



# September 2024

## Newsletter

### Tips for Driving in the Fall

- **Watch out for school traffic-** we all know to watch for school buses, school zones, and kids at cross walks. Even if you're driving through rural country roads, it's important to pay close attention to 'school bus stop ahead' road traffic signs. Be prepared to stop for buses dropping off or picking up students.
- **Keep an eye out for farmers and equipment-** Harvest season is upon us. Give farm equipment their space on the roads and do not pass unless it is safe to do so.
- **Check your headlights and taillights-** We are losing daylight and it is important to make sure you are always visible!
- **Be cautious of foliage debris-** Leaves that are on the road or piled on the side of the street can be some of the most dangerous fall driving hazards. Wet leaves stick to the pavement and make it as slippery as ice. Dry leaves can



conceal potholes, bumps, ice, puddles and other hazards. Drive through leaves the same way you would on ice or snow:

- Increase your following distance.
- Look to see if the leaves are glistening with moisture when light hits them.

- **Look for moving animals-** Animals are looking for new habitat and deer start to move.
- **Prepare for fog-** Fall mornings are much cooler creating fog. Make sure your windshield and windows are clear before rolling. Also slow down as you will have reduced visibility.
- **Take extra care when coupling your trailer-** When the weather gets cold, the grease on the fifth wheel thickens up. This means it may take more time for the jaws to engage when hooking up to a trailer. Be patient when hooking your trailers. Always make sure you hear the jaws are fully engaged before driving away



## **Spotlight Driver- David Shaw**

Dave has been an owner operator at General Transport since May 2015. In that time, he has safely driven 888,977 miles in 3 different trucks. He is a man who is always willing to help me or a fellow driver out. Dave is a man of



good taste in vehicles, whether that be his semi (Gracie), his corvettes, or his motorcycles, he always rides in style. When Dave is not behind the wheel, he enjoys spending time with his wife Pam, daughters, and grandkids. We are proud to have you as part of the GT family!

## **Office Spotlight- Kayla Andreoli**

Kayla has been in the transportation industry for the past 2 years, and at GT for one of those in operations. She recently graduated from Kent State University with a degree in Business Management. She has competed in rifle shooting competitions since 9<sup>th</sup> grade. She also enjoys going to the shooting range,



shopping, and trying out new food spots. Kayla also enjoys spending time with her boyfriend Kenny and learning more about his job as a horse track announcer. We are proud to have you as part of the GT Family!



- KRIS B.- TRUCK 615
- WALID D.- SALES

## **Do Not Leave Trailers Unattended**

This past month we have had 2 issues with drivers dropping trailer unattended. A trailer had 4 tires stolen off of it while dropped at a truck stop unattended. Even if you use a kingpin lock, glad-hand lock, or a padlock on the trailer doors, you are still a target for theft. Even be cautious following instructions. Just because someone says it is okay to leave a trailer somewhere, does not always mean it is okay. Make sure you keep tabs on the equipment because no one wants to play find my ride!

