

Trucking and Mobile Technology

Today's cell phones are not just for phone calls and messages alone. With the popularity of Smartphones we now have access to our email, the Internet, GPS navigation, and many other tools. The trucking industry has fully embraced this technology for use in their business operations.

According to a recent survey by uShip owner-operators have increased the amount of usage on their phones for business purposes by 57% from the previous year. 37% use their phones to book loads, and 35% use them to bid on loads.

Many are now traveling without a laptop and just the use of their phone to monitor weather, gas prices, traffic, and stay connected socially with friends and family. In fact when asked

in a recent poll 20% of truckers say they would give up their CB radios, 16% would give up their spouses and 8% would give up their pets before they would be without a cell phone.

Here is a review of top mobile apps for truckers:

Co-Pilot Live Truck offers voice guided GPS-navigation specifically for truck drivers using PC Miler \$149.99 available on Apple and Android systems

GasBuddy will help locate the best price for fuel and locate fueling stations in the area they are in at the time. Free available on Apple and Android systems

tpMobile for Xata Turnpike is an electronic onboard recorder solutions providing such functions as hours-of-

service logs, speed management, CSA risk scorecards, as well as fuel savings and driver productivity data. Free available for Android systems

Uship Mobile is an app that makes it easy to bid on loads. Free available on Apple and Android systems

Trucker Tools is a coupon source for more than 5,000 truck stops across America. Free available on Android systems.

Source: truckinginfo.com



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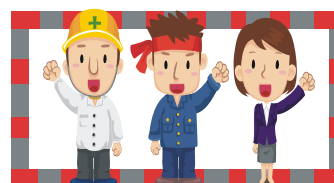
- 20th series New York Highway Use Tax permits that were issued 2009-2012 will expire this year. Renewals for the 21st series will begin October 1, 2012. You must be current with your quarterly reports and taxes to renew. NY HUT permit holders will now be required to display decals on all vehicles that will operate in New York.
- Oregon permit holders must file their reports by the last day of each month.
- IRS 2290 form must be filed and any applicable tax paid for the 2012-2013 year by July 31st.

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Happy Labor Day!



National Truck Driver Appreciation Week 9/16-9/22
Thank a truck driver today!





Women in Trucking

In 1929, at the age of 32, Lillie Elizabeth Drennan was the first woman to get a CDL license. After divorcing, she became the sole owner of the Drennan Truck Line. She ran this business for 24 years and as a driver never had an accident. She set the pathway for other women who were interested in following in her footsteps.

In 1977, Lee Way Motor Freight based in Oklahoma City, introduced women co-drivers to their compa-

ny due to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's requirement. This caused quite an uproar, with a group formed to protest the policy. Despite the naysayer's protests, Lee Way Motor continued to make women a part of their business.

There are approximately 1,319,000 women employed in the trucking industry with about 166,000 (4.9%) holding the title of driver. There

are 9056 women owned trucking companies in North America, with an astounding 98% being in the US and 0% in Canada. With the number of women in the industry increasing every year there has been a greater need to accommodate these women. There are great organizations such as; the National and International Women's Trucking Association and Women in Trucking Association.

Sources:

www.careersingear.com

www.layover.com



Upcoming Truck Show Expos

Looking for opportunities to learn and network with others in the industry? There are several upcoming truck shows in the next couple of months.

The 17th Annual Richard Crane Memorial Truck Show September 14th – 16th. It is held at Little Bear East Arena and Downtown in St Ignace, MI. Friday, September 14, 9 p.m. Lights judged. Saturday Sept. 15, Semi trucks on display downtown during the day "Parade of Lights" across the Mackinac Bridge at dusk! Sunday Sept. 16 - Semi-Trucks on Display & Awards Ceremony. For more information visit: <http://www.saintignace.org/>

Guilty by Association Truck Show and Customer Expo, September 28th and 29th at 4 State Trucks in Joplin, MO. Described as being a "Cross between a Truck Show, Customer Expo, and an Open House." Events include: truck & tractor pull, concert, awards, promos, a big sidewalk sale with blow-outs and great prices, tours of the shop and the store, great food, and vendors and manufacturers available to answer questions. For more information or to register visit: <http://chromeshopmafia.com>

Either of these would provide hours of fun for the truck enthusiast as well as the family.

FMCSA's Improvements to CSA

There have been some improvements to the Compliance Safety Accountability (CSA) program in order to identify and take care of companies with compliance issues. This is to help reduce the amount of tragedies caused by unsafe truck and bus companies that go unnoticed. "Good data plays a key role in keeping our nation's roads safe," said Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood.

The changes that have been made will take affect in December 2012. Some of the changes that will occur are:

- Clarify the definition of passenger carrier companies
- To guarantee citations are consistent with current speedometer

regulations by removing 1 to 5 mph speeding violations

- Making sure all recorded violations precisely replicate the inspection type

"CSA is raising the bar for truck and bus safety. Our preliminary data shows that fatalities involving commercial vehicles dropped 4.7 percent last year compared to 2010," said FMCSA Administrator Ferro. "Still, on average, nearly 4,000 people die in large truck and bus crashes each year. That is why we are implementing these important changes to make CSA even more effective."

For more information visit: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/about/news/news-releases/2012/FMCSA-SharpensFocus-HighRisk.aspx>



National Truck Driver Appreciation Week

The week of September 16-22 is National Truck Driver Appreciation week. During this week we take time to recognize their hard work.

According to the American Trucking Association, there are 3.1 million truck drivers that transport goods across the U.S. in which each driver logs approximately 398 billion miles a year.

80% of all U.S. communities rely on the dependability of these truckers. Ultimately we don't always think about how the things we purchase at the local grocery store got there but without truck drivers we wouldn't be able to have the things we need everyday.

Sources:
<http://www.truckline.com/>

Diesel Prices Continue to Increase

The U.S. Department of Energy reported on August 28, 2012 diesel fuel rose 6.3 cents to \$4.089 a gallon. It has been reported that diesel has increased 26.9 cents more than this time last year with 44.1 cents just in the last 2 months. However, oil prices have decreased for the past few weeks, oil companies are not sure what the

impact of the tropical storm Isaac will have on the industry.



National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners

DOT has set forth yet another resource to further help make the roadways safer. As of May 21 the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners system has gone live. This new system is a rule announced by the FMCSA to improve driver medical standards.

It requires all medical examiners that perform exams on drivers be trained, tested, and certified. Once they are certified they are placed on the National Registry so that

drivers can locate an examiner in their area.

It is important that the drivers locate and use the registry to make sure that the ME that is evaluating them is meeting the standards of the National Registry. With this in place it is proposed to reduce the risk of commercial vehicle-related crashes, injuries and fatalities.

To learn more about the National Registry, go to <https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov>.

Tire and Safety Regulations

The FMCSA has issued a warning about the tire safety for motorcoaches. They want drivers to be more aware of the maximum tire load capacity, speed rating, and the overall safety margin when carrying maximum passenger and luggage loads. Raised awareness of these issues could save lives. It is important for the operators of these motorcoaches to put policies and procedures in place to monitor the load weight and tire pressure to confirm they are within the requirements.

There are other things to consider as well, such as the elements as to which you are traveling through. With drought and extreme heat across the US, it can cause tires to fail and cause serious issues. If the FMCSA concludes that there is a violation of tire loading restrictions, the carrier and their vehicles and be put out of out-of-service.

For more information visit:
www.fmcsa.dot.gov

Tu' Habla Espanol?

FMCSA Spanish Home Page:

<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/spanish>

Mexico-Based Motor Carrier Home Page:

http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/spanish/mmc_spanish.html



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Off Duty

Sudoku

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Instructions:

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3x3 box accommodates the digits 1-9, without repeating any.

Trucking Trivia

1. At almost 3,000 miles, I am the second longest Interstate. Can you name me?
2. The merger of these two LTL companies was listed as #2 on the Top 10 Freight Transportation Events of 2008. Can you name them?
3. This former semi-pro baseball player is best remembered for the hit song "Six Days on the Road".
4. The Interstate System directly serves all but five state capitals. Can you name the five that are not?
5. What is a "10-36" in Trucker Talk?

See answers below.

Answers: 1) I-80 2) Yellow and Roadway 3) Dave Dudley 4) Juneau, Dover, Jefferson City, Carson City, and Pierre 5) A call for the correct time

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Did You Know?

Which pet dog gave its name to an early style of truck and why? The English Bulldog. The Mack bulldog logo came from soldiers in World War I who thought the 1916 AC Mack truck looked like the English Bulldog's flat nose and face.

You're driving your big rig down the road when you hear someone say on the CB, "There's an alligator in the road." What do they mean? It's a large piece of tire tread from a blown tire.

How long is the average truck and trailer? 75 feet! That is about as long as 225 hotdogs placed end to end.

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