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Truck Driver Appreciation Week Honoring the Unsung Heroes of Our Roads, Sept. 15-21



Each year, Truck Driver Appreciation Week rolls around to shine a spotlight on the invaluable contributions of truck drivers to our daily lives and the economy. These dedicated professionals traverse the nation's highways, ensuring the delivery of essential goods, from food and medicine to electronics and clothing. This week is an opportunity to express gratitude for their hard work, commitment, and the sacrifices they make to keep our world moving.

The trucking industry is a critical component of the American economy. In fact, trucks are responsible for transporting about 72.5% of the nation's freight by weight, highlighting their indispensable role in the supply chain. Without truck drivers, the shelves of our favorite stores would be empty, and many businesses would come to a standstill. There are over 3.5 million professional truck drivers in the United States alone, each playing a vital role in delivering nearly every product consumed in the country.

One interesting fact about the trucking industry is the sheer distance covered by truck drivers each year. The American Trucking Associations (ATA) reports that collectively, truck drivers cover more than 300 billion miles annually. To put this into perspective, that's equivalent to traveling from the Earth to the sun more than three times! Individual drivers often log more than 100,000 miles a year, facing long hours on the road, variable weather conditions, and the challenge of being away from their families for extended periods.

Truck driving is not just a job; it's a demanding profession requiring skill, patience, and a strong sense of responsibility. Drivers must navigate their vehicles safely through all kinds of terrains and traffic conditions, often under tight schedules. This requires not only technical driving skills but also a deep understanding of road safety and regulations. Additionally, drivers are tasked with performing routine checks and maintenance on their trucks to ensure they are in good working order, further demonstrating their commitment to safety and reliability.

Despite the challenges, many truck drivers find fulfillment in their work. The opportunity to see the country, the independence of being on the open road, and the sense of pride in keeping the economy moving are just a few of the reasons why they choose this career.

During Truck Driver Appreciation Week, we honor these unsung heroes of the highways. Their dedication and perseverance make them a cornerstone of our nation's infrastructure. As we take a moment to appreciate the truck drivers, let's remember that every product we enjoy has likely been touched by their hard work. So, next time you see a truck on the road, give a nod of thanks to the driver behind the wheelthey truly keep America moving.

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Interesting Ohio History

Ed O'Neill of Youngstown, OH is an American actor who has several laudable performances in movies, theatre and television to his credit. He is best known for his role as Al Bundy in the television sitcom Married...with Children. Being an accomplished athlete in school, he initially had an ambition to play for the National Football League. However, after being rejected by the Pittsburgh Steelers, he attended theatre school and studied acting diligently, beginning his acting career through theatre and commercials. O'Neill also trained in the Brazilian martial art Jiu-Jitsu for 22 years and considers his martial art black belt as the greatest achievement of his life, apart from his

Spotlight July Winners:

Bowling Green, Fostoria #1. Ottawa, OH, and Olive Branch, MS

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"To the Struggle Against World Terrorism"

10-story sculpture given to the United States as an official gift from the Russian government



Time cures everything, but there are things we cannot and must not forget. Standing more than 100 feet tall, "To the Struggle Against World Terrorism" honors victims of 9/11 and the 1993 World Trade Center bombings and serves as a symbol of solidarity in the fight against world terrorism. Created by Russian sculptor Zurab Tsereteli, the memorial was a gift from the Russian people. Dedicated on September 11, 2006, it is located in Bayonne, New Jersey standing in direct view of the Statue of Liberty and the former World Trade Center.

A gift from Tsereteli and the Russian people, the memorial is made of steel sheathed in bronze. Standing 100 feet high, its center contains a jagged tear. In it, hangs a 40-foot stainless steel teardrop, representing sadness and grief over the loss of life, but also hope for a future free from terror. Etched in granite on an 11-sided base are the names of the nearly 3,000 killed in the 1993 World Trade Center bombings and terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

The Memorial was dedicated on the fifth

anniversary of 9/11, in a ceremony attended by family members of World Trade Center victims and other dignitaries. By day, or nighttime when it is lit, the Memorial is clearly visible from lower Manhattan, the Staten Island Ferry, ships passing through New York Harbor and airplanes approaching Newark Airport.

Congratulations! Nikki Harris, 15 Years of Service



Congratulations! Michael Staup, 5 Years



Congratulations! Hunter Straub, 5 Years





Dakota Steensen Honored at Banquet

Our Forklift Driver, Dakota Steensen, received an award at the Special Olympics Banquet held last month. He even traveled to Las Vegas earlier in the year to compete in their bowling tournament! Keep up the great work, Dakota!



Dakota (center) with Travis and Tonya



Ohio Logistics Outstanding Corporate Philanthropist

The Association of Fundraising Professionals of Northwest Ohio celebrates the 37th Annual National Philanthropy Day on November 13th, 2024.

The presentation by the Greater Toledo Community Foundation recognizes those who have significantly contributed to the welfare of our communities in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan.



Test Your Logistics IQ:

1) A characteristic of modern information systems gauged by the ease with which data can be substantiated by tracing it to source documents, and the extent to which auditors can rely on pre-verified and monitored control processes.



2) (1) Starting with unprocessed raw materials and ending with the final customer using the finished goods, the supply chain links many companies together. (2) The material and informational interchanges in the logistical process, stretching from acquisition of raw materials to delivery of finished products to the end user. All vendors, service providers, and customers are links in the supply chain.



3) A cost accounting system that uses cost units determined before production for estimating the cost of an order or product. For management control purposes, the standards are compared to actual costs, and variances are computed.



September Dates of Importance:

September 2 - Labor Day September 8 - Grandparents Day September 11 - Patriot Day September 17 - Constitution Day September 22 - First Day of Fall

Answers to "Test Your Logistics IQ"

1. Auditability 2. Supply Chain 3. Standard Cost Accounting System

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Tech Talk By Ohio Logistics' IT Manager, Mike Spradlin



Welcome to "Tech Talk," your inside source for all things IT. Have you ever seen "HTTP" or "HTTPS" on an internet address and wondered what it stood for and what the difference was? HTTP stands for Hyper-Text Transfer Protocol and HTTPS stands for Hyper-Text Transfer Protocol Secure. Both protocols are used for transmitting data over the web, but they differ significantly in terms of security. HTTP is the standard protocol that facilitates the transfer of data between a web browser and a server. However, it is not encrypted, meaning that any data exchanged can be intercepted and

read by third parties. HTTPS, on the other hand, adds a layer of security by encrypting the data. This encryption ensures that the data remains confidential and intact during transmission, protecting it from eavesdropping and tampering. HTTPS is essential for protecting sensitive information, such as passwords and credit card details, during online transactions.

Did you know? There are approximately 252,000 new websites registered every day!

Fact: Google averages 12.5 billion visits per month.



Meet Phil Christian

Phil has worked in our Maintenance Group with the Southern Tier Logistics Business Park for three years now, but has been at this location for 31 years. Read below to learn more about Phil.



OL: Tell us about your family.

Phil: I have been married to my wife Margaret for 25 years, and we have two kids, Jerith and Rachel. We have been blessed with five grandchildren from my son Jerith and daughterin-law Angella.

OL: What do you like most about living in the Southern Tier region?

Phil: I enjoy where my family resides. It's so peaceful.

OL: Favorite local hole-in-the-wall restaurant and what do you order?

Phil: I like Mooneys for their bacon cheeseburger.

OL: Describe your ideal one-week vacation getaway.

Phil: Camping at our property.

OL: What qualities does a person need to have to impress you?

Phil: Good work ethic, along with a good sense of humor.

OL: Other than your family, name three individuals (from the past or present) that you would choose to share an evening of dinner and drinks? Why?

Phil: Willie Nelson, Elon Musk, and Albert Einstein. It would make for some interesting conversation.

OL: What are two of your greatest pet peeves? Phil: Laziness and being late.

OL: Biggest goal in the next year?

Phil: Continued success in my work and home life.

OL Ohio Thomas Adams 9/27 Ramiro Alvarez 9/1 Chuck Bills 9/9 Shawn Campbell 9/3 Jeremy Couch 9/10 Erica Davis 9/16 Jamie Dodge 9/11 Aubrey Fleming 9/2 Nathaniel Frasure 9/22 Corey Gardner 9/29 Zach Hall 9/15 Tyler Hineline 9/23 Travis Kirkendall 9/9 Benjamin Kremer 9/21 Benjamin Kremer 9/ Ron Lawrence 9/20 Amanda Leckey 9/17 Amanda Leckey 9/17
Dave Lenartavage 9/6
Ray Martinez 9/4
Diana Myers 9/4
David Reffitt 9/11
Santro Salons 9/11
Peggy Schmitz 9/15
Hannah Shaferly 9/5
Jordan Stahl 9/23

> OL Southern Tier Div. **Brandun Bozich** 9/1 Brandun Bozich 9/ David Bruce 9/7 Andrew Dunn 9/2 Jason Elliott 9/23 Patrick Folnsbee 9 Brian Girardi 9/12 Charles Hale 9/1 Jul Henry 9/22 Justen Jayne 9/18 Garrison Koehler 9/15 Ray Morrison 9/25

Jerrod Steffensen 9/20 Shane Strong 9/15 Dave Tong 9/18

Happy Birthday To You!

OL Ohio

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. Jhari Glover 9/2



OL Ohio Eric Baker 6 Years Mike Beining 28 Years Elijah Dieter 1 Year Elijah Dieter 1 Year Anthony Domyk 5 Years Randy Dorman 34 Years Bethany Doyle 1 Year Emmett Kelly 6 Years Dale Koch 30 Years Ray Martinez 1 Year Luis Miguel 2 Years Daysonn Opp 1 Year David Osborne 4 Years Larry Polta 4 Years Darrin Simon 7 Years Hannah Smith 1 Year Kyle Umbs 1 Year

OL Southern Tier Div. Dakota Baldwin 1 Year Herbert Barber 2 Years David Bruce 3 Years Michael Curkendall 2 Years Michael Harden 3 Years Christine Haynes 5 Years Ann McHale 5 Years Ray Morrison 5 Years
Scott Potts 16 Years
Hashly Smith 1 Year
Tim VanDusen 5 Years
Lawrence Woodard 10 Years

OL Penn Centre Div. Brad Darby 11 Years

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