

**Welcome** Todd Drown, Salina Trainee, and David Jendro #110. Glad to have you both on the Big B Crew.



## October:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vicki Wiegert
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Verhoeff
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Miller
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stephen Leshovsky
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Iris Thomason
- 10<sup>th</sup> Bret Walker
- 19<sup>th</sup> Don Reimer
- 24<sup>th</sup> Rodney Bowles

## Company Anniversaries:

- 21 yrs. Curt Free
- 17 yrs. James Miller
- 13 yrs. Ken Brewer
- 7 yrs. Rick Gruhlke
- 7 yrs. Denny Berven
- 7 yrs. Russ Berkland
- 7 yrs. David Mart
- 5 yrs. Iris Thomason
- 3 yrs. Joe Vance
- 3 yrs. Sherman Brown
- 3 yrs. Mandy Gunderson
- 2 yrs. Tracy Eklund
- 1 yr. Rodney Bowles
- 1 yr. Jill Walker
- 1 yr. Jennie Berry
- 1 yr. Jerry Smith

## July & August:

### No Violation Inspections:

- Jeremiah Hand 8-6-19 KS
- Dan Burns 8-7-19 NV
- Jerry Bogart 8-14-19 CO
- Colette Bogart 8-15-19 KS
- Joe Vance 8-20-19 NV
- Brian Camell 8/31/19 WY
- Dan Burns 9-3-19 CA

Joe Vance 9-9-19 IA

### Violation Inspections

Doug Groecki 8-15-19 KS  
*Speeding 71/45 MPH zone*

### No Violation Winner:

Colette Bogart is September's winner. Please stop into the Salina office to pick your prize. Thank you all for the clean inspections.

### CSA Score (last month)

*Unsafe 31 (29) HOS 52 (61)*  
*Crash ⚠️ 70 (73) Vehicle 40 (38)*  
*Cont. Sub/Alcohol 36 (36)*  
*ISS 60 (60) ⚠️ OPTIONAL*



**EXPECT MORE**  
**INSPECTIONS**



***Drivers, Thanks for all you do! As a small token of our appreciation, please stop by a terminal and pick up a gift for another year of hard work and dedication.***

### Colorado Chain law

Colorado's chain law is now in effect. If you are going to be traveling in Colorado, make sure you have the proper number and type of tire chains/cables.



## All About me....

Paul Miller has been with Doug Bradley Trucking for 16 years now. Paul is a great friend and truck driver. Paul has traveled all of the lower 48 and visited several different countries. Before coming to Doug Bradley Paul did some flat bedding, but spend a majority of his life in the Army serving his country. He said Korea was one of his favorite places he has traveled. If you have an afternoon Paul will sit down and tell you several stories of all his adventures. Paul met his wife in the Army who was also serving at the time. They made their home over by Junction City, KS and raised two daughters. Paul enjoys spoiling his granddaughter. Paul is an avid collector of several antiques. If you know him you know exactly what I am referring to. When he retires he plans on touring on his Indian motorcycle. We would like to thank Paul for all his hard work and especially for his many years of service to his country.

If you have any topics you would like to see in the newsletter or if you have any personal notes you would like announced (marriages, births, etc.) please let Brooke know.

**Condolences** to Terry Bonin on the passing his mother Marian Bonin-Thornton on August 16<sup>th</sup> here in Salina. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.



Kustom Karriers  
On September 1<sup>st</sup> Doug Bradley Trucking bought the assets of Kustom Karriers of Newton, KS. Kustom was operating about 55 trucks and 155 trailers primarily hauling cabinets for 4 main contracts:  
Mid-Continent Cabinetry  
RD Henry  
Grandview Products  
Showplace Cabinets

In addition to the trucking, Kustom also has a significant warehousing operation which keeps a bit more than 4 full-time people busy.

Their two main bases of operations are Newton, KS and Parsons, KS.

All staff and drivers have been retained and it is our intention to continue working with all of their customers.

We are excited about the many new opportunities that this large acquisition will bring. The growth of our company means more possibilities for all of us. We are also happy to be working with MANY new good people.

## SCAM

A couple of months ago one of our vendors had a check of ours stolen from their mailbox. Someone used that check to have checks like our printed up and are now sending them out EVERYWHERE! Thieves suck! Why can't they do like the rest of us and work for what we get.

## Look UP

Three times in the last month, we have had trucks hook overhead lines. As you can see from the pictures below, at least one of those caused some pretty serious damage to our vehicle. Please be careful. Make sure you are where you are supposed to be. And always, be safe.



**MORE fuel discounts**  
With the addition of the gallons we expect to be buying due to all the new trucks from Kustom Karriers, we reached out to Pilot/Flying J. They offered us another \$.025 cents per gallon saving on top of our already big discount. Now, even more than ever, it pays to get our fuel from Pilot/Flying J.



## Idle Times.....

During the month of August the company driver with the least amount of idle time was Ed Maupin at 8.2 % idle time. The company driver with the most idle time was Robert Lampe at 48.2% idle time. The fleet average for idle time including Owner/ Operators was 30.25%

The driver with the highest MPG was Earon Lawson At 8.2 MPG's

**Congratulations** to John and Priscilla Bonilla on their marriage on August 17<sup>th</sup>. We wish you many years of happiness.

**Condolences** to Jeff Campbell on the passing of his mother Norma Campbell on September 21<sup>st</sup> in Wichita, KS. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

The 24/7 number for drivers to call with mechanical issues, in the Salina area, is 785-822-8227. This is the direct line to Jesse's office.

## Health Ins. Premium Decrease

One of the more positive things to already come out of the Kustom Karriers acquisition is LOWER health insurance costs for DBTI. When we added their policy holders to our policy Blue Cross reduced our overall rates by 12%. We're glad to see a savings.