



# The Dashboard

## MARCH



## 14th Annual National Day of Prayer for Truckers to be held March 23

The 14th Annual National Day of Prayer for Truckers will be conducted March 23, 2013 at the Truckers Pavilion located in the Papa John Stadium parking lot in Louisville, Ky. at 5 p.m.

The program will be presented in conjunction with the 42nd Annual Mid-America Trucking Show in Louisville. Shuttle buses will operate between the Truckers Pavilion in the parking lot and the exhibition halls.

Joe Hunter, President of TruckStop Ministries, will voice the prayer. Chaplain Joe is heard weekly on the Dave Nemo Truckers show on XM Radio.

Jerry and Sharon Benson will present special music following the prayer. They are known for their musical talent and their willingness to give of themselves ministering to drivers.

Sharon has won the Favorite Female Vocalist of the Year Award in the gospel music industry. Jerry is a full-time owner-operator within the industry.

Bob Hataway, President of TransAliveUSA, will serve as emcee.

Fifteen years ago Bob Hataway and Joe Hunter met at the Mid America Trucking Show and planned the first National Day of Prayer for Truckers. It has now grown to include truckers worldwide.

They receive requests each year from drivers across the globe. Hataway declared, "With 21st century internet technology, we can now include drivers worldwide."

They invite truckers who cannot attend to join with them at 5 p.m., to pray for truckers and their families. Prayers offered at local times will ensure prayers being offered throughout the evening.

National Day of Prayer for Truckers will acknowledge posthumously Dale Summers and Rusty (Yoda) Wade for their contribution within the industry. Summers for his service through the broadcast media while Wade was well respected for his accomplishments as an owner-operator

Exhibitors at MATS are invited to join the National Day of Prayer for Truckers at the Truckers Pavilion at Papa John Stadium parking lot. Shuttle buses are available between the pavilion and the exhibition halls.

The National Day of Prayer for Truckers is sponsored by TransAlive USA, Truckstop Ministries, Transport for Christ, and Tim Young, CEO Mid-America Trucking Show/EMA in Louisville, Ky.

# **"Be Careful Out There."**

# 2013 Safety Meeting Schedule

Safety Meetings for 2013 will have a different schedule format. Safety Meetings will be conducted once a month starting the third Saturday of February. **All Phoenix employees (including office personnel), with the exception of mechanics, will have to attend only one of these meetings throughout the year.** All meetings will be held on the third Saturday of every month in the orientation room. Because there is limited seating in the orientation room there will be a sign up sheet on the orientation door prior to each month's meeting. Everybody should call or check the Friday before the scheduled meeting prior to showing up to ensure the meeting has not been cancelled for unforeseen reasons.

## LATEST CSA SCORES; GOING DOWN

The latest CSA scores came out last week. As you may recall in last month's dashboard I discussed that if we were unable to go the entire month of February we should see a significant drop in our Hours of Service Basic. This did not happen unfortunately as we had two drivers in February receive an Hours of Service Violation and to which both were placed Out-of-Service which only increases the point value. Due to these violations our Hours of Service Basic score remained constant.

On a positive note, we did see decreases in almost all of the other CSA categories. As I write this article Phoenix drivers have gone 21 days since the last time there was hours of service violation; this is also a very positive trend that must continue. Below is the latest CSA scores and the last five violations that affected the Hours of Service Basic.

Category	Threshold	Phoenix Goal	January	February
Unsafe Driving	65%	30%	35.2	33.1
Hours of Service Compliance	65%	65%	<b>76%</b>	<b>76.2%</b>
Driver Fitness	80%	0%	81.9%	76.2%
Drugs/Alcohol	80%	0%	0%	0%
Vehicle Maintenance	80%	30%	33.4%	30.3%
Hazardous Material Compliance	80%	30%	Inconclusive	Inconclusive
Crash Indicator	65%	30%	27.5%	42.9%

Report		Driver			Violation
Inspection Date	State	Last	First	Department	
02/19/2013	KY	Lynn	D.	VAN	395.3 - Driving beyond 14 hour duty period (OOS)
02/05/2013	NY	Hall	S.	VAN	395.8 - Log violation (general form and manner) 395.8 - No drivers record of duty status (OOS)
01/07/2013	SC	Lynn	D.	VAN	395.3 - Driving beyond 14 hour duty period 395.8 - Log violations (general form and manner)
12/30/2012	KY	Ballard	G.	FLAT	395.8 - False report of driver's record of duty status
12/15/2012	PA	Stubbs	M.	VAN	395.8 - Drivers record of duty status not current

## Monthly Countermeasures

Professional Phoenix Drivers,

Every month a new monthly countermeasure is placed out in the drivers lounge and on the HR counter. It is important that you complete these on a monthly basis. For your convenience you can cut out this month's countermeasure from the dashboard, complete, and turn in before the end of this month.

Thanks,

Mark

### Countermeasures

March 2013

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. How many consecutive days has PTS gone without a Lost Time Injury?
2. What was the last Lost Time Injury?
3. What was PTS's last Injury?
4. How many consecutive days has PTS gone without a Recordable Accident?
5. What was PTS's last Recordable Accident?
6. How many days has PTS gone without a poor driver roadside inspection?
7. What was the last poor driver roadside inspection?
8. How many days has PTS gone without a poor vehicle roadside inspection?
9. What was the last poor vehicle roadside inspection?
10. What is the most common and costly type of injury to drivers?
11. You should always use \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ contact when entering or exiting equipment.
12. You should always wear \_\_\_\_\_-resistant sole shoes.
13. When getting out of your truck, the proper way to face is:
  - a. Facing out from the truck so you can see where you are going?
  - OR
  - b. Facing the truck so you can hold on easily with your hands.
14. How much money has PTS spend in injury cost in 2013 to date?
15. How much money did PTS spend in injury cost in 2012 to date?



**Ken Hale**

## IN THE KNOW

How long have you been working for Phoenix Transportation?.....11 years  
 What do you do at Phoenix Transportation?.....OTR Driver  
 What is your favorite music?.....Golden Oldies  
 What is your favorite movie?.....Dancing With Wolves  
 What is your favorite drink?.....Beer  
 If possible, who would you most like to meet whether they are living or not?. ...  
 .....Elvis  
 What is your favorite car?.....'69 S.S. Camaro  
 What place would you dream of going to?.....Home

## Blacktop 500 Commercial Driver Headset

### Plantronics

Plantronics has introduced a headset specifically designed to keep commercial drivers' eyes on the road and hands on the wheel. The new Blacktop 500 Bluetooth headset cancels road noise, stays comfortable all day, and lets drivers easily manage calls while complying with the federal law that bans handheld cellular phone use by commercial vehicle drivers.

The Blacktop 500, the in-vehicle version of the Blackwire 710 headset, is designed specifically for commercial drivers and truckers.

To make an office headset work well in a semi-truck, Plantronics engineered the Blacktop 500 to cancel out road and engine noises that truckers incur on the road and added a convenient in-vehicle charging system.

The Blacktop 500 features Plantronics' Smart Sensor technology, which detects when the headset is being worn and automatically routes the audio – both calls and media like iTunes and Pandora – from the mobile phone to the headset whenever it's put on. An in-vehicle charging system delivers unlimited talk time while driving and the USB connection can also be used for Internet chat or movies while taking a break from being behind the wheel.

## March Birthdays

Please Wish These People  
A Happy Birthday!

David McIntosh	02
Billy Thompson	02
Randy Adams	05
Joseph Barkley	06
Debbie Farrow	13
Michael Shannon	16
Sandy Wiese	18
George Russell, Jr.	20
Kevin Robbins	26
Joe Turner	26
Steven Lail	27
Jessica Saylor	29
Steve Merritt	29
Fred Brock	30
Kenneth Hale	31
Kevin Warren	31
Benjamin Ash	31

### (NIV) JOHN 15:13

GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE  
THAN THIS: TO LAY DOWN ONE'S  
LIFE FOR ONE'S FRIENDS.

Our Lord has written the promise of  
the resurrection, not in books alone,  
but in every leaf in spring-time  
~Martin Luther



**Ron Puckett**

## IN THE KNOW

How long have you been working for Phoenix Transportation?.....13 years  
 What do you do at Phoenix Transportation?.....Local Dispatch  
 What is your favorite music?.....Pop  
 What is your favorite movie?.....Lord of the Rings  
 What is your favorite drink?.....Rum and Coke  
 If possible, who would you most like to meet whether they are living or not?. ...  
 .....Grandfather  
 What is your favorite car?.....Chevy  
 What place would you dream of going to?.....Las Vegas

# The Unique Life of a Truck Driver

Truck drivers are a unique group of people, a group of men and women from all races and religions. The one thing that they have in common is that they spend their days and nights driving the highways of the world. There are drivers that only drive close to their home town, which allows them to be home with their families most nights. The group of drivers that I wish to tell you about are the ones that are only home a few days a month if that.

The world of over the road truck drivers has improved over the years mostly due to technology. My grandfather retired in 1969 after spending 32 years in the cab of a truck. He drove before the invention of cell phones or small portable computers; he would call home only once a day from a pay phone. But the fact was he spent most of his time alone, with only a radio for company.

Truck drivers today have cell phones, computers, and nice sleeping quarters in their trucks. This makes their days a little more comfortable. The truth is they still spend the majority of their time alone. The cell phones allow them to talk to loved ones whenever they feel the need, computer technology even allows them to see their loved ones. Unfortunately this technology does not make it possible for them to hug their spouse and kids before they lay down to sleep each night.

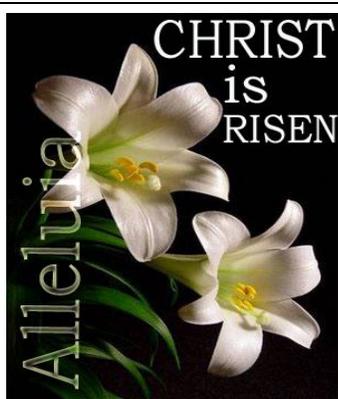
You must understand that most of these drivers love what they do; it is this love of the open road that allows them to be happy living such unconventional lives. Loving what they do might make it a little easier to leave their families for days or months at a time; however, it does not make them any less lonely. The cell phones make it easier to help solve problems at home, make business decisions, or just have daily communication with family members; but they do not replace the needed hugs and kisses.

Loneliness is just one aspect of a truck driver's life; they also deal with a heavy stress load. They pull large heavy trailers through bumper to bumper traffic, sitting for hours in traffic jams, as well as driving in terrible weather conditions in order to make a delivery deadline. They deal with irate customers because a load is an hour late due to a wreck that had the highway shut down.

There are good things about a truck driver's life, they get to meet many interesting people and learn of many different cultures. One of the most wonderful aspects to the world of over the road truck driving is that they get to see places and scenery that most of us can only dream about.

The men and women leading these unconventional lives are responsible for transporting and delivering the goods that most of us just take for granted will be on the store shelves when we need them. These are the people that we depend on in an emergency to get the necessary supplies to those that have been ravaged by Mother Nature. They are responsible for transporting the building materials that make it possible for our large cities and small towns to grow. Basically, they are the heart of our economic growth and prosperity.

So the next time you are sitting at a traffic light grumbling about how slow the truck in front of you is moving, please remember that the driver of that truck makes it possible for you to have access to most of the things that you have around you. Remember that driver might have been away from his family for weeks or months, so instead of grumbling or making mean gestures, smile and wave. You might just make his day, and let him know that the unconventional life that he leads is appreciated.



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Several new employees were  
hired during the month of  
February.  
Please introduce yourself and  
make them feel welcome.

Curtis Moore  
Troy Preece

## MARCH DAYS TRIVIA

March 8<sup>th</sup> is Be Nasty Day

March 12<sup>th</sup> is Plant a Flower Day

March 15<sup>th</sup> is Dumbstruck Day

March 22 is National Goof Off Day

March 31<sup>st</sup> is Bunsen Burner Day