



We Are Grateful to Our Drivers!

Truck Driver Appreciation Week, September 10-16

By Ohio Logistics' Tiffany Donaldson



If you were on the road today, you probably saw a semi-truck. If you were on the highway, you definitely passed more than a few. 18 wheels and up to 80,000 pounds when fully loaded. You probably pass right by them, not thinking too much about who is driving that big truck or what they're hauling. But what is it like to be one of those drivers? Someone who is so heavily depended upon to keep the world moving.

Drivers have certain qualifications that must be met. They must pass a physical examination and then they will receive a medical card that is good for up to two years. Their equipment must also be kept in good shape. Drivers may be pulled for inspections at weigh stations, where the tires, brakes, lights, etc. will be checked and confirmed to be in good working order. A driver's workday can be up to fourteen hours, with eleven of those hours available for driving. That puts them up against the clock to pick up and deliver their loads, despite being caught in traffic jams, accidents, break downs and construction. We once had a driver on his way back to Ohio when the south was hit with an ice storm, something they are certainly not used to. Everything in Louisiana was shut down and he was stuck

in the parking lot of a strip mall for three days. The only thing open – a liquor store! Not much help to a driver. Drivers must be resourceful and be prepared for the unexpected.

And speaking of the unexpected, when it comes to semi-trucks vs. wildlife, the stories are hard to believe! There was the deer on 568 that tried to jump the truck, but instead went right through the windshield and all the way back to the bunk. The black bear in New York that ran out right in front of the truck. The wild turkey in Chicago that went through the window and after a stunned moment, flew right back out. The dispatcher said she wouldn't have believed it herself if she hadn't been on the phone with the driver when it happened. Drivers have seen it all.

And they have hauled it all, too! Most of the time it's nothing too out of the ordinary; automotive parts, appliances, finished plastic parts. But we once pulled a NASA trailer hauling a moon rock from Cleveland to the Balloon Fest here in Findlay. Every fall we take a load of sauerkraut to Waynesville, OH for the annual Ohio Sauerkraut Festival. This summer we delivered barriers to the Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield for their annual *Ink-*

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Interesting Ohio History

Kenton, OH was originally the site of Fort McArthur, erected in 1812 as one of the forts during the War of 1812. Becoming a city in 1886, it was named after frontiersman Simon Kenton. The city began as a center for agricultural trade, then in the late 19th century, developed industry common to America of the time. From 1890 to 1952, Kenton was home to the Kenton Hardware Company, manufacturers of locks, cast-iron toys, and the very popular Gene Autry toy cap guns. International Car Company, a manufacturer of rail cabooses, operated in Kenton for many years.

Spotlight July Winners:

Bowling Green, Ottawa, Trenton, OH and Olive Branch, MS

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carceration Festival, a music and tattoo fest held outside of the historic prison. We also do a lot of donation loads here at Ohio Logistics. We deliver pet supplies to the local Humane Society. We pick up loads from the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima. We were also involved in relief efforts after the tornadoes in Joplin, MO in 2011. We sent two trucks and four drivers to donate their time and to deliver food and crucial supplies. You never know what's in that trailer, but you can pretty much guarantee it's something you need and depend on. Then again it may just be a moon rock.

We have local drivers and long haul drivers. Their days are very different. A long haul driver recently summed up a typical day for me. He does a pre-trip inspection of his truck and trailer and then he hits the road. He drives six to seven hundred miles, stops at a truck stop for a shower and some food, finishes his paperwork and there might be just enough time to watch a movie on his tablet. Then he's back up in the morning to do it all over again. These drivers work all throughout the week. While most of us look forward to Saturday and Sunday, a "weekend" might be Wednesday and Thursday for a driver like this. We all enjoy being off work for a holiday, but a long haul driver may be leaving out after Christmas dinner in order to keep the schedule running smoothly. This type of driver may only deliver one or two loads per week due to the number of miles they must cover for that customer.

A local driver on the other hand might make over fifteen drops a day. Some of our local drivers do shuttle work where they are moving trailers from one location to another all day long. There is a lot of interaction between local drivers and dispatch. Just as soon as they arrive at one location, dispatch has another one waiting for them. Imagine driving across town through the stop lights and the traffic, just to have to turn around and do it again five or six more times. And that's just your Tuesday! These local drivers must also cover nights, weekends, holidays. It doesn't matter if you're driving to Texas or the other side of Findlay, this is an industry that rarely rests.

I asked the drivers what advice they would give to fellow motorists. It was the same thing almost every time and it all involved distracted driving. Stop looking at your phones and laptops and watch the road. It only takes a split

second for something to happen. Our drivers have witnessed many accidents during their time on the road, sadly, many of them involving fatalities. There is no text or email that is more important than everyone else's safety.

So the next time you see a semi-truck driving down the road, consider the driver of that truck. The long hours, the solitude, the sacrifices. Be grateful for them and the job that they're doing! And put your phone down!

Good People & Heroes Come in many forms

Douglas Hegdahl III was an American Navy petty officer who was taken captive during the Vietnam War. He was considered dumb by his captors and they gave him the nickname "The Stupid." He acted like an imbecile, refusing to speak, instead he continuously hummed a song.

Throughout his imprisonment, he remained in a similar state, to the extent that the Vietnamese captors believed he had some form of cognitive impairment.

Upon his return to the United States after his release, Hegdahl recited the names of about 256 fellow POWs who were being searched for by the US military. Remarkably, Hegdahl had memorized the names by associating them with the tune of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm," which he had used previously to hum during his captivity. When asked to write statements against the United States, he agreed, but pretended to be unable to read or write, which was believable to his Vietnamese captors.

Thinking they had someone who would be easily turned to their cause, they assigned someone to teach Hegdahl to read. After he appeared to be incapable of learning to read and write, his captors gave up on him. Later, Hegdahl came to be known to the Vietnamese as "The Incredibly Stupid One," and he was given nearly free run of the camp.

Hegdahl also convinced his captors that he needed new glasses and memorized the route from the prison into the city of Hanoi, where he was taken to be fitted. During his prison stay, Hegdahl disabled five trucks by putting dirt in their fuel tanks.

Douglas Hegdahl is currently 76.

Be Safe School is back in session



Autumn is almost upon us and schools across the county will soon be back in full swing. With this in mind, it's a great opportunity for drivers everywhere to brush up on a couple of back to school driving tips:

School zones require you to obey the posted 25mph or slower speed limit, regardless of the day of week or time of day. For example, if it's a Friday night at 10pm and you are in a school zone when kids are present (maybe a football game just ended), you are still required to adjust your speed to obey the slower school zone speed limit.

When you slow down for pedestrians, you not only make yourself a safer driver, but you also help other drivers who may not see the obstacles you do. When they see you slowing down, their natural intuition will kick in and they too will slow down to see what potential hazard may lie ahead.

When a school bus stops with its red brake lights flashing and/or its stop sign raised, you must stop from either direction until all kids are safely across the street and the bus lights stop flashing (unless the school bus is stopped on the other side of a multilane or divided highway).

Near high school campuses, bear in mind that a higher amount of the motorists are newly licensed teenage drivers who may not have as much driving know-how as you do.

Be considerate, civil, and tolerant of other drivers, and don't rush through school zones.



Feed-A-Child Held at Building 3 in Findlay



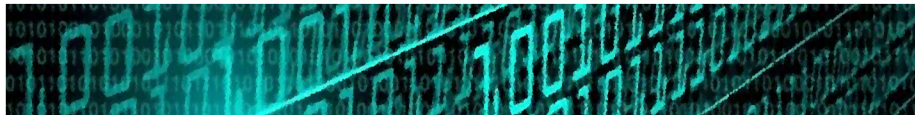
The Liberty Benton Boys Soccer Team participated in a Feed-A-Child event held at Ohio Logistics' Building 3 in Findlay on August 4th.

Feed-A-Child is essential in Hancock County in fighting childhood hunger. Each Feed-A-Child Bag includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snack items that are easy for children to prepare. The goal is to assist in filling families' pantries, providing children with easy-to-prepare items, and allowing families to pay other needed expenses.

Feed-A-Child distribution happens at local schools around Hancock County. No child deserves to go to bed hungry. Feed-A-Child works year-round to ensure every child in Hancock County has access to food.

Tech Talk

By Ohio Logistics' IT Manager, Mike Spradlin



Welcome to "Tech Talk," your inside source for all things IT. What do supply chain management and cryptocurrency have in common? Blockchain technology. But what is "Blockchain"? Blockchain is a decentralized and distributed digital ledger technology that records transactions across multiple computers in a secure and transparent manner. Each transaction is grouped into a "block," which is linked to the previous block, forming a chronological chain of blocks, hence the name "blockchain." Emerging technology in supply chain management is utilizing Blockchain technology to ensure the traceability of goods, validate provenance to ensure items are authentic and to produce smart contracts. A Blockchain-enabled smart contract can automate and ex-

Peggy Schmitz Celebrates 20 Years!

A luncheon was held last month to celebrate Peggy Schmitz and 20 years of service with Ohio Logistics.

Thank you for your service, Peggy! Your dedication and hard work have helped us become what we are today!

Deb Dick Retirement Celebration



Congratulations, Deb!

ecute predefined actions when certain conditions are met. Blockchain technology is slowly transforming supply chain management by improving transparency, traceability, efficiency, and trust among all stakeholders. It is driving innovation across all industries, enhancing the way goods are produced, tracked, and delivered to consumers.

Did you know: The initial price point for Bitcoin was set at 1,309.03 Bitcoins per US dollar in 2009.

Fact: The first ever domain name registered was 'symbolics.com.' It was registered on March 15, 1985, making it the oldest active registered domain name on the internet.

Test Your Logistics IQ:

1) Combining two or more shipments in order to realize lower transportation rates. Inbound consolidation from vendors is called make-bulk consolidation; outbound consolidation to customers is called break-bulk consolidation.



2) An inventory record keeping system where each transaction in and out is recorded and a new balance is computed.



3) The relative use that companies make of transportation modes; the statistics include ton-miles, passenger-miles, and revenue.



4) The ratio of the sum of the localized raw material weights to the weight of the finished product.



September Dates of Importance:

September 4 - Labor Day
September 10 - Grandparents Day
September 10-16 - National Truck Driver Appreciation Week
September 11 - Patriot Day
September 16 - Mayflower Day
September 17 - Constitution Day
September 23 - Fall Begins
September 29 - National Coffee Day
August 26 - National Dog Day

Answers to "Test Your Logistics IQ"
1. Consolidation
2. Perpetual Inventory
3. Modal Split
4. Material Index

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Meet Ron Lawrence

Ron is a 16 year Associate and over the road driver for Ohio Logistics. Thank you, Ron, for the quick response to our questions!



OL: What do you like most about working for Ohio Logistics?

Ron: I like Ohio Logistics most because it feels more like a family than just coworkers. Nowhere I have ever worked has the owner known the names and faces of every employee for the most part.

OL: How do you like to spend your free time?

Ron: In my free time I watch lots of old movies, but enjoy spoiling the grandkids the most.

OL: Favorite local hole-in-the-wall restaurant?

Ron: I love the spinach dip from Cheddars, my favorite local restaurant.

OL: Describe your ideal one-week vacation getaway.

Ron: Don't really have a dream vacation. For the most part I get paid to travel every day.

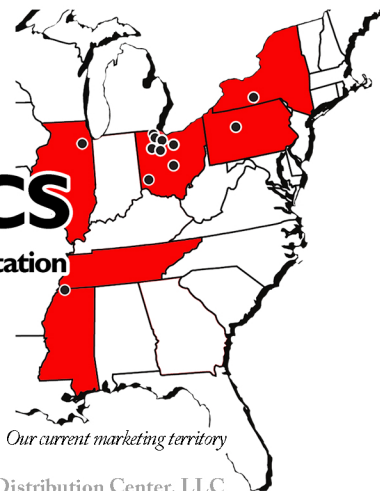
OL: What are two of your greatest pet peeves?

Ron: Drivers that don't pay attention, and kids that show disrespect to their parents.



OL: Tell us about your family.

Ron: I have two children and five grandchildren. My daughter is 43 and my son is 41. Recently married in March and gained five adult stepchildren and more grandkids. Also, in March I became a great grandfather.



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"The man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones."

- Confucius -

Happy Birthday To You!

- OL Ohio**
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 Ramiro Alvarez 9/1
 Chuck Bills 9/9
 Brandon Bruns 9/20
 Carrie Damschroder 9/8
 Erica Davis 9/16
 Jamie Dodge 9/11
 Aubrey Fleming 9/2
 Nathaniel Frasure 9/22
 Tyler Hineline 9/23
 Travis Kirkendall 9/9
 Ron Lawrence 9/20
 Dave Lenartavage 9/6
 Diana Myers 9/4
 Peggy Schmitz 9/15
 Jerrod Steffensen 9/20
 Dave Tong 9/18
 Timothy White 9/11

- OL Southern Tier Div.**
 Kevin Aughinbaugh 9/26
 Brandon Bozich 9/1
 David Bruce 9/7
 Andrew Dunn 9/2
 Patrick Folsbee 9/24
 Brian Girardi 9/12
 Jul Henry 9/22
 Garrison Koehler 9/15
 Ray Morrison 9/25
 Joseph Moyers 9/14
 Camden Ripley 9/4
 Joseph Rohalla 9/27
 Ashley Stevens 9/1
 Allen VonRapacki 9/9

- OL Penn Centre Div.**
 Jena Wetzel 9/8

- OL Olive Branch Div.**
 Randy Rucker 9/14

It's Your Anniversary!

- OL Ohio**
 Eric Baker 5 Years
 Daniel Barrientes 1 Year
 Mike Beining 27 Years
 Anthony Domyk 4 Years
 Randy Dorman 33 Years
 Kelly Gray 1 Year
 Emmett Kelly 5 Years
 Dale Koch 29 Years
 Luis Miguel 1 Year
 David Osborne 3 Years
 Ford Wagner 4 Years

- OL Southern Tier Div.**
 Herbert Barber 1 Year
 David Bruce 2 Years
 Michael Curkendall 1 Year
 Michael Harden 2 Years
 Christine Haynes 4 Years
 Josh MacMillan 2 Year
 Ann McHale 4 Years
 Ray Morrison 4 Years
 Scott Potts 15 Years
 Dakota Tiffany 1 Year
 Tim VanDusen 4 Years
 Lawrence Woodard 9 Years

- OL Penn Centre Div.**
 Brad Darby 10 Years

- OL Olive Branch Div.**
 Arthur Robinson 2 Years

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