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TMHA’s Showing its Generous Sponsors Appreciation is a Priority!

Again, this month, and every month, we want to give priority to thanking our loyal sponsors for stepping up and very generously contributing to the success of TMHA by providing needed financial support to our organization. TMHA provides speakers and presentations that truly are second to none. You will not find better speakers at any other meeting. Yet, TMHA never charges a fee for attending one of our meetings. Our sponsors give of their time, personnel, and money to help us provide the quality meetings and speakers that have become a hallmark of TMHA. We want to offer our very sincere thank you to PLATINUM sponsor, **HNI Risk Advisors**; GOLD Sponsor, **Great West Casualty Co.**, new BRONZE Sponsor, **Kunkel & Associates**; and Supporting sponsors, **Transport Permits, Inc.** and **Omnitracs**! **THANK YOU!**



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TMHA Annual Meeting a Success



The Machinery Haulers Association Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, March 24 at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Kissimmee, FL. The attendees were treated to speakers and presentations that truly were industry-class.

During the business portion of the meeting, Dave Gallano, president of Gallano Trucking, Inc. out of Belvidere, IL was named Chairman of the Board and Clayton Fisk, president of FDE, LLC, was named President of TMHA.

Speakers holding attendees' attention were Salem Elnahwy, Chief Technology Officer of Pegasus Transflo; Sarah Arteaga, Regional Economic Information Network Director of Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta; David Heller, VP Government Affairs of TCA; Panel moderator John Simms, VP Advisory of HNI Risk Advisors; panelists Steve Bryan, President of Vigillo; Tom Cuthbertson, VP Regulatory Compliance of Omnitrac; and Tim Hindes, CEO of Stay Metrics.

After the meeting, attendees were treated to what turned out to be a truly scrumptious dinner at the Old Hickory Steakhouse at the Gaylord. Great food, good friends and conversation, and relaxation were the order of the evening.

Those who were not in attendance at this great meeting really lost out but, do not despair as there are still two more excellent meetings on tap for later this year. Don't miss either one!

TMHA Board Member/Warren VP & two Associates Heroes

We sometimes hear stories about real-life heroes, but rarely do we get the chance to actually meet one, let alone *know* one, but such is the case here. TMHA board member and Warren Transport, Inc. VP, Lance Votroubek and two of his associates at Warren, Jeff Wilson and Glynn Borwig, did one of the rarest of things, they saved a life of one of their co-workers. We at TMHA want to congratulate and thank this Terrific Trio for having the courage, knowledge, and training to jump in and do what they knew must be done to save the co-worker's life. Warren had installed external defibrillators years ago, never expecting to need one, but wanting them nearby should the need ever arise and it did.



Votroubek, Wilson & Borwig

Every year, Wheaton Franciscan's Heroes Among Us awards shine light on eastern Iowans who have made a difference in the lives of their families, friends and neighbors.

Eleven individuals and one organization were honored at the 13th annual Heroes Among Us awards breakfast Thursday morning at the Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center in Waterloo, Iowa.

The event recognizes heroes in several categories who go above and beyond in their communities and serves as a fundraiser for emergency services departments at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo and Sartori Memorial Hospital in Cedar Falls.

Lance Votroubek, Glynnna Borwig and Jeff Wilson sprang into action on Sept. 7 when a co-worker at Warren Transport collapsed. The trio quickly came to his aid, rolling him over and recognizing that he was unresponsive and not breathing. Votroubek and Borwig immediately began CPR while Wilson used the defibrillator to get their co-worker's heart beating again. The three worked tirelessly to keep him alive until paramedics arrived. Paramedics and doctors said the employees' quick thinking and actions saved the man's life.

Thank you, Lance Votroubek, Jeff Wilson, Glynnna Borwig, and Warren Transport!

Allied Member, Transport Security, Featured in Article

Look at page 31 of the April 1-14, 2018 issue of [The Trucker](#) and you'll find an article regarding flatbeds and cargo security. Open-deck carriage has a number of unique things about it that sets our member carriers apart from the thousands of pure dry-van carriers that are out there ... the things that make our truck operators bust their buttons with pride over what they do and what they contribute to our nation and its economy. The entire last column of the article (see page 36) is contributed by TMHA Allied member Transport Security out of Waconia, MN. We hope you'll take a look at it. Thank you, Transport Security, for what you offer to help our carrier members keep their operators, trucks & trailers, and cargo safe and secure.

Summer Safety & Security Meeting Shaping Up

If you haven't already done so, mark your calendar for August 1, 2, & 3 and be sure to block off those dates so you can attend TMHA's summer Safety & Security meeting!

Plans have been in the works for weeks and we can promise the meeting will be one you'll be pleased you attended. The Abbey Resort & Avani Spa in quaint Fontana-on-the-Lake, WI will once again host this meeting and we've got some things lined up to surprise and please our attendees. Please, bring guests who may be interested in becoming members, both carrier and allied. This meeting showcases our organization like no other, so let's have a record attendance.

We plan to have the registration page up on the website at www.machineryhaulers.org by the middle of May. We want folks to have the opportunity and then follow through in registering early this year, so we can maximize the benefit of this meeting for all those who attend. Watch for it!

A Quote from You Can Help Grow TMHA!

Got something good to say about TMHA? We sure hope so. We feel TMHA is one of the most cost-effective trucking trade associations we know of and we hope you think so too.

Unfortunately, TMHA is one of the best kept secrets in our industry and we're convinced that if we grow our organization, we can make it even better and we're asking for your help.

We're seeking quotes from our members regarding why they enjoy belonging to TMHA, why they feel it brings their companies value, and why they feel it is cost-effective compared to other trucking trade associations.

All we need is a quote of a sentence, or several, and your permission to publish the quote and your name and company on our website and in any advertising materials we come up with. Just send them, and your permission, to us at tmha@machineryhaulers.org Thank you!

When will YOUR Company Appear in Print in TMHA "News & Views?"

Come on, TMHA members! You're not going to let Warren Transport and Transport Permits get all the glory are you? We know there are a LOT of good things happening at all our members' companies that are worthy of sharing with our members in "News & Views" and putting out on our website. Warren and Transport Permits took advantage of this great opportunity to get the word out. Let's show our company pride and share those good events, awards, and ideas with the rest of us. Got an opinion you'd like to share about a vital trucking industry issue? Everyone's got an opinion. Share yours. Be first to have an OpEd appear in "News & Views!"

We Want to Better Serve You, the Valued TMHA Member or Sponsor!

At TMHA, we value very highly each one of our members and sponsors. We sincerely want to make you feel, more so than ever before, that your membership in TMHA is worth your time and money. We think it is, but we want to put your ideas to work to better serve you and make

TMHA an even better organization. After all, you're our customer and we want to give the customer that they want! Our goal is to provide value, so we can have the highest percentage of our members possible present at every meeting. If there are speakers or programs you feel would be beneficial to you, let us know. We're already working on meeting locations and events for 2019, let us hear from you.

Articles of Interest Here are just a few articles we thought would be interest to you.

[Low-Deck-Height and Galvanized Hydraulic Detachable Gooseneck Trailers](#)



XL Specialized Trailers debuted two new trailers at the 2018 Mid-America Trucking Show held in Louisville, Kentucky in March. The company introduced the next model in its galvanized trailer series, a Mechanical Full-Width Gooseneck and a Low-Profile Hydraulic Detachable Gooseneck trailer. *Attribution: HDT Equipment Report*

[How Low Can Flatbeds Go?](#)



As fleets demand ever-lighter flatbeds, trailer suppliers examine every aspect of designs to trim unwanted weight.

Indicators: Flatbed rates soar as spring freight season comes on, reefer and van hold strong

Rates on the spot market remained strong in March, with flatbed soaring to its highest per-mile average in at least even years, according to monthly rates data from Truckstop.com, likely due to the onset of flatbed's annual strong spring freight season. Rates have been hovering near record highs since the ...

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Attribution: CCJ Daily Report

REST Bill Would Modify HOS to Allow Drivers One Three-Hour Break Per Shift

A bill has been introduced that would allow truck drivers to take one rest break per shift, for up to three consecutive hours on off-duty time.

Attribution: Transport Topics

[This Year's International Roadcheck Set for June 5-7](#)

Transport Topics

This year's International Roadcheck will take place from June 5 - 7, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance has announced.

[Analysis: Raising Federal Fuel Tax Makes Economic Sense](#)



The way we pay for federally funded road and bridge projects hasn't changed over the past 25 years and a fuel tax increase may provide the needed funding for our crumbling infrastructure. Analysis by Business Contributing Editor Evan Lockridge.

Attribution: HDT Headline News

[How to Maintain Heavy-Haul Trailers](#)



Heavy-haul trailers see it all — rocks, ruts, bumps and jolts. It all translates to an increased risk of damage and it is vital that trailers are maintained properly.

Attribution: HDT Headline News

[One Thing You Need to Do if You're Using Grandfathered AOBRDs](#)



If you're using automatic onboard recording devices to track driver hours of service under the grandfather clause of the electronic logging device mandate, there's something very important you need to do by mid-June, says a former commercial vehicle enforcement official who's now a transportation consultant.

Attribution: HDT Headline News

[FMCSA Officials Outline Personal Conveyance Guidance](#)

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — For the second consecutive day, a meeting between truck drivers and federal regulators turned sour, with more than a dozen drivers yelling at regulatory officials attempting to have a peaceful presentation and question-and-answer session on hours of service and driver personal conveyance issues.

Attribution: Transport Topics

[Where Did the Hours of Service Rules Come From, Anyway?](#)



How the hours of service rules for truck drivers ever became a safety regulation is a question that has vexed many in the industry.

Attribution: HDT Top News

New Truck Driving Course at California High School Changing Lives!

Dave Dein, a teacher at Patterson High School in California, was unsure what to expect when the father of a student came to speak him two months ago with tears in his eyes. “Before my son took your class, he never felt successful,” Dein recalled the father saying. That student is one of 16 seniors enrolled in what might be the first truck-driving program for high school students in the United States.

[Read More](#)

Attribution: Fleet Owner Newsline

3 Tips for Successful DataQ Challenges April 2018,

TruckingInfo.com - How-To by Deborah Lockridge, Editor-in-Chief

You can challenge citations you believe were in error – including ELDs – via FMCSA's DataQs process.

Full enforcement of the electronic logging device mandate that went into effect April 1 will no doubt result in a great many fleets wanting to challenge incorrect citations and inspection reports. Filing DataQ challenges is something John Seidl, a former commercial vehicle enforcement official turned transportation and compliance consultant with Integrated Risk Solutions, does frequently.

<http://www.truckinginfo.com/channel/safety-compliance/article/story/2018/04/3-tips-for-successful-dataq-challenges.aspx>

Calendar of Upcoming TMHA Events

August 1, 2 & 3, 2018

Safety & Security Meeting
The Abbey Resort & Avani Spa @ Fontana, WI

December 5 & 6, 2018

Regulatory, Economic & Political Symposium
Jumer's Casino & Hotel @ Rock Island, IL

Date to be Determined

**Your responses to our recent Survey will help us
determine where this meeting will be held.**

It is not too late to vote! Vote Today!

2019 Annual Meeting (Board Election year)
Location: To be determined

August 1 & 2, 2019

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(Venue Tentative)

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