



# October 2023 Newsletter

## Driver Spotlight- John Duckett

John has been a local driver for GT since June 2023. He made a huge move earlier this year as well, moving from OK to OH. John represents GT very well, receiving customer compliments often. When John isn't behind the wheel, you can find him enjoying time with his family and dogs. He is also a phenomenal artist in his spare time. We are proud to have you as part of the GT Family!



- LEONEL N.- TRUCK 2440
- GUILLERMO S.- TRUCK 2441
- JAMES H.- TRUCK 207099
- CHAVONNE D. - TRUCK 2439

## Million Mile Club Member- Torey Garmon

Torey has been an owner operator for GT since August 2015, and he has driven 1,000,416 miles! Torey is dedicated to driving safely! Having a near miss recently when a car came over to his lane head on. What prevented the accident? Torey said he had a bad feeling and was going 20 mph under the posted limit, remained calm, and controlled the truck. Torey also has an amazing attitude! No matter what life throws his way, he always has a smile on his face! We are so proud of your accomplishment and are proud to have you as part of the GT Family!



## Office Spotlight- Zach Wilson

Zach has been the regional dispatcher for GT since May 2023. He grew up outside the small town of Kensington in Carroll County, attended Kent State and Wilmington College, and has been in



transportation for 8 years. When he isn't hard at work, you can find him camping with family, watching sports, golfing, or hanging out with his dog. Zach knew he was part of the GT Family since his first day when he said he felt everyone welcomed him from the minute he walked in the door. We are proud to have you as part of the GT Family!



## **Doh! It is Deer Season Again**

Deer rutting season is here again! You can expect to see the deer moving from mid-September through December as the deer move to mate.

- Deer are most active at dawn and dusk. Be especially watchful during these times.

- One deer crossing the road may be a sign that more deer are about to cross.



Watch for other deer—they will move fast to catch up with leaders, mothers, or mates and may not pay attention to traffic. Take note of deer-crossing signs and drive accordingly. They were put there for a reason.

- Attempt to drive slower at night, giving yourself time to see a deer with your headlights. Lowering the brightness of your dashboard lights slightly will make it easier to see deer.

Most importantly- If there is a deer in the road. Maintain your lane and hit the deer. I know that is sounds cruel but it may be the lesser evil. Irratic lane changes can lead to sideswipes, going off the road, roll overs, or the dang deer might just jump into the lane you move into.

## **Weekly Fuel Cutoff**

Just a reminder to owner operators that fuel cut off is Tuesday at 12 AM CST. Since we run on Eastern time, any fuel

you buy before 1 AM on Tuesday morning will be deducted from that Fridays settlement.



## **Trip Sheets/Receipts**

We are working on a trip sheet remodel, but just a reminder in the meantime, we do not need state mileage unless you are running on paper logs due to device failure. We also do not need fuel receipts if you use your EFS card.

## **Emergency Contacts**

Once a year, you will see me remind you to update your emergency contact if needed. A million years ago when I was just starting out in trucking, there was a driver who had a heart attack, followed by a major accident. His emergency contact was his ex-wife from 14 years prior. At the time, I was attending college and weeks prior to the accident the guy next to me had made a comment about my T-shirt (had the company logo on it), and told me that was his Uncle. By sure coincidence, that is how I was able to track down his next of kin to make life saving decisions. If you don't remember who you listed, just ask and we can double check and make sure the phone number is the same!

## **2023-2024 Trailer Registrations**

It is again that time of year! Trailers 5109-5177 have permanent plates and will not need stickers. Every other trailer will need to change the sticker from pink to white. Please keep an eye out for it and DO NOT leave the yard without an updated sticker. ☺

