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Drivers Needed

Even with the economy in not so good shape and high unemployment, there is an industry that is struggling to hire employees. The trucking business would be able to help lower the unemployment rate if they could just get people interested in driving trucks.

Just in the U.S. only, 115,000 truck driving jobs will become available by the end of 2016. However, companies are having a hard time getting young drivers willing to drive long distances. There is a worry that there will be a shortage of drivers that will cause longer wait time for shipments, higher cost to move shipments, and with less availability the cost of the goods would increase.

It is estimated that in America only about 10% of the drivers needed, will be trained to drive a truck.

The other issue that many companies run into is that the drivers that are applying for the positions are older men that will probably not be able to drive for years to come.

Some companies are trying to entice young drivers by offering higher wages. Other companies are trying to shorten the routes to help get people home sooner, while others offer paying for their training costs once they complete the course.

Not just anyone would or could handle this type of

career. Being on the road for weeks at a time is hard, and not being home with their family for those long periods of time is even harder.

But many have to weigh the pros and cons of the job. Depending on what company you work for, you can make an honest living with a stable job. All the while getting to travel and see things you might otherwise not get to see in your lifetime.

Source: <http://www.nbcnews.com>

Upcoming Deadlines

- If you haven't already filed your 2013 UCR, do so ASAP. Roadside enforcement is in full effect. Brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies are required to file annually too.
- 20th series New York Highway Use Tax permits that were issued 2009-2012 have expired. Renewals for the 21st series began 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.

- SCAC codes must be renewed by June 30th.
- Oregon permit holders must file their monthly report with the state by April 30th.

For assistance with any of these permits please call 405-701-4173 or visit our website at www.dotprocessagents.com Representatives are standing by to answer your questions and process your orders!



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May 27th in
honor of
Memorial Day***





Truck Shows & Events

Truck shows can help you keep up on the newest technology or just give you information on how things came to be.

Check out this list of truck show events for the month of May:

May 14-16 Annual Conference

Zonar Systems Inc.

Grand Hyatt - San Antonio, TX

May 14-16 Transportation Technology Summit ALK Technologies

Hyatt Regency - Princeton,

N.J.

May 15-18 Annual Conference

International Furniture Transportation and Logistics Council

Largo Mar Resort and Club - Fort Lauderdale, FL.

May 16 Annual Dinner

Traffic Club of Chicago

Hilton – Chicago, IL

May 17-18 Truckers Jamboree

Joplin 44 Petro

Joplin, MO.

May 20-23 Latitude Con-

ference

Telogis Inc.

St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort - Dana Point, CA

May 21-22 Global Automotive Aftermarket Symposium

Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association

Hyatt Regency O'Hare - Rosemont, IL.

May 21-22 FTR Associates

State of Freight Summit

Hyatt Regency O'Hare – Rosemont, IL

May 23-24 Spring Policy

Meetings

National Industrial Transportation League

Hyatt – Rosemont, IL

May 30-June 1 Convention and Antique Truck Show American Truck Historical Society

Yakima Valley SunDome - Yakima, WA



Safe and Efficient Transportation Act

In February there was a new act introduced called the Safe and Efficient Transportation Act of 2013. This would allow an increase of weight of Interstate trucks from 80,000 to 97,000. While this will help increase the amount of tonnage that can be shipped at one time, saving time and money, there are major concerns with safety on the nation's roadways.

The Safe Highways and Infrastructure Preservation Act, or SHIPA, is trying to make sure that the changes do not take place. They believe that safety should come before profit.

Joan Claybrook from the Truck Safety Coalition states that "Families are paying with their lives and with their wallets." A poll

showed that 68% of Americans opposed the weight increase. 88% do not want to pay higher taxes to have to repair damage to the highways.

Claybrook states that she is certain that SHIPA will pass this time around.

Source:

www.ttnews.com



First Observer

Some truck drivers are being trained to do more than just drive a truck. There was a program started in 2004 by the American Trucking Associations that trained drivers to keep a look out for suspicious activity that could be terrorist related. The program was renamed to First Observer in 2009 with help from the Teamsters Union and the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association.

It is said that the Transportation Security Administration has offered a deal to Triumph Enterprises Inc. to take over the First Observers Program. However, the specifics have not been made public as of yet.

This program gives truck drivers a chance to report

crimes first hand that would prompt FBI to get involved. Or if the driver saw something that just didn't make sense. For example, if there was a tanker full of gasoline in an area where there would not be delivery locations.

You can go to firstobserver.com to train in different areas on how to spot anything that may need to be reported. The basic program helps identify national security issues and to help drivers stay aware of things going on around them as they drive.

Source:

<http://www.ttnews.com>



Mexico Driver Pilot Program

Recently an appeal that was filed by a group of U.S. truck drivers, challenging the federal pilot program that would permit Mexican truck drivers to deliver freight in the U.S. was lost.

The dispute was that a CDL from Mexico was not valid in the U.S. However, it was decided by Congress to be valid.

There was a question whether or not the medical standard for Mexican drivers is up

to code. Also, if the decals that are required to be on display to show compliance would be required for US operation.

Drivers in the U.S. felt that it is not reasonable to ask them to make sure that they comply with all the requirements necessary to stay legal to run while making exceptions to the rule for drivers from Mexico.

Source:

<http://www.bloomberg.com>

Truck Sales Increase

New truck sales for the month of April reached its highest in 15 months, with 23,300 sold. April's total is 36.2% higher than the 17,105 orders that were placed in April of 2012. This also marks the seventh consecutive month that sales have reached more than 20,000 trucks for the month.

With the increase in sales, production is slated to increase as well. It is projected that manufacturers built around 55,000 trucks during

the first quarter. However, manufacturers are looking to increase production to around 66,000 during the second quarter, 69,000 in the third, and 72,000 in the fourth quarter.

It is hopeful that with the increase sales and production, that those that had lost their jobs in the industry of building trucks on the production line will soon find job openings again.

Source: www.ttnews.com

Diesel Prices Continue Decline

According to the Department of Energy the national average cost of diesel is at \$3.845 as of May 6th. This constitutes a six-tenths of a cent drop from the week before. Even though it's not a huge decrease this is the 10th consecutive week with the price has come down and is at the lowest price point since August 2012. In comparison, the national average of diesel this same time last year is down 21.2 cents.

It is projected that the price of diesel will continue to

decline throughout the year. The average cost of diesel in 2013 should be \$3.92. This is a 5 cent difference from 2012's average. And the trend should carry over to 2014 with a projected 15 cent decrease with an average of \$3.78.

The DOE says that the price of diesel will continue to drop till the end of the year. The price in December should be around \$3.77 per gallon.

Source:<http://>

www.etrucker.com

Accident Free

Harold Kinvig from Canada is part of an exclusive group of truck drivers. He has driven over 3 million miles without one accident in 41 years.

Kinvig states that every time that he gets behind that wheel he thinks about safety. He has driven for the same company for 41 years, delivering fuel for C.S. Day Transport.

Also, a J.B. Hunt Transport employee was honored for reaching the 3 million mile mark without an accident in 21 years. Richard Batt, only

the 49th person to receive this honor in the company's history, received a \$20,000 bonus.

Both men agree that truck driving is a good career choice saying that it is a good job. Kinvig has decided to retire. However, Batt says he will continue to drive until he can't pass the commercial driver's license physical anymore.

Sources:

<http://regina.ctvnews.ca>

<http://kokomotribune.com>

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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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.

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Did You Know?

- In 1925, the first nationwide highway numbering system (shield-shaped numbered marker) was adopted by the Joint Board of State and Federal Highway officials.
- In 1926, the first safety glass was introduced by Stutz. It had wire embedded in the glass to prevent windows from shattering.
- In 1932, the U.S. government levied the first national gasoline tax.
- In 1933, price and gallon displays on gasoline pumps were introduced by the Wayne Oil Tank and Pump Company of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

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