and reflect on that snowy moment in the woods last Christmas Day when I realized that what I was seeking was already deep down in my soul - and that it was here to stay, if only I let my heart be open.



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## ATA, State Trucking **Association Partners Lead** Legal Challenge to Biden **Vaccine Mandate**

the Texas Trucking Association overturned in court." led a number of groups repvaccine mandate.

since the beginning, moving Independent Business. personal protective equipment,

supply chain and the economy for their needs."

Arlington, VA... The Amerand they have, unfortunately, ican Trucking Associations, chosen to move forward despite along with the Louisiana Motor those warnings," he said. "So Truck Association, the Missis- we are now, regrettably, forced sippi Trucking Association and to seek to have this mandate

ATA and its state partners resenting various facets of filed their challenge in the U.S. the supply chain in suing the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Biden Administration over Circuit, and they were joined in its employer-based COVID-19 the suit by the Food Marketing Institute, the International "To be very clear, ATA and Warehouse Logistics Associaits member companies support tion, the National Association efforts to encourage all Ameri- of Convenience Stores, the cans to get vaccinated against National Retail Federation, COVID-19 - our trucks and the National Association of drivers have been on the front Wholesaler-Distributors and line in fighting this pandemic the National Federation of Jenny Love Meyer, chief culture

"We are asking the court test kits, the vaccine itself and to stay implementation of the much more as the country mandate because we believe the locked down, but we believe Occupational Safety and Health that the Biden Administration Administration did not satisfy has overstepped its statutory the statutory requirements for authority in issuing this Emer- issuing this Emergency Tempogency Temporary Standard," rary Standard instead of going said ATA President and CEO through the proper rule making Chris Spear. "This standard process," said Nicholas Geale, arbitrarily picks winners and ATA vice president of workforce losers, and puts employers in policy. "A stay pending full an untenable position of forcing review is essential to ensure workers to choose between our members can continue to working and their private med- keep the supply chain moving ical decisions, which is some- without the enormous disrupthing that cannot be allowed. tions this unlawful ETS will "We told the administration cause the trucking industry that this mandate, given the and our nation's consumers nature of our industry and including the 80% percent of makeup of our workforce, could American communities that have devastating impacts on the depend exclusively on trucks

## Love's Travel **Stops Donates** \$2.8 Million **During Annual** Children's Miracle **Network Hospitals** Campaign

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK... Love's Travel Stops and its customers raised more than \$2.8 million through its annual Children's Miracle Network Hospitals campaign. Since 1999, the company has raised over \$35 million for sick and injured children who live in the states where Love's stores are located.

"Once again, our customers and employees stepped up in a huge way with this year's Children's Miracle Network Hospitals campaign," said officer and executive vice president for Love's. "Donating to this organization is one of our favorite events each year, because we get to help children and their caregivers across the country."

The official campaign took place from Aug. 26 - Sept. 30, when customers could participate in store fundraisers. purchase balloons or CMN Hospitals merchandise and Roundupthe Change at registers. Customers can continue to make a difference by Rounding up the Change through the end of

Of the 170 CMN Hospitals throughout North America, 113 benefit from Love's annual campaign. CMN Hospitals provide 32 million treatments annually to kids across the U.S. and Canada.



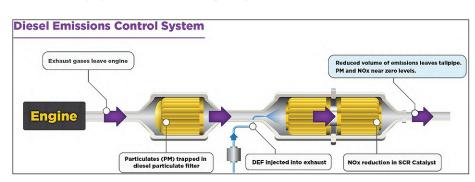


# High Performance Diesels with Bruce Mallinson

Repair shops struggle as the are keeping trucks in shops and drivers in waiting rooms. Here at Pittsburgh Power, we are feeling the impact of these shortages. It is maddening to to perform repairs because we can't get the parts. Detroit's One Box and the SCR catalyst for Cummins engines are among the many parts that few paragraphs I will briefly describe parts of the SCR system

to extend the life of your system. Basically, it means that the SCR are known and should be mini-

An SCR (selective catalyst has reached the point where scarcity of replacement parts reduction) is used in the it can no longer efficiently aftertreatment system to re- remove NOx. As the SCR ages duce NOx emissions. In the the system must inject more past the primary mechanism DEF to keep the same NOx to reduce NOx emissions was removal rate. At some point, EGR. While EGR is effective for the catalyst will have too much know the issue but are unable reducing NOx it also has many ammonia slip and will have to downsides. The use of SCR be replaced. Dosing too much allows the engine to run more DEF at this point could also efficiently while maintaining damage the system with urea modern emission standards. deposits. Ammonia slip (NH3 600,000 to 700,000 miles is a slip) refers to how much unare currently unavailable. In a typical lifespan before the cat-processed injected DEF leaves alyst wears out or deactivates. the tailpipe. Ammonia is not A deactivated catalyst is OEM currently a regulated pollutant, that fail and what can be done speak for a worn-out catalyst. but its environmental effects



mized. Some ISX engines were enough to decompose the urea, protecting against corrosion. equipped with a NH3 sensor build up could occur. Your DEF in the middle of the SCR. This injector should be periodically sensor closely monitors the tested to prevent unwanted quantity of ammonia to determine a NH3 to NOx ratio or such as ammonium nitrate, ANR. When urea is injected into ammonium sulfate, or unhythe exhaust it is broken down drolyzed urea. The good news to create ammonia. The SCR is when you have a buildup of uses this ammonia to convert these compounds the damage NOx into N2 and O2. Once the is reversible. SCR deposits exhaust temperature, at the will break down around 900-SCR inlet, reaches roughly 1100 degrees. Your system 200°C or 392°F the system will reach these temperatures will allow DEF to be inject- during a filter regeneration. ed. If DEF is injected before Like everything else on your this threshold unacceptable truck these systems wear out amounts of ammonia will slip over time from normal use. I through the catalyst and into frequently use the analogy that on your truck. With OPS, you the atmosphere. Excess NH3 is harmful to the environment and your system. Many of you but eventually they will need to have seen DEF build-up in the exhaust and have been parked because of it. A complex control strategy in the ECM is used to keep the balance between antigel/deicer. The cost is \$145 optimal NOx reduction, NH3 and dosage doubles to two slip and preventing build up.

Catalysts wear out over as poisoning, fouling, or old age. You can do a few things for your SCR system. Firstly, make sure your engine doesn't burn an excessive amount of oil. Engine oil contains a lot of additives that poison catalysts. Phosphorous or zinc additives, such as zinc diethyldithiophosphate (ZDDP), that are used as an anti-wear additive are possibly the most harmful poison to catalysts. Use caution when adding these additives to your oil and be sure to dose the recommended amount. Unburnt oil and additives coat the face of the catalyst forming a permanent glaze that prevents the SCR from doing its job. Usually once these catalysts are poisoned the damage is irreversible. Another major factor that decreases catalyst life is fouling. An example of fouling would be a malfunctioning DEF injector that leaks fluid into the exhaust stream. If the exhaust temperature is not high

catalyst fouling compounds they are like tires. You can do your best to keep them in shape be replaced.

Mileage and 50% Diesel Guard ounces per 25 gallons. Diesel Guard by ValvTect is one of the time for various reasons such best winter additives on the market. It's super concentrated which is what allowed us to to maximize the in-use time use it in conjunction with Max dirty oil. Mileage. It's effective below point down to -50°F. Not only will it allow your truck to start on the coldest mornings, but it the harsh winter conditions by increasing lubricity and

We're recommending buying a gallon of it to have on hand for when the forecast takes a turn. Last year antigel was difficult to find on the shelves, and it will probably be worse this year. But we've got you covered with Winterized Max Mileage.

Speaking of shortages, there will also be a shortage of oil that is predicted to get worse over the next few months. Oil change prices are going up, and our bulk engine oil suppliers are limiting how much we can buy. One solution is to install one of our OPS systems can safely extend oil drains while sampling every 25,000 miles. If your sample comes back clean, you're not wasting Winterized Max Mileage is perfectly good oil. If the sample now available! It's 50% Max comes back questionable, we'll give you a call and walk you through the options. It's always better to catch engine problems early. But with the price of oil going up, the OPS system will pay for itself in the first year. Not to mention the cost savings of preventing issues caused by

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## **Smith Transport Honors Randy Bowden**



Todd Smith, President and CEO and Randy Bowden, Smith Transport's 2020 Driver of the Year.



#### By Steve Pollock

ROARING SPRING, PA.... Professional Truck Driver Randy Bowden was honored as Smith Transport's 2020 Driver of the Year during a ceremony on September 21st at the company's Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania headquarters.

Randy Bowden, who lives in Pittsburgh, PA, has spent 29 vears as a Professional Truck Driver, 12 of them at Smith Transport. During his 12-year port, Bowden has logged over 800,000 safe miles with zero (0) HOS violations, zero (0) tickets, and zero (0) accidents. He logged 128,000 safe miles in 2020. Bowden's mentors at Smith are his Driver Man-

Welch.

When asked why he has found a home at Smith Transport, Randy Bowden stated. "Smith is a family-oriented company. They will get you home when you need to be and try to balance family with work. They also have great equipment." [Randy drives one of Smith's new Peterbilt 579s because he likes the sloped nose.]

Vice President of Operations attributes that make up a Smith Transport Driver of the recipients of the Driver of the competitive market."

Smith today.

Vice President of Safety Eric Nelson talked about the extreme importance of safety in the trucking industry and Smith Transport, pointing out that last year fatal crashes involving a truck fell by 2%.

Chief Operating Officer Mike Donovan reminded attendees "that service is what we [Smith] provide our customers." Smith Transport is an employee-owned company and was the 2020 Home Depot Carrier of the Year, as well as the recipient of the FedEx Performance Award in 2020 and 2021. Approximately 50% of Smith Transport's customers are Fortune 500 Companies.

Todd Smith, President and CEO remarked, "People make all the difference and great people make a great company. We believe we have the best Professional Truck Drivers in the trucking industry. Our drivers collectively allow us to have a great safety rating, and with our talented office staff and diesel technicians, coupled with equipment that is 1.5 years old or newer, we can provide superior service to our customers."

The Smith Transport fleet has grown by 250 trucks since last year with many new opportunities for Professional Truck Drivers developing all the time. On August 1, 2021, Smith Transport raised driver wages by \$.10 per mile. Todd Smith said, "We are proud to invest in our drivers and equipment. That is why we attract the best drivers in the trucking industry. driving career at Smith Trans- Joe Musselman reviewed the Right now, Smith Transport has some of the highest driver wages in the trucking industry. Year. First, they are self-reliant Thanks to drivers like Randy and mentally fit, reliable, and Bowden and many other like courteous - because people him, Smith Transport conmake a difference. Almost all tinues to grow and thrive in a





# **Shell Oil Company Acquires Established Fuel Card Business To Enhance Customer Road Transport Experience**



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Houston, TX... Shell Oil companies at thousands of Commercial Road Transport, Company (Shell) has acquired truck stops in North America. Sectors & Decarbonization. "Acquiring the Multi Ser- "We are confident that this its Multi Service Fuel Card vice Fuel Card business strong IT platform and acbusiness from Multi Service provides Shell with the nec- ceptance network will help Technology Solutions, Inc. essary technology, business us deliver a customer expe-(dba TreviPay). The Multi infrastructure and talent rience that will translate to Service Fuel Card acceptance to accelerate the growth of additional growth for Shell's network and transaction its global commercial cards North America Commercial processing platform provides business, Customer Value Road Transport businesses."

Shell with a closed-loop pay- Propositions (CVPs) and MSTS Payments, LLC ment network used by Com- services," said Tim Murray, will operate as a wholly mercial Road Transport (CRT) General Manager of Shell owned subsidiary of Shell

Oil Company and will remain homebased in Overland Park, Kan. Aaron Decker, who led the Multi Service Fuel Card business for Multi Service Technology Solutions, will continue to do so as part of the MSTS Payments management team.

the opportunity provided by American's well-being. Passage Shell to help the fuel card business realize its full potential," said Decker. "We're equally excited to help Shell grow its Commercial Road Transport business."

The investment in the Multi Service Fuel Card business includes growing market share in the fuel card space and creating synergies experience and leverage its heavy duty diesel engine oil brand, Shell Rotella®, to offer trucking fleets fuel-econocapability, enhanced engine the ones who pay the price. cleanliness, and excellent wear protection.

## **ASCE Statement On House** Passage Of Infrastructure **Investment And Jobs Act**

The following is a statement worked tirelessly to educate Engineers (ASCE):

WASHINGTON, DC... It is a fulfilling President Biden's of legislation that will have monumental impacts on the economy, public safety, global "We're very excited about competitiveness, and each of this five-year, \$1.2 trillion the country can lead with infrastructure.

federal government will restore their critical partnership with cities and states to modernize our nation's roads, bridges, transit systems, drinking water pipes, school facilities, broadband, ports, airports and with Shell product offerings. more. Without a strong federal Shell plans to add services partner, local projects that are to enhance the customer community lifelines have hung in the balance, oftentimes being paused or outright cancelled due to funding uncertainties. When this happens, American my savings, extended-drain households and businesses are allowing critical projects to

> The IIJA is the culmination of decades of advocacy by Amer- visit www.asce.org or www. ican Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) members who

> by Dennis D. Truax, P.E., Presi- Congress about the role infradent, American Society of Civil structure plays in supporting the economy and our quality of life. ASCE's Infrastructure great day for the nation as the Report Cards have sounded U.S. House of Representatives the alarm on our nation's inpassed the Infrastructure frastructure conditions since Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), 1998, with new reports being released every four years. While vision with a historic piece all categories of infrastructure have been the cause of some concerns, the common denominator behind each category's struggles has been a backlog of projects, overdue maintenance, and a need for resilience. This bill proves once again that bill includes investments to repair and modernize these critical assets for almost all of With this legislation, the the 17 categories in the 2021 Report Card for America's Infrastructure, which assigned our nation's infrastructure a cumulative grade of 'C-'.

> > We commend the House for joining the Senate in prioritizing American communities by passing this bipartisan infrastructure legislation and we are encouraged that President Biden has indicated he will sign the bill quickly to ensure our communities receive these long-awaited resources soon, move forward.

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On a tombstone in Ireland, these words are engraved, "His promises are sure and His hold on me complete.'

Here's a message found among the silent in death and yet holding the living in the modern world – "His promises are sure." The Lord does not play games with us, and He doesn't use fancy sayings to get rid of us. When He makes a promise, He puts His heart in it. When He fulfills the promises, He brings His heart and hand together.

"His promises are sure." That sounds good to everyone, but so many people are unwilling to take that as a personal statement to themselves. "And his Hold on me is complete." When you can feel that you are in the grip of God, you can tower about the troubles of this world and live in the glory with God and in peace and joy.

# Refugees

Arlington, VA... In response to the humanitarian crisis following the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, the American Trucking Associations delivered for hundreds of refugees being re-settled in the United States.

"We heard the call and saw a need and were happy to respond," said Nate McCarty, a professional driver with ABF Freight and an America's Road Team Captain, who drove ATA's image truck and Louisa Swain trailer from Northern Virginia to Fort McCoy in Wisconsin with 24 pallets of donations.

In August, when many Afghan refugees were first taken to the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, Virginia, for quarantine and processing, area residents began dropping off donations of clothing, diapers and other staples. When those refugees were relocated to U.S. military bases, ATA stepped in to get those dontations from member company Interstate Van Lines, which managed collection and storage of the items, to where they were needed.

"These people had been through so much, so if we could make things just a little bit easier for the, it was just something we had to do,' said Jeff Payne, a professional driver with Yellow Corp., who moved 24 pallents of donated goods to Camp Atterbury in Indiana, in ATA's Workforce Heroes truck.

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For the 20th year, Volvo Trucks North America will be the exclusive sponsor of the America's Road Team safety outreach program for 2022. Peter Voorhoeve, President of Volvo Trucks North America, is pictured here with this year's America's Road Team Captains. (Photo credit Erin Granzow.)

will enter its 20th consecutive driving skills, advocacy for safeyear as the exclusive sponsor of ty and superior driving records, the America's Road Team public collectively logging millions of outreach program in 2022. accident-free miles. The team Peter Voorhoeve, president of serves to educate students, Volvo Trucks North America, community groups, lawmakers made the announcement at and government officials on the American Trucking Associ- driving safety, as well as on the safety system. ations' (ATA) Management Con- essentiality and sustainability ference & Exhibition (MC&E) of the trucking industry. in Nashville, Tennessee.

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# The Autocar Brand Celebrates 124 Years of Innovation - 1897-2021





Photos courtesy of Autocar, LLC Top: Autocar of 1899, the first motor truck commercially available in the United States; Bottom: Autocar of 2021, the DC-64 severe-duty conventional truck

neered Class 7 and Class 8 voca- its \$120 million, 1-million-

BIRMINGHAM, AL... North tional trucks, commemorates America's oldest truck brand the 124th year of the Autocar celebrates 124 years of the truck brand. Headquartered in proud Autocar name. Autocar, Birmingham, Ala., the compa-LLC, manufacturer of special- ny manufactures its vocational ized severe-duty, custom-engi-trucks in Hagerstown, Ind., and

the Autocar company is the only 100 percent American-owned company that assembles 100 percent of its trucks in the USA.

of the iconic Autocar brand, we appreciate those who have played such a big role in the company's success," said Andrew Taitz, chairman of today's Autocar Truck. "The early builders of Autocar-brand trucks were ahead of their time when they built Autocar No. 1 in 1897. That tricycle, powered by a one-cylinder gasoline engine, now resides in the Smithsonian Museum of American History."

Autocar does not have dealer inventory. Most vocational truck manufacturers sell stock mass-produced trucks through a dealership with no concern as to what body will need to be installed. Then, they compromise the original design with extreme modifications to mount the body. This step almost always includes cutting solid steel, splicing wiring and reconfiguring the chassis outside the control of the OEM (original equipment manufacturer). At Autocar, every truck is built right the first time, specifically designed for a customer's particular job.

square-foot heavy-duty work differently than any other OEM truck plant in Birmingham, in the world, it continually Ala. With deep American roots, drives the industry forward. Autocar proudly claims that it builds the biggest, baddest trucks in America. After all, the company just released "As we celebrate 124 years the nation's first BADASS dump truck. Autocar's tagline is "Always Up," and its focus is to ensure its products never break down.

> Autocar brand highlights and firsts:

\* Louis Semple Clark introduced the world to "Autocar No. 1" in 1897

\* In 1899, the Autocar-brand vocationaltruckwasengineered to carry and deliver packages. Even in 1899, Autocar-brand trucks were engineered and manufactured specifically for their customers' needs

\* In 1907, the Autocar brand heralded the first shaft-driven commercial vehicle for operation on solid tires

- \* In 1911, the brand applied to trucks exclusively
- \* In 1923, America's first electric trucks, the E1 and E2, carried the Autocar brand

Fast forward to today's latest innovations:

\* In 2008, Autocar, LLC introduced the Autocar ACX Low Cab-Over with many industry firsts, including a spacious and ergonomically designed cab, Because Autocar thinks B-pillar corner rear windows

and integrated body controls

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# 2021 Guilty By Association Truck Show Was Worth The Wait



By Chad Violet

Arguably the most anticipated truck show of the 2021 season would have to be the Guilty By Association Truck Show, organized and operated by 4 State Trucks and Chrome Shop Mafia under the leadership of Bryan "the Bossman" Martin. Since the last GBATS, Bryan decided to change the showformatto every other year, but with Covid, it's been long overdue having the gathering once again.

With nearly 800 trucks entered and parked GBATS 21 [official count was 764] was officially underway. This was the day so many had been eagerly waiting for over two years. If there was an open space available, the GBATS team was parking a truck or allowing a vendor to set up in it. Borrowing space from the Petro truck plaza across the street, gas station on the corner, parts, and service shops across the street from the chrome shop store, there were trucks everywhere you looked. The "Bossman" is a magician at

utilizing every square foot of space available to him. It's easy be overwhelmed by this show's size but once you understand the layout of the

In typical GBATS fashion, Bryan had September 23rd to 25th jam packed with entertainment other than just looking at really cool semi-trucks. One of the crowd favorites was the Maximum Overdrive movie truck on display. The kiddos were not left out as the kiddie tractor pull were testing the kid's leg power while the big rig burnouts were roasting their tires across the lot. Specialty events included the truck and tractor pulls Friday night at the track just east of the venue. The dirt bike stunt team of United FMX wowed the crowd as they were flying through the air. There was even a monster truck giving rides for those wanting

One of the most exciting parts of GBATS is its wellknown convoy. This year, 429 trucks participated in the convoy to raise money for local Joplin charities. The convoy goes from the show site through the countryside with people of the community lining the roadways and kids of all ages pumping their arms at the big rigs cruising along ending up in the city of Joplin on Maiden Lane where trucks park putting on a light show into the evening while country artists Curtis Grimes and Easton Corbin performed on stage entertaining the masses.

This GBATS was long overdue, and it proved that great shows can hit setbacks and come back stronger and better than ever. The weather was absolutely beautiful, and the camaraderie of drivers, owners, vendors, and spectators was inspirational and a testament of what we all have been going through the past two years. Shows like GBATS is a catalyst to show that we are going in the right direction and our brother/ sisterhood of this industry is alive and thriving. Bravo to Bryan and all of his team for making GBATS 2021 such huge success.

I crossed paths with Bryan just before the convoy and I asked if he'd like to make a comment and he smiled, winked, and said, "I'm already planning the next one in my head." Make sure to keep an eye out for the dates of the next show or follow along on Facebook at Guilty by Association Truck Show as get yourself to this show!

Award Winners:

Ratrod - Jason Douglas's 1950 GMC "The Crusty Fat Cab" Zephyr - Kary Brice's "Snow White"

People's Choice - #305 Dusty Berry, Berry & Sons Peterbilt

Bobtail - #161 Chad Foss's 2020 Peterbilt 389

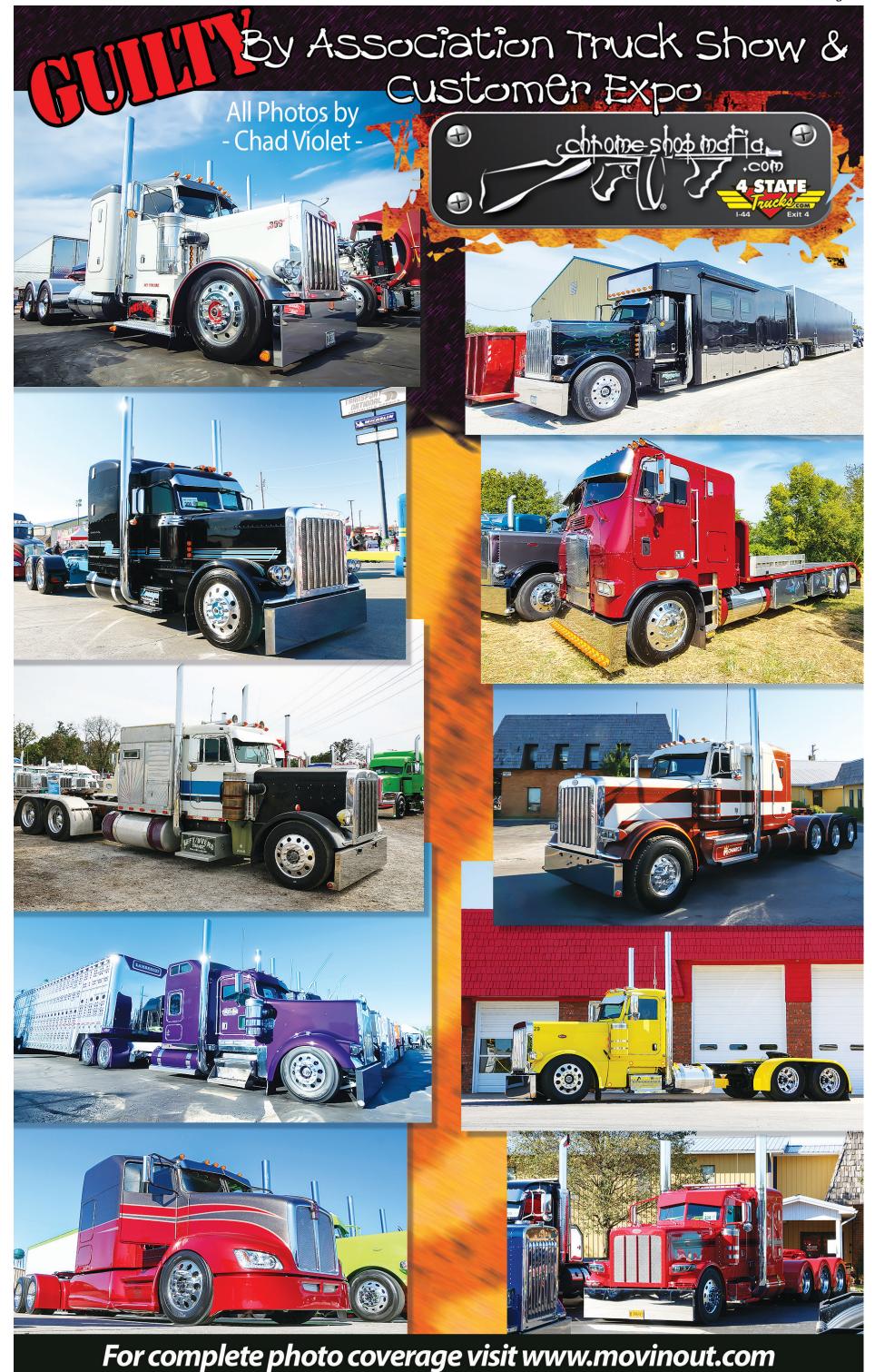
Combo - #223 Todd Gribble's 2012 Peterbilt 389

TBS - Kary Brice's "Snow White"

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The concert series is made Coy said at the time of the customers, teammates, W.W. milk hauling business to career opportunities, visit possible with the support of BullSnot! Products and Road-Pro Family of Brands.

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# **Pacifico Reflections - Good Days**

by: Mike McGough

As a home inspector, he spent liked his work, and he was good at it. He appreciated a good day's work. He learned early on in life that he couldn't always control the encounters and sceso he learned how to make the best of situations. When he got a break, when some little turn of luck came his way, or when a real blessing graced him, he his imagination. appreciated them, but he never expected them or thought they ular friends' group was middle were owed to him.

thing to go in his favor, but it didn't happen. It was just another of those days when things just seem to roll along, neither hindered by any negatives nor advanced by any real positives. He just followed his usual routine, let the day play out, and that was fine with him. He had no complaints, and as usual, felt good about the day. It was Friday, and he was looking forward to the weekend.

wife had been invited out for when something beneficial, dinner. Some friends held a something profitable, somelarge picnic each year. This thing special, or something year it was a pig roast. He was of personal benefit happened. myself really blessed, when looking forward to the gathering. There would be friends, adjective good use to define things that haven't come our food, and conversation, three a period of time like a day, a things he really enjoyed. He week, or a month for example. of the measure of what makes thought this would be a nice Other than that, time was not for a good day, doesn't it?" end to his week.

sation combined to create a when referring to the personal

really inviting atmosphere. He and family lives. liked to talk to people, and on versations. At first, he thought

Most everyone in this particprofessions, careers, and lines of work. As such they had all their days with others in the group, and he had been party common element, and it was how they defined a good day.

That evening, he and his a good day was defined as a day happen to you, our family, our Then and only then was the I consider all of the negative marked by either good or bad, When they arrived, greetings but relegated to just another really negative happens can from friends, some he had not day, week, or month. This seen in a while, smells of the was not only true when talking appreciated for what it really food, and plenty of conver- about their work lives, but also is—a GOOD DAY!

Once it caught his attention, a good deal of time on the road this evening, he jumped right he began looking for it. He and interacting with clients. He into conversation. He was as wanted to see for sure if it was poised a listener as he was a his imagination or was what he comfortable talker. But as he thought he was hearing really moved from conversation to part of the tone and temper of conversation throughout the that evening conversations. In evening, he began to sense a time he came to see that it most narios that would come his way, trend in almost all of the con-definitely was. As a result of this attention to listening, he didn't he might be overreacting to a join into conversations as freely few comments, but when they as he generally did. He was continued, he knew it wasn't more interested in listening.

No one said anything at the party, but on the ride home, his wife said he seemed a bit quieter aged or a bit older. They were than usual. He explained what On this particular day, he aworking-class group, and they he had noticed early on in the could have used a break, some- represented a broad range of evening and that he wanted to see if that was really a conversational trend. When he had their share of good days, pointed it out and she reflected bad days, and just routine days. on the conversations to which Over the years they had shared she had been party, she agreed that there did seem to be a bit of a passive or ungrateful tone to many of those conversations. to several of the conversations. But that night's conversations Sheasked him what he thought, were different. There was a and he summed it up rather nicely.

> "I have got to be honest with Time and again that evening you, I like it when good things friends, and me. I'm appreciative and thankful. But I'm also happy and sometimes count way. That too has to be a part

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# "Everyday Heroes" Kenworth T680 Next Gen To Be **Auctioned To Support Truckers Against Trafficking**



TOLLESON, AZ... In an effort to further educate and fund efforts to combat human trafficking, Don Blake, Inland Kenworth – Phoenix new truck sales manager, is leading a major effort to auction a special "Everyday Heroes" Kenworth T680 Next Generation.

Proceeds from the sale of the truck will go directly to Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT), a 501(c)3 non-profit T680 Next Gen truck will are estimated to be worth\$32 devoted to stopping human trafficking by educating, mobilizing, and empowering the nation's truck drivers and rest stop employees. The project has received significant support from key sponsors Kenworth Truck Company, Inland Kenworth, and other leading companies and organizations in the trucking industry.

The Everyday Heroes Kenworth T680 Next Gen is fully loaded with a 76inch sleeper, and PACCAR Powertrain featuring a 510hp PACCAR MX-13 engine, PACCAR TX-12 automated transmission and PACCAR DX-40 rear axles. Ritchie Bros., will host the auction of the Everyday Heroes Kenworth T680 Next Gen on December 10 in Perris, California.

According to Blake, the buzz surrounding the Kenworth T680 Next Gen, combined with strong demand for new trucks, is creating excellent conditions for the auction.

'I think this year's auction for the Everyday Heroes truck will be our best yet," said Blake. "There's been a lot of interest in the T680 Next Gen and we expect a good bidder turnout. The sale of the truck will likely result in TAT's largest single donation of the year and help fund programs that make a difference.'

This will be the third Everyday Heroes Kenworth truck built and sold at auction since 2017 under Blake's leadership. The inaugural Everyday Heroes Kenworth T680 classic raised \$83,000 for TAT in 2017, while the 2019 version - also a T680 classic - contributed \$162,000 to the cause.

"Don's dedication to making the world a better place and helping those in need through this project is truly inspiring," said Jim Walenczak, Kenworth assistant general manager for sales and marketing. "We're proud to support Don and Truckers Against Trafficking and we look forward to a successful auction."

Blake serves on the board of directors at TAT in addition to his role at Inland Kenworth - Phoenix. He was inspired to build another Everyday Heroes truck because the number of human trafficking cases reported has accelerated and increased awareness about the

crime is needed.

Unfortunately, human traffickers are taking advantage and exploiting those who have been greatly affected by these challenging times," said Blake. "Human trafficking cases have increased significantly, and we need to do more to help human trafficking to law these victims and bring justice enforcement. In the United to those responsible. This States alone, profits from the Everyday Heroes Kenworth crime of human trafficking

continue our mission to increase awareness and funding to help those in need."

According to Kendis Paris, executive director of TAT, truckers are making a big difference in identifying and reporting possible cases of

"Each year, more truck drivers and truck stop operators are added to the network of TAT trained and educated members over one million to date," said Paris. "They are our eyes and ears out on the road and are relied upon to report suspicious

So far, nearly 2,700 calls have been reported by truckers alone since the program began in 2009. Of that number, there have been 710 likely human trafficking cases identified involving nearly 1,300 victims.

Other companies providing Heroes Kenworth T680 Next

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## **Bestpass® Announces Channel Partner Program Expanding Reach to More Businesses**

ALBANY, NY... Bestpass®, the comprehensive payment platform provider and leader in toll management solutions for commercial fleets, has announced a partnership program focused on teaming with like-minded organizations that support the trucking and logistics market. These partners already serve customers that will benefit from simplified toll management, allowing Bestpass to reach more owner-operators and commercial fleets. Bestpass is launching the program with several partners already enrolled including the American Association of Owner Operators, ES Advantage, Innovative Logistics, McCord Telematics, and MyTrucker Pro.

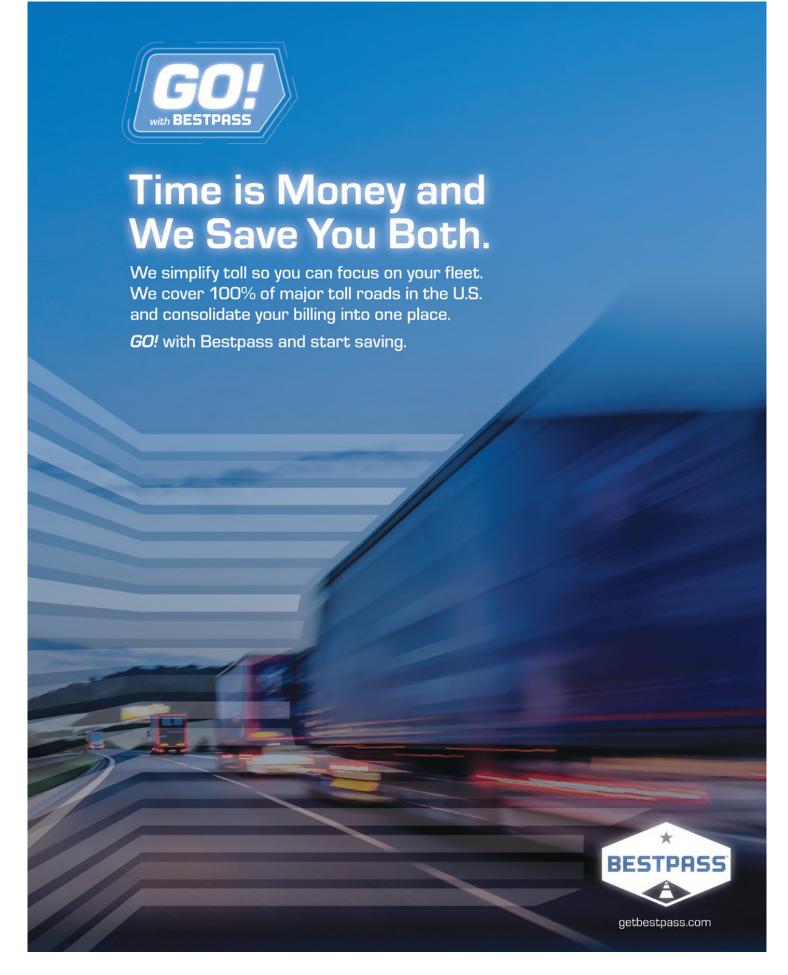
"We are pleased to offer this program with our partners to provide customers with industry-leading toll management technology and services," said Ken Borowski, Bestpass Director of Channel Partnerships. "Working together we can offer toll savings to small fleets and owner-operators in a streamlined way, while also providing a new revenue stream to our partners."

"ES Advantage is excited to bring Bestpass into our community support for the Everyday as the exclusive toll management offering for our owner-operator and small fleet customers. Adding the Bestpass solution further solidifies ES Advantage's commitment to making the best prod-Alcoa, Arizona Trucking ucts and services in the industry easily accessible to these small businesses so they can be more profitable and thrive" notes Jeff Reese, Director of Sales and Marketing at ES Advantage.

> David Huff of the American Association of Owner Operators noted, "We are excited to be able to bring the Bestpass solution to our members. Tolls have been a hassle for our members for way too long. Now they have not only a single solution to toll payments but can also save money on the costs associated with paying them."

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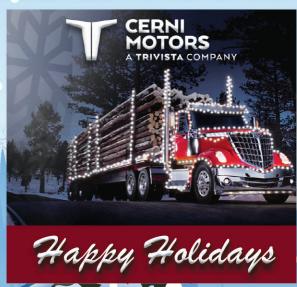


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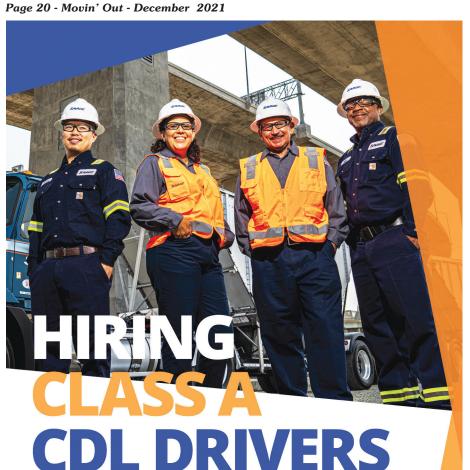












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# **Border-crossing Vaccine Mandate Needs** to Consider Timing to Avoid Supply **Chain Disruptions: CTA**

timelines for cross border truck experienced globally. drivers while also developing identification for drivers to limstatus at the border.

chain, truck drivers - classified March of 2020.

The Canadian and US trade between the two countries operate cross border and 40,000 north-south trade.

border to all traffic – essential rates where their companies proof of double vaccination for are recruited. all travelers, including truck drivers. to enter the U.S.

with members of the industry into Canada would apply if

Administration prepares to to increase the vaccination implemented.) The removal open land border points of en- penetration rate among its try to vaccinated travelers, the workforce so that Canada bordertruck drivers would also Canadian Trucking Alliance is and the US can fully recover asking Washington and Ottawa economically and mitigate to work with the industry to re-some of the supply chain service examine appropriate mandate disruptions and delays being

Recently both the US Presa seamless, mutual system of ident and the Deputy Prime Minister commented on the it potential border delays when need to monitor the fragility presenting their vaccination of the North American supply chain and that it receives the To avoid economic disaster support it needs to operate to the North American supply efficiently. CTA's message reflects Washington's public as essential workers - have been recognition that the supply permitted to cross the border chain faces severe challenges forworkwhile it has been closed and any measures introduced to non-essential traffic since should not compound the capacity pressures.

The good news is that many economies move by truck. trucking companies from About 70% of the \$648 billion in across Canada have double vaccination rates in the 85moves by truck. In total, there 90% range – well above the are 120,000 Canadians who provincial averages. However, there are a significant number US licensed drivers moving of carriers moving Canada-US trade that have lower The recent announcement vaccination rates, which are by the US to open the Canada-US more reflective of the regional and nonessential-will require are located and their drivers

CTA and the Canadian that 20 percent of Canadian changing around the world. trucking industry strongly truck drivers crossing the support the use of vaccines to border (22,000), and 40 percent bring an end to the COVID-19 of US truck drivers (16,000), implementation timeline that pandemic and is encouraging would almost immediately its drivers to get vaccinated to exit the Canada-US trade protect themselves, their family system should the vaccination members, co-workers and mandate take effect in January customers, notwithstanding 2022. (CTA fully expects the legitimate medical/religious same vaccination requirement Canadians and Americans safe. exemptions. CTA is working for U.S. truck drivers travelling

TORONTO... As the Biden and governments on strategies the US mandate were of tens of thousands of crosscompound the domestic driver shortage problem. Research by Trucking HR Canada shows that currently, even before any vaccination mandates takes effect, nearly 20,000 job vacancies for truck drivers in Canada remain unfilled.

> Since March 2020, CTA has been working with federal governments on both sides of the border to implement measures that keep the Canada-US supply chain moving while protecting essential service workers and all Canadians from the spread of COVID-19. This collaborative effort, along with the commitment by trucking management to introduce new health and safety measures to stop the spread of COVID-19 among its highly-isolated driver population, helped produce extremely low infection rates among drivers and their fleet operations. Because of these systems, the economy moved at a time when it needed to the most and the fight against the spread of COVID-19 in trucking was a resounding success.

The Canadian trucking Based on this wide range, industry fully understands that CTA conservatively estimates admissibility requirements are CTA is urging governments for a date-driven, practical does not further disrupt a constrained supply chain and increase processing times of trucks at the border while also maintaining the need to keep



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## Pennsylvania **Turnpike Commits to Development of State Route 130** Interchange

PENN TOWNSHIP, WEST-MORELAND COUNTY, PA ... State Senate Majority Leader Kim Ward (R-Westmoreland) joined with leaders from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) and local officials to announce that a planned, \$30-million interchange to link the Turnpike and State Route 130 in Penn Township can be advanced now that the PTC has largely been released from a 2007 state mandate to provide \$450 million annually to PennDOT to help fund Commonwealth transit operations.

The State Route 130 Interchange and similar PA Turnpike improvement projects are now feasible because the PTC made its final \$450 million payment to PennDOT this past July.

The new Route 130 Interchange — a project that has won the backing of state, county, and local officials will provide those residing in Pittsburgh's eastern suburbs better access to neighboring counties and employment centers and encourage economic development in Westmoreland County.

The PTC's obligation to provide the Commonwealth with supplemental transportation funding was a result of PA Act 44 of 2007. Under Act 89 of 2013, the PTC's payment to the Commonwealth drops from \$450 million annually to \$50 million at the end of the current fiscal year.



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# A Likely Story - "Cruise Control"

#### By Roger Clark

I'm a big guy. I drive a big truck. I dream big dreams, and that's a big deal, but some things can make me feel small in the blink of an eye. That would include the Northern Lights, red cliffs of Moab, and stars so close you could pluck 1500 masked up guests. We them from the sky. (But don't. They're still hot!). Also high on that list is Royal Caribbean's cruise ship "Independence of The Seas". In fact, it's VERY high, towering 15 decks above and mumbling are universal the dock.

She's over 1,100 feet long and heard it myself! 185 feet wide, weighing in at the pier in Galveston without diesels were quieter than a Kenworth in a junkyard. With the cruise control engaged, this Freedom-class ship sailed across the Gulf of Mexico at 21

knots, which is the same speed a half dozen foreign countries, Walmart driver, who logged we drove the family car through Austin on I-35.

Crewed by 1500 employees from around the world, they can serve up to 4,600 passengers, but because of Covid concerns we sailed this time with only personally met passengers and crew members from the Philippines, England, Ukraine, and Indonesia, yet from behind the mask we learned music nized more religiously than the languages. I'm telling you, I

156,000 tons, yet needs only 30 from the Philippines. Our cination card, or a sales receipt feet beneath her keel. Leaving dining room server came from from the art gallery, whichever the Indonesian island of Bali, was more recent. a sound, her electromotive and Captain Gus Anderson

matinee performance, which was interrupted by 10-foot seas banging against the bulkheads, but performers never missed word, awesome.

There's also a word for having to board the ship through six separate checkpoints, but this say our passports were scrutiprice list at a Hunter Biden art sale. I had to show everything. Driver license. TWIC card.

One interesting observation was from the Netherlands. involved passengers boarding Shipboard entertainment, with us. One was cruising for including a stage production just twenty bucks. Another of "Grease", featured singers, was starting her 37th lifetime dancers, and even skaters from cruise. Yet another was a

including Texas. We attended a three million miles with the Walton clan, and was boarding our ship immediately after concluding an 18-day voyage on the Carnival ship Breeze. To a single paycheck. It was, in a me, that's like a mailman going with only six employees. At for a walk on Sunday, but still better than doing your 34-hour reset between shopping carts!

Were there surprises? is a family magazine, so I'll just You bet. While boarding and disembarking was a hassle, Rail Container Services in a mostly from walking with a position to innovate and befacemask for what seemed miles between checkpoints, there were also introductions to did so by listening intently to Our stateroom steward was Passport. Even the Covid vac- a wide variety of activities that their customers and evolving to would kill me just for asking. meet the needs of a changing Waterslides, diving boards, and a downright wicked temptation of a dozen smiling witnesses.

> But I'm smart, not just good looking, and confined my across Ohio and the Midwest. adventures to riding the glass The two organizations merged enclosed elevators.

books, and Wi-Fi coverage of 25 bucks per day, per person. and Southeast regions. Probably the most popular declined, sharing instead a sinin Cozumel would!

## **ContainerPort Group Celebrates** 50th Anniversary in 2021

celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2021 with a week-long series of events for employees and customers.

Jack E. Hunger founded Rail Container Services in 1971 the time, containerized freight was just being introduced, and the St. Lawrence Seaway had only been open to oceangoing vessels for 12 years. This put come a pioneer in the early days of container movement. They

One of the growing needs was called the Flowrider were moving containers inland from prepared to drown me in front port cities. In 1973, Midwest Container Services was opened to move containers via rail and rebranded as Container-Other surprises included the Port Group in 1986, leading to ship's library, which had no decades of growth across the Midwest, Mid-Atlantic, Gulf,

"Not many organizations get pre-boarding discount is the the opportunity to celebrate 50 drink package deal, but we years in business," says Michael Smith, CEO of World Group, gle Pineapple Guava Sangria, the parent organization of CPG. to celebrate our six-year-late "It's an honor to come to work honeymoon. All that cost was every day because of the legacy a home equity loan. If that's that was here before me, and I'm not enough to make you jump comforted to know that we're platforms. overboard, I don't know what putting the organization on a path of continued growth and success.'

> "Jack was a savvy businessman and saw the opportunity containerport.com/contact/ that containerization pre-

CLEVELAND, OH... Con- sented," says World Group tainerPort Group (CPG®) is Chairman Fred Hunger, son of company founder Jack Hunger. "It's been a joy for me to be a part of the organization from its very beginnings. To see that we've carried forward the core values and the focus on the customer, I think Jack would be incredibly proud and humbled to see what we've accomplished."

Today, CPG operates 26 trucking terminals and employs a fleet of nearly 1,300 independent contractor drivers. In the year 2020, they performed nearly 284,000 container moves, which is approximately 1,090 per day. More than 350 employees are spread across the country, including over 90 at the corporate headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio. Over the last three years, the company has been ranked in the Transport Topics Top 100 For-Hire Carriers, Transport Topics Top 10 Drayage Providers, the American Journal of Transportation Top 100 Trucking Companies, and the Commercial Carrier Journal Top 250, further demonstrating the strength and focus of the organization.

Throughout the week of October 18, 2021, CPG celebrated its history with employees via internal social campaigns and virtual events. The company invites the public to participate by engaging on our social media

To learn more about the history of ContainerPort Group, visit the "Our History" section of our website: https://www.



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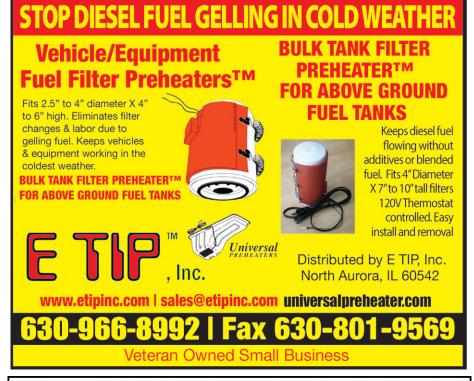
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This Georgia native hauls

flatbed freight with his K-Dub and he makes sure it's always looking right when he hits the interstate. J.T. says the truck's nickname is Megatron and he wanted to thank D&L Designs for fabricating the custom interior box with the nickname on it. The truck is accented by just enough chrome & lights and J.T. credits DTP Chrome Shop and Steckler Bros. for hooking him up with what he needed. The 265" wheelbase features a custom lighted bumper up front, angle cut straight pipes, tion" sits up high on the back Hogebuilt fenders, and polished of J.T. Mercier's sleeper, and rear light bars.

J.T. hauls flatbed freight, family trucking tradition as he operating Mercier Trucking follows in the footsteps of his with his dad, John, who he grandfather, Ollie Mercier, and thanks for being an awesome his father, John Mercier, who role model and for supporting both had diesel in their veins! his journey in trucking. Power J.T. is a third-generation comes from a 600 Compound driver and he represents the Turbo CAT engine that's paired trucking industry with class up with a 10 speed and a set in his jet black 2005 Kenworth. of 3:36 rears. J.T. had "House

of Air" install an air ride front end that he says gave his KW just the right look & attitude that it needed! He definitely keeps this ride looking much younger than most 2005's, and J.T. credits Patrick Friday at It's Your Time Truck Wash & Detailing for always keeping his ride shining.

As most of you know, trucking comes with long hours & lots of time away from home, and J.T. wanted to thank his wife for all of her love and support along the way, and for taking care of the kids & the house while he's out on the road. J.T. Mercier and Megatron have plenty of miles left to cover, and he's certainly showing other young drivers in the trucking industry how to do it in style! Congratulations are in order for being chosen as our December Working Show Truck of the Month - "Keep On Truckin" J.T.!



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