

# Big B Times

April 2021

**Welcome** Darold Voss #186, Lisa Jones, Driver Trainee, Colten Halpain, Salina shop and Michael Lind, Newton shop. Glad to have you all as a part of the Big B Crew.



## May:

5<sup>th</sup> Kent Dickerson  
12<sup>th</sup> Shawn Peterson  
16<sup>th</sup> Steve Eral  
20<sup>th</sup> David Jendro  
20<sup>th</sup> Rich Jessup  
24<sup>th</sup> Mike Fulton  
26<sup>th</sup> Gary Foxhoven  
30<sup>th</sup> Joe Brown

## Company Anniversaries:

32 yrs. Doug Gorecki  
23 yrs. Jamie Bradley  
18 yrs. Gary Verhoeff  
18 yrs. Paul Miller  
11 yrs. Brooke Johnson  
9 yrs. Don Asmus  
9 yrs. Randy Prellwitz  
8yrs. Chuck Nitchals  
8 yrs. Ryan Harris  
6 yrs. Wesley Hunter  
1 yr. James Simmons

## March & April

### No Violation Inspections:

Waylon Tyler 3/27/21 CO  
Alex Parker 3/28/21 KS  
Bret Walker 4/5/21 TX  
Marcus Craig 4/7/21 KS

### Violation Inspections:

Steve Converse 3/16/21 ME  
*Windshield wipers inop.*  
Tom Simpson 3/29/21 MO  
*Ser. gladhand leaking, Eme.*  
*Gladhand leaking, Air leak axle 2*



## RIP Tom Steffl

April 4<sup>th</sup> God tapped Tom Steffl on the shoulder and brought him home. Tom's gentle voice and inviting personality will be greatly missed. Tom came to DBTI in March of 2010 when Floyd Wild Trucking closed their doors. We are lucky to have had him working for us for the last 11 years, but even more lucky to have called him a friend for that same time. Those who knew Tom, know how much he loved not just being around friends, but cooking for and feeding friends. Tom, enjoy the new kitchen in heaven... we will be there soon!

## No Violation Winner

This months no-violation winner is Waylon Tyler. Please stop into the office to pick your prize. Thank you all for the clean inspections.

## CSA Score (last month)

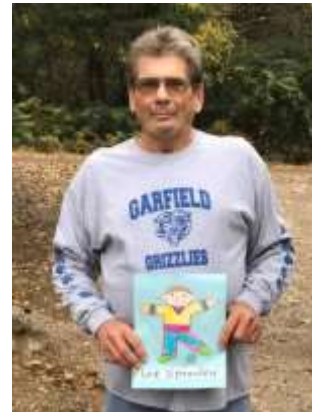
Unsafe 9 (9) HOS 50 (50)  
Crash 30 (36) Vehicle 70 (72)  
ISS 40 (41) PASS (PASS)



## Idle Times.....

March:  
Least idle – Lynn Sowell 6.5%  
Most Idle – Mark Trottier 61.2%  
Fleet Avg – 30.21

The company driver with the highest MPG was Lynn Sowell at 7.88 MPG's.



## All About Me...

Eric Howerton has been with Doug Bradley Trucking since 2019 when they

bought Kustom Karriers out of Newton, KS. Eric lives in Wichita, KS with his wife, Kim and son, Cole. Over the course of his nearly 15-year driving career, Eric has driven over a million miles. On some of those long haul runs; Eric has had a passenger accompanying him: Flat Stanley. Some of you may remember Flat Stanley from the 1984 children's book written by Jeff Brown, for those without Kids and Grandkids here is a short overview of who Flat Stanley really is: Flat Stanley is a paper cutout learning tool used to help elementary school kids learn to read and spark interest in learning about different places and people. Flat first started traveling with Eric in 2008 when his son, Cole, brought home the project from school. Flat traveled from Wichita, KS to Miami, FL all the while taking pictures at various signs and truck stops along the way. Fast forward 8 years, Eric's daughter's son, Easton brought home the same Flat Stanley project in hopes that Papa Eric could take him for a ride. Eric was more than happy to oblige and took Flat across the country for another ride. Flat Stanley had such a great time on his trip and learned so much, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers at Garfield Elementary in Augusta, KS have allowed Eric's 5 other grandchildren to send Flat on the road with Eric to see all the different sights and places kids normally would have no idea about. Flat has been to 41 out of 48 contiguous states with Eric, and with 3 grandchildren yet to reach the fourth grade, Flat just might get to see every state. Eric loves his family very much and loves to help kids learn about different people and places. We want to Thank you Eric for sharing the history of Flat Stanley and let you know we appreciate all your hard work.

## Top Netradyne Camera Scores for March

RANK	Driver Name	Score	Minutes
1	Stephen Leshovsky	1020	11107
2	Christopher Mitchell	1016	11742
3	Drew Simpson	977	5444
4	Doug Range	965	13637
5	Russel Berkland	960	12037
6	Bruce Glaser	958	8778
7	Carl Anderson	952	10008
8	John Sheckler	948	13778
9	Christopher Friess	941	6348
10	Michael Swanger	938	14846

**Condolences** to Steve and Judy Hieser on the passing of Judy's father on March 17<sup>th</sup> in Rison, AR. We will keep you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

### International Roadcheck is scheduled for May 4 — 6, 2021.

International Roadcheck is an annual three-day event when CVSA-certified inspectors conduct compliance, enforcement and educational initiatives targeted at various elements of motor carrier, vehicle and driver safety.

International Roadcheck is the largest targeted enforcement program on commercial motor vehicles in the world, with nearly 15 trucks or buses inspected, on average, every minute across North America during a 72-hour period. This year DOT is intending to focus on 1) Lighting and 2) Hours of Service.

**GOOD PRE / MID / POST TRIP INSPECTIONS ARE CRITICAL TO GET OUR CSA SCORE DOWN. WE DEPEND ON YOU!**

## Loyalty Bonus

At the beginning of the month loyalty bonuses went out for all company drivers. During this go around, more than \$21,000 was paid out to drivers.

## Hard Hat

A few months back we started issuing hard hats to new drivers along with their safety vests and protective glasses. Because there are more and more shippers/receivers requiring these things, please stop by the office to let us know if you need them.

## Long-time Owner Operators

Although we have done a pretty good job of recognizing long time company truck drivers, we haven't done much to recognize long time owner operators. Below you will see that we have now started a plaque to recognize owner operators who have driven with DBTI for more than 10 years.



## Health Insurance Renewal

Attached to this newsletter you will find information about our health insurance renewal. This year Blue Cross brought us a renewal that was 36% higher than last year so we knew we had to do something. After a great deal of work (mostly by Brooke Johnson) with Blue Cross as well as a number of other providers, we obtained insurance that is just an 11% increase over last year. On top of that, we have chosen as a company to increase our monthly contribution from \$350 to \$400. By doing this, the cost for insurance coverage for our employees (not spouse or children) is actually LESS than it was before! Thanks for the hard work Brooke!

## INSPECTION REWARD WINNERS

