

Big B Times

March 2020

Welcome to Carl Anderson #1043, Herbert Vance #516 and Landon Larsen, Marshall mechanic. Glad to have you all as a part of the Big B Crew.



April:

1st Gabe Roche
2nd Wendy VanWinkle
2nd Landon Larson
4th Denny Berven
5th Kathy Bradley
10th Vernon "Shorty" Sanow
12th Nathan Strecker
15th Steve Heiser
20th Eric Howerton
25th Mark Wiegert
26th Drew Widmark
28th Doug Bradley
28th Drew Simpson
30th Jerry Eason

Company Anniversaries:

19 yrs. Vicki Wiegert
6 yrs. Hugo Garay
4 yrs. Ed Miller
1 yr. Justin Gunderson

January & February

No Violation Inspections:

Tony Dreasher 2/18/20 CO
Vern Heald 2/20/20 NV
Charles Howerton 2/21/20 NM
Bruce Glaser 3/6/20 KS
Simon Miller 3/10/20

CSA Score (last month)

Unsafe 44 (46) HOS 54 (55)
Crash 79 ⚠️ (79) Vehicle 53 (46)
ISS 60 ⚠️ (60) OPTIONAL ⚠️

Health Insurance Renewal....

We have received our renewal from Blue Cross. There was a very small increase. At this time we are looking at some other quotes and will keep you updated of the progress.

Violation Inspections

Doug McKnight 1/31/20 CA
*Driver unable to send logs,
Reg. expired, Stop lamp inop.,
flat tire, brake lining, tire
tread separation*

Doug McKnight 1/31/20 CA
*Registration violation, Trl. rt.
frt. guide bracket disengaged*

Brian Tatro 2/20/20 OK
*Air leak @ proper connection,
Mud Flap missing (local law)*

Todd Gunderson 2/20/20 WA
*Brake chamber air leak, Inop.
Brake.*

Todd Gunderson 3/3/20 MT
Inop. headlight, ABS malf.

Alex Parker 2/27/20 KS
DOT# not displayed

James Miller 3/1/20 IN
King pin bridge violation

Violations this month illustrate

The importance of a good pre-trip, mid-trip, and post-trip inspections. Violations adversely affect our CSA which customers use to select motor carriers, which in turn impacts your fellow drivers and your paycheck.

No Violation Winner

This month's No-Violation winner is Simon Miller. Simon please stop into the office to pick your prize. Thank you to everybody with a clean inspection last month.



All About Me.....

Will "Biggin" Kastens has been working at the Newton terminal for almost two years. Will has either been working on trucks or driving them most of his life and is a great asset to the Newton shop. Will believes that every person should have the basic knowledge of vehicle maintenance. In his spare time, he enjoys reading the Dark Tower Series by Stephen King, listening to NPR, camping with family or just puttering around the house. He has traveled 49 states (hasn't made it to Alaska yet) eating at various restaurants along the way but nothing compares to the fajitas at Casa Alvarez in Dodge City, KS! One of his fondest childhood memories is snorkeling in Italy and he would one day like to cross scuba diving off his bucket list along with a trip to Alaska. The team at the Newton terminal love when they have staff potlucks because Will's wife always brings the best homemade desserts. We would like to Welcome Will to the team and let him know we are delighted he is part of the Doug Bradley family.



**WITH AGE & EXPERIENCE
COMES CONFIDENCE.
There is a fine line between
confidence and overconfidence.
Overconfidence precedes
carelessness.**



**STATISTICS FROM THE 15
COLLISIONS IMPACTING OUR
CSA CRASH RATING:**

- *Drivers with over 20 years of experience: 60%
- *Ave. years of experience: 16.8
- *Years of experience range: 2.5-27
- *Ave. age of driver: 52
- *Age range: 33-68

**PLEASE COME HOME SAFE
AND SOUND
(...well, at least safe)**



Idle Times.....

During the month of February the company driver with the least amount of idle time was Ed Maupin at 6.3% idle time. The company driver with the most idle time was Dave and Janet Vinduska at 42.1% idle time. The fleet average for idle time including Owner/ Operators was 29.62%.

<10% Idle time

Troy Sheppard 8.5%

James Yoder 8.5%

Bill Wetter 9%

Terry Bonin 9.7%

Francis Thompson 9.7%

The driver with the highest MPG is James Yoder 8.05 MPG.

Congratulations to Pam and Bob O'Neal on the birth of her new granddaughter Layla Quinn born on February 17th to Tayler and Morgan O'Neal. Layla joins a proud big sister and weighed in at 7lbs. 12oz.

Load Docs

When taking pictures of the BOL's make sure that the BOL is all we are getting in the picture, use the yellow box on the screen...no thumbs, steering wheels, etc...just the BOL. Remember we are sending these to our Customers and we need them to be legible. Also nothing has changed in regards to your envelope, it still needs to be turned in (complete) every time you are at one of the shops. Thank you for all that you do.

Always Nice to hear from customers...

The first time this driver (Rex) and I unloaded together I didn't have much fun. He cares about how he handles the product and that is so incredibly important considering what he is hauling. So I cut him some slack.

After we got through the hard part it dawned on me that this guy is very organized.

I absolutely did not like the way he loaded items on to a cart.

It's very different than the way I've handled the materials over the last 19 years.

Rex is and detailed oriented and had these items in a very specific order and the check of process went swimmingly.

After he left, I thought to myself that I could possibly learn a thing or two from this old boy.

He showed up today and I did a better job of listening to his direction and things went even better.

When we checked of the trim parts, I had already laid them out and showed him what he taught me.

I'll be quite happy if he comes back again, I've got a thing or two to learn yet.

Best Regards,
Steve

Trailer Tails

We have been seeing more and more of our trucks going down the road with the trailer tails still folded up behind the trailer. PLEASE open the trailer tails EVERY time you hook on to a trailer. The trailer tails not only help to save a BUNCH of fuel, but they also help to make the truck and trailer more stable in a crosswind. There just isn't a good reason to not use them. Every time we see them folded up, our first assumption is that the driver didn't even walk around the trailer. Of course all drivers need to be doing walk around inspections of all trailers they hook on to as well.

On a side note, we are hearing good reports from drivers about the new pie-shaped aerodynamic devices we are putting under trailers. From what we are hearing, they are still helping with fuel mileage, but are actually more stable in a cross wind than the old trailer skirts were.

INSPECTION BLITZ MAY 5-7

The [Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance](#)'s annual International Roadcheck inspection blitz will be held May 5-7. During the 72-hour ramp-up in enforcement, inspectors will include a special focus on "driver requirements" — CDLs, medical cards, seat belts, records of duty status and ELD compliance.

Photo Competition

We are starting a monthly photo contest. Take a picture of yourself, your truck, or anything that has to do with DBTI. The only pictures that will NOT be eligible are pictures taken while your vehicle is in motion. DON'T TAKE PICTURES WHILE DRIVING! Winner will get DBTI gear.