



## September:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Neil Berry
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gary Koehn
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mandy Gunderson
- 9<sup>th</sup> Ed Maupin
- 16<sup>th</sup> Tom Simpson
- 21<sup>st</sup> Bruce Glaser
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Vern Heald
- 24<sup>th</sup> Gail Toyne
- 27<sup>th</sup> Chris Wilson

## Company Anniversaries:

- 11 yrs. Terry Bonin
- 9 yrs. Terry Smith
- 7 yrs. Robert Heinrichs
- 7yrs. Stan Boyson
- 6 yrs. Paul Jenniges
- 2 yrs. Rolando Leon
- 2 yrs. Mike Baldwin

## July & August:

### No Violation Inspections:

- Ed Miller**- 7/17/2019 SD
- Joe Bradley**-7-26-209 KS
- Wesley Hunter** 7-21-19 OK
- Leroy Raatz** 7-25-19 WA
- Joe Brown** 8-6-19 OH
- Bret Walker** 8-7-19 KS
- Robert Lampe** 8-7-19 MN

### Violation Inspections:

- James Yoder** 7/30/19 OK  
Air leak on emerg hose.
- Russ Berkland** 8-7-19 WI  
Brake system pressure loss, Axle 1 diaphragm leak, Axle 2 hose leaks, Axle 2-3 air relay valve leak, Tractor protection valve malfunction.

### No violation winner

Leroy Raatz is this month's winner. Please stop in the office to pick your prize. Thank you for the clean inspection.

## Heavy Vehicle Use Tax

All trucks must pay a \$550 tax once per year to the IRS known as a Heavy Vehicle Use Tax. Many people know it as the 2290 tax because you use government form 2290 to submit the information and make the payment. DBTI pays this tax for all company trucks and trucks which are being lease purchased from DBTI. However, if you are an Owner Operator who owns your own truck, you must submit your form and make your payment by August 31<sup>st</sup>.



### School Zones...

School is starting again, so please slow down and BE CAREFULL in school areas.

### Congratulations

to Francis Thompson on the birth of his grandson Chase Alfonso Thompson born on July 25<sup>th</sup> to Justin and Brianna Thompson. Chase weighed in at 8lbs. 12oz. and 21.5in. long.

### CSA Score (last month)

Unsafe 29 (34) HOS 61 (59)  
Crash ⚠️ 73 (70) Vehicle 38 (38)  
Cont. Sub/Alcohol 36 (35)  
ISS 60 (60) ⚠️ OPTIONAL



**EXPECT MORE INSPECTIONS**



## All About Me....

Earon Lawson has been with DBTI since August of 2002. He has amassed well over 2 million miles with the company. Earon has been to all but four states. Before working here he used to work at Tony's Pizza and hauling rock locally. Earon is originally from Salinas, CA and moved to Kansas to raise his children. His favorite vacations as a child were to Wyoming and Colorado and his best vacation as an adult was to Hawaii. When Earon is not out cruising up and down the highways he enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, spending time with his kids and grandkids and watersports at the lake. Earon is self-described as hardworking and I would have to agree he is willing tackle almost any load. He would like to be known for being a good father and grandfather. He is always talking about his grandkids with affection. In looking forward to retirement Earon had a few things on his bucket list. He would like to visit 52 national parks in in 52 weeks. Very ambitious I would say. He would also like to visit the beaches in the South Pacific. We would like to thank Earon for all his hard work over the years and in years to come.

## BRAKE SAFETY WEEK September 15-21



Brake Safety Week takes place September 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>th</sup>. During the event, inspectors will conduct brake system inspections on trucks, trailers and buses across the 48 states to identify out-of-adjustment brakes and brake-systems violations. During this time, please be extra careful and take a little extra time to look your equipment over.

### Annual Training/Review

A special thanks goes out to John Guerrero. I have heard lots of positive comments about the training that he put together for us this year. I heard comments about how the training was not only interesting, but also how he taught us some important things.

Also, I want to thank all our drivers for attending these important safety meetings and for being understanding about the installation of the safety cameras in the trucks. So far, the cameras seem to be doing a very good job of not only protecting all of us when other drivers make poor choices, but also helping us to become better, safer drivers.

-Jamie

## PROPOSED CHANGES TO HOURS OF SERVICE RULES

The U.S. DOT has officially announced on 8/14/19 proposed changes to federal hours of service regulations for truck operators. Chiefly, the proposed changes, **if made final**, would allow drivers to:

- \*Increase safety and flexibility for the 30 minute break rule by tying the break requirement to eight hours of driving time without an interruption for at least 30 minutes, and allowing the break to be satisfied by a driver using on duty, not driving status, rather than off duty.

- \* Modify the sleeper-berth exception to allow drivers to split their required 10 hours off duty into two periods: one period of at least seven consecutive hours in the sleeper berth and the other period of not less than two consecutive hours, either off duty or in the sleeper berth. Neither period would count against the driver's 14-hour driving window.

- \*Allow one off-duty break of at least 30 minutes, but not more than three hours, that would pause a truck driver's 14-hour driving window, provided the driver takes 10 consecutive hours off-duty at the end of the work shift.

- \*Modify the adverse driving conditions exception by extending by two hours the maximum window during which driving is permitted

The public comment period will be open for 45 days.

A final rule will likely take months, if not a year or longer, to be finalized and published in the

Federal Register. Once published, the final rule likely won't take effect for another year – if not longer.

### Thinking Ahead.....

Please make sure your truck is ready for winter by making sure you have chains. If not, please let Jesse know. Colorado chain law goes into effect **September 1st**.



Only dolly down until your dollies touch the ground, do not continue dolling from that point on. Be considerate of your fellow drivers.



### Idle Times.....

During the month of July the company driver with the least amount of idle time was Ed Maupin with 7.3% idle time. The company driver with the most idle time was Nick McKenna at 44.6% idletime. The fleet average for idle time including Owner/ Operators was 30.50%.

Company drivers <10% Idle time  
Ken Brewer 8%  
Earon Lawson 9.1%

The driver with the highest MPG was Ed Maupin with 8.3MPG.