

# Big B Times

August 2021

**Welcome** Jason Whittley, Driver trainee, Donald Ziemer #190, Marshall Ure #181, Mike Lind, Newton Shop, Jerome Haskin #193 and Phillip Santos #7136. Glad to have you all as a part of the Big B Crew.



## September:

1<sup>st</sup> Neil Berry  
3<sup>rd</sup> Gary Koehn  
3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Converse  
4<sup>th</sup> Mandy Gunderson  
8<sup>th</sup> Cory Rychener  
9<sup>th</sup> Ed Maupin  
10<sup>th</sup> Mike Mix  
19<sup>th</sup> Mark Otters  
21<sup>st</sup> Bruce Glaser  
22<sup>nd</sup> Vern Heald  
23<sup>th</sup> Javier Contreras Jr.  
24<sup>th</sup> Gail Toyne  
25<sup>th</sup> Jim Yoder  
25<sup>th</sup> Brad Beason  
27<sup>th</sup> Chris Wilson  
27<sup>th</sup> Lynn Sowell  
30<sup>th</sup> Larry Vanhoesen

## Company Anniversaries:

9 yrs. Noah Bradley  
9 yrs. Stan Boyson  
8 yrs. Paul Jenniges  
7 yrs. Simon Miller  
5 yrs. Hayden Stewart  
5 yrs. Brian Camell  
4 yrs. Rolando Leon  
4 yrs. Mike Baldwin  
3 yrs. Jason Kraft  
2 yrs. Dan Henry  
2 yrs. Ayinde McDougal  
2 yrs. Bo Lambert  
2 yrs. Tom Straight  
2 yrs. Brad Beason  
2 yrs. Steve Hansen  
1 yr. Kent Dickerson  
1 yr. Lynn Sowell  
1 yr. Lee Allison

## July & August

### No Violation Inspections:

Brian Hogan 7/24/21 NM  
Steve Converse 8/11/21 SD  
Brian Hogan 8/16/21 CO

### Violation Inspections

Ken Brewer 7/19/21 TX  
Excessive weight  
Austin McKinnis 8/6/21 KS  
HOS 8 hr. rule violation

### No Violation Winner

This months no-violation winner is Brian Hogan. How could it not be, he had two clean inspections during the month. Brian, Please stop into the office to pick your prize.

### CSA Score (last month)

Unsafe 9 10 (9) HOS 40 (44)  
Crash 13 (15) Vehicle 63 (64)  
ISS 39 (39) PASS (PASS)



### Idle Times.....

July:

Least idle –Mike Mix 13.9%  
Most idle – Cary Brown 61.3%  
Fleet Avg – 39.8%

<10% Idle time



The company driver with the highest MPG was Stan Boyson at 8.26MPG.

### Quietflex Paperwork

Please make sure you are getting back the correct paperwork from Quietflex in Houston. You need to get back the exact paperwork you give them upon arrival, just signed. Please make sure customer is Doug Bradley Trucking. We have had several people that have brought back incorrect paperwork.



### All About Me.....

Gary Koehn has been with Doug Bradley Trucking coming up on 4 years in November. Gary had previously worked with Evan Wilson for several years in Abilene driving for him. He had been with Evan for several years. Gary is originally from Scott City, KS. Gary can be seen tootling around in truck #7130 with his best friend, his dachshund Bo. Bo was his girlfriend of 25 years, Debbie's dog before she passed away. Gary enjoys watching NASCAR and football as well as camping, fishing and spending time with grandkids and hopes to do even more of that when he retires. Gary strives to be friends with everyone he comes into contact with, but also doesn't mind keeping to himself. He says his friends would describe him as honest and quiet. Growing up Gary spent 3 years in Africa while his parents were missionaries and would like to get back there someday to see on his best friends. Gary would like to encourage everyone to just be themselves. We want to thank Gary for all of his hard work, friendship and loyalty of the last few years and look forward to many more years.

**Congratulations** to Mike Tyner on the birth of his grandson, Oliver Angel Morales. Weighing in at 6lbs. 12oz. and 19.5 in. long.

## Brake Safety Week planned for late August

Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) has scheduled its annual Brake Safety Week for Aug. 22-28.

During Brake Safety Week, commercial motor vehicle inspectors conduct inspections and remove from service trucks found to have brake-related out-of-service violations. Prior to the event, CVSA encourages motor carriers to educate drivers and maintenance service providers on the importance of brake system safety.

Throughout the week-long campaign, inspectors will conduct North American Standard Inspections of commercial motor vehicles, focusing on the vehicle's brake systems and components. In addition, inspectors will compile data on brake hoses/tubing – the focus area for this year's Brake Safety Week.

Brake system and brake adjustment violations accounted for more vehicle violations than any other vehicle violation category, accounting for 38.6% of all vehicle out-of-service conditions, during 2020's three-day International Roadcheck inspection and enforcement initiative. Brake-related violations accounted for eight out of the top 20 vehicle violations in 2020, according to FMCSA's Motor Carrier Management Information System. Please now, and always, be looking over your brakes well. Thanks!

### Beneficiary/Contact

Are your life insurance beneficiary and emergency contact up to date? It may not seem important now, but if something happens it sure would be. Give us an update if you need.



## School Is Back In

School is starting again, so please slow down, BE CAREFULL in school areas and keep your eyes open for children!

### What did the camera just say?

Last week we found out that the cameras in the trucks started "speaking" more warnings than they did before. We have reached out to Netradyne and they have told us they have undone the change.

### 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>.

### 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**.

### Top Netradyne Camera Scores for July

Rank	Driver Name	Score	Minutes
1	Gary Foxhoven	1024	11430
2	Janet Vinduska	1009	5128
3	Drew Simpson	1001	2601
4	Russel Berkland	999	8674
5	Christopher Mitchell	998	10080
6	Stephen Leshovsky	997	8029
7	Karl Gandy	993	7696
8	James Miller	992	11930
9	John Sheckler	978	5955
10	Richard Pope	978	9799