



## “NEWS & VIEWS”

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### A Few Words from TMHA's President

To say 2020 has been challenging would be the understatement of the year. Just about every facet of our society has been affected in one way or another and required to respond to COVID-19 and the many ripple affects it has created, as well as to other long-time unseen challenges.

TMHA has been no exception to this. We've had to cancel and reschedule a meeting, something we have done only one other time in our memory and that one was due to a temporary situation, an unexpected and severe winter storm. Currently, we and our board are continuing to review and evaluate the landscape going forward to plot the best course for TMHA and its members. Again, we're in uncharted territory and none of us have the ability to see the future. All we can do is watch what is happening, stay informed, and try to make the best decisions possible in the interest of all associated with our organization.

I'd be remiss if I did not give a shout out and a thank you to our Chairman, Heather Johnson, and to the rest of our dedicated board for their thoughtful consideration and leadership during this very unusual time.

We are always interested in what our members are thinking and have to say. We're good listeners. If you have some thoughts regarding the course we should chart for the next, say 18 months, please do not hesitate to share them with us at [tmha@machineryhaulers.org](mailto:tmha@machineryhaulers.org) Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to hearing from you.



Sincerely,

*Clayton Fisk*

President & COO

## **TMHA's 2020 Safety & Security Meeting Rescheduled to December**

As was announced earlier, much to ours and everyone's disappointment, we felt it best, in the interest of the safety and wellness of our members and guests, to cancel the August Safety & Security meeting. However, don't be dismayed. We have rescheduled that meeting, with its focus on safety and security, as well as on the 2020 TMHA Truck Fleet Safety Contest awards, for December 9 & 10 in Rock Island, Illinois at Jumer's Casino & Hotel.

We are working to bring back most of the excellent speakers and presentations that had been scheduled for the August meeting so you will not miss out on them. In addition, we will present our safety contest awards (sponsored by Allied Member HNI Risk Services) as well, so be certain your safety managers are in the loop and are planning to attend with you.

Confirmed speakers for the meeting are (in alphabetical order):

Scott Boehm – Allied member West Chester Permit in the TMHA "Spotlight"

David Heller – TCA VP of Government Affairs

Dan Olivieri – Attorney with Morgan-Cohen-Bach

John Simms and an All-Star panel of safety experts

As always, we will keep you apprised of developments and information concerning online registration and hotel reservations. We hope to see YOU there!

## **TMHA's 2020 Safety Awards Will be Presented in December**

As mentioned in the previous article, we plan to present the 2020 TMHA Truck Fleet Safety Contest awards at the upcoming December meeting in Rock Island. We had near full participation from our Motor Carrier members in the contest and the judges tell us the quality of entries was very high and narrowing it down to select the winners was tougher than ever. That's no surprise as we all know TMHA is made up of some of the safest operating carriers on the road.

Be certain your safety folks are aware of the meeting and plan to bring them with you in December. We look forward to making the announcement of the winning carriers and to presenting the awards to them. Don't miss it!

## **The Purpose of "News & Views"**

We've given a lot of consideration to the question of what is the best use our "News & Views" newsletter. "News & Views" is not intended to be a timely source of daily trucking industry "news." It can't be that and there are myriad sources of that type of information available to all of us.

What it can be and is intended to be is a way for TMHA members to showcase to other TMHA members and friends in our industry good things that are going on at their companies. While some pessimists like to say, "there's nothing new under the sun," that is not necessarily true. Maybe you've discovered a maintenance process or procedure that has become beneficial to you that you

can share with your fellow members. Maybe you've come up with a safety incentive that has shown to produce real results. Maybe you just want to sound off about an issue that is important to you and on which you want to share your thoughts with other TMHA members. Maybe your company has earned an award or has been honored by your local community for being a lifesaver during this difficult time.

We need your articles to publish the type of interesting newsletter that you want to read. Perhaps you're not satisfied with the articles we run. Well, help us out. Write that article and submit it to us for publication. Don't pass on this opportunity to get the word out to TMHA members and our other industry friends. Do not wait for a deadline or publication date. Whenever you have something you would like to share, shoot it into us and we'll get it in the next edition. We'll be watching for YOUR article!

## **News from Motor Carrier Member Landstar Transportation Logistics**

### **Landstar Announces 143 New Million Mile Safe Driver and Roadstar® Honorees**

Jacksonville, Fla. (July 6, 2020) - Landstar System, Inc. (NASDAQ:LSTR), a worldwide, asset-light provider of integrated transportation management solutions delivering safe, specialized transportation services, is pleased to announce its Class of 2019 Million Mile Safe Driver and Roadstar® honorees.

This year Landstar is celebrating 143 business capacity owners (BCOs) for their safety records and professionalism behind the wheel. BCO is Landstar's term for an independent owner-operator who provides transportation capacity to a Landstar motor carrier under an exclusive lease agreement.

The Class of 2019 safe drivers is comprised of 14 new Landstar Roadstar® honorees, 117 new One Million Mile Safe Drivers, 10 new Two Million Mile Safe Drivers and two new Three Million Mile Safe Drivers. Each of the owner-operators has driven at least one million consecutive miles without a preventable accident.

Of Landstar's 1,086 active Million Mile Safe Drivers, 14 individuals were recognized this month for earning the Roadstar distinction. The Roadstar designation is one of Landstar's highest honors for truck owner-operators awarded to the "best of the best" on their high levels of safety, productivity, and excellence in customer service. Each of the 14 Roadstars previously earned Million Mile Safe Driver status.

"Landstar is proud to showcase the 2019 Class of Landstar Million Mile Safe Drivers and Roadstar honorees as the industry's best. Their skill and dedication to their profession makes the roads safer for all of us," said Landstar President and CEO Jim Gattoni. "Landstar Roadstar recipients raise the bar for the entire trucking industry and their dedication to service excellence has earned them the right to be called the most elite independent business capacity owners at Landstar."

The new class raises the total number of active Landstar Roadstar recipients to 178. Landstar began presenting the Roadstar award in 1990.

Landstar invites you to see a full list of the Million Mile Safe Drivers and Roadstar® honorees at the following link to the Landstar.com blog: <https://www.landstar.com/blog/new-million-mile-safe-drivers-roadstars/>.

### **Roadstar® Million Mile Safe Driver Bobby Jordan Wins Landstar All-Star Truck Giveaway**

Jacksonville, Fla. (July 9, 2020) - Landstar System, Inc. has announced the winner of the 2020 Landstar All-Star Truck Giveaway sponsored by Pilot Flying J. Landstar Million Mile Safe Driver and Roadstar® Bobby Jordan of Soso, Mississippi, was the lucky winner of a 2020 Freightliner® Cascadia® 126.

For the first time ever, the Landstar All-Star Truck Giveaway, held on July 8, took place virtually via Zoom video conferencing. Winner Bobby Jordan was one of four finalists randomly drawn from the pool of Landstar's 1,086 active 1 Million Mile, 2 Million Mile and 3 Million Mile Safe Drivers and

Roadstars. The Roadstar® designation is one of the company's highest honors for truck owner-operators awarded to the "best of the best" based on their high levels of safety, productivity, and excellence in customer service.

During the virtual event, the 2020 Landstar All-Star Truck Giveaway winner was determined after each of the four finalists selected which box they believed to contain the key to the giveaway truck. Jordan guessed correctly to win the viper blue Freightliner Cascadia spec'd with a suite of safety systems, fuel efficiency features, a Detroit™ DD15®, 14.8 L engine and a Detroit DT12™ automated transmission.

"Wow! Thank you very much," said a very emotional Bobby Jordan once he realized he'd won the giveaway truck. "Landstar has been good to me from the very beginning."

Each year, Landstar gives away a truck, including all registration fees and taxes, to one of its Million Mile Safe Driver independent owner-operators. The 2020 Landstar All-Star giveaway truck marked the 41st truck giveaway in Landstar's 32-year history as a company. Jordan leased to Landstar in 1982. He was named a Million Mile Safe Driver in 1993 and a Roadstar honoree in 2001.

"Congratulations to Bobby Jordan. Awarding a Landstar independent owner-operator with a new truck is an honor every year. This year, we take tremendous pride in continuing this tradition during these unprecedented times of a global pandemic. We thank all of our Roadstar and Million Mile Safe Drivers for their skills and their service excellence," said Landstar President and CEO Jim Gattoni. "We also appreciate the contributing support of our sponsor company, Pilot Flying J, in helping us give away such a life-changing prize."

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## **Calendar of Upcoming TMHA Events**

**2020 Winter Meeting – December 9 & 10**

**TMHA Safety & Security Meeting**

**Venue: Jumer’s Casino & Hotel in Rock Island, Illinois**



**2021 Spring Meeting - April 7 - 9**

**TMHA Annual Meeting**

**Venue: Marriott Rivercenter Hotel in San Antonio, Texas**

***“On the famed San Antonio River Walk!”***



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